

1999 RECOGNIZED LEADERS

15-YEAR



Karen Jarman

Karen Jarman from Greeley is a 15-year leader of the New Horizons 4-H Club. She has been the club's organizational leader for about 10 years, and also served as the county key leader for the dog project for about 14 years. Karen, who works at Northern Colorado Medical Center, started as a volunteer leader when her son joined Cloverbuds 4-H. Both of her children were ten year members. Her club takes part in a variety of community service programs including therapy dog programs at nursing homes and helping to serve at the soup kitchen. Karen takes pride in watching 4-H members develop as mature adults who use skills they learned in 4-H to help make decisions and handle tough situations. While she enjoys seeing kids do well with their projects, it is their development, education, and growth into responsible adults that is most important to Karen. One of her most special memories of the program is when 4-H co-sponsored a bone marrow drive with Greeley Central High School for her son Josh.



Shari Schreiber

Shari Schreiber grew up in the Greeley area and started 4-H when she was 10 years old. She was an eight year member of the Hazelton and Galeton 4-H clubs. Shari is a 15-year leader of the Galeton club, working with a variety of projects including Cloverbuds, Child Care, and Knitting. A unique experience that Shari had as a Junior Leader in 4-H, was when she learned how to crochet left-handed in order to teach it to another member. That demonstrates the personal and dedicated approach Shari has in her leadership role. Shari's goal as a leader is to pass on the knowledge she gained as a 4-H member to those enrolled in the program now. Shari and her husband are owners of Schreiber's Auto Gallery, which gives her the opportunity to pursue one of her passions, restoring old automobiles.

20-YEAR



Rolland Jones

Rolland Jones grew up with 4-H in South Dakota where he got his start when a steer was given to him as a thank you from a neighbor whom he had helped out. He fondly recalls the bond that grew between him and his first 4-H project animal - even to the point that he slept outside with his steer when it came down with pneumonia. His early training and work with an electrical company gave Rolland the experience to be the electrical project leader in the Keene 4-H club. Rolland is retired from the Keebler Cookie company where he was employed for 26 years. Auctioneering is one of his hobbies, as is collecting antiques. He continues to be a 4-H leader because he enjoys getting to know the kids and their families



Sonora Jones

Sonora Jones did not grow up in a 4-H family but has enjoyed her time as a 4-H leader. She presently works at United Power of Brighton where she has been for 13 years. She is known as "Mrs. Jones who always completes a project" because she believes more is learned by completing a project than by winning a blue ribbon. She stresses demonstration work in the club because of the skills it teaches kids. Sonora gets a lot of enjoyment out of being a 4-H leader and says that 4-H "is kind of like a big family." Sonora and Rolland have two children who were both 10-year members of 4-H, and who still, according to Sonora, are using skills in their adult life that they learned while in 4-H.

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Lucille Robb

Lucille Robb from Greeley is a leader in the Helping Hands 4-H Club. Lucille was herself a member of 4-H growing up in Ft. Morgan, and has had two children in the program as well. She says there was no particular reason that she began volunteering as a leader, just the desire to help out when her friend Rodine Rhoadarmer asked. Most of the kids in the Helping Hands club are special needs kids. Lucille likes having the opportunity to work with these youth and enjoys seeing all they can accomplish. She adds that a special benefit to working with these kids is sharing in the love that they have. Lucille has worked as the Cooking project leader. In the Helping Hands club, they strive to keep kids on as leaders after they complete the program which helps provide them with a sense of companionship and community. One of her hobbies is collecting napkins from all sorts of places and events.



Judy Pralle

Judy Pralle grew up in the Keenesburg area where she was a 10-year 4-H member taking beef, cooking, and sewing projects. Her husband Dale was a sheep project leader when Judy came on board as the organizational leader for the Tailtwisters 4-H club. Judy considers herself as a “people person” and really enjoys being around the kids. She says being a leader keeps her young and in touch with the community. One of the unique things Judy started in her club about three years ago was the club newsletter. It has proven to be an excellent way to keep members and parents informed of club events, activities, and deadlines. Judy is particularly proud of the fact that the Tailtwisters club was made a charter member of the Ft. Lupton FFA last year. At the banquet where the recognition was made, she noticed that four of the FFA chapters officers were members of her club. Judy considers it a privilege to serve as a 4-H leader, and especially likes the recognition she gets from past members who still see her as their club leader. For fun, Judy collects sheep figurines and likes to make picture scrapbooks.



Shirley Wiggin

Shirley Wiggin grew up in southeastern Wyoming where she was a 10-year 4-H member. She served as an Extension 4-H agent in Maryland for one year, and was an IFYE delegate to India in 1958. She returned to this area in 1972, and has been in her current location west of Grover since 1974. Getting involved in 4-H was just sort of a natural thing for her. With her experience as a member, extension agent, and IFYE delegate she felt she had a lot to offer and she wanted to get involved again. Shirley is now retired from teaching and sees herself as having more time to give to 4-H, especially since she has grandchildren that will soon be involved in the program. She takes pleasure in seeing the Grover Guys & Gals 4-H club continue its role in providing opportunities to kids in the area. Aside from 4-H, Shirley enjoys painting china as a hobby. She plays organ at church, is involved in politics at the county level, and is the current Historian for the Weld County Cattlewomens Association.

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25-YEAR



Sharon Peters

Sharon Peters moved to her present location west of Hereford in 1968 after growing up in the Gunnison area where she was a 10-year 4-H member. She, and her husband John, now run the ranch that John's grandfather started years ago. Getting started as a leader in the Grover Guys & Gals 4-H provided Sharon with an excellent opportunity to get to know the community. She has served in several different capacities as a leader, including being a co-organizational leader and a project leader in Clothing and Home-Ec. Of the many activities the club is involved in, Sharon particularly enjoys working with club members, parents, and leaders at the Grover Rodeo. Sharon has three daughters and one granddaughter, and says that "staying a leader in 4-H helps her keep in touch with the people and with what's happening in the community." She takes pride in fact that many of the past members continue to use the skills she helped teach while they were in 4-H.



Sherry Burnett

Sherry Burnett remembers how interesting it was to attend a judging day at a neighbors place before her kids were in 4-H. It was that event that inspired her to begin volunteering as a leader in the Grover Guys & Gals club. In her 25 years with the club, she has served as the organizational leader and as a leader for a variety of different projects where ever the club needed her - including her present role as Small Engines project leader. She enjoys being the leader, but confesses that she learns right along with the kids. The Wooden Nickle program is a special program she helped initiate in her club. Points are earned by members for completing their project, citizenship, meeting attendance, Fair, Mardi Gras, and for helping at the Grover Rodeo. Sherry and her husband Frank operate a ranch west of Grover, and have provided facilities for the beef identification and weigh-in for the past eight years. She has also helped with the 4-H Leaders Food Booth at the Weld County Fair for the past three years. She is a Lions Club member, and sits on the Board of the Pawnee Fire District.

30-YEAR



Bernadene Leffler

Berninene Leffler has been the organizational leader of the Wyatt Girls 4-H club for the entire 30 years of her volunteer leadership. She was asked by the retiring leader to take over and she wanted to make sure the program would still be available for her children and others in the community. That continues to be her motivation, except now it is for her grandchildren. In addition to her service as organizational leader, Bernadene has worked with the Citizenship Washington Focus program, and interview judging at the county fair. Her club has done yard work for seniors in the area to help with fundraising for the CWF program, and they have hosted a 4-H volleyball practice tournament for several years. Bernadene is proud of the accomplishments of her children while they were in 4-H. In this picture you'll note the trophy won by her son Jason for champion all-around showman at the 1992 Weld County Fair. Bernadene likes helping out at the farm, gardening, and raising flowers. She has helped prepare tax returns for clients in the area, 55 of them this year. She and her husband Charlie have a farming/feeding operation west of Eaton.