

NORTH DAKOTA 4-H FOUNDATION

HALL OF FAME HONOREES

Those inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame have at least 15 years of involvement in 4-H at the local, county or state level beyond membership in the organization as a youth.

2019 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

WAYNE HANKEL

Wayne grew up on a farm in Dickey County and was involved in 4-H as a youth, with his parents as leaders. Wayne was also involved in 4-H in college while at the North Dakota Agricultural College (now NDSU). He married his spouse, Elaine, through his connections with college 4-H. His career included serving as a county agent in Barnes and Sheridan counties, and as a 4-H agent in LaMoure, Dickey, Ransom and Sargent counties and with the state 4-H office.

Wayne authored over a dozen 4-H publications and provided leadership as the primary author in creating the original North Dakota's cloverbud, Learn About and Pathways curriculums. Wayne was also a 4-H leader and has supported his children and grandchildren as 4-Hers.

Following retirement in 1993, Wayne stayed active assisting multiple 4-H activities in retirement including teaching classes for 4-H and others in woodcarving, as a judge in speech and demonstration contests, county fairs and nearly every North Dakota State Fair.

In a recommendation letter to the North Dakota 4-H Foundation, one person said, "Wayne is a quiet leader, very resourceful and engages others by identifying their talents and encourages them to contribute." His continued efforts for more than 25 years after retirement shows the dedication he provided to North Dakota 4-H and positive youth development.

ERWIN KLUSMANN*

Erwin Klusmann grew up in the New Salem area on a registered Holstein dairy farm. As a member of the New Salem Boys and Girls 4-H Club, Erwin was active in many fairs and showings and was also a member of the 1926 Morton County Dairy Judging Team which won the State of North Dakota contest and went to the national contest in Detroit. Erwin was the high individual judge at this contest.

Erwin and his cousin, Clarence Klusmann, were selected in 1928 to ride the Dairy and Poultry Train through eastern and northern North Dakota, giving demonstrations on the qualities of a good dairy cow. This excursion lasted for three weeks. They presented this demonstration at the Grand Forks State Fair in 1926 and placed first in the state.

Erwin, as a 4-H member for 11 years, received a number of recognitions as a 4-H youth including outstanding member in the state. Erwin served as a 4-H leader for 50 years and coached the Morton County Dairy Judging Teams for 30+ years. The team placed in state competition numerous times, including first in 1983, 1985 and 1986.

**deceased*

During the time Erwin was a 4-H leader, one club member went to a national 4-H event in Washington, D.C., one club member went to National Club Congress, three club members were on the Morton County Dairy Judging Teams which went to Waterloo, Iowa, and two members won first place over all breeds in dairy judging at the State Dairy Show. Erwin also judged at numerous 4-H achievement day shows in South Dakota and North Dakota. In 1980, Erwin was honored by the North Dakota 4-H Foundation as a Pioneer 4-H Leader and in 2012, the Erwin Klusmann family was recognized as a 4-H Century Family.

2018 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

DORINDA RUTSCHKE

Dorinda is from Zeeland, ND, and has been active in the Emmons County 4-H program since her youth. She was a member of Emmons County 4-H for 13 years and has been a leader for 16 years. She served as Emmons County 4-H Council president for many years and continues to be a countywide leader. "Dorinda has been very involved at the club and county levels of 4-H," says Acacia Stuckle, the North Dakota State University Extension agent in Emmons County. "Whether it's empowering 4-H youth in her club to reach their full potentials or stepping up to help out with a fundraiser, she has had an active role in Emmons County 4-H." Rutschke also has volunteered to judge small animals at the Tri-County Fair and assisted at with fall awards events and Achievement Days.

In addition, she has served as a judge at district 4-H communication arts events. She always is looking for ways to give back to her community and promote citizenship in youth, Stuckle says. In Emmons County, Rutschke received the 4-H Volunteer Award in 2007, Outstanding Service to 4-H Award in 2009 and 4-H Alumni Award in 2010. Rutschke's family was recognized as a 4-H Century Family in 2016 for the combined service of Rutschke, her parents and daughter. "Dorinda truly believes in 4-H and the opportunities it provides our youth," Stuckle says. "She is a tireless advocate for 4-H. She is always willing to volunteer her time, talents and resources to the 4-H program. Her impact to our 4-H program is immeasurable, and we are so grateful to work with her."

2017 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

ALVINA EBENSTEINER

Alvina is a 25-year leader of the Ramsey Riders 4-H Club in Ramsey County. On the club level she works with 4-H members at weekly practices to prepare for local and state horse shows. She runs the club meetings throughout the year, encouraging members to compete in a variety of events and projects.

During the summer she sets up regional barrel racing series for both competition and as fundraisers for the club. She sets up the district NBHA barrel racing series each summer and hosts the state finals each fall.

**deceased*

On the county level she is the key organizer of the Ramsey County horse show. In the winter she works with 4-Hers to compete in hippology. Each year she organizes an immunization clinic for families in the area to get horses vaccinated.

In addition to her volunteer work with 4-H, Alvina is an organizer for the local Relay for Life in Devils Lake. She has been a member of the Ramsey County Fair Board for more than 20 years. She was actively involved in relocating the current horse arena to the new fairgrounds, securing a used garage to use as an initial general purpose building, and in building a new multi-purpose building and making multiple improvements to the grounds. She continues to advocate for grounds upkeep and adding additional pens or buildings as needed.

Alvina is a member of the North Dakota Quarter Horse Association and North Dakota Barrel Horse Association. She has served on the Statewide Horse Advisory Committee for the past five years. Alvina's love of horses and youth has inspired youth to own a horse and compete in horse shows and rodeo events.

2016 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

GWEN ROFFLER

4-H has been an important part of Roffler's life for 63 years. She started her 4-H journey as an associate member at age 9. 4-H leadership was always a goal of Gwen's when she wrote in her record book's narrative report, "I want to be a 4-H leader." In 1965 Gwen married Malcolm Roffler who had started the Sagebrush Ranglers 4-H Club at Grassy Butte seven years prior. She became a leader in this club in the fall of 1965 and is starting her 52nd year of leadership.

"4-H is a great organization for youth to grow, gain life skills, self-confidence, work ethics, build careers, become responsible leaders and citizens and the list could go on and on. Learning and developing through the 4-H program are the top awards. They are not always in the form of trophies or champion ribbons. To me seeing a member start out saying, "I can't do that!" and then learn enough to complete the project and say, "I can do that!" This is just one of the positives I find as an inspiration to continue my 4-H leadership in the "4-H Power of Youth."

2015 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

MORRIS DAVIDSON

Morris Davidson joined 4-H at age 10 in Bottineau County. His favorite projects were the animal projects. In 1976, Davidson took the position of agriculture agent for the NDSU Extension Service in Grand Forks County. For many years, he coached the livestock and crop judging teams, and took many of them to Little International and Winter Show contests. He assisted with Achievement Day and the county fair when it returned in the early 1980s. He also was instrumental in reorganizing staff responsibilities in the Extension office so the county could have a full-time 4-H agent in the 1990s.

**deceased*

Davidson became a part-time Extension district director in 1995 and was located in Grand Forks County. As a district director, he continued to support and encourage staff and made sure they had the resources they needed for 4-H events because a common topic during yearly performance reviews was what programs agents were doing to support 4-H in their county. He made sure agents could provide the basic programming needs of 4-H. He retired from Extension in 2003 but continues to support the Grand Forks 4-H program by judging at the county fair and communication arts events. He enjoys spending time with youth and seeing them in action.

LOUISE RETHEMEIER

Rethemeier has been given several awards for her work with 4-H. She was named the Grand Forks County Representative 4-H Club Leader in 1986, an award sponsored by the Grand Forks County commissioners. She received the Meritorious Service to 4-H Award in 1990 and the Friend of 4-H Award in 2012. 4-H has been an important part of Rethemeier's life, and she made sure it was part of her family's life for the next two generations. Her work has impacted hundreds of 4-H'ers through the years.

2014 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

LAVERN "OLE" LINNELL*

Ole was always willing to volunteer his time to help teach youth at the 4-H clubs or other events. He would help at club meetings teach youth anything from showing livestock to teaching youth how to ice fish, (a passion of his) even before outdoor skills took off as a 4-H program. He was also a member of 4-H growing up. Ole was the Dunn County Agricultural Extension Agent from 1963-1993. He was also Dunn County assistant county agent and Fort Berthold agent from 1959-1963 until he took over as full time agent in Dunn County. He was well known for always lending a hand to any youth who wanted to participate in showing beef cattle and for his land judging teams. He took youth to the National Land Judging Competition 18 times in his career as an extension agent. Ole had a positive impact on many of the youth in the county through the 4-H program, numerous of the members at the time growing up to become 4-H volunteers, and a few becoming Extension Agents themselves. After retirement, Ole would always lend a hand where needed in the county 4-H program and was a sponsor of the yearly champion market steer award, in which he was adamant before his passing that he still wanted to be a sponsor, thus the Dunn County 4-H Council made the award the "Ole Linnell Memorial Champion Market Steer Award". He was also 4-H Livestock Superintendent at the ND State Fair and a member of the ND State Fair Committee. He also was inducted to the National Land Judging Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City in 1982. Ole served on the 4-H Youth Professional Improvement and Extension Committee.

LARRY LEIER

Larry has been an Emmons County 4-H member, club leader and county wide leader. His dedication and commitment to Emmons County 4-H is shown through the years of service to his 4-H club

**deceased*

and community. As a youth, Larry received many awards including the Key Club Award at age 17. A former Extension Agent said, "You could depend on Larry to help in any way possible. He was always there." He is a certified instructor for both archery and shotgun. He has volunteered at county events and taken an active role in preparing and cleaning the 4-H grounds for the Achievement Day livestock show. During the annual Dairy & Ag Days in Emmons County, he has operated the 4-H kiddie tractor pull. When the county has been without a Livestock Judging Coach, Larry has taken time to drive the livestock judging team to contests. He's been a longtime donor to the county premium pool. He's been an active presenter during the farm safety day. For many years, he held an annual tour to his dairy farm for elementary students in Emmons County schools. He's also been a member of the 4-H council and regularly attends meetings. He serves as a mentor to other 4-H leaders in the county. He has received the Emmons County Outstanding Service to 4-H award. 4-H is very important to Larry and is always an ambassador promoting our local 4-H program.

2013 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

MORRIS NELSON

Morris Nelson, of Washburn, was a member of the Washburn Cowboys 4-H Club from 1943 to 1949. He then served as president of the North Dakota Agricultural College (now NDSU) 4-H club while attending college there. After graduating, he served as leader of the Washburn Cowboys 4-H Club for 20 years. While serving as assistant Extension agent in McLean County, he developed a recreational games and song book for 4-H use and taught many 4-H leaders and Extension agents how to use those activities to improve their 4-H club meetings. In addition, he led activities for the state 4-H institute at NDSU and was a livestock judge for regional county fairs.

LAVINA DOMAGALA

Lavina was a 4-H member for 10 years in Bowman County. She later started the Clever Clovers 4-H Club in Williams County in 1990 and continues to serve as its leader. Through the years, she has provided considerable leadership for 4-H county events, contests, fundraising and finding other volunteers to assist with a variety of 4-H activities. She served on the Williams County 4-H council for several years and is the 4-H representative on the Upper Missouri Valley Fair Board. She also served on the North Dakota 4-H Foundation Board of Directors from 2003 to 2009 and was President in 2008-09. She continues to promote 4-H whenever possible and works to find financial support for 4-H on a statewide level.

2012 4-H HALL OF FAME

JACK STEWART*

**deceased*

A native of Gilby, ND, Jack received his BS degree in animal husbandry from NDSU. In 1961, Jack became the assistant agent in Traill County and in 1965 he became the Renville County agent. Jack and his wife Dorothy then moved to Mandan where he was the county agent from 1969 until his retirement in 1990. Jack spent a lot of time working with 4-H livestock and crops judging teams, many of which won at the state level and went on to participate in national competitions. Jack is a former member of the Western 4-H Camp Association board of directors and still serves on the Clover Classic golf tournament committee. He has always been a huge supporter of Morton County 4-H programs and continues his support through donations to the county as well as to the ND 4-H Foundation. Jack lost his beloved wife in 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer. He continues to do many of the things they did together including attending the Morton County fair, admiring the 4-H projects and livestock exhibits. You will often hear Jack talk to community members about what a great program 4-H is for youth. He often states the 4-H programs are the best place to invest your money.

2011 4-H HALL OF FAME

SHERRY GUSTIN

Sherry has been a local leader for Go Getters 4-H club in Morton County for 35 years. Her passion for her community is passed on to the members of her club through participation in many community service projects. She believes in the kids she works with and works hard to see them succeed. Sherry is active in several community organizations and her church. Sherry has assisted with many local Achievement Days, the Morton County fair and various county 4-H programs. She is an active member of the Morton County 4-H Council and believes in improving opportunities to benefit 4-H youth. Being supportive of her 3 daughter's 4-H careers is something Sherry is proud of, having made many trips to the ND State Fair.

TODD KNUDSON

As a ten year member of Walsh County 4-H, Todd knows first-hand the difference 4-H can make. He became a leader at the age of twenty-one and has been a 4-H Leader for more than 20 years. Todd is also a member of the Walsh County 4-H Council and the Walsh County Fair Board. He is well respected by his peers and his deep commitment to the 4-H program and the 4-Her's of Walsh County is evident to everyone. Todd is a busy father of twins, a farmer, raises sheep and is active in his church and community, yet he always finds time for 4-H. He is a leader, mentor and friend to all, not just those in his 4-H club. Co-leader and Walsh County 4-H Council VP, Lori Ternquist: "As a leader and a mentor, Todd Knudson represents everything 4-H should be about and more."

2009 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

RALPH AND DEANE HAUGEN

Ralph and Deane are an integral part of North Dakota 4-H. They have been leaders of their club for twenty and twenty-nine years, respectively. Their five children achieved a combined fifty-two years

**deceased*

of 4-H membership. For many years, they have generously hosted club meetings in their home. Ralph and Deane encouraged 4-H members to participate in dairy projects, even allowing youth to work with the animals on the family ranch. Ralph served as Griggs County 4-H Chairman for over ten years. He and Deane were seldom absent from any council meeting. The couple always brings a new crew to 4-H work night and attends many 4-H recognition events. In addition, they have purchased premiums for Haugen Milking Shorthorns each year for the past thirty years at the Griggs County 4-H premium sale. Ralph and Deane always stress to their 4-H members that 4-H is “not about the money but rather the lifelong benefits it offers in so many ways.”

2008 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

JIM SAILER

Jim is from Almont, ND and has been a club leader for more than 40 years. He has a true passion for helping youth and believes 4-H is the best way to connect kids to positive experiences. Jim has served as the County 4-H Council President and volunteered countless hours at county and area events. Jim is a former member of the Board of Directors of the ND 4-H Foundation and serves on the Clover Classic Golf Tournament Committee. He is also on the board for the Western 4-H Camp and is past president of the Western 4-H Camp Association.

2007 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

SHARON ANDERSON

Sharon grew up in Richland County in southeast North Dakota and has been involved in 4-H for more than 40 years. She spent ten years as a 4-H member in Richland County and is a charter member of the ND Association of Extension 4-H Youth Workers. Sharon has had an extensive career in 4-H and Extension. She worked as a 4-H Youth Development Specialist with NDSU Extension for eleven years, was the Program Leader for Youth and Family and the NE District Director for the Extension Service for 10 years, and was the NDSU Extension Service Director from 1995-2003. Sharon’s dedication to 4-H also includes serving on the North Dakota 4-H Foundation Board for eight years. Sharon serves on the National 4-H Council Board and the National 4-H Congress Board. She was awarded the National 4-H Council “4-H Clover Award for Communication Excellence” in 1998 and has been inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

2006 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

MYRENE PETERSON

Myrene has been a 4-H leader in Ransom County for more than two decades. She believes that 4-H makes difference in the lives of youth and created her own incentive program to encourage her club members to stay in 4-H through high school. She made 4-H in her club fun. She served as County President, Leader at-large, and has been active on many committees. Myrene has been very involved in all areas of the Ransom County Fair, including initiating and sponsoring awards in judging, sewing, and

**deceased*

showmanship. Myrene judges at County Fairs and the State Fair. She served on the committee for the Regional Leaders Forum and has been active in many state 4-H events. Ransom County honored Myrene by naming her Ransom County "Friend of 4-H."

2004 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

ART* & GRACE LINK

As the Link's children were growing up in Alexander, ND, Art and Grace both served as leaders in the Lads and Lassies 4-H Club. As project leaders, they helped members in their club complete various projects and prepare for county events. At the county level, they were involved with 4-H events, contests and the county fair. During the 1960's, Art and Grace helped organize and establish the "new" McKenzie County Fairgrounds. Years later, they again became involved in the establishment of a 4-H building. The Links were instrumental in the construction of the Burleigh County 4-H Building. Art and Grace have been long time supporters of the North Dakota 4-H Foundation and of the North Dakota Extension program and its staff. In the words of their son Harvey, "4-H was a family activity."

MARSHA & DENNIS WENDEL

Marsha and Dennis have been 4-H Leaders of the Benson Bunch Club for 22 and 30 years, respectively. All 12 of their children have been 4-H members. They have both served on the Lamoure County 4-H Leader's Council and have held all the offices on the Council's Board. They have supported 4-H by serving as judges in neighboring counties. Dennis serves on the State Fair Board. Their 4-H co-leaders say that Marsha and Dennis have a special rapport with the 4-H members that is instrumental in helping build the self-esteem of each youth. The special relationships they have with the 4-H members are what make Marsha and Dennis so successful at teaching new skills and helping kids succeed.

2003 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

MURDEAN* & DORIS GULSVIG

Murdean and Doris, Havana, ND, were involved in many aspects of 4-H in Sargent County. Doris began as a leader in 1944 and Murdean in 1955. They hosted 4-H exchange youth and adults, 4-H LABO students from Japan and a PERLE student from Kenya. They volunteered for many years at the Sargent County Fair, spent many summers at the Sheyenne 4-H Camp and went on numerous 4-H trips. Mudean was involved with the Tewaukon Youth Day for over 27 years. It would be impossible to count the number of youth and adults that have experienced the love and generosity of the Gulsvigs. They are described as "people who exemplify the 4-H pledge by working for their club and their community and making the world a better place." There are many people who do great things for 4-H and for youth, but few who do it with sincere passion like Murdean and Doris.

2002 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

**deceased*

JUNE SCHLOSS*

June, Esmond, ND, was a 4-H leader for more than 25 years during the 1950's, 60's, and 70's. She influenced many young lives by teaching her club members to care for themselves and their homes, conduct meetings, cook, bake, sew and get along with others while having fun. She worked hard to encourage and assist each member to participate in county events, fairs and summer camp. She often provided transportation and materials for girls to insure that everyone who was interested had the opportunity to participate. She has been described as "an ordinary lady, in an ordinary small North Dakota town, who did extra-ordinary work for many young girls in western Benson County."

2001 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

JOAN ZAHRADKA

Joan, Lawton, ND, has been involved in volunteer service for 30 years. Her commitment to young people is evident by her participation in many community organizations, church and school groups. Joan is very active in judging at fairs and 4-H achievement days in both Walsh and Ramsey counties. She has sponsored several programs and given sewing and cultural arts workshops to 4-H members. Joan was nominated to the Hall of Fame by the Walsh County 4-H Council.

2000 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

DON PETERSON

Don Peterson of Washburn, ND, is an example of an extension agent who walks the extra mile for the young people in 4-H. Don began his career as the extension agent in McLean County and later became the Southwest District Director for the Extension Service. He and his wife, Diana, were active county 4-H club leaders. Don was involved in building the Western 4-H Camp through the Unity Trail fund raising campaign. He serves as a member of the camp association and is a former board member of the North Dakota 4-H Foundation. Don is an advocate for progressive agricultural practices and agribusiness in our state, sharing information and knowledge with hundreds of others, youth and adult.

1999 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

MARGUERITE GRAY*

Marguerite, Hankinson, ND, is a familiar face to many 4-H'ers in Richland County. She profoundly impacted the lives of over 90 4-H members during her 26 years as a leader. She was always at county 4-H events, served on the Richland County 4-H Council, attended the 1978 National 4-H Leaders Forum and is active in her church and community. She and her husband, Arlo, raised 11 children and are proud to say they were all 4-H'ers! In 1985, the Grays received a special Meritorious Service Award for their years of service with the Greendale Go-Getters 4-H Club and the 4-H program.

**deceased*

JOAN SCHLECHT

Joan, Enderlin, ND, believes in the value of 4-H. As a club leader, she has worked with many young people and is an active part of the county and state 4-H programs. She judges events, has been 4-H Council president, organizes leaders' forums, serves on the multi-county advisory board and is a former director of the North Dakota 4-H Foundation. Joan has attended regional leaders' forums and the National 4-H Leader Forum. She and her family were selected as the Ransom County 4-H "Family of the Year" in 1987-88.

1997 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

HAROLD SCHAFER*

Harold, Bismarck, exemplifies what business acumen and a generous spirit can do to help young people. His contributions to the 4-H Conference Center and the Western 4-H Camp led the way for the completion of both projects. Harold's support has turned dreams into realities for many people, young and old, in North Dakota.

DURWARD & PHYLLIS OTTERNESS

Durward and Phyllis, Tower City, exemplify the best of 4-H. Both were outstanding 4-H members and together they have served as volunteer club leaders for 66 years. They have helped their club members achieve much success throughout their 4-H experience. Phyllis and Durward have willingly given many hours to the Barnes County 4-H program and to their community. Durward was honored as a Pioneer 4-H Leader in 1986.

HELEN LANG*

Helen Lang of Sterling, ND, started the Sterling Livewires 4-H Club 42 years ago and has been a volunteer leader ever since. Her commitment to young people is evident through her participation in community organizations, church and school groups. Helen was a director of the 4-H Foundation for five years and received the Special Leader Service Award in 1987. She is both a dedicated friend and leader to young people and the 4-H program. Helen was nominated for the Hall of Fame by the Sterling Livewires 4-H Club.

VERNON & DARLENE EDINGER

Vernon and Darlene, Turtle Lake, live the motto "To Make the Best Better." Together they served as 4-H volunteers for over 50 years in McLean County. They have hosted LABO exchange students in their home and visited them in return. They spent many hours working behind the scenes for the good of the 4-H program and as judges for the county fair. Vernon served on the 4-H Foundation Board of Directors. The Edingers have made a difference in the lives of many youth, have been a shining example to other

**deceased*

volunteers, and have been mentors and friends to the extension staff in McLean County. They have earned the trust, love and respect of many, and have truly “made the best better.”

MARCIA WILLIAMSON*

Marcia, of Glasston, has been a volunteer leader for 10 years. Beyond her own club work, Marcia has willingly given her time and talents to mentor other youth in Pembina County. She’s worked tirelessly as a volunteer, doing anything asked of her in a four-county area. She is so supportive of youth that 4-H members love working with her, as do parents, volunteers and extension staff. Her willingness to help is gratefully acknowledged by the extension agents in Pembina, Walsh, Cavalier and Grand Forks Counties who nominated her for this award.

1996 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

DR. BERTRAM BERG*

Dr. Bertram Berg, Hettinger, exemplified the impact that 4-H can have on an individual, on a family and on a community. Dr. Berg was a 4-H member for 13 years and a leader for 38 years. He attended National 4-H Club Congress in 1949 and was an IFYE delegate to England and Wales. In 1974, he chaperoned the first North Dakota 4-H LABO exchanges in Japan. He also directed the Western 4-H Camp at Washburn. Dr. Berg’s service to 4-H continued as a director of the North Dakota 4-H Foundation where he held the office of president and served a total of 10 years. He continued to be a strong supporter of the 4-H Foundation and the 4-H program until his passing.

CHARLES MURPHY

Charles, Larimore, truly has the interest and needs of youth in his heart and mind. He has been involved with the McCanna Farmers 4-H Club for 20 years and is relied upon by members and their parents for his concern and support. He has organized the Grand Forks County Basketball Jamboree for many years. Charles believes in people and has worked with many community organizations to make life better for everyone.

ARVIN HAUCK*

Arvin, Forbes, believes if you have the ability and talents, you are to share them with others. He has shared himself with youth as a 4-H club leader for 36 years and with others while he served on the Dickey County 4-H Council and many community groups. The North Dakota 4-H Foundation was honored to have Arvin serve as a director for 10 years, including 5 years as vice president. Arvin was a vital voice in the reorganization of the 4-H Foundation.

1995 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

MARGARET HEER*

**deceased*

Margaret was a 4-H leader for 33 years. Her club, the Douglas Astronauts, was a banner club. She received the "Pioneer Award" in 1984. Margaret is a firm believer in 4-H and all it stands for. She feels that "Youth are our most precious commodity and I believe we should do all we can to teach them." Margaret and her husband, Art, are the parents of four children all of who were in 4-H (of course).

GLADYS HANSON MCGIMSEY*

Gladys, a conscientious, inspirational, extension worker with a strong focus on 4-H and youth, retired in 1968 from the North Dakota State Cooperative Extension Service. 4-H was very blessed to have received much of her talent and time in helping 4-H grow and develop. Gladys influenced countless individuals with her dedication and high standard of values in life.

VIVIAN MERKEL

Vivian, of Washburn, is a volunteer's volunteer, having logged endless hours of service to 4-H as well as community and church activities. She has been active in the international programs, hosting visitors from Japan, Germany, and Holland. Of note is her commitment to the Communication Arts program, coaching many 4-H members in speech and demonstrations. In 1990, she was selected "Volunteer of the Year" by the Bismarck Tribune.

ALICE LUX*

Alice started her 4-H career when she was 10 years old. As an adult, she was an outstanding leader for 37 years. Her Rosebud Club was very active in Cass County and produced many award winners. Her clubs were also well-noted in county variety shows. She is currently active in Homemakers club and in her church. Alice is described as a hard worker and very patient. Alice's lifetime of work in 4-H totals 48 dedicated and supportive years.

HILBERT BAUMGARTEN*

Hilbert farmed near Durbin, North Dakota and is widely recognized as a promoter of registered Hereford cattle. Hilbert has always believed in promoting and supporting livestock shows. He was a leader in 4-H for 41 years and was recognized as a "Pioneer 4-H Leader" in 1981. He was also honored by the North Dakota Hereford Association and the North Dakota Winter Show. Hilbert and his wife, Jordis, have four children who were all active in 4-H. They also have seven grandchildren.

1994 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

GORDON JENSEN*

**deceased*

Gordon has been very active in 4-H for many years, serving in numerous leadership capacities. He has been a judge for many years at both the county level and at the North Dakota State Fair. His expertise is well-recognized in the poultry and rabbit areas. He spent countless hours managing and setting up for fairs and has sponsored many awards for youth. He has held many workshops for 4-H'ers, sharing his knowledge and mentoring youth.

GERALD "JERRY" IVERSON

Jerry, a native of Griggs County, served as manager of the North Dakota State Fair from 1976 to 2006. His influence can be seen throughout the fairgrounds in Minot, in both the outstanding improvement of facilities (and new Grandstand) and the enhancement of activities. 4-H has been a part of his life since childhood and is demonstrated through his strong support for the 4-H program. He currently serves as chair of the ND 4-H Foundation. Jerry enjoys spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

INA HOLMQUIST

Ina has made significant contributions to the 4-H program in Bowman County and the entire southwestern area of North Dakota. Ina became a 4-H leader of the Sunset Butte Club in 1957. For Ina, working with children has always been a lifelong interest and she has had a strong influence in the lives of many children. She married Lester in 1946 and has two children, Lee and Anita.

THEISLA BELANUS*

Theisla served as a 4-H leader for over 30 years in Pembina County. Her spirit touched many young people. She served as a volunteer at the county fair, a chaperone, a club organizer and a 4-H Council member. Former 4-Hers credit her with leaving a lasting impression upon their lives.

RICHARD VOGEL*

Richard was an active member/leader of the East Rogers 4-H Club and the Anderson 4-H Club in Barnes County. He became a leader in 1942 and continued until 1992 when he received his 50 year leader pin. His clubs have had a proud history and many accomplishments in various events. His wife, Marion, and their children were all active in 4-H.

1993 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

MABEL MARTIN

Mabel, Emerado, has been involved in 4-H in one manner or another for numerous years. She has received many awards for her outstanding work and efforts for 4-H. Mabel has helped hundreds of young people and recently received the 1992 Grand Forks County Friend of 4-H Award.

GRACE FAUGHT*

**deceased*

Grace was a 4-H leader of the Empire 4-H Club in Absaraka, North Dakota for many years. Her special efforts as an enthusiastic 4-H volunteer made her an irreplaceable mentor of young people. She has been a shining example for many young people. She has given herself so that others could grow.

RUTH BRUEGGER*

Ruth, of Fargo, was one of the true pioneers of 4-H in North Dakota. She served in the State 4-H office for numerous years. She was active in nearly every role in 4-H at one time or another. Ruth was a lady and a professional in every sense of the word and a very good friend to 4-H.

HOWARD AND AUDREY LAHLUM

Howard and Audrey, Marion, North Dakota, represent the first Hall of Fame induction as a couple. Both have been involved in 4-H for over 45 years as a member, collegiate 4-H'er, extension staff member, leader, or ND 4-H Foundation board member. The Lahlum home has always been open to young people in need of assistance. Howard and Audrey have provided advice, support, guidance and positive influence to many young people, including their four children.

MAURICE HAGEMEISTER*

Maurice's dedication to 4-H and youth for 42 years as a leader is duly recognized by his peers and former club members. The Rush River Livestock Club, Argusville, was a very active and well taught club. In addition to the club work, manners of both young men and ladies were of the utmost importance. Traits that many of his former members carry today are a reflection of the strong efforts and work of Maurice.

1992 ND 4-H HALL OF FAME

CRAIG "SCOTTY" MONTGOMERY*

Scotty began his Extension Service career in 1934 in Cass County. In 1935, he moved to Pembina County and remained there until 1952 when he was promoted to district supervisor. In 1954, Scotty joined the state staff as state 4-H Club leader and held that position till 1968. Scotty was honored many times for his dedicated service to 4-H and the NDSU Extension Service.

DWIGHT PALMER

Dwight, a 1953 graduate of NDSU, began his involvement with 4-H in 1944 in Ramsey County. He worked with 4-H on the county, state and national level. Dwight was honored by the USDA in 1980 and the NAE4-HA in 1985 with distinguished service awards. He and his wife, Twila, are residents of Pullman, Washington, but continue to strongly support North Dakota's 4-H program.

**deceased*

LESTER LIUDAHL*

Lester, Burlington resident and former Benson County native, was a strong 4-H supporter in Ward County for over 30 years. He served as a leader for more than 36 years. As a director of the Western 4-H Camp Association and ND 4-H Foundation, he helped promote self-sustaining 4-H programs. He received the Special Service Award, 4-H's highest state award. Prior to his death in 2008, he established the Lester Liudahl International Program Endowment Fund to support ND 4-H'ers wishing to travel to countries around the world. The endowment will give youth opportunities to gain international experiences.

GLADYS LEE*

Gladys has been active in her community as a 4-H leader for nearly 50 years. She and her husband, Norman, farm near Carpio. Her willingness to help others grow and learn and her unending service to 4-H and community have been truly outstanding.

STANLEY BALE*

Stanley, a 1940 NDSU graduate, worked with the Extension Service for 32 years. He was honored often for his many contributions to 4-H and NDSU. Stan was one of 4-H's most prolific benefactors. Prior to his passing, Stan and his wife, Hazel, established the Bearfield-Bale Memorial Scholarship as a tribute to their parents, Melvin and Edith Bearfield and the S.W. Bale family who were homesteaders in the Lisbon area. The funds provide an annual professional development scholarship to a ND Extension Service staff member who meets set criteria.

ELVIRA THIEL*

Elvira began her involvement as a 4-H club member in 1927 in Morton County. Elvira and Sam, her husband, farmed in the Almont area. She received numerous awards and honors for her outstanding contributions to her community and state. Elvira has touched the lives of hundreds and is a very kind, special, loving lady.

**deceased*

**deceased*