

# 2009 RECOGNIZED LEADERS

## 15-YEAR

Julie Kammerzell  
15-Year Leader

## 25-YEAR



**Twila Klussman**

Twila Klussman has been a volunteer leader for 25 years. She first became a leader in 1983 when she signed on to be the Foods & Nutrition Leader with the Best in the West 4-H Club in Windsor. Three years later, she moved to Eaton and started the Eaton Country Critters 4-H Club and has served as its organizational leader ever since. Twila has served as an officer on the Weld County 4-H Leader's Council and been superintendent of the Consumer & Family Science Department at County Fair. She has chaperoned three Citizenship Washington Focus trips and is gearing up for a fourth trip in 2011. Twila says she loves working with young people and watching them succeed in meeting their goals. Her hobbies include reading, collecting souvenir spoons, and attending school sporting activities – especially if her granddaughter Brittany is competing. Twila lives in Eaton and works for State Farm Insurance as a Central Operations Assistant.

## 30-YEAR



**Rolland/Sonora Jones**

Rolland & Sonora Jones are 30-year leaders who started volunteering when their children joined 4-H in 1978. They are the organizational leaders of the Keene 4-H Boosters 4-H Club. Sonora notes that she began as the Leathercraft leader, admitting that she knew nothing about it but learned right along with the kids. She has also worked with the Cake Decorating, Foods, and Cloverbud projects. Sonora says that kids all have busy lives, and 4-H allows them the chance to concentrate on 1 or 2 projects where they can be proud of what they have learned. Rolland began as a leader for the Electricity project, and later helped with Woodworking, Swine, Sheep, and Restoration projects. He believes that the importance of serving the youth is more important now than ever before. 4-H, he says, offers many opportunities for young people to grow successfully into adulthood. Sonora and Rolland live near Hudson, are active in their church, and are members of the Ye Olde Auto Club of Brighton. They have fun restoring old cars and tractors and spending time with their children and grandchildren. Sonora has worked at United Power in Brighton for 23 years. Rolland is retired after working 26 years for the Keebler Company.



**Judy Pralle**

Judy Pralle has served as project and organizational leader for 30 years with the Tailtwisters 4-H Club. During her years as a leader, Judy has served on the Leaders Council and helped plan 4-H Recognition Night. Her husband, Dale, has also been involved as a leader, and Judy notes that almost all of their kids and grandkids are, or have been, 4-H members. Judy and Dale are active with a local camping club, and with a tractor pulling club they started a few years ago. One of her special activities is making each of her grandchildren a "Book of their Life" scrapbook which she presents to them when they graduate from high school. Judy lives by Ft. Lupton and is retired after 24 years with the Adams County Assessors Office.

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## 40-YEAR



**Bernadene Leffler**

Bernadene Leffler started her volunteer leader career when her neighbor asked her to take over leadership of the Wyatt Willingworkers 4-H Club. That was 40 years ago, and she continues as organizational leader for the club, now known as the Wyatt 4-H Club. Bernadene says that 4-H is still her favorite hobby and that it is a place where kids can find somebody who cares about them. She is amazed that former 4-H members are now bringing their children to join her club. Bernadene loves gardening and flowers, so her summer is filled with lots of outdoor work. She served on the Highland School Board for six years, and was a member of the Highland Booster Club when her kids were in school. She has worked as a bookkeeper for 40 years and prepares tax returns for various clients. Bernadene and her husband, Charles, live northwest of Eaton.