

2014 RECOGNIZED LEADERS

20-YEAR



Tara Rumsey

Tara grew up in the Adams County 4-H program and first became a leader when her mother started a new club and needed her help as a resource leader. Now, 20 years later, Tara is the organizational leader for the Blazing Clovers club here in Weld County. She shares her many talents by also serving as the project leader for 19 different projects taken by members of her club. Tara says she is all about leadership and helps instill this life-skill in her members through officer training and encouraging the use of parliamentary procedure in club meetings. She has a passion for kids and takes time to learn something about every single member of her club. Tara is the office manager at Wright Choice, Incorporated in Evans, and is active in the Union Colony School Friends Group, and the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in LaSalle. Tara has been married to Justin for 17 years and they have two children, Emily and T.J.

30-YEAR



Twila Klussman

Twila has been a volunteer leader for 30 years, getting her start in 1983 when she signed on to be the Foods & Nutrition Leader with the Best in the West 4-H Club in Windsor. Later, she moved to Eaton and started the Eaton Country Critters 4-H Club and has served as its organizational leader ever since. Starting the club, she says, scared her to death but getting to know the families who became involved in the club eased her fears. Twila serves on the Weld County 4-H Leader's Council, has been superintendent of the Consumer & Family Science Department at County Fair, and has attended four Western Regional Leader's Forums. She has chaperoned several Citizenship Washington Focus trips and is gearing up for the next trip in June of this year. Twila says she loves working with young people and watching them succeed in meeting their goals. Her hobbies include reading, collecting souvenir spoons, and watching Colorado Rockies baseball games. Twila lives in Greeley and works for State Farm Insurance.

35-YEAR



Judy Pralle

Judy has served as project and organizational leader for 35 years with the Tailtwisters 4-H Club. Judy notes how 4-H develops lasting bonds with members and their families. In part, this happened because Judy encouraged parents to stay and be a part of the club meetings and activities. Some of the members she helped lead now have their own children in 4-H. She appreciates how they remember and recognize her, and husband Dale, and that they consider them family and friends. Together with Dale, Judy has served on the 4-H Leaders Council and is a member of the Weld County Fair Junior Livestock Sale Committee. They are active with a local camping club and with a tractor pulling club they started several 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 Assessor's Office.