

V. I. P. Award is awarded to an individual or couple (any two people) non-fair board member/non-committee member, no specific length of service required.



V.I.P. AWARD: District 1

The V.I.P. Award is presented to Steve & Denise Taylor at the Central Wisconsin State Fair. Steve and Denise are Maintenance and Grounds Superintendents. There is nothing on the CWSF grounds that does not have their fingerprints on them. They are two of the hardest working and honest people that assist the fairgrounds. They owned their own construction home remodeling company and would take the month of August off to work for the Fair. From set-up, tear-down, moving, fixing, painting, washing, Steve, Denise and crew are taking care of it. Their commitment and dedication to the CWSF has been a vital component to the success of the Fair. They also provide their talents to non-fair events including parking campers and boats for the winter storage program. Congratulations Steve and Denise!



V.I.P. AWARD: District 2

The V.I.P. Award is presented to Tom Baronich of the Washburn, Sawyer, and Ashland County Fairs. Tom has been supporting these 3 Fairs for more than 10 years volunteering, and donating to youth programming. Specifically at Washburn County Fair he helps set up the show ring, and assists with manure removal from the dairy and beef barns and donated signs that are used as backdrops for auction photos. At Sawyer County Fair he helps with fundraisers, even participating in the Dilly Bar Eating Contest. He also drives the People Mover shuttle and helps with set-up and take down of the barns. At the Ashland County Fair he helps with the animal shows and weigh-ins. He has even been known to bake a pie to be auctioned off. Tom is a great role model, gracious and giving. Congratulations Tom!

(Tom was unable to attend in person)

V.I.P. AWARD: District 3

The V.I.P. Award is presented to Ben Larrabee of the Lodi Agricultural Fair. Ben has been a Fair supporter and volunteer for over 20 years. He learned early on from his parents, John and Karla, how important the Lodi Ag Fair is to the community and his family and he strives to carry out this strong tradition still today. He assists with arena prep for the rodeo, tractor pull and demo derby. He has helped with barn and road renovations throughout the grounds to make operations safe and efficient. He can even be found bartending in the Beer Garden or helping with the BBQ Chicken dinner. He continuously saves the Fair time and money by donating manpower and equipment to the Fair and it does not go unnoticed. Congratulation Ben!



V.I.P. AWARD: District 4

The V.I.P. Award is presented to Helen Weisensel of the Dodge County Fair. Helen has served as a volunteer and supporter for over 50 years! She is an integral part of the Open Class Team, Junior Fair Building Clean up and Office help to ensure the Fair runs smoothly. From fair book revisions, to coordinating judging, to checking the building daily during the Fair, she makes sure display areas are clean and attractive. Helen is enthusiastic, dedicated and dependable. Exhibitors love working with Helen. She is caring and a great role model. Her longevity in the Fair has made a generational impact on families and priceless memories. Congratulations Helen!

