

The 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 Laurie Heldemann. Laurie has helped in the Lincoln County Fair office for over 25 years, most of those years as a volunteer. With Laurie's calm and cooperative nature, the fair office runs smoothly. She makes sure all department superintendent's supply boxes are complete with everything needed for judging. She is the main person making sure that the correct judging results are put into the system. From early morning to late afternoon, Laurie can be found in the office unless her grandchildren are showing. As a grandmother, she knows the importance of family and is allowed to leave the office at those times.

Laurie takes vacation from her paying job to work during the fair. For one of those days, her employer gives her paid community service time. She is willing to help whenever the need arises.

When her husband passed, Laurie wasn't sure if she would be able to help at the fair. She did work and felt the love and support of her fair family.

Without Laurie's calm demeanor, helpful skills, and when needed, humorous patience, the Lincoln County Fair would not run as well as it does.

Congratulations Laurie Heldemann!

V.I.P. Award: District 2

The V.I.P. Award is presented to Jeremy Murdach.

For the past 20 years, the Sawyer County Fair has been the recipient of many amazing volunteer hours by Jeremy Murdach and JR Landscaping and Excavating. Jeremy volunteers his time, equipment and services, which include excavating, mechanical and products to the fair.

Prior to the fair, you will find Jeremy in the multisport arena preparing for the grandstand events. Jeremy built the arena for all the grandstand events, including a Motocross track with a 50-foot ramp. When the Motocross is finished, Jeremy removes the ramp and prepares the arena for the next event. Taking pride in other areas of the fairgrounds, he has donated gravel to level out areas, such as in and around the barns, driveways and parking lot. Jeremy also contributes to the fair fundraisers.

Even though Jeremy was given V.I.P. status with one of the selected food and beverage vendors on the fairgrounds, he always settles-up with the concessionaire at the end of the fair.

Congratulations to Sawyer County's V.I.P. Jeremy Murdach.

V.I.P Award: District 3

The V.I.P. Award is presented to Deb and John Turner.

John and Deb Turner have been continuous supporters of the Sauk County Fair for 57 and 39 years, respectively. John recalls the first time he volunteered at fair as a night watchman for the animals in the round barn, when he was 16 years old.

John has helped in countless capacities at the fairgrounds, including set-up in the barns, tractor pulls, demo derbies, concerts and more. He has even taken on the “dreaded” garbage duty.

After marriage, Deb started volunteering too. Deb is willing to step up and pitch in with any job at the fair. She has done it all, from office duties, answering phones and assisting fairgoers, money runner, counter, ticket taker, gates, general runner, finding other volunteers for the fair, to cleaning the restrooms. She always comes through.

John and Deb have always put the fair first, and because of their support, the Sauk County Fair runs more smoothly.

John and Deb see great value in giving back to their community, and have instilled this value in their family. Each year, they are joined by their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other family members who prioritize volunteering at the Sauk County Fair, making it a better fair.

Congratulations John and Deb Turner!

V.I.P. Award: District 4

The V.I.P. Award is presented to Jill and Glenn Anderson.

Glenn and Jill Anderson have been an integral part of the Kenosha County Fair for over 50 years.

Jill has been a superintendent for the Plant and Soil Science, Natural Science, Woodworking and Foods and Nutrition Departments in Open Class. She has also been the liaison between the Board and the Open Class Building for 11 Departments. She attends all meetings to discuss the upcoming fair and to debrief the fair, and she also attends the annual meeting. She brings new ideas to the table to keep the fair unique and interesting. In working with the Master Gardeners of Kenosha, Jill made the fairgrounds her volunteer location for beautifying the grounds.

Glenn has been a valued member of the Maintenance Department, serving both as a helper and as the head of maintenance. Outside of being an employee, Glenn has used his handy-man talents many times on the fairgrounds. Glenn is the face of the Kenosha County Fair information booth. He assists individuals in answering any questions that may arise. Both Glenn and Jill enjoy exhibiting at the fair.

Congratulations Glenn and Jill Anderson!