

The Hall of Fame Award is awarded to a fair board/county fair committee member (or couple) based on 12 years or more of active service.

Hall of Fame Award Winner: District 1

The Hall of Fame Award is presented to Wayne Hendrickson.

For more than 40 years, Wayne has been a part of the Clark County Fair community. Over the years, he has kept the fair organized and running efficiently by working with the different vendors, carnivals, animal committees and the extension office.

As the Secretary/Treasurer, Wayne worked to improve the fair's finances so that the fair could run independently from the county. Wayne serves on many boards and has a vast knowledge of township, county, and fair regulations. He is loved by his co-workers for his level headedness, warm demeanor, and witty comments. Many locals and judges stop at the fair office just to say hi to Wayne during the fair. Throughout his entire life, Wayne has pushed himself to a high standard of quality, organization, and financial stability. Throughout his many years of working on the fair board, he has made sure the Clark County Fair possesses those same qualities.

Congratulations Wayne Hendrickson!

Hall of Fame Award Winner: District 2

The Hall of Fame Award is presented to Robert Traynor. Robert has been a part of the Pierce County Fair since he was born, not ever missing a fair. Bob grew up in the 4-H and fair programs. He began exhibiting at the age of six. Today, he shares his love for the 4-H Dairy Program by coaching 4-H fair exhibitors in dairy judging and serving as the Junior Dairy Superintendent. He is also a member of the Open Dairy Committee. He understands the Pierce County Fair's value and impact on the community, as he has served on the Fair, Building, and Agriculture and Extension Committees. He currently serves as the Fair Committee Chairperson. Bob showed his leadership qualities as he organized groups to fund and construct wash rack additions, a milking parlor/bathroom, and many other fair update projects. He assists with finding and managing volunteers for the Beer Garden during the fair.

Bob is the face of the Pierce County Fair, sharing fun fair facts, upcoming events, and his infectious sense of humor as a social influencer. When he is not at the fair, he can be found judging other fairs and dairy events supporting the regional fair programs. Bob's dedication and steadfast guidance continues to inspire generations.

Congratulation Bob Traynor!

Hall of Fame Award Winner: District 3

The Hall of Fame Award is presented to Jerry Skalitzky. When Jerry's grandsons were in Boy Scouts, he took on "waste at the fair" as part of their community service project. Jerry and his daughter organized workers from the Hueber Center in Madison, picking up the residents who needed to work off some community service. He worked side by side with the "Hueby" guys bagging trash, hauling tables, and setting up different areas. He taught them the history of the Lodi Agricultural Fair, daily events, and why their jobs were so important. One worker stated, "This has been the nicest anyone has ever treated me, and next year when I am done serving my time, I am bringing my wife and daughter to this fair. I would even come back and volunteer."

Jerry worked year-round on major building and landscaping projects, pumping out the wastewater tank, painting, and doing repairs on buildings and equipment. He could fix our older equipment and we kept it because Jerry could fix it! Not bad for someone who was turning 80.

Sadly, Jerry passed away in 2023 before the Lodi Fair. Though dearly missed, we're sure Jerry is smiling down and proud of his family for carrying on his legacy at the Lodi Agricultural Fair.

Hall of Fame Award Winner: District 4

The Hall of Fame Award is presented to Karen O'Leary. Karen has served for 39 years and is a Grand Champion individual and dedicated Rock County Fair Person.

As the Entertainment Committee Chairperson, Karen works tirelessly with stage, lighting, and sound set up. She organizes meals, shuttle schedules, golf games, workout schedules and everything else an entertainer may need. The entertainer's backstage trailer is converted into a home using many items from Karen's own home.

As secretary, she took great care in gathering information, keeping the minutes, and sharing her knowledge of the fair's history and her experiences with the Rock County Fair. Board members appreciated her knowledge, dedication and commitment to all aspects of the fair.

As a Supreme Champion, Karen, Superintendent of Child Development, is actively changing entry options for exhibitors. In 2010 she took on the role of Exploring Superintendent and improved the department's entry options focusing on first time exhibitors.

Karen attends district meetings and the WAF Convention annually. She is the Champion of the Rock County Fair.

Congratulations Karen O'Leary!