

Volunteer Group Appreciation Award is awarded to a true volunteer group that receives no monetary compensation for the volunteer service. Only one overall winner selected unlike the other categories where one per district is awarded.

VOLUNTEER GROUP APPRECIATION AWARD—District 2

The Volunteer Group Appreciation Award is presented to the Spooner FFA. The Spooner FFA members have been a partner of the Washburn County Fair for more than 30 years. They volunteer



each year in several different ways. Their members grow and care for the plants that go into the front flower bed of the grounds. They provide resources to the Kiddy Barn that exists because of their efforts and dedication to promoting agriculture both during the fair and at the Dairy Breakfast prior to the Fair. During the Fair the FFA members assist with all animal areas, with a primary focus on the Sheep & Swine departments and they operate barn tours to complement their Story Time program at the Fair which allows all fairgoers to see up close each animal that they learned about during story time, breathing life into the books they just enjoyed. They have recently started “Critters for Santa” a way to promote agriculture and the Fair during the Christmas season. Animal,

“critters” are taken to the Lakeland Family Resource Center for young families to enjoy. They encourage the participants to come to the Fair to see more as this is just a small sampling of what they would experience at the Fair. This group has a strong leadership and the willingness to commit, physically make things happen and see it through to the end. Congratulations to the Spooner FFA!