

**This year the losco County Agricultural Society dedicates the Fair Premium Book to
Kelby & Kelly Ruckle**

Born into a farming family, Kelby has a lifetime connection with agriculture, and also a long time association with the losco County fair. Being raised on Ruckle's Dairy Farm Kelby started showing animals at the losco County Fair at an early age. Kelby showed not only dairy stock, but raised market animals to sell at the annual losco County Fair Livestock auction. As a member of the Whittemore-Prescott FFA Kelby grew in his agricultural involvement and leadership throughout his high school years. After high school, one of the many leadership roles Kelby held was to serve as the FFA Parliamentary Procedure Leader. A role he filled for many years. Also, during Kelby's early years his dad, Elwood, was a member of the losco County Agricultural Society, and with Kelby's growing interest in agriculture it was common for him to accompany his dad to help out with things at the fairgrounds. Kelby became a junior member of the fairboard prior to being able to become a



full member of the agricultural society when he turned 18 years old. He has been on the fairboard ever since. In time Kelby was elected President of the Agricultural Society, a position which he has held for over 20 years. Kelby has been instrumental in helping the fair grow to the size it is today. The time and talents he has put into the many building projects continues to improve the facilities available at the fairgrounds. His generosity doesn't stop at his personal talents as Kelby frequently provides and uses his own equipment to complete the many tasks he is involved with ranging from working on electrical issues, to building construction, to setting up for the grandstand events, and other activities too numerous to mention.

In April 2000, Kelby married his bride Kelly. Kelly came from a background associated with horses. Not only did she compete in horse shows, but she has also served as a judge for numerous horse competitions over the years including shows at many county fairs. Her passion for horses continues today as she serves as the leader for the losco County 4-H Exceptional Riders program. It didn't take Kelly long to get heavily involved with the fairboard either. She has helped to develop new programs such as the popular "Barnyard Olympics" and "Tea with Cinderella". She works on fundraising, does grounds work such as mowing & weed whipping, provides food for working volunteers, and the list goes on. Kelly has also served as the societies Recording Secretary the past few years taking the minutes and keeping the membership records.

You will notice a third person in the family photo included with this dedication – Kelby and Kelly's son Brody. Brody has been brought up in the fair as well, and helps with several activities along with being an active participant in the livestock shows at the fair. We look forward to Brody's help and the leadership he will provide as the younger generation he is part of becomes more active in the society.

The members of the losco County Agricultural Society pay tribute to Kelby & Kelly, and thank them for their years (and countless hours) of service and leadership in the society. Many thanks for the time and talents you have provided in helping to move forward and grow both the fair and the grounds it is held on!