

# From the fair board, exhibitors, 4-H members, and the community we give a very big THANK YOU to Kelby & Mark for all their years of service making the Iosco County Agricultural Society what it is today!



When you think about the Iosco County fair the first thing that comes to mind is Kelby Ruckle. He has held this position so long, youth that sold animals at the livestock auction 32 years ago, now have children in our junior market livestock program. Most of our younger members and their families can't remember a time before Kelby was President. To say he has done a lot for our fairgrounds is an understatement. There isn't enough time to tell you everything he has done over the years but we truly believe without him and his family our fairgrounds would not be what they are today. His time and dedication has made our fair a wonderful place for our youth to experience "The Best week of the Year!" (according to our exhibitors)! We hope he knows how thankful every member of the Iosco County Fair is for all his years of service and his family, Kelly and Brody, who were with him most of the time making our fairgrounds what they are today! There will never be a way to show Kelby the gratitude he deserves but we hope he knows how much our fair board appreciates everything he has done and the legacy he has left for future exhibitors to experience the magic of our county fair!

After 31 years as the President of the Iosco County Agricultural Society, Kelby Ruckle has retired. You will still see him around the grounds and when you do, please give him a very big Thank You for all his years of service! Kelby was awarded the MAFE Heritage Award this year at the fair convention for all his years of service.

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Mark Parkinson is a lifelong contributing community member to the town of Hale and has been involved in the fair for over 28 years. He has been an integral part of helping the fair expand and grow. Mark could often be found on the fairgrounds working to improve the fair - from mowing, ground maintenance, building projects or organizing winter boat storage. Mark also did a lot of behind-the-scenes work leading up to the fair like writing grants for the livestock barns, grandstands, bleachers, etc. He has committed countless hours reviewing and updating the premium book, organizing sponsorship packages, applying for raffle licenses, helping secure grandstand events and whatever else came along and a lot came along! Mark may not have been the face you've seen over the years but without his help the fair would not have expanded and become what it is today.



After 28 years, Mark Parkinson has retired. You will still see him around the grounds helping, when you've helped this long it's hard to stop completely! When you see him, please give him a very big Thank You for all his years of service!