

Fair Book Dedication

This year the Iosco County Agricultural Society dedicates the Fair Premium Book to **Milo & Gail Johnson**.

Milo was born and raised in the Hale area. Gail (whose maiden name is Harsch) grew up on the family farm on Old State Road which was considered a Whittemore address at the time. As fate would have it these two individuals met growing up and married each other 53 years ago! What a partnership this marriage has been too! Milo and Gail have raised 7 children of their own and one foster daughter. Their children's names are Daryl, Harold, Duane, Rita, Lisa, Theresa, Alan and Lisa Ann. Additionally Milo & Gail are the proud grandparents of 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grand children.

In 1955 they moved to Flint, Michigan where Milo worked for General Motors on the assembly line for 35 years. Gail worked for 25 years in the Montrose Community School system, which is also where their children were raised. In the 1970's they purchased the 180 acre farm they currently own, and moved back there after retiring around 1990. Milo also purchased his brother Clayton's sawmill after moving back. Working the farm and sawmill keeps Milo pretty busy in his retirement – too busy if you ask Gail!

Shortly after moving back to the area in the early 1990's Milo & Gail started to help with both the Iosco County Fair, and the Pioneer Power Antique Club of West Branch. They spend countless hours helping both organizations every year. Each year Milo and Gail work as a team at the fairgrounds doing whatever is asked of them. Gail is always updating the sign during the fair, helps prepare meals for work-bees, or you can find her out driving the tractor helping move fencing and barricades in setting things up for the fair. Milo is a jack of all trades and helps out doing whatever is needed – from staining buildings, to helping build new structures, to milling out timbers for the restoration of the old schoolhouse that is now used as the Fair Office. These two do the million and one things behind the scenes that help to make the Iosco County Fair what is today! The hard work and dedication of this couple to things they believe in (such as preserving our Agricultural Heritage) has inspired others to help out as well. This dedication is part of the reason that their son and daughter-in-law Daryl & Carla, and grandson Joshua are members of the Fairboard as well - working along side Milo & Gail and the rest of us whenever help is needed!

Many thanks to the both of you from all of us on the Iosco County Fairboard!!!