

M.A.F.E. 15th Annual Heritage Award

Presented to
Daryl & Carla Johnson
Iosco County Agricultural Society
2025

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THE FAIR INDUSTRY AWARD

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Daryl & Carla Johnson have been part of the Iosco County Fair so long, many can't even remember when they began volunteering! Daryl began servicing and drilling all the wells and running the waterlines in the 1970's and he continues to service, start up and drain down all the wells still to this date. His service continued in 1995 when his Naval Construction Battalion NMBC 26 the Navy Seabee's began partnering with the Iosco County Agricultural Society and started volunteering with construction projects. Every year they came and helped with a large project, building horse barns, the bath house, constructing bleachers, electrical work and excavation work that was needed. These are just some of the examples of what Daryl and his Seabee's have done over the years. Carla was also at all these work weekends, keeping the workers fed, but that's not where her service ended. Carla is on the grounds from the time the snow is gone until the last leaf falls, helping wherever it's needed. From helping Daryl to winterize the wells, to working around the horse arena, to the grandstand concessions and keeping the flowers looking beautiful, volunteering at the Halloween Camping weekend, and being on the fairgrounds all day every day during fair week! These two are the most dedicated individuals that we have ever seen, and we are proud and thankful to say that their leadership and volunteering have continued through to their family. Five of their six children are active board members, along with their spouses and grandchildren that are also active volunteers on the fairgrounds. They have built a legacy of volunteering and community service that has extended through generations. The Iosco County Agricultural Society is extremely thankful for all their years of service and the service they continue to contribute to this date. There will never be a way to show them how much the fair board appreciates everything they have done in the past years, but we hope this award will show them how very much the fair board appreciates everything they have done and the continued legacy they have left for our future fair exhibitors!