

## **2020-21 Fairbook Dedication Norbert & Celesta Leis**

Norbert and Celesta Leis have been a part of the Elroy Fair for many years. They enjoy being at the fair and encouraging young children to stay active in the fair. Norbert has served on the fair board for 11 years, and Celesta for 22 years. From a young age they pulled tractors and



exhibited at the Elroy Fair. Norbert exhibited sheep the last two years of high school. Celesta helped her brothers show dairy cattle while in high school. Both grew up on family dairy farms and still own a farm in the Town of Wilton. While farming, Norbert and Celesta also worked off the farm; Norbert worked for many years at Toro in Tomah. Celesta has a love for cooking and has worked at many different local restaurants. Her culinary gifts were greatly appreciated as she was always willing to help provide food for fair hospitalities and fundraisers.

Norbert and Celesta raised six children: Carl, Chris, Laura, Leonard, Larry, and Amanda. With their six children, they raised and exhibited draft horses and showed at the Elroy Fair for about 10 years. They purchased their first team of Belgians from Tom Kranz. Norbert and Celesta have also been active in the Monroe County Draft Horse Club. Through that they have helped provide wagon rides or load the wagons for the Monroe County Dairy Breakfast. They have also had many fond memories of the horse pulls at the Elroy Fair. They both adored organizing the horse pull for all ages to enjoy. They have passed on the horse pull duties to their granddaughter Katie. Norbert and Celesta's grandchildren now show livestock at the Elroy Fair. As Norbert and Celesta step down from their duties as Elroy Fair Board members, their daughter Chris and grandson Christopher have stepped up and by doing so it is evident that Norbert and Celesta have passed down their love for the Elroy Fair.