

Hello!







I grew up spending a lot of time outdoors fishing, hunting, and camping with my family. Even to this day, nothing is better than spending a day outdoors. In high school, I played baseball and football and had summer jobs with local farmers. During the summers in college, I worked for a local builder who I later helped build our home. From an early age, I knew that hard work pays off but work isn't hard when you do something you love.

I graduated from Linn State Technical College with an associate's degree in drafting and design. After working in the civil engineering field for 18 years, I had the opportunity to work in agriculture a mile from home and couldn't be happier! I am a precision agriculture technician where I get to utilize my love of farming in my everyday job. I install and maintain precision equipment on all types of agriculture implements and grid sample fields to help farmers make informed decisions for the upcoming year.







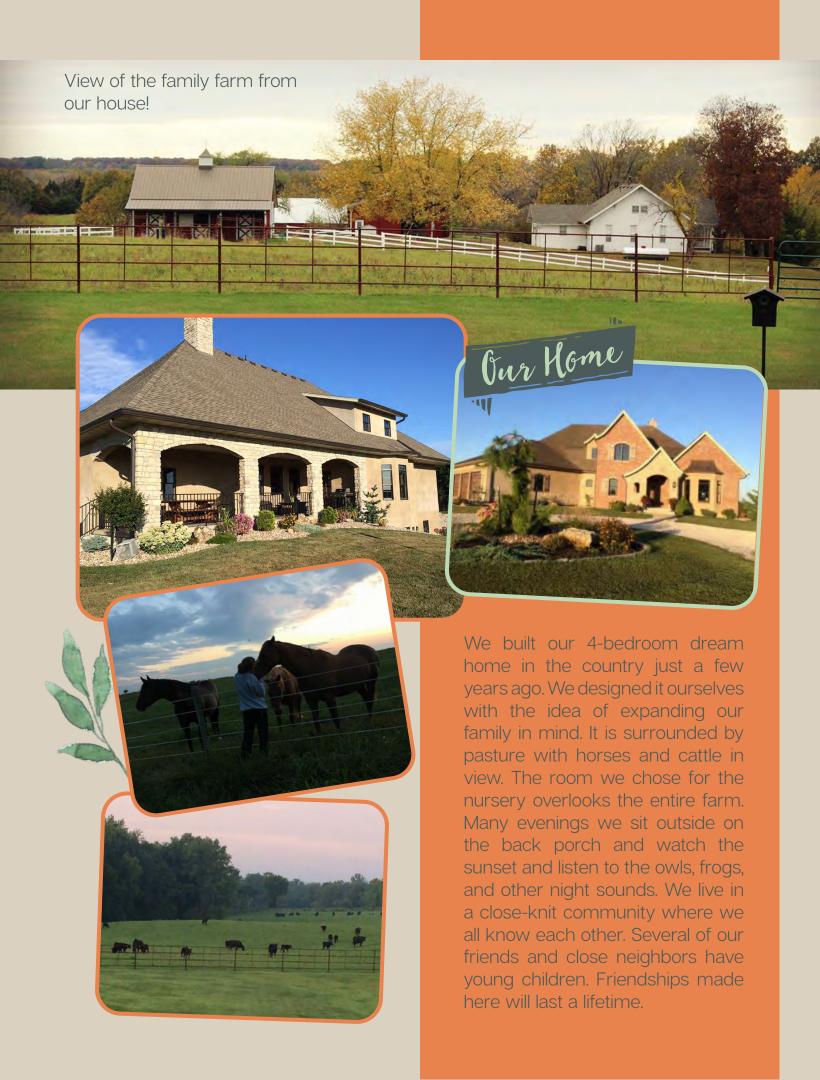


to old songs, we both knew that this was something special. Bruce proposed in the field where we now live, surrounded by the family farm. We have been married for six years and are in our forever home.





We had hoped to have a family but knew it might not be in the cards for us because of our history with infertility. It has been difficult to watch our friends experience the joys of parenting with their children all while knowing we were missing out on something we both desperately wanted. While our careers have provided financial stability, we can't help but feel like our family is incomplete without children. We look forward to the day that we will hear the footsteps of little feet running around the house, the sounds of giggles echoing down the hall, bedtime stories, and so much more.







Gunner is an English Setter bird dog. Bruce got him as a pup and trained him himself. He is a sweet boy but even in his old age is still pretty excitable.



The horses are our pets and yard ornaments as we say because we don't ride them much. We did inherit a new member about a year ago when Lynn's cousin sold their place and moved back to the city. Tequila is a miniature longhaired Asian donkey and is enjoying life on the farm with her new friends. Lynn's dad really enjoys her.



Bella is our Golden Retriever who is very spoiled. After losing our 15-1/2 year-old Golden, Molly, after a few months it was time to find a puppy. Bella and Lynn share the same birthday that we took as a sign we were meant to have her. Bella is 4 and is maturing nicely. She will be great with a new little family member. Bella enjoys going on Ranger (UTV) rides with us when the weather is nice.

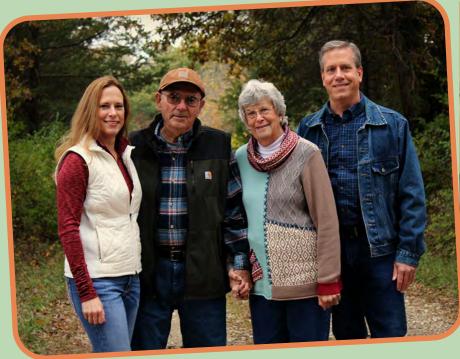
Our Wonderful Families

My parents, Frank and Lydia, have been married for 52 years. My dad was a farmer and has worked hard his entire life. Although he's retired, he still goes to the farm every day. He still enjoys driving the tractors and maintaining the farm. My mom was a teacher before having my older brother, Steve. She was our own personal tutor growing up. My parents still live in the home where I grew up. It's just a couple miles away from us and they're often dropping by with food.











Where there is family, there is love.

My parents, Eddy and Julia, were high school sweethearts and have been married for 46 years. My mom is the oldest of ten children so I have a very large extended family. My parents are both retired and live just a few miles further away than Lynn's parents so we get together often. My older brother, Craig, lives a few hours away and has three children, Mariah (18), Natalie (15), and Caleb (11). We get together several times a year with Craig and his family.



-Bruce



































We celebrate the Fourth of July with a picnic and a spectacular fireworks show. Bruce's parents host his dad's side of the family for Thanksgiving every year and we go to Lynn's parents when her brother can be there. We have Christmas every year with both sides of Bruce's family. At both we have great food. At his dad's we have a shrewd game of gift giving and stealing and his mom's side requires renting the community building in town with around 100 people each year. Lynn's side is much smaller where we have dinner at her parents' with too many gifts. Christmas Eve we go to a couple of church services and it seems a tradition is starting to have dinner at our home.

Holiday Traditions





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