

services representative for Thams Agency in Audubon. He opened the Audubon branch of the agency last August. Toft has served on the City's Park and Rec Board for the past 3 years.

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Antique Street Market hosted by the Egg Crate in Elk Horn was once again a great success, according to Katrina Parker, event coordinator. Vendors from across the Midwest touted their goods to hundreds of shoppers. Parker noted, "I am so fortunate to be able to host these events and meet such talented people." Nathan and Emily Paulsen of Brun Ko Farms had a popular stand at the market, pictured here, selling a variety of homemade handpies to the hungry shoppers.

# Nelson's receive Community Pride Award

roughly 25' x 30', and not counting the foundation, 60' high.

During the turn-of-the-century, galvanized steel was put over the original lap siding to prevent fires from locomotive steam engine sparks. Many all-wood elevators were lost due to the sparks and replaced with the more modern cement structures.

Audubon County Tourism would like to offer their congratulations to the Nelson's for their efforts in making Audubon County a more beautiful place to live!

The Community Pride Award is presented to those residents and businesses who have made significant improvements to their property. Margee Shaffer of ACT said, "Audubon County Tourism feels it is very important to thank those homeowners and businesses in Audubon County and recognize those that have made significant improvement to their property. Having appealing homes and businesses reflects well on a community. Whether you are a neighbor seeing it or it is the first impression to a visitor who may be visiting a community and thinking of relocating to the area, a well maintained community makes a big impression. Often we hear someone talking about an eye sore, rather than pointing out the negative, this is a way to share the positive impressions of our communities."

Seven Community Pride Awards were presented by the group for the fall of 2015. Nominations for spring award winners will be opening soon.

Shaffer said, "Please consider nominating a resident or business located in Audubon County for a Community Pride Award. Attractive properties help keep our land values high and are less likely to be a target for crime. Please contact Audubon County Tourism to learn more"



was poured. The Nelson's, who own the 130 year old grain elevator, have received a \$25,000 grant from the Iowa Barn Foundation and have been raising funds to help restore the structure built by Civil War Veteran Charles Stuart.

The elevator was built in the 1880s when the Northwestern/Rock Island Railroad went through the town of Ross. The construction is remarkable in that the lumber is laid flat one on top of another then spiked together log-cabin style with 2x8, 2x6, and 2x4 boards. The size of the elevator is

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**ROSS** - Bob and Janet Nelson have received a Community Pride Award from Audubon County Tourism. The Nelson's were nominated for their efforts in renovating the Ross Elevator, as well as making renovations to their Ross home, which is adjacent to the elevator. At their home, the Nelson's made several renovations and at the elevator, the roof has been replaced and a new foundation