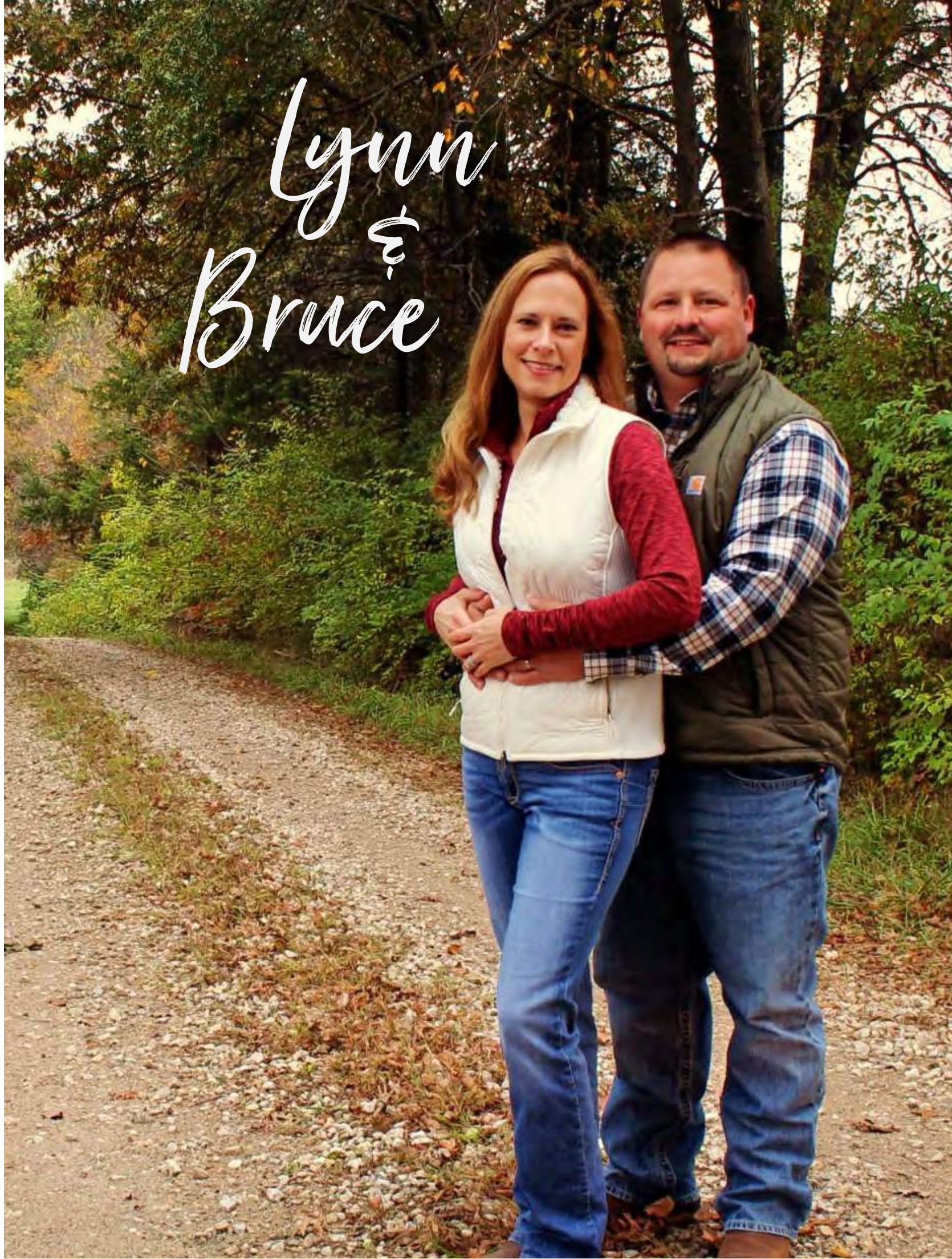


see you down the road



*Lynn
&
Bruce*

Hello



Thank you for joining us for a glimpse of our family and our life together. We hope this book opens our hearts to you and provides you a looking glass for the future of your baby. We are honored and humbled to be considered as the family for your child.

We admire your strength and courage in making this difficult decision. We can only imagine what you are going through and know whatever decision you make will be the best for you and your baby. It is our hope that learning about our family lessens the weight on your heart.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our story and life with you. If you choose to pursue an adoption plan with us, your child will be raised in a safe, loving home. We wish you all the best with this difficult decision. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.



- Lynn and Bruce



How we began

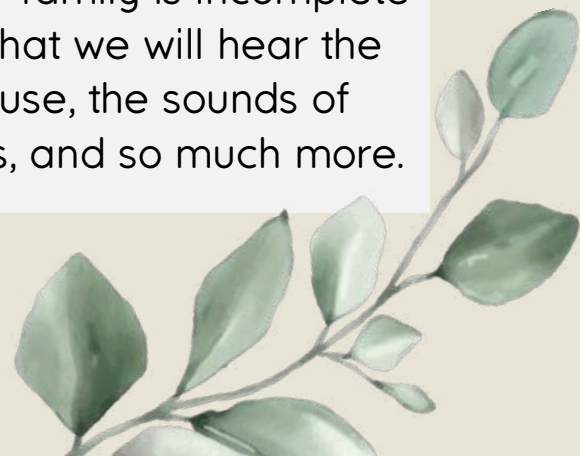
We were born and raised in the same county and went to the same school. After college and starting separate lives many miles away from our small town, we both found our way back home and to each other. After just a couple of dates and sitting in the driveway one night singing to old songs, we both knew that this was something special. Bruce proposed in the field where we now live, surrounded by the family farm. We have been married for five years and are in our forever home.

A photograph of a man and a woman lying on their stomachs in a field of tall green grass. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The woman is on the left, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, and the man is on the right, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt. In the background, there is a body of water reflecting the warm light of a sunset or sunrise, with a dark forested hill in the distance.

you are heaven sent

Why we want to adopt

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.





*Hi, my name is
Lynn!*

I am a pharmacist at an independent pharmacy in our community where we also service our long-term care facilities. It is both rewarding and sometimes sad to be able to care for people I have known my entire life including friends' parents and former schoolteachers. When growing up in a small town you know everybody.



In high school, I played basketball and ran track. Our basketball team went to the state tournament three of my four years of high school. These are memories dear to my heart.

While education is of highest importance, I believe athletics also instill honor, teamwork and persistence.



I graduated from the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy with a doctor of pharmacy degree. After several years of practicing and infertility treatments followed by a divorce, I completed a residency and pursued my career. I had moved back home and had accepted being single. Then I met Bruce and we have been together ever since.





Hi, I'm Bruce

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.



Welcome to our home



We built our 4-bedroom dream home in the country just a few years ago. We designed it ourselves with the idea of expanding our family in mind. It is surrounded by pasture with horses and cattle in view. The room we chose for the nursery overlooks the entire farm. Many evenings we sit outside on the back porch and watch the sunset and listen to the owls, frogs, and other night sounds. We live in a close-knit community where we all know each other. Several of our friends and close neighbors have young children. Friendships made here will last a lifetime.



Our furry family



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.



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 2-1/2 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.

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 long-haired Asian donkey and is enjoying life on the farm with her new friends. Lynn's dad really enjoys her.

Our spare time

We both enjoy spending time outdoors. Every summer, we go camping and boating with his parents, brother, nieces, and nephew. We look forward to it all year. We start the day with a big breakfast before lounging in the lake for hours before kneeboarding and water-skiing. Then we eat again! The meals are a well-planned tradition.



Lynn's Hobbies

I enjoy exercising, cooking, and watching movies. I quote a lot of movies and like to sing Disney songs. I also enjoy spending time with our sweet dogs! Many years ago, I became a certified scuba diver. While I am not able to enjoy this regularly, it is a beautiful hobby and I believe most vacations should involve a beach. My favorite is Cozumel!



Bruce's Hobbies

I enjoy hunting and anything that involves the outdoors. I also enjoy woodworking and built a beautiful table with benches for our back porch. When the weather is nice, we eat most meals outside at the table. I've spent the past months of my spare time finishing our basement. It's not quite done but will be where our family enjoys a lot of time in the future.



Our Wonderful families



Lynn

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



Bruce

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 (16), Natalie (13), and Caleb (9). We get together several times a year with Craig and his family.

Holiday traditions

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.



We Promise

We promise to provide your child with the same values of love and respect that we have for each other and those we were raised with. Our life is blessed in so many ways. We want to share those blessings with a child.

We promise to provide a warm loving home and a wonderful education. Your child will have unconditional love, respect, safety and health. We intend to raise your child in the Christian faith while instilling in them by example Christian morals and values.

We promise to honor this difficult decision before you by always speaking highly of you, the love you have for them and your sacrifice.

- with all our heart





Thank you

We are honored to be considered as adoptive parents for your child. We hope these few pages have given you a glimpse into our lives and a possible future for your child. Only you know what is best for your child. Whatever your decision is, may it bring you peace and happiness.

*With open hearts,
Lynn & Bruce*

