

Dynamic Designs Sponsors Shawano County's 68th Barn Quilt

Dynamic Designs of Shawano, co-owned by Ron and Barbara Maroszek and Tammy and Bruce Brzeczowski, have sponsored Shawano County's 68th barn quilt as part of the countywide project started a little over a year ago. The pattern they chose, called "Barn Raising," is now on display on their farm at N2123 Maple Road, Pulaski. It was put up by LeRoy Raddant and Bruce Teetzen of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

In 1908 the Cady Land Company sold the 80-acre farm to Walter and Katrina Maroszek, great grandparents to current owner Ronald Maroszek.

In 1914, Walter Maroszek sold the homestead to his son, Frank and wife, Cecilia Maroszek, Ron's grandparents. The barn that stands today replaced a log structure type barn. The current barn was built in 1918. The Maroszek's purchased a second farm, across the road, making that their main residence. However, both barns were used in day to day operations.

In 1947, Frank Maroszek sold the farm to his son, John and wife Clara Maroszek (Ron's father). This was the same year John and Clara were married. Both families lived under one roof while the original house was being remodeled.

A major renovation of the barn was made in 1958, with the barn raised and the wooden walls replaced by cement block. This remodel doubled the capacity of the dairy barn from 18 to 37 dairy cows in addition to adding room for young stock.

In 1960, the Maroszek's remodeled the house, making room for their already growing family. John and Clara had 14 children.

Another interesting fact about the farmstead was that during the early years of John's ownership, the local area farmers formed a drainage board to the Shiocton River, giving them the right to drain their land. Today, the drainage board is still in effect and is a vital part of the agricultural community.

In 1978, John and Clara sold the farm to their second oldest son, Ron and his wife Barb Maroszek, the current owners of Maroszek Dairy Farm. The original barn still stands today and because of updates and expansions, can now house 55 dairy cattle and additional young stock.

For the past 34 years, the fourth generation couple has operated, maintained and expanded the operation of the farm.