

Associated Bank of Shawano Sponsors 84th Shawano County Barn Quilt

The 84th barn quilt now on display in Shawano County has been sponsored by Associated Bank of Shawano. It is mounted on a barn owned by Jim and Kim Kosbab at W5666 County E, Shawano. The pattern the Kosbabs chose is called "Flutterbye."

The 40-acre parcel of land on which the barn is located was established in 1883, with its original owners being August and Karolina Prey. It was sold to Wilhelm and Wilhelmine Justmann in 1891, who passed it on to their son, Herman, in 1904. When they passed it on to their son, they included several obligations he had to fulfill. They included providing each year, \$15 in U.S. currency, 10 bushels of good, sound potatoes, 400 pounds of beef and pork, 20 dozen eggs, 50 pounds of white sugar, three pounds of tea, ten pounds of good Rio coffee, ten pounds of rice, two gallons of molasses, among others.

They also had to provide one milk cow and pasture and stable room and feed for same in winter and in case said cow gets worthless or too old, the first party is to furnish second parties with a new milk cow. They had to provide a piece of land 20 feet square for a garden near the house, and one quarter of the apples and plums that grow in the garden.

The farm was owned by Frank and Gertrude Brooks from 1919 to 1948, and was then purchased by Al Schumacher. Jack Schumacher bought the barn in 1986 to use for storage. The Kosbabs have lived on the property since 1999.

There were several reasons why Associated Bank decided to support the barn quilt project, according to Daniel Miller, Senior Branch Manager at Shawano's Main Office. "It is a very unique project with a theme that helps promote and spotlight our county's agricultural heritage," Miller said. "It is also a great tourist attraction. We appreciate the opportunity to assist financially in order to encourage others to support it as well."