

County's 125th Barn Quilt Has a "John Deere" Theme

Dan and Barb Ferfecki have sponsored Shawano County's 125th barn quilt for their farm at N2343 Green Valley Road north of Pulaski. The quilt pattern they selected, called "Double Square," is painted in green, yellow and black colors that represent the John Deere equipment they have used on their farm over the years. The quilt is mounted on a large log former chicken coop that was built in the late 1800s. It is now used for storing wood.

The Ferfecki farm traces its history back to 1886 when Michael Styczynski purchased the farm from J.J. Hoff. The farm soon got the name "Mile Dairy Farm" because it was exactly one mile from the end of the driveway to the sign marking the Pulaski city limits.

The farm featured a number of "firsts," including the first glazed silo in the area. Eggs from the large log chicken coop on which the quilt is mounted were traded in town for groceries for as long as anyone can remember. In the 1940s and '50s the Styczynski farm was the place to be for barn dances on Saturday night.

Dan and Barb have owned Barb's family farm since 1968. Their sons, Dan Jr. and Gregg, help on the farm, and their daughters, Debra Busch and Jean Kraning, live close by. The two Ferfecki farms total 240 acres. They were always dairy farms with Holstein cows until the herd was dispersed in 2008.

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