

County's 134th Barn Quilt Shows "Signs of Spring"

Richard and Judy Ferfecki were planning on getting a barn quilt for their beautifully-restored 100-year-old barn at 437 Angelica Drive near Krakow. But before they got around to calling barn quilt project coordinator Jim Leuenberger, they were surprised by their daughter-in-law Terri Ferfecki, who sponsored a quilt for her in laws. Terri and her husband Kevin got a barn quilt last summer for their barn on nearby Nichols Road and thought Richard and Judy should have one too.

"We just love the barn quilt project," Judy said, "and are so pleased that Terri sponsored one for us. The more I look at it, the more I like it." The pattern Richard and Judy picked out is called "Signs of Spring" and is the county's 134th barn quilt now on display. The land on which the barn sets was first owned by H.J. Hoff, who actually owned much of the land in the Krakow area. Later it was owned by a Bajorek family. In 1937, a tornado went through the area and tore down a large part of the barn. "But the neighbors got together, picked up the pieces and rebuilt it," Richard said.

In 1947, Charlie and Sophie (Bajorek) Wagner purchased the farm and kept it until Richard and Judy bought it in 1973. The barn has been used primarily for storage since Richard and Judy became its owners and they have been restoring it over the past few years. They've put on a new roof and are planning to reinforce the foundation this summer.