

County's 186th Barn Quilt is a Kaleidoscope

Shawano County's 186th barn quilt is a striking blue and gold pattern called Kaleidoscope. It is on a barn owned by Lawrence and Diane Przybylski at W681 Cuba Drive, Krakow. The quilt was sponsored by Lawrence's second cousin, Gary Przybylski, who rents the cropland on the 100 acre farm and also raises heifers there.

When Lawrence purchased the farm in 1968, it meant a lot to him since it was his home farm when he was growing up. His parents, George and Violet Przybylski, owned the farm from 1930 to 1962, then sold it to Norbert Styczynski and his wife.

The farm was homesteaded in 1888, the same year the 40' x 40' log barn was built on which the quilt is displayed. When Lawrence bought the farm, he put an addition on the barn, making its size about 40' x 64'. In 1970, he started raising some pigs and milking cows. For the next 30 years, he had a milking herd of about 25 cows along with some young stock. The dairy herd was sold in 2000.

"The quilt is just beautiful," Diane Przybylski said. "It will be great to see it whenever I look out my kitchen window."

Anyone who would like to participate in Shawano County's barn quilt project can contact project coordinator Jim Leuenberger at jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com or by phone at 715-524-5685. You can also contact Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce at 715-524-2139 or tourism@shawano.com. A link on the Shawano Chamber Web site includes photos and information on every quilt on display in Shawano County. Just go to www.shawanocountry.com and click on the barn quilt icon.