

County's 316th Barn Quilt is Second for Ferfecki Farm

Dan and Barb Ferfecki have sponsored Shawano County's 316th barn quilt for their farm at N2343 Green Valley Road north of Pulaski. The quilt pattern they selected, which is the second one for their farm and third overall, is called "Double Star." The quilt is mounted on the former dairy barn on the farm, on which new steel siding was recently added. The farm was always a dairy farm with Holstein cows until the herd was dispersed in 2008. On the day the quilt was put on display, a dusk-to-dawn light was mounted above the quilt so it is visible day and night.

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 is exactly one mile from the end of the driveway to the sign marking the Pulaski city limits.

The farm features a number of "firsts," including the first glazed silo in the area. A large log former chicken coop that was built in the late 1800s is now used for storing wood. Eggs 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.

"We are very pleased to be a part of the Shawano County Barn Quilt project," Barb said. "I like all three of our quilts, but I think this latest one is the best."

The Ferfecki barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by LeRoy and Keith Raddant of Raddant Electric in Shawano.