

County's 330th Barn Quilt Highlights Family's Dairy Herd

Shawano County's 330th barn quilt is now on display at N1010 Hillcrest Road, Pulaski, on a farm owned by Garrett and Kelly Holewinski. The barn quilt features images representing the four dairy breeds that make up their 120-cow dairy herd...Holstein, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire and Milking Shorthorn. With that many breeds representing their herd, it's only logical that the name of the quilt pattern is Cows of Many Colors. The quilt was given to Garrett and Kelly as a Christmas gift from Kelly's dad, Bill Kolaske, and his wife, Carrie.

Park-View Dairy farm was established in 1964 by Fabian and Cynthia Holewinski, Garrett's parents. It was started with just a couple average cows, but Fabian had dreams to build a legacy to pass on to his children.

Over the next 46 years, Fabian and Cynthia, along with their six children, provided the foundation for what the farm is today. Buying top quality cows and breeding for high type using only the best AI bulls available led the farm to numerous awards at local, district, state and national shows.

In 2012, Fabian and Cynthia passed the legacy they had built to their son, Garrett, and his wife, Kelly, and their five children, Griffin, Jackson, Grant, Jionna and Jade. Today, the dairy herd includes 120 milk cows and 150 head of young stock. The farm has 225 tillable acres for crops plus an additional 100 acres that are rented.

The farm has gone from having an all black-and-white Holstein dairy herd to one made up of several breeds...black and white Holsteins, red and white Holsteins, Milking Shorthorns, Brown Swiss and Ayrshires.

Showing cattle continues to be a passion for the Holewinski family. Garrett and Kelly have excelled with their Ayrshire herd, having bred six nominated All Americans, two honorable mention All Americans and an All American. Their children have now become a big part of the farm and enjoy showing cattle, just like the generations before them.

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