

Morning Star is Shawano County's 115th Barn Quilt

Todd and Lynn Bartz have sponsored Shawano County's 115th barn quilt. It is displayed on their barn at N4522 Green Valley Road, Krakow. The pattern Todd and Lynn chose for their quilt is called "Morning Star" and is painted in bright colors that can be easily seen as you travel north on Green Valley Road.

Lynn's grandparents, Joseph and Helen Grygiel, purchased the farm from Ray and Regina Prokop in 1949. The barn was on the farm when they purchased it, and is estimated to have been built in the early 1900s.

Over the years, the farm was operated as a dairy farm. Six years after he purchased the farm, Joseph had the floor in the barn cemented. After Joseph died, Todd and Lynn purchased the farm in 2007. They now raise some Holstein steers, but no milk cows.

Lynn said the main reason they decided to participate in Shawano County's barn quilt project was to do something to remember and honor her grandparents. "We think the quilt is beautiful and is a fitting tribute to them," she said.