

Daughter Surprises Parents with County's 370th Barn Quilt

Taylor Przybylski, daughter of Gary and Diane Przybylski, recently sponsored a barn quilt for her new horse barn on her parents' farm at W534 Townline Road near Krakow. But, as a surprise, she decided to sponsor a barn quilt for her parents' dairy barn as well, which sits adjacent to the horse barn.

The quilt, called Generations, represents the generations of dairy farming by her family, always with John Deere equipment. In addition to tying in the colors of Gary's favorite farm equipment, the quilt pattern also includes the red color of a traditional dairy barn. And the blue represents Diane's favorite color.

Gary and Diane started dairy farming by purchasing Diane's home farm near Angelica in 1985. They farmed and raised their two daughters, Lindsey and Taylor, at that location until 2004 when they sold it and started a small beef operation. When a few of the dairy calves retained after the original sale were old enough to start milking, they decided to start a small organic dairy herd of 40 cows near Pulaski at a rented farm.

Their dream was always to own a farm again, and in 2016 that dream came true as a farm down the road from their current location came up for sale. They purchased it and it is now the permanent home of Greener Pastures Dairy. Taylor purchased the majority of the cows to add to their current herd to fill the new barn. Gary, Diane and Taylor now own about 85 dairy cows of all breeds, shapes and sizes, and enjoy farming about 400 acres of cropland.

"Our family has always enjoyed driving around Shawano County admiring the beautiful barn quilts," Taylor said. "And I thought it was finally time for us to have ones of our own to enjoy."

The Przybylski barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by LeRoy Raddant and his grandson Keenan, both of whom work for Raddant Electric in Shawano.

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