

Good Luck Star is County's 378th Barn Quilt

A brightly-colored quilt pattern, called Good Luck Star, is Shawano County's 378th barn quilt. Sponsored by Alvin and Dorothy Grzeskowiak, it is displayed on a barn on their farm at W739 Town Hall Road, Pulaski. "We picked this pattern for our barn quilt because we liked the design and all its bright colors," Dorothy said.

The first recorded purchase of the farm was by John H. Peters in 1871. The land changed hands many times over the years, with J. J. Hof taking ownership in 1890. Alvin's parents, Helen and Anton, purchased the farm and buildings from Stanley Robaidak in 1942. He had owned the farm since 1929.

In 1905, the Northwestern Railroad Company purchased the right of way to put a railroad line through the back 40 acres of the farm. That strip is now part of the Mountain Bay Trail.

Alvin and Dorothy purchased the farm of about 78 acres from Alvin's parents in 1981. They had a dairy operation of 80-90 Holstein cows until they sold the herd in 2000. They raised beef cattle after that until 2019. Now the only animals on the farm are about 15 cats. Alvin and Dorothy have six children: Bob, Bill, Tom, Jenny, Sherry and Danny.

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

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