

-Community Service Learning Project - Barn Quilts - 2013/2014

Glencoe Hustler's 4-H Club

History of the James L and Judith Ziegeweid Barn

Frank J Fernholz owned the farm when the barn was built in May and June of 1953. The barn was built by Melvin Arnold & Sons Construction of Arcadia after the BIG tornado of Mother's Day May 10, 1953. The original cost estimate was \$10,000.00. Red Glowcheski of Arcadia was a young construction worker at the time and can tell stories of his adventures high up in the rafters of the new barn.

Originally, the barn was set up for 30 cows, young stock, calf pens, and stalls for two horses. Later, Clara M Fernholz, the daughter who took over the farm after her father's passing, removed the horse stalls and young stock pens to add twelve more cows for milking.

Jim and Judy purchased the farm May 1, 1974 from Clara Fernholz. They expanded the dairy herd to sixty cows and sold milk until March 1981. At that time a tractor caught fire in the barn and the bottom floor was destroyed. The cows had to be sold, because of smoke inhalation and they never milked again.

The barn is 120 feet long and 40 feet wide. The barn is similar to those built after the big tornado blew down buildings on Frank Fernholz, Wilmer Ziegeweid (Jim's father), Frank Boland, Ernest Herbert, Joe Boland, Barney Zastrow, Gordon Graves, Roy Ryan, Vernon Fernholz, Hyacinth Tampske and others. Most of the barns have the round roof rafter type construction, which is different from the older post and beam type of buildings.

The round roof design was made possible by laminated glued rafter pieces which gave up some hay storage space in return for a lower cost of construction and quicker barn building.

The James Ziegeweid Family would like to thank the Glencoe Hustlers for selecting their barn to display the 4-H Quilt

