



In 1863, Jocham Weltzien purchased a ten-acre parcel on the shores of Lake Tish-Ar-Gon. He continued the dairy farming tradition of a long line of German dairy farmers. The farm grew to 145 acres with a herd of 70 Holsteins.

In 1933, the original barn was replaced with quality work by a family of masons. The interior of the barn was remodeled four times and the foundation has been declared as strong today as it was then. The farmstead was owned by Roy Weltzien.

A developer for a Near Retirement community on the site said, "Once we saw the quality and character that went into the barn, we didn't have the heart to tear it down".

With creative planning, the barn was transformed into five luxury condominiums with the lower level a community center. It is part of Golden Bay development built with lots of space and a desire to live in harmony with the land as the first native settlers did.

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