

Owl Barn Quilt is County's 51st

Richard and Marilyn Dreyer have sponsored Shawano County's 51st barn quilt for their son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Todd, Laura, Jake and Heidi Dreyer, who reside at W4488 Lake Drive, Cecil. The pattern chosen for their barn quilt is an owl, called "Hooter," to represent the collection of wildlife seen on the property.

"The quilt reminds us of a great horned owl that perched on the ridge of our barn last summer," Laura said. "We hope people will enjoy seeing him wink at them as they drive by."

After having twins, Laura and Todd decided to make the farm their home and have lived there since 2007. The barn was built around 1900 by a local lumber yard and at the time was considered one of the largest in the area. Twins Jake and Heidi attend St. Paul Lutheran School in Bonduel. Their kindergarten teacher, Robin Reep, said the farm was owned by her family back in the 1950s. Her parents, Bob and Carol Woldt, purchased the farm from Adolph Stern in 1959. In 1961, Reep's grandparents, August and Alma Woldt, purchased the farm, followed by her aunt Gladis Barnes in the mid-1970s. In the 1990s the previous owners boarded horses for Camp Tivoli Boy Scout camp across the street, which is now Mason Woods retirement community.

"We continue to enjoy learning about the local area and the history of our barn," Laura said. "Our son Jake can hardly wait to fill it with real animals."