

Malueg Harvesting of Wittenberg Sponsors Shawano County's 74th Barn Quilt

Kirk and Vickie Malueg, owners of Malueg Harvesting LLC, N6838 County Q, Wittenberg, have sponsored Shawano County's 74th barn quilt as part of the countywide project started a little over a year ago by local Shawano photographer Jim Leuenberger. The quilt pattern they selected is called "Mystery Square."

Started in the early 1900s, the farm was given to Chester Tellock in the late 1970s by Melinda Siebert. Tellock operated the farm for over 30 years until he died in March 2004. The farm then stood idle for about a year before Kirk and Vickie bought it in the fall of 2005.

Kirk and Vickie were both raised on farms and knew they wanted to live in the country. "We wanted a place we could fix up and call our own," Kirk said. "We have done numerous repairs on the barn and have remodeled the inside of the house as well." Kirk and Vickie have two sons, Kyle-17 and Sawyer-6.

Having heard about the barn quilt project, Kirk and Vickie talked about how they could become involved. After talking to and meeting with project coordinator Jim Leuenberger, they selected the pattern that now adorns their barn. "We thought sponsoring a quilt for our barn would help promote our family-owned business, Malueg Harvesting LLC, and would tie into the Walls of Wittenberg project as well," Vickie said. "We really have an ideal spot for the quilt, being on a main road to North Star Casino. We hope the many passersby will enjoy the quilt as much as we do."