

## Race Cars Provide Color Scheme for 76<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt

When Mark and Jenny Mitchell, W2649 Beech Drive, Bonduel, decided to sponsor a barn quilt as part of the countywide project going on in Shawano County, the color scheme they chose for the “Pinwheel” pattern they selected incorporated blue and yellow from his past and current race cars.

The farm was originally purchased by August and Alma (Hoefs) Westerfeld, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Westerfeld, in 1916 from Frank and Anna Dingledein. The farm buildings were part of the purchase.

After Alma died in 1951, August sold the farm the following January to his son and daughter-in-law, John and Isabelle Westerfeld. The purchase was made with the following arrangements: he would have a room and closet upstairs to be selected by him, he would have board at their table at all times, he would be furnished with washing, mending and ironing of his clothes, he would be given home nursing and care and meals at his bed in case of sickness, he would be furnished with a Christian funeral and burial at his expense, and he would be paid \$25 per month.

John and Isabelle had three daughters: Kathy, Bonnie and Lynn. Lynn married Mark Bartz and they bought the farm in 1983. They had a milking herd of 33 Holsteins until 1993 when Mark took a job off the farm and sold the cows. They continued to farm the land until selling the farm to the Mitchells in 1999.

Jenny and Lynn are actually second cousins, since Jenny’s grandfather, Ernest Westerfeld, was John’s brother. So the farm has been in the Westerfeld family continuously since 1916.

Mark and Jenny have hosted several barn dances in their nearly century-old barn, to which they have already made some major repairs. They plan to replace the roof and make some other repairs, after which they may sponsor a second barn quilt. Their first quilt, the 76<sup>th</sup> now on display in Shawano County, was put up by Bruce Teetzen and Keith Raddant of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

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