

Second Gauthier Barn Quilt is County's 113th

Gary and Sharon Gauthier have sponsored a second barn quilt, and Shawano County's 113th, for their beautifully-restored barn at W16592 Wilson Creek Lane northeast of Wittenberg. The pattern they selected for their second quilt is of a pine tree called "Evergreen." They chose the pattern to represent the thousands of pine trees they've planted on the farm since they purchased it six years ago.

The barn the quilt is displayed on was built in 1912 and was originally used as a dairy barn by the Hartleben family. The Gauthiers purchased it from Matt Bernardi. "We could see the barn had potential to be restored," Gary said, "so we decided to put money into it rather than the house that was there. Now with the barn quilts on it, it is even more impressive."

The house on the property was replaced by a new, smaller building the Gauthiers call their "hunting cabin." With room to sleep 12, the cabin is used regularly by Gary and Sharon's three daughters and their families to get away from work and unwind. Obviously it gets a lot of use during the deer hunting season.

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