

Pinwheel Star is County's 143rd Barn Quilt

Randy and Janet Haufe grew up in Menasha, Wisconsin, but since his grandparents, Milo and Ruth Bentley lived in Tigerton, Randy came to northeast Wisconsin for years to hunt. Knowing and liking the area, they decided to purchase a 40-acre parcel of land near Tigerton five years ago for hunting land and as a place to retire in the future.

There was a house and barn on the property at W14546 Fair-Morr Road, both of which needed fixing up. "The barn, which was built in the early 1900s, really needed work," Randy said, "and we had kind of decided to take it down. But we happened to see a show on PBS about saving historic old barns, so we decided to keep it and fix it up."

After making that decision, they decided that having a barn quilt on their barn would be cool too, so they contacted Shawano County's barn quilt coordinator Jim Leuenberger about the process of getting one. The pattern they chose is called "Pinwheel Star" and is Shawano County's 143rd barn quilt to be put on display.

The Haufes own Mihm's Charcoal Grill at 342 Chute Street in Menasha, but plan to move to their property near Tigerton when they retire. "When we do, we'll have a cool old barn with a cool barn quilt to enjoy," Randy said.

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