

## **“Winner’s Circle” is Shawano County’s 144<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt**

Sue Jensen has loved horses since she was a very young girl. “When we’d take the kids to Bay Beach in Green Bay, everyone would want to go on the rides. But not Sue,” says her dad, Ken Noack. “She’d get on a pony and ride all day.” Ken bought Sue her first horse when she was 11, and she competed in barrel racing throughout the area, winning hundreds of ribbons and trophies.

With her love of horses, it was no surprise that when Sue decided she wanted a barn quilt for the barn on her and her husband Scott’s farm at W444 Carlson Lane, Oconto Falls, the pattern she chose had a horse in it. The pattern is called “Winner’s Circle” and is Shawano County’s 144<sup>th</sup> barn quilt. Scott and Sue have named the horse in the quilt “Wilbur.”

Sue and Scott met in 1995 and were married three years later. They bought their farm in 2000. The barn on the farm was built in 1915. The farm’s original owners were a Carlson family, who owned it and milked cows there until selling it to Mark Blaser in 1997.

Sue grew up not far from the farm and brought her horses with her when she and Scott got married. They now own six horses, all Quarter horses, two of which have won world champion honors at shows in Iowa, Oklahoma, Colorado and Tennessee.

Sue’s folks, Ken and Kay Noack, farmed across the road from Jay and Kathy Pieper on County A northwest of Shawano, who got one of Shawano County’s first barn quilts, called “Freedom,” early in 2011. “We just love their quilt,” Kay said, “especially the way it looks on their beautiful barn.”

“When I started seeing barn quilts all over Shawano County, I immediately told Scott, ‘I want one of those,’” Sue said. “We really think the barn quilt project is something special for Shawano County and are so happy to be part of it.”

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