

County's 158th Barn Quilt is called "The Farmer's Family"

Shawano County's 158th barn quilt is loaded with symbolism for the Walley and Debra Pingel family at N12013 Kratzke Road, Clintonville. The pattern is called "The Farmer's Family," and was given to the Pingels by their six children as an anniversary gift.

The pattern represents the Pingel family history on the farm. The gold squares are for the parents, the blue squares for the three daughters and the green squares for the three sons of both generations.

The current barn on the farm was built prior to 1917 by Carl and Bertha Behling and their son, August, and his wife, Emilie. After Carl died in 1917, August ran the farm until his death in 1927.

Walley C. Pingel married Emilie's daughter, Myrtle in 1928 and took over the farm. Walley C. and Myrtle raised six children, LaVerne, Carolee, Leisla, Arlyn, Marlyn and Walley R. Walley R. joined his father on the farm after high school graduation.

Walley R. married Debra on May 27, 1978 and they also raised six children: Emilie, Sarah, Adam, Andrew, Grace and Aaron.

Additions were made to the barn in 1962, 2002 and 2012, with a milk house added in 1968. The original barn on the property was part of the log house the Pingels lived in until 1980. The log house was relocated to the Milwaukee area in 1982.

Dates and some history for this article were provided by LaVerne Roth, daughter of Walley C. and Myrtle.

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