

## Zschaechner Barn Quilt is County's 276<sup>th</sup>

Teri Zschaechner has sponsored Shawano County's 276<sup>th</sup> barn quilt that is on display on the farm she owns and operates with her sons Nathan and Kevin. The 80-acre farm is at N2586 County D, just a few miles north of Clintonville.

The barn quilt pattern, which Teri designed, is called Whirlwind. "The name is pretty appropriate," Teri said, "since things always seem to be in a whirlwind here, like it is on most farms." The quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee. When Teri was working on the pattern for her quilt, she said she wanted something bright. "When you are driving north on D and come around the corner, it's obvious her goal was met," Shawano County's barn quilt project coordinator Jim Leuenberger said. "You can really see it from a long ways away. And it looks great."

The farm Teri owns was homesteaded in 1862 by Wilhelm Born. His son Ferdinand Born later took over the farm, then his son Frederick Born. Throughout the years, the farm was operated as a dairy farm. When Frederick's son Carl took ownership, he did not have a dairy herd, but rather became an undertaker. His son Mark Born took over the farm in 1975 and had a dairy herd until he sold the farm to the Zschaechners in 1992. For the past two and a half years, Teri has operated the farm with her sons.

Today Teri, Nathan and Kevin have a milking herd of 100 Holstein cows, own 80 acres of cropland and rent an additional 350 acres. The cows are housed in a free stall barn and are milked twice a day in a step up milking parlor.

The Zschaechner barn quilt was put on display by LeRoy Raddant and Bruce Teetzen of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

Anyone who would like to participate in Shawano County's barn quilt project can contact project coordinator Jim Leuenberger at 715-524-5685 or by email at [jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com). You can also contact Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce at 715-524-2139 or via email at [tourism@shawano.com](mailto:tourism@shawano.com). A link on the Shawano Chamber Web site includes photos and information on every barn quilt on display in Shawano County. Just go to [www.shawanocountry.com](http://www.shawanocountry.com) and click on the barn quilt icon.

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