

## County's 270<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt is Called Wagon Wheel

Shawano County's 270<sup>th</sup> barn quilt is now on display on the farm of Lorne and Patti Buss, W13820 County Highway M, Tigerton. The quilt was a Christmas gift to them from their son Brent and his wife Amanda.

The quilt pattern has been named Wagon Wheel. "We think it's an appropriate name since we give wagon and sleigh rides on our farm," Lorne said. The quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by Bruce Teetzen and Keith Raddant of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

Lorne's parents, Lee and Audrey Buss, purchased the farm from Melvin B. Frailing in September 1959. Lorne said he found the hand written agreement between Lee and Melvin which stated that Lee purchased 160 acres, all cattle, equipment and personal property, including an Oliver 70 tractor, 15 cows, four bred heifers, two yearling heifers and every piece of equipment down to a ladder and seven planks.

Lorne and his brothers, Lon and Larry, helped their father run the farm. They milked 45 Registered Holstein cows and raised 40 Simmental beef cows that would graze on the pastures and woods.

Lorne and Patti purchased the farm in 1995 after Lorne's dad died unexpectedly. They got out of the dairy business and began raising registered quarter horses. They enjoy giving wagon and sleigh rides with their two Percherons, Pat and Pam.

Lorne and Patti have two children, son Brent and his wife Amanda, and daughter Lindsey and her husband Tyler. Lindsey and Tyler provided Lorne and Patti with their first grandchild on June 20, a beautiful baby boy named Lane.

Anyone in Shawano County who would like to get a barn quilt for their barn can contact project coordinator Jim Leuenberger at [jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com) or by phone at 715-524-5685. You can also contact Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce. Her email is [tourism@shawano.com](mailto:tourism@shawano.com) and phone number 715-524-2139. 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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