

## **Bald Eagle is Focus of County's 311<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt**

Sue Hohn has always loved bald eagles. In fact, she has quite a collection of bald eagle items in her home. When she contacted Shawano County barn quilt project coordinator Jim Leuenberger about getting a barn quilt, it was no surprise that she wanted a pattern that included an image of a bald eagle in flight.

Her barn quilt, which has been named On Eagles Wings, is now on display on a shed on Sue's farm at N9084 Maplewood Road, Birnamwood. "I wanted a pattern that was red, white and blue and had a bald eagle on it," Sue said, "and I think it is just beautiful. I love it!"

Sue sponsored the quilt in memory of her husband Fred (Jack) Hohn. Fred worked for the USDA as a food inspector for 50 years. "He just loved the farm," Sue said.

Ernest and Mildred Hohn, Fred's parents, purchased the farm from Fred Christensen in 1958. They had a dairy herd and raised crops. After Ernest died in 1968, Mildred continued farming with the help of her neighbors and family members.

In 1970, Fred and Sue purchased the farm from Mildred. They continued to have a dairy herd and raised crops for feed with their sons, Warren and Steven, until the barn burned in 1981. Instead of rebuilding a dairy barn, they decided to build a pole barn and machinery shed and raise beef cattle. The beef cattle were sold in 1988. Since then, the barn and land have been rented to Kurt and Cindy Olson of Birnamwood.

The barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County Barn Quilt committee and was put on display by LeRoy Raddant and Jerry Timm of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

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