

## County's 333<sup>rd</sup> Barn Quilt Highlights Family's Dairy Herd

Shawano County's 333<sup>rd</sup> barn quilt is on display on a dairy farm owned by Kurt and Cheri Hafferman at W14898 Blueberry Road, Bowler. The quilt was a Christmas gift to Kurt and Cheri from their children and their families...Kristi and Mike Parker and their sons, Cole and Hunter; Josh Hafferman; and Rachel and Darin VenRooy and their son, Archer.

The pattern they selected for the quilt is called Twisted Delight and features two cow heads that represent the Hafferman dairy herd of 100 Holstein cows. "We just love it," Cheri said, "and everyone who has seen it thinks it looks great too. It was a wonderful surprise and a special Christmas gift."

The original 100 acres of the farm were purchased by John and Elba Hafferman in 1940 from Oscar Goglin, who farmed with horses and had a dairy herd of 13 cows. When John bought the farm, he increased the herd to 20 cows.

John sold the farm to his son, Ken Hafferman, in 1953. Ken married Ruth Maus in 1956 and they gradually increased the milking herd to 55 Holsteins and the farm land to 350 acres.

Ken and Ruth sold the farm to their son and daughter-in-law Kurt and Cheri, in 1990. They now milk 100 Holstein cows and farm 500 acres.

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