

Autumn is Theme of 65th Barn Quilt

Dave and Jean Bartels, W7215 St. John's Church Road, Clintonville, have sponsored Shawano County's 65th barn quilt. The fall-inspired pattern is called "Autumn Cross."

Originally the homestead of the Beyers, the Bartels family purchased the barn, along with the house and nearly ten acres, in May 2001 when Jean took a new job with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in Shawano.

The Beyers built the original portion of the barn in 1906. The land was sold by the Beyers in 1940 and owned by Ernest Zeeman in 1942. The front portion of the barn on which the quilt is hung was built in 1964.

The farm was sold a few times in the 1990s and is now a treasure for the Bartels family. Dave uses the back portion of the barn as his chainsaw wood carving area where he carves everything from bears to raccoons to eagles.