

## Warning Family Sponsors Barn Quilt for Schertz Farm

Ben and Laura Warning and their young son Jack, have sponsored Shawano County's 123<sup>rd</sup> barn quilt. It is on a scenic red barn on a farm owned by Anita Schertz, W8520 Cloverleaf Lakes Road, Clintonville, across the road from Cloverleaf Lake.

Laura Warning grew up in the area and had driven or walked by the Schertz farm literally hundreds of times and thought it would be an ideal place for a barn quilt. "Ben and I thought it would something nice for us to do for the community and to tell our son Jack about as he grew older," Laura said.

Laura mentioned the idea to barn quilt project coordinator Jim Leuenberger, who then contacted Anita Schertz to see if she would be interested in having a barn quilt on her property. "I am very excited that Laura and Ben wanted to sponsor a quilt for me," Anita said. "It's nice to be part of this project and we've already gotten many favorable comments about our quilt."

The pattern that was chosen for the Schertz quilt is called "Northwoods," and the pine tree represents the more than 60,000 trees that were planted on 50 acres on the farm in the 1950s. The farm became a member of the American Tree Farm System in 1961 and an additional 10,000 trees were planted in 1992 as part of the conservation reserve program.

The original owners of the farm were Henry and Martha Flinkow, who sold it to Fred and Metz Schulz in 1925. Anita, who grew up in the Tigerton area, married Henry Schertz in 1948. For five years, they ran Cloverleaf Resort, now Buzz and Macs. In 1952, they bought the farm from the Schulz family. It included 200 acres, a herd of nine Guernsey cows, a few Guernsey heifers and a team of horses. The Guernsey herd was dispersed in 1976.

The farm today totals 160 acres, with about 110 acres of pine plantation and mixed hardwoods. About 50 acres of cropland is being rented.

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