

## County's 308<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt Pattern Features Family Favorites

Shawano County's 308<sup>th</sup> barn quilt is now on display at Specht Dairy Farm at W1455 Town Hall Drive, Pulaski. Sponsored by Nancy Specht, the quilt pattern features four symbols that represent favorite activities for the Specht family, thus the name Family Favorites. The quilt was sponsored in memory of Esther Specht and her son, Jerry.

Rueben and Esther Specht purchased the farm in 1956 from Esther's aunt, Ella Tank. They operated the farm with a herd of about 40 Holstein dairy cows with their son, Jerry, until 1991 when Jerry and his wife, Nancy, purchased the dairy herd and the machinery. They later purchased the land, totaling 86 acres.

Today, Jerry and Nancy's son, Bill, operates the farm and has a herd of 60 Holstein cows. Bill's brother, Jason, also helps out on the farm. The original barn on the farm is over 100 years old and has been expanded three times over the years to accommodate the larger dairy herd.

"The four leaf clover on the quilt is from Rueben, my father-in-law, wishing us luck," Nancy said. "The camper is for Jason and his wife Jamie and children MacKenzie and Mitchell, who enjoy camping, the motorcycle is for Bill and the International Harvester tractor is for all the guys."

The Specht barn 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.

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