

Shawano County's 346th Barn Quilt is Anniversary Gift

Shawano County's 346th barn quilt, called Rohrer Tree Farm, is on display on a beautiful small barn at E11100 County C, Clintonville. The barn and its accompanying land is jointly owned by Dave and Lois Rohrer and Dave's brother, Mark, and his wife, Julie.

The inspiration behind the design of the quilt came from the tree farm's logo, which was originally designed by Tim Rohrer, Dave and Lois' son. The quilt was a surprise gift for Dave and Lois' 50th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated in October 2018. It was given to them by their sons, Tim and Andy, daughters-in-law Connie and Elizabeth and their grandchildren and siblings. "What a great gift," Dave said. "Lois and I just love it."

Farm History

Leonard H. and Minnie Rohrer purchased the property from Gilbert and Carla Steinberg for \$1.00 and four months timber cutting rights on July 15, 1954. Leonard was retiring from the Clintonville post office and purchased the 96 acres for a hobby tree farm. The land consisted of 50 percent hardwoods and swamp and the other 50 percent was blowing sand. By the next year, Len began a four-year project of planting 40,000 evergreens, many of which are standing yet today.

On March 19, 1973, Ivan, Leonard and Minnie's son, and his wife, Verona, purchased the farm from Leonard's estate. Thirty years later, they sold the farm to their sons, Dave and Mark, and their wives. Dave and Lois retired to the farm in 2011.

The Rohrer 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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