

Pine Tree is featured in Shawano County's 352nd Barn Quilt

Shawano County's 352nd barn quilt, featuring a large pine tree, is now on display on a farm owned by David and Brenda Krueger, W9633 Apple Road, Clintonville. The quilt was a gift to David from his and Brenda's children for his birthday and father's day. "I was really surprised and excited to get such a cool gift," David said. Brenda added, "The quilt really adds to the charm we were looking for on our farm. It's nice to finally be part of the Shawano County barn quilt project." The pine tree quilt pattern fits the farm well, as pine trees border the farm and numerous pine trees grace the farm in their backyard and apple orchard. The quilt pattern has been named Pine Tree Favorite.

David purchased the farm from his dad, Norman, in 2006. The barn quilt is on the original barn. A new wing was added to the barn in 1989. A machine shed had been built in 1988 and a corn crib and two silos a couple years later. In 2005, they finished building a new house, built from logs out of the woods on the farm on Riverbank Road and sawed in the sawmill set up at that farm.

David and Brenda live on the Apple Road farm where they have lived for the past 30 years. Their daughter, Kayla, is married to Jason Behnke. They have two children, Josie and Callie, and reside in Clintonville. Their second daughter, Jalissa, is married to Rohan Mckenzie. They have three children, Nevaeh, Kya and Elijah, and reside in New London. David and Brenda's third daughter, Mariah, is married to Jake White and they have two children, Marilyn and Jackson, and they reside in Brillion. Their son, Collin, lives in Clintonville.

David and Brenda milk about 75 Holstein cows and have about 200 head, including the young stock. They own DB Krueger Farm and have a partnership with Krueger Brothers, LLC. Together they farm about 400 acres and raise oats, corn and alfalfa.

Farm History

David's great-grandfather, William Krueger, was born in 1870. He bought two farms on Riverbank Road in 1906. The original Krueger homestead, where he lived and died, is where two of his sons, Bert and Ervin, and now Marty, lived and farmed.

The other farm is east and down the road a little. That is the one two other sons, William and Edwin, bought from their father in 1926.

Edwin's son, Norman, (David's dad), born in 1940, bought the farm in 1962. When Ed could no longer farm because of his health, he and wife, Melda, moved to another home on Riverbank Road. This farm is a century farm and a four-generation farm since 2006. In 1982, after several previous owners, Norman and Jane Krueger purchased the farm on Apple Road.

The Krueger 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.