

## **Family Crest Featured in Shawano County's 379<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt**

Shawano County's 379<sup>th</sup> barn quilt, called Grzeskowiak Family Crest, is now on display on a barn at 3467 Green Valley Road near Pulaski. Alvin and Dorothy Grzeskowiak sponsored the quilt for their son, Bill, and his wife, Amy.

Dorothy painted the quilt, all free-hand, except for the border. She drew a grid on a small photo of the crest, then transferred the pattern onto a grid on the two 4' x 8' sheets of plywood which made up the quilt. "She did an amazing job painting the quilt," said Jim Leuenberger, coordinator of the Shawano County barn quilt project. "I'm just glad I didn't have to paint it."

The farm was originally purchased by J. J. Hof in 1889. The farm changed hands many times and was owned by Joseph and Lottie Niece from 1943 to 1983. Alvin and Dorothy purchased the farm in 1983 and lived there until 1992, when Bill and his family moved there. Bill and Amy now own the farm. They have three grown children, Jori, Caitlin and Quinton.

Bill started B & E Distillery with Ed Manning in 2012. He makes Moonshine, called Polish Sunshine along with Apple Pie and Blackberry Moonshine. A version of the Grzeskowiak family crest is printed on the bottles, so it seemed appropriate to have the family crest on the barn quilt as well.

Bill works at Executive Air at Austin-Straubel airport in Green Bay and Amy is a custodian at Pulaski schools.

The Grzeskowiak barn quilt was put on display by LeRoy and Keenan Raddant, who work at Raddant Electric in Shawano.

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