

Schneider Family Dairy Farm Sponsors 40th Barn Quilt

The Schneider Family Dairy Farm at W2346 County Highway E a few miles east of Cecil has sponsored Shawano County's 40th barn quilt. The pattern was designed by Brianna Schneider to incorporate the letter "S" with an abstract sunflower/sunshine to create their unique quilt. The Deb Schneider and her daughter Brianna painted the majority of the quilt.

Clarence Sr. and Margaret Schneider purchased the farm from Richard Wudtke in 1932. The original barn on which the quilt was mounted was built in 1906. Over the years, other neighboring farms and land were purchased. Today, brothers Brian and John Schneider and their families farm about 400 acres, milk 75 Holsteins and raise young stock and dairy steers. They also harvest some cash crops.

Four generations of Schneiders now live on the farm's land: Clarence Jr. and Barb on Division Road; Brian and Deb on the home farm with children Brianna, Andrea and Branden; John and Tami with daughters Abby and Anika; and Aaron with daughters Emma and Mady.

After seeing several barn quilts around Shawano County, Deb decided to get involved in the project. Family, farming and flowers have always been important to the Schneiders, so the quilt pattern, designed by Brianna, combines all those aspects and will serve as a wonderful reminder for the families.

"We are proud and happy to live in Shawano County," Deb said, "and are pleased with all the hard work that is being put forth on the countywide barn quilt project. It is something everyone will be able to enjoy for many years to come."