

Mitchells Sponsor 49th Barn Quilt

Pat and Connie Mitchell have sponsored the 49th barn quilt as part of Shawano County's barn quilt project. The quilt, called "Sara's Star," is mounted on their barn at N2658 State Highway 22, a few miles south of Shawano.

The pattern for the Mitchell barn quilt was selected by Connie Mitchell and her daughter, Sara. They worked together to pick out the colors they wanted, concentrating on colors that represented their farm...green, red, and brown earth tones. They had become interested in participating in the project after seeing other barn quilts in the area. "We really like the project," Connie said, "and think it will promote tourism for our area as well as preserve barns like ours that was built in the late 1890s."

The Mitchells' neighbor, George Jeske, helped them determine that the barn dated back to the late 1890s when his grandparents, the Meisners, owned the property. At that time, the center of the barn was open so a team of horses could drive hay wagons through for unloading. The Meisners sold the property to M.G. Eberlein and F.A. Eberlein in 1938. They had a herd of Registered Guernseys.

Pat Mitchell's grandparents, Archie and Selma Mitchell, purchased the farm in 1947. His parents, Merlin and Gladys, farmed there until the late 1960s. Pat's brother, Jeff, bought the farm in 1976. Pat and Connie and their children, Steven, Sara and Casey have lived there since 1985 and bought the farm in 1987.

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