

Barn Quilt count reaches 17

Lee and Sharon Hoffman have sponsored Shawano County's 17th barn quilt for their barn at W7167 Curt Black Road, Shawano. The pattern for their quilt is called "Star Within A Star."

The gray sided barn was rebuilt on the original stone basement about 10 years ago after the barn suffered severe wind damage. The original barn was built in 1887. The Hoffmans have owned the property since 1963.

Sharon did a majority of the painting on the quilt, working with members of the barn quilt committee. "We felt a spark of interest when we first heard of the Shawano County barn quilt project," Sharon said. "After seeing a few of the quilts on barns in the area, we knew it was a project for us. We really think the barn quilt project will help preserve our Wisconsin heritage as well as beautify our byways for everyone to enjoy."