

Waukechon Wildcats 4-H Club Sponsors 35th Barn Quilt

When the Shawano Country Barn Quilt Project started a year ago, one of the first 4-H clubs in the county to decide to sponsor a quilt was the Waukechon Wildcats. "It just sounded like a great community service project for our club," general leader Mary Lou Kugel said.

Several members and adult leaders of the club took turns painting the quilt, which is mounted on a barn owned by Kevin and Joan Ainsworth, W6446 Waukechon Road, just east of Shawano. The brightly-colored quilt, called Flaming Star, is very visible from both county roads B and K. The barn on which it is mounted was built in the early 1900s on a farm that was homesteaded in 1868. It was purchased by the Ainsworths from Elmer Nicholaus in 1980.

4-H members who helped paint the quilt were: Joe Radtke, Sage Tomashek, Josh Tomashek, Matti Koehler, Kathryn Kugel, Aaron Kugel, Nicole Edwards, Nathan Edwards, Ava Pleshek, Jayden Jensen and MacKenzie Hoffman. Parents who assisted were Julie Radtke, Julie Koehler, Mary Lou Kugel, Joanne Edwards, Matt Pleshek, Sandy Baumgartner, Amy Jensen, Michelle Hoffman and Judy Tomashek.