

## Friendship is Theme of 53<sup>rd</sup> Barn Quilt

Tom and Sharon Riehl, W3446 Swamp Road, Bonduel, have sponsored Shawano County's 53<sup>rd</sup> barn quilt as part of the countywide project. The theme they chose for the pattern is called "Friendship Star."

With their desire to live in the country, Tom and Sharon purchased their previously-owned Amish home in 1999 after living in Green Bay. Wanting to keep the barn in good condition, they painted it the summer they moved in and had a metal roof installed the following summer.

"We were told by a neighbor that the original barn burned down and the existing barn was moved here from a farm two miles down the road in the 1930s," Tom said. "The barn dates back to the early 1900s."

Sharon had always wanted some kind of art work mounted in the peak of the barn. When she started noticing the barn quilts popping up all over Shawano County, she began researching the Shawano Country Web site for another reason and happened upon the barn quilt project. "I immediately knew a barn quilt was the perfect answer for our barn," she said.

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