

Belle Plaine 4-H Sponsors 55th Barn Quilt

The Belle Plaine 4-H Club has sponsored “Liberty Banner,” Shawano County’s 55th barn quilt. It is mounted on a barn owned by Dale and Donna Hodkiewicz at N3626 Grass Lake Road, Shawano.

Club members painted the quilt under the direction of John and Jill Arens. Belle Plaine is one of several 4-H clubs to sponsor a barn quilt.

The Hodkiewicz farm was established by August Winkler in 1866, who had purchased the land from Chicago Northwestern Railroad. He farmed for 47 years before selling the farm to his son, August Jr. in 1913. After farming for 43 years, August Jr. sold the farm to Ervin and Selma Drews, who sold it to their sons, Ray and Duane, 10 years later. Dale and Donna purchased the farm from Ray and Duane Drews, Donna’s uncles, in 1977. The Hodkiewicz have several horses and rent the cropland to neighbors.