

Popps Sponsor Shawano County's 90th Barn Quilt

Jim and Rose Marie Popp have sponsored Shawano County's 90th barn quilt that is on display on a barn they own at W17634 Spruce Road, Wittenberg. The pattern they chose for their quilt is called "1904 Star."

"Our barn is a unique representation of farming that was in Shawano County," Rose Marie said. "It remains standing after almost 100 years."

The Shawano County barn quilt project was started by local Shawano photographer Jim Leuenberger, who had seen similar quilts in other states, especially Iowa and Kentucky. "I thought it would be something unique for Shawano County," he said, "and have been extremely pleased and surprised how it has caught on."

The project has three purposes: 1) To encourage the preservation of the beautiful, old barns in the county; 2) to promote tourism in Shawano County; and 3) to provide an opportunity for clubs like 4-H and FFA to conduct a community service project by painting and/or sponsoring a barn quilt.

Rose Marie Popp added, "The opportunity to participate in the Shawano County barn quilt project is very special to Jim and me as the beautiful artwork is now displayed for all to see within a subdivision just east of Wittenberg. The barn is a lasting reminder of the significant roots of our farming community."