

## **Spreemans Sponsor “Prairie Sunrise” Barn Quilt**

Richard and Lori Spreeman have sponsored Shawano County’s 97<sup>th</sup> barn quilt. Called “Prairie Sunrise,” the quilt block is on display on a barn on the Spreeman farm at N5132 Oakcrest Drive, Cecil.

The Shawano County barn quilt project was started by local Shawano photographer Jim Leuenberger a year and a half ago. The project has three objectives: 1) to encourage the preservation of Shawano County’s majestic old barns; 2) to promote tourism throughout Shawano County; and 3) to provide an opportunity for local clubs and organizations to conduct a community service project by sponsoring and/or painting a quilt.

“I think it goes without saying that the project has far exceeded my initial expectations,” Leuenberger said. “The way people have reacted to the project is extremely rewarding.”

Leuenberger also said there are no plans to discontinue to project anytime soon. “As long as people want to sponsor a quilt, we’ll continue to paint them,” he said. “One thing for sure, there is no shortage of great old barns in Shawano County to put them on.”

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