

## County's 165<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt Has Aviation Theme

Ken Dunlavy grew up on a small dairy farm just west of Clintonville. But after graduating from college, he decided to join the Marines in the aviation program. He served as a pilot on active duty for the Marines for 12 years, serving in Viet Nam. After that, he was a pilot for American Airlines, retiring in 2000.

It made sense, then, that when Ken and his wife Stephanie decided to get a barn quilt for their barn at N11215 Highway 22, Clintonville, they wanted to include aviation as part of the pattern. The pattern they selected is called Four Crowns and has an airplane in the center.

The barn on which the quilt is displayed was built in 1909. In the 1950s, it was owned by Lee Wait and at the time was one of the largest dairy farms in the area. Ken purchased four acres of the farm in 2006, mainly for the buildings so he'd have a place to store part of his collection of over 150 antique tractors.

"Being an old farm boy, I always loved tractors," Ken said. "And like potato chips, you can't just have one. So my collection has grown a lot." Ken's favorite tractor is a 1942 Case SC "because it always starts," Ken said. All the tractors he owns were made prior to 1950.

Ken and Stephanie decided to get a quilt for their barn after seeing them around Shawano County. "We think they are really neat," Ken said, "and the project has really become something special for our area."

The Dunlavy quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by LeRoy Raddant and Bruce Teetzen of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

Anyone who would like to participate in Shawano County's barn quilt project can contact project coordinator Jim Leuenberger at 715-524-5685 or via email at [jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com). You can also contact Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Chamber of Commerce at 715-524-2139 or [tourism@shawano.com](mailto:tourism@shawano.com). A link on the Shawano Chamber Web site includes photos and information on every barn quilt on display in Shawano County. Just go to [www.shawanocountry.com](http://www.shawanocountry.com) and click on the barn quilt icon.

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