

County's 188th Barn Quilt Shows National Pride

Shawano County's 188th barn quilt featuring a silhouette of a bald eagle in flight in a red, white and blue quilt pattern is appropriately called "National Pride." It is on display on a barn owned by Kevin and Tracie Szymanski at W356 Crest Drive, Pulaski, in the southeastern corner of Shawano County.

"We really like all the barn quilts we've seen throughout Shawano County," Tracie said, "so thought it would be cool to have one on our barn too. We wanted an eagle on it, but also wanted to maintain the quilt look. This pattern does that and really adds something special to our barn that we've recently had painted and put a new roof on."

The farm on which Kevin and Tracie live was homesteaded in 1884 by Theodore and Wanda Rozanski. It was later owned by their son and daughter-in-law Louis and Lucy Rozanski. They passed it on to their daughter Irene and her husband Louie Funk. Kevin bought it from the Funks in 1985.

Over the years, the farm was always operated as a dairy farm. However, now Kevin and Tracie use the 40 acre farm for raising steers.

"We really like the quilt," Kevin said, "and already had lots of compliments on it." The quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put up 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 by email at jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com. You can also contact Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce at 715-524-2139 or 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 and click on the barn quilt icon.

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