

## County's 189<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt has Western Flavor

Shawano County's 189<sup>th</sup> barn quilt has been sponsored by Delbert and Crystal Wudstrack, W14925 County Road M, Tigerton. The pattern they chose is of a five-pointed star called South Branch Star. "We wanted something simple, but with a western theme," Crystal said, "and since my favorite color is brown, we decided to have it painted in three shades of brown. We think it looks great."

In 2006, Delbert and Crystal purchased 20 acres from Bill Grentz, whose parents and grandparents had homesteaded the original farm. People in the area know it as the Grentz farm. The barn on which the quilt is mounted was built in the early 1900s. Delbert and Crystal have named their small farm South Branch Ranch since the South Branch of the Embarrass River runs along their property.

The Wudstrack barn 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 [jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com) or by phone at 715-524-5685. You can also contact Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce at [tourism@shawano.com](mailto:tourism@shawano.com) or 715-524-2139. 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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