

County's 195th Barn Quilt has Dairy Theme

Jeff and Carolynn Lehndorf have sponsored Shawano County's 195th barn quilt. It is on display on their farm at W3340 County Road S, Pulaski.

The pattern the Lehndorfs chose for their barn quilt is called Guernsey Gold Milk Can and features a silhouette of an antique milk can in the center of the quilt block. The idea for the quilt pattern was to honor the memory of Jeff's grandfather, Woodrow Newman, who as a young man operated a farm near Waukesha, Wis. Woodrow also delivered milk for Golden Guernsey Milk Cooperative to customers in the town of Pewaukee. When the cooperative started delivering milk directly to its customers, Woodrow was the first person to drive one of their delivery trucks.

Jeff and Carolynn and their three sons operate two farms on County Road S south of Bonduel. They milk 200 Holstein cows and also do some cash cropping on the side. In 2005, they started collecting and restoring old Oliver tractors. Their collection totals 34 tractors.

The Lehndorfs now have a barn quilt on each of their farms. "We think it's a really neat project," Carolynn said, "and it's a great way to promote the restoring of our historic old barns."

The Lehndorf barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee. It was put up by LeRoy Raddant and Bruce Teetzen of Raddant Electric in Shawano with special help from Dan Cerveny of Cerveny Construction 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. You can also contact Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce. Her number is 715-524-2139 and email is 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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