

## County's 199<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt Gets a Gold Star

Shawano County's 199<sup>th</sup> barn quilt is now on display on a farm owned by Stu and Judy Oestreich, N6050 Kucksdorf Lane, Shawano. It was given to Stu and Judy as a Christmas present by their daughters Charlotte and Karla and son Stu Jr. The pattern, called Gold Star, was chosen for its simplicity and was painted in bright colors, emphasizing gold for the star. "We wanted something simple and bright," Judy said, "and think it looks just great. It's something we can enjoy every time we pull into our driveway."

Stu and Judy, who have been married for 43 years, have lived on their 38-acre farm just northwest of Shawano since 2001. They raised a small herd of Belted Galloway beef cattle until a year or so ago.

The farm was originally homesteaded by August Jeske in the early 1900s. The barn on which the quilt is mounted was built in 1904. Walter and Ida Kucksdorf then owned the farm and had a herd of dairy cows. Their son, Roger, and his wife Hazel, took over the farm in 1961 and also had a dairy herd until they sold the farm to Jack Pari in 1995.

The Oestreich 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 715-524-5685 or by email at [jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com](mailto: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](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. To get a map showing the location of all the Shawano County barn quilts, pick up a copy of the 2013 Shawano Country Visitor Guide at the Shawano Chamber office or at various area businesses.

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