

## Sponsors County's 236<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt

Bob Adams, who started Adams Meats in Pella 20 years ago, has been impressed with the Shawano County barn quilt project since it started three years ago. So when project coordinator Jim Leuenberger contacted him about sponsoring a barn quilt, he didn't hesitate for a moment. "I just think it's a really neat project and sponsoring a quilt is fun way to provide service to our community," Adams said.

The quilt Adams sponsored is on a barn owned by Bill Miller at N4893 County G, Leopolis. The pattern is called Flowering Nine Patch and is the second quilt to be displayed on the barn. The other was sponsored by Miller himself.

The farm where the quilt is displayed has been owned by Miller since 1991. It was originally homesteaded by Antony Brunner in 1869 and was passed on to his son Anton in 1900. Arthur and Elinor Brunner took ownership in 1934 and retained ownership until Miller purchased it in 1991. The farm was operated as a dairy farm until the 1960s.

Miller had thought about getting a barn quilt for some time and has been impressed with how the project has grown in just three years. He actually now has three barn quilts, two on the barn at N4893 County G and the other across the road on his barn at N4858 County G. "I'm really happy to have them on my barns," Miller said, "and hope others enjoy seeing them when they drive by too."

Adams Meats, sponsor of the barn quilt, is a fully state inspected meat processing facility. Beef, pork, lamb and venison are custom processed and the retail store offers some of the best sausage around. The store is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday morning from 7 to noon. As Bob says in his radio ads, "Come see the happy little butchers at Adams Meats."

The Flowering Nine Patch 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.

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