

Rueden Sponsors County's 268th Barn Quilt

Joan Rueden has sponsored Shawano County's 268th barn quilt for the barn on a farm she owns at W1237 Highway 156, Pulaski. The pattern she chose is called Tulips and was selected because Joan has always liked flowers. "It's a very pretty pattern and really stands out," Joan said.

The quilt is actually the fourth one Rueden has sponsored as part of the county wide project started four years ago. The first is on a barn at W4774 County BE and the other two on a barn where Joan lives at W3156 Highway 156, Pulaski. "I really like them all," Rueden said. "They add a lot to our beautiful Shawano County countryside."

The farm where the latest quilt is displayed was homesteaded in 1875 by N.C. Foster. There were several owners over the years and the farm was a dairy farm for many of those years. Rueden and her husband Basil purchased the farm in 1996 from Dale and Lynn McKeefry. The farm totals about 200 acres, about 170 of which are tillable.

The quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by Bruce Teetzen and Jerry Timm 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 via 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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