

## County's 273<sup>rd</sup> Barn Quilt is Anniversary Gift

Shawano County's 273<sup>rd</sup> barn quilt is now on display on the farm of Carl and Connie Malueg, N4301 Farmall Lane, Caroline, Wisconsin. It is easily seen from County Highway G just north of Caroline. Carl and Connie gave the quilt, called Friendship Star, to each other in celebration of their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. "We just love the barn quilt project and our quilt," Carl said. "It's just really cool." In the center of the quilt pattern is a silhouette of a Farmall tractor since Farmall tractors have been used exclusively on the farm since 1970. "Why farm half when you can Farmall?" Carl said.

Carl's great grandfather, Emil Malueg, purchased the farm from Albert Tews in 1926. Emil transferred ownership to his son and daughter-in-law, Herbert and Selma Malueg in 1934. At the time, it totaled 80 acres and included the barn, some outbuildings and a house. Later, Herbert added onto the house, purchased another 40 acres and farmed there until Bob and Joan Malueg, Herbert's nephew, purchased the farm in 1969.

Bob and Joan farmed the land with their five children until their oldest son, Carl, and his wife, Connie, bought the farm in 2004. Carl and Connie have three children, Carson-15, Courtney-12 and Colleen-7. They have a dairy herd consisting of 51 milking cows and 50 head of young stock. A huge help to Carl on the farm is their son Carson, who helps with daily chores as well as the field work on the 120-acre farm. They rent an additional 70 acres and grow corn and alfalfa.

The Malueg's barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by LeRoy Raddant and Jerry Timm of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

Anyone who would like to participate in the Shawano County 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 director 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.