

## Raddants Sponsor Shawano County's 275<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt

Brothers Rich, LeRoy and Willard Raddant and their sisters Donna Utke and Margie McGahan have sponsored Shawano County's 275<sup>th</sup> barn quilt in honor of their parents, Earl and Dorothy Raddant. The quilt, named Star of the Milky Way, is on display on the farm of Jerry and Terrie Timm at W10747 Highway 29, about 10 miles west of Shawano. The barn on which the quilt is displayed was built around 1920.

### Timm Farm History

The Timm farm was established on July 19, 1909 when Julius and Antonio Hoffmier purchased 120 acres from August Schroeder. On May 1, 1929 they sold it to August and Bertha (Hoffmier, their daughter and son-in-law) Timm. It was then passed on to their son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Dorothy Timm (Jerry's parents) on January 4, 1963, who sold it to Jerry and Terrie 17 years later. In 1992, Jerry and Terrie acquired an additional 80 acres from Jerry's mom Dorothy, bringing the farm to 200 total acres.

In January 2010, Jerry and Terrie sold 160 acres, plus a house and barn, to their son and daughter-in-law Mike and Angie Timm. The farm was operated as a dairy farm until 1996 when Jerry and Terrie sold the milking animals but continued to raise bred heifers. Jerry continues to grow corn and alfalfa although most of the land is rented out.

In 1996, Jerry began to work for Raddant Electric, retiring in 2011. He continues to help out there when needed. Jerry and Terrie have three sons, a daughter and nine grandchildren.

The 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 the Shawano County barn quilt project can contact project coordinator Jim Leuenberger at 715-524-5685 or via 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.