

Shawano County's 280th Barn Quilt is Called Triple Vision

Shawano County's 280th barn quilt is now on display on the farm of Lee and Lisa Bartz, W10020 County M, Shawano. Called Triple Vision, the barn quilt was sponsored by Mary Lou Kugel's Ag Appraisals business. It is the second barn quilt sponsored by Ag Appraisals, of which Kugel is the sole proprietor.

"My agricultural real estate appraisal business is delighted to sponsor Shawano County's 280th barn quilt," Kugel said. "I'm proud to be part of this wonderful project that promotes our area's agricultural heritage and gives another reason for people to travel our back country roads and enjoy the beauty of Shawano County."

Lee and Lisa chose the barn quilt to honor their three children. Each large box represents one of their children and is painted in their favorite color. Purple is for their daughter Leeann, red for their son Kent and blue for their daughter Lindsay. "We all just love the quilt," Lisa said. "It's just beautiful."

Lee and Lisa recently celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. They have lived on their 166-acre farm since purchasing it from Ray and Doris Conradt in 1984. Lee was raised on a dairy farm about a mile away, where his dad, Charles, and brother, Jeff, still have a dairy herd. Lee currently milks 65 Holstein cows and plans to move the milking herd to his dad's farm next spring and use his farm to raise their herd replacement heifers.

The Bartz 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 jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com or by phone at 715-524-5685. You can also contact Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce at 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 and click on the barn quilt icon.