

## Onesti Barn Quilt is Number 227

Dan and Denise Onesti have sponsored Shawano County's 227<sup>th</sup> barn quilt. It is displayed on a machine shed on their dairy farm at N7914 County Road D, Wittenberg. The pattern, which Dan and Denise designed, features bright primary colors surrounding silhouettes of two cow heads. The silhouettes represent the more than 130 dairy cows in their farming operation.

Dan and Denise, along with their children, Heidi, Alayna and Daniel Jr., began farming in 1994 after buying the farm from Larry Emmel. At the time, their dairy herd totaled 18 cows. They had a major setback in 2001 when the original barn and machine shed burned. Dan and Dan Jr., with the help of family and friends, rebuilt the barn and machine shed and added two more buildings. Today Dan, Denise, Daniel Jr. and his wife, Amanda, with the help of Alayna and one other employee, milk about 130 cows.

The Onesti barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put up 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 [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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