

## Shawano County's 321<sup>st</sup> Barn Quilt Features Yellow Chick

Shawano County's 321<sup>st</sup> barn quilt is now on display on a farm at N10618 County Road D, Wittenberg, about two miles south of Mattoon. The farm was the original farm owned by the Plisch family and Roger Plisch and his wife, Karen, live there and sponsored the quilt. "Because our farm is covered with rocks, we thought the quilt theme should be 'rocks', but Jim (Leuenberger, Shawano County barn quilt project coordinator) didn't have a 'rock' design, so we went with the Yellow Chick," Roger said. "That is also appropriate as for several years we have raised chickens and have enjoyed the experience."

The farm has been in the Plisch family since 1943 and was your typical small dairy farm. In 1969, Roger graduated from high school and the dairy cows were sold. The farm remained in the Plisch family and in 2006, Roger and Karen returned home to live there. Not wanting to milk cows again, they thought chickens would be much easier to take care of.

Commenting further, Roger said, "I'm still a farmer at heart and to see all the barn quilts in Shawano County is very impressive. Karen and I would like to thank everyone involved in the project because it definitely catches the attention of anyone who might drive through and around Shawano County."

The Plisch barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by LeRoy and Keith Raddant of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

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