

“Wisconsin” is Theme of County’s 160th Barn Quilt

The pattern for Shawano County’s 160th barn quilt is called “Wisconsin.” It was selected by Woody and Donna Davis, sponsors of the quilt, who wanted to sponsor a quilt that paid tribute to the State of Wisconsin. “The red, white and black colors represent the Wisconsin Badgers and the Shawano Hawks – past, present and future,” Donna Davis said.

The quilt is on display on a barn owned by Wayne Bartz, N4085 Highway 22, Shawano. It is the second quilt on the barn and is the third on the Bartz farms between Shawano and Embarrass. Bartz purchased the 140-acre farm from Oliver Schulke in the mid-1970s. The 100+ foot long barn was built in the early 1900s and is used to house heifers for the Bartz Holstein dairy herd. Bartz milks 80 Holstein cows on the farm across the road.

Woody and Donna Davis have lived in Shawano since 1964. Woody taught Physical Education at Shawano High School and also coached basketball and football. He also served for a time as Athletic Director until he retired in 1998. Donna taught fourth grade at Lincoln School in Shawano and later worked with children with special needs.

“We are so pleased to sponsor and participate in the Shawano County barn quilt project,” Donna said. “It is a wonderful way to showcase our county and its barns and to continue to promote the arts in Shawano County.”