

## Rudy Buettner Sponsors County's 196<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt

Rudy Buettner has sponsored Shawano County's 196<sup>th</sup> barn quilt that is on a 110-year-old barn on the farm owned and operated by him and his son Bruce at N5596 Range Line Road, Shawano. The quilt pattern he chose is called Double Star Flower and is painted in three shades of purple. The colors were chosen because his wife, Eleanor, who died in 2006, just loved flowers and her favorites were African Violets.

"We had flowers all over the farm and in the house," Rudy said. "And when you came into the house, the scent from the African Violets was just wonderful." Rudy and Eleanor were married for over 60 years.

Rudy was the third generation to operate the Buettner dairy farm, which was homesteaded in 1883. It now totals about 500 acres with a 50-cow dairy herd and is operated by Rudy's son, Bruce. The barn on which the quilt is displayed was on a 78-acre farm the Buettners purchased from Max Fenske in 1947 that is now part of their farm. The barn was a dairy barn for many years, but after the Buettners bought it, they used it for young stock.

The Buettner 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 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. Her phone number is 715-524-2139 and email [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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