

# Shawano County Barn Quilt Project Reaches Milestone 250<sup>th</sup> Quilt

Shawano County's record-breaking barn quilt project has achieved another milestone with its 250th quilt now on display. The colorful quilt, called County Fair, is displayed on the Coliseum building at the Shawano County Fairgrounds at 990 East Green Bay Street in Shawano. "Nothing says Rural America better than a county fair," Jim Leuenberger, Shawano County barn quilt project coordinator, said. "And the Shawano County Fair is one of the best. I can't think of a better place than our fairgrounds to showcase our 250<sup>th</sup> quilt."

The quilt has been sponsored by the Shawano Area Agricultural Society. Dale Hodkiewicz, Ag Society President, said, "The Shawano County barn quilt project is just amazing and those of us connected with the Shawano County Fair are excited to be part of it."

This year's Shawano County Fair will be its 133<sup>rd</sup> and will again be held over Labor Day weekend, from August 27<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>. It truly is one of the best county fairs around, with over 12,000 youth and open class entries, from all species of livestock, to vegetables, photography, arts and crafts, to name a few. "We truly offer something for the entire family," Hodkiewicz said, "with great facilities, an amazing variety of food, grandstand entertainment, an exceptional carnival, and much more." The fair annually attracts 60,000 to 70,000 attendees.

Hodkiewicz has been president of the Ag Society for 11 years, during which time numerous improvements have been made at the fairgrounds. "I'm very proud of what we can offer people who come to our fair, as well as the late model stock car races held from April through Labor Day," he said.

The 250<sup>th</sup> 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 by email at [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.