

## **Shawano Hospice Group Sponsors County's 258<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt**

The Shawano Area's Friends of Hospice board members have individually donated money to sponsor Shawano County's 258<sup>th</sup> barn quilt. Called Joseph's Coat, the multi-colored quilt block is now on display on a barn on a farm owned by Charles and Pam Daily, N6945 Ash Road, northwest of Shawano. "Pam and I are just so pleased to have been asked to host this beautiful barn quilt on our century-old barn that was originally built in 1911," Chuck Daily said.

Jaime Gajewski, chairperson of the Shawano Hospice committee said the Friends of Hospice board members wanted to show their support for the barn quilt project, "a project we really believe has had a wonderful impact in our community," Gajewski said.

Shawano Friends of Hospice is an advocacy group designed to help support Hospice care in the Shawano area. The group works hard to provide educational programs, patient care materials and volunteer support. Members who contributed to the barn quilt fund were: Diane Anderson, Lois Aumann, Lenore Behnke, Jaime Gajewski, Elsie Greenhill, Nancy Hentges, Betty Klitzke, Irene Leuenberger, Patsey Robertson, Ellen Swedberg, Jill Whiteman, Holly Zander, Teri Metropulos, Linda Gilbert, Chasity Schmeisser, Angie Krueger, Kathy Micoley and Sandy Powers.

The Daily farm was originally owned by Wilhelm and Lydia Pludeman on December 18, 1906 upon a succession of transfers that was the subdividing of a much larger tract of land that was held by the U.S. Government. Upon the death of Wilhelm, Lydia received the property. Subsequently she sold the property in parcels and the current farm owned by the Dailys was a part of what she sold to Adolph Pludeman.

The barn, built in 1911, is constructed of local field stone, Tamarack framing, Oak flooring and Pine siding. A metal roof has been placed over the shake roof to preserve the integrity of the century-old structure.

Initially the barn stables were made of concrete partitions to keep the horses and cattle separate. Later the stalls were removed as the barn became a loafing barn for the cattle. Later it was used as a dairy barn, with 32 stanchions installed and a milk house added. "This is a beautiful barn," Chuck Daily said, "and Pam and I want to do whatever we can to preserve its beauty and the integrity of the structure."

### **Friends of Hospice**

"Friends of Hospice is excited about the new hospital coming to Shawano," Gajewski said, "and will continue to work closely with the amazing Thedacare Hospice staff and volunteers to enhance all areas of care at end of life. We have been working closely with the construction and design engineers for the new hospital to design a hospice suite in the new facility. From the small details to the overall feeling, the area will be a welcoming and peaceful place for patients and their families."

The barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee, with input from Chuck and Pam Daily regarding the colors. It was put on display by Rich and Keith Raddant of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

Anyone who would like to participate in the Shawano County 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 at 715-524-2139 or [tourism@shawano.com](mailto:tourism@shawano.com). A link on the Shawano Country 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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