

County's 264th Barn Quilt has Sheep Theme

Roloff's Rockin' R Ranch has sponsored Shawano County's 264th barn quilt. It is displayed on a shed at N6146 Highway 47-55 on a farm owned by Jeff Roloff. It is the second barn quilt to be sponsored by the Roloffs, the first being a Pine Tree pattern visible on a century old barn as you travel north on Highway 47-55.

The quilt pattern was selected to represent the show lamb project Roloffs three daughters, Isabel, Lauren and Lindsey are involved in as members of the Brener Youthful Workers 4-H club. "All three girls spend many hours working with their show lambs getting them ready for the shows they will participate in throughout the summer," Roloff said. This past Saturday they showed their lambs at the Spring Preview Show in Jefferson, and later will show them at the Wisconsin State Fair, at the Summer Special show in Marshfield and at the Shawano County Fair. This is Lauren's first year showing lambs, Isabel's second year and Lindsey's fourth year. Other projects they participate in are cake decorating, visual arts and home environment.

Roloff purchased the farm from Isabelle Black, who owned the farm since her husband, Curt, died in the 1970s. For many years, Hereford cattle grazed the fields around the farm. Now Roloff has a flock of 14 crossbred Hampshire market sheep. "When the girls were old enough to join 4-H, we wanted to join a club that had an interest in showing sheep," Jeff said. "Club leader Sara Magee has been very helpful and everyone has been very welcoming to the girls."

Roloff said he has already received many favorable comments about the barn quilt. "It's been fun being part of Shawano County's special barn quilt project," Jeff said.

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

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