

Beyer Sponsors County's 274th Barn Quilt

Shawano County's 274th barn quilt is now on display on the farm owned by Jeffrey and Douglas Beyer Sr. at N4276 County Road CC, Shawano, which is about 1.5 miles east of the Highway 22/CC intersection. The quilt, called Honoring Family Veterans, was sponsored by Jeffrey and Douglas's mom, Janet Beyer.

The four silver stars in the corners of the pattern are in honor of Douglas's grandfather Louis Beyer, who served in World War I, his uncles Earl and Harold Beyer, who served in World War II, and his dad, Donald Beyer, who served in the Marines.

In 1919, Louis Beyer purchased the 58 acre farm from Adolph and Anna Raddant and farmed it with Harold and Earl. At the time, they had a dairy herd totaling 15 cows. Louis also worked for the County Highway Department, Harold had a wiring business and Earl repaired televisions. The original house burned shortly after the farm was purchased and was replaced by the present one.

Douglas and Jeffrey inherited the farm from their Uncle Harold in 2013. It was designated a Shawano County Century farm in 2012. Douglas and his wife, Stacey, have two sons, Doug Jr. and Jared.

The Beyer quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee. Janet Beyer collaborated with project coordinator Jim Leuenberger in its design and it 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 jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com or by phone at 715-524-5685. You can also contact Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce at 715-524-2139 or tourism@shawano.com. A link on the Shawano Chamber Website includes photos and information on every barn quilt on display in Shawano County. Just go to www.shawanocountry.com and click on the barn quilt icon.

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