

## County's 279<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt Has Patriotic Theme

Shawano County's 279<sup>th</sup> barn quilt is now on display on the 20-acre farm owned by Kevin and Sheila Herrmann at N4354 County CC, Shawano. Since their farm has a patriotic theme, they selected a quilt pattern called All American Star that is painted red, white and blue. "We were happy to have been asked to be a part of Shawano County's barn quilt program," Kevin said. "It was interesting to learn about the process and hard work that goes into each quilt."

Echoing Kevin's remarks, Sheila said, "The barn quilt pattern and colors we chose complement our out buildings. It is really an eye-catcher and will make it easier to tell people how to get to our place. All they have to do is look for the beautiful red, white and blue star on County CC."

The Herrmann's barn quilt was sponsored by Mary Lou Kugel's Ag Appraisals business. "My agricultural real estate appraisal business is delighted to be a sponsor of a project that promotes the agricultural heritage of our area, gives another reason for tourists and Shawano County residents to enjoy the county's beautiful countryside and creates an adhesiveness among the people of our area," Kugel said.

The Herrmann homestead has records dating back to 1893 when the property was purchased from the railroad by Herman Dallman. There were numerous owners over the years until 1991 when Kevin purchased it from Randy Tomas. The house in which Kevin and Sheila now live is a log home.

Kevin raises beef cattle and grows crops. He works for Shawano County and also owns and operates a custom portable milling service. Sheila works for ThedaCare Physicians in Shawano. Together they have four children and three grandchildren, with two more grandchildren on the way.

The Herrmann barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by Keith Raddant and Jerry Timm 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 [tourism@shawano.com](mailto:tourism@shawano.com) or 715-524-2139. 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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