

Shawano County's 287th and 288th Barn Quilts on Barn near Angelica

Shawano County's latest barn quilts, numbers 287 and 288, are mounted on a barn near Angelica on Highway 29 east of Shawano. The address is W1428 Tile Drive, Pulaski. The farm is owned by Elmer and Elizabeth Kraning and totals 32 acres. The farm was originally 104 acres, but when new highway 29 was built, the farm was basically cut in half. So Kraning sold the acres north of highway 29 and retained ownership of 32 acres on which the barn is located. He uses it as more of a hobby farm, raising beef and hogs.

The barn quilt on the east end of the barn, called Blazing Star, was sponsored by Elmer and Elizabeth, while the one on the west end, called Stars and Stripes, was sponsored by their son, Denis, and his wife, Liz. Both were painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and were put up by LeRoy Raddant and Bruce Teetzen of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

Elmer and Elizabeth purchased the original farm in 1967 from Fred and Irene Sobiesczyk. They had a 40-cow Holstein dairy herd until highway 29 divided the farm.

Shawano County's barn quilt project coordinator Jim Leuenberger said he is pleased to have two more barn quilts on highway 29 between Shawano and Green Bay. "The Kraning barn is so well kept up and is so visible that it will really showcase our barn quilt project," Leuenberger said.

Anyone who would like to participate in Shawano County's barn quilt project can contact project coordinator Jim Leuenberger at 715-524-5685 or jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com. You can also contact Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce at 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.shawancountry.com and click on the barn quilt icon.