

## Shawano County Barn Quilt Count Reaches 357

With the addition of a barn quilt on a barn owned by Bob and Pat Przybylski, W821 Middle Drive, Pulaski, the Shawano County barn quilt count has now reached 357.

The quilt, which is named Restoration, was given to Bob and Pat as a Christmas gift from their children, Mandy, Mindy, Aaron and Melissa. It has been named Restoration because Bob enjoys restoring antique tractors. One that he has restored is a John Deere G which his dad bought in 1949 and which is depicted in the center of the quilt pattern.

### Farm History

Bob's dad, Frank, bought the farm in 1942. In 1944, he married Stephanie and a year later, they had a son, Bob. Two more sons, Jerry and Eugene, subsequently came along as well. The three boys were a big help on the farm, which included a dairy herd, horses, chickens, ducks and pigs.

The family had a large vegetable garden as well as raspberries, rhubarb and grapes. Those, along with an apple orchard, meant a lot of canning was done for their winter enjoyment. And of course, they also had fresh milk and meat from their livestock.

In 1978, Bob's dad died, so Bob and his family purchased the farm and had a dairy herd of 39 cows until 2002. Bob always had John Deere equipment for farm work, and had several antique John Deere tractors he restored that he takes to shows and parades.

Even though Bob and Pat are retired, they still enjoy gardening, raising vegetables for themselves and their other family members. Bob also continues to restore antique tractors.

Bob and Pat are excited to be part of the Shawano County barn quilt family. "We love our quilt and are so happy that our children gave us such a nice gift," Bob said.

The Przybylski quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by LeRoy Raddant and his grandson, Keenan, of Raddant Electric in Shawano.