

Shawano County's 78th Barn Quilt is a Diamond Field

"A Diamond Field" is the pattern Jim Samz and Sara Wilber chose for Shawano County's 78th barn quilt. The quilt, painted by members of the Shawano Country Barn Quilt committee, is now on display on a barn owned by Samz at N1303 County K, Shiocton.

The barn the quilt is mounted on was built in the late 1800s. It was originally used as a livery stable for horses that were used to help pull cars out that had gotten stuck in the marshy area's roads. Samz notes that records show the charge to pull out a car was 50 cents.

Sara Wilber, a long-time friend of the Samz family, had heard about the barn quilt project and suggested to Samz that they sponsor one for his barn. "We wanted a pattern that would stand out on the barn," Samz said, "and this one surely does that. It looks great." County K, the road on which the barn is located, is heavily traveled, partly due to its proximity to the Navarino Nature Center, so the quilt will get lots of viewership.