

Randy and Mary Bohm sponsor seventh barn quilt

Randy and Mary Bohm have sponsored Shawano County's seventh barn quilt. The quilt pattern, called "American Pride," is mounted on a barn on property owned by the Bohms at N6569 Highway 47-55 a few miles north of Shawano.

The Bohms purchased the property in 2007. It is estimated the barn was built in the early 1900s. "When we purchased the property we had thought about putting some kind of a patriotic design on the barn," Randy said, "so when Jim Leuenberger approached us about sponsoring a barn quilt, we thought it was a way for us to accomplish what we wanted and support this exciting new project for Shawano County at the same time."

Echoing Randy's remarks, Mary added, "I've always been very patriotic so the design we chose for our barn quilt looks great. We are excited about the project and look forward to seeing new quilts as they are put up."

Since the Bohms purchased the property, which is on the Wolf River, they have removed a lot of overgrown shrubbery and have restored the barn, which was in severe disrepair. They put in new windows, added a new roof and had it painted.

They hope the barn quilt project will encourage others to keep their barns in good shape and maybe have quilts put on them as well.