

From: Congressman Tom Tiffany <WI07TT.Outreach@mail.house.gov> To: brigid.nealon@mail.house.gov Subject: The Tiffany Telegram: May 7, 2021 Date: Mon, 10 May 2021 10:41:36 -0400 Enews Sign Up | Website Good News from Wisconsin's 7th District Annual barn quilt challenge underway The Washburn County Fair third annual Quilt-Topia Barn Quilt challenge is now underway. Barn quilts have been a long standing tradition in Wisconsin, it was originally developed to promote ag-tourism by attracting travelers to rural areas and to encourage the preservation of historic barns. Spring Planting Ahead of Schedule This spring's drier than usual weather has allowed Wisconsin farmers to get out into their fields and start planting crops ahead of schedule. Farmers usually aim to finish planting by Memorial Day, but this year many of Wisconsin's essential crops will have already been planted by Mother's Day. If the weather continues to cooperate, it could lead to a record-setting year for yields.

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