

“Apple Tree” is 23rd barn quilt

Kerber, Rose and Associates of Shawano have sponsored Shawano County’s 23rd barn quilt. The quilt is on display on the barn of Gary and Jenny Hoffman, N7276 County Highway a, Gresham. The pattern is called “Apple Tree.”

The Hoffmans work a fourth-generation farm homesteaded originally by Peter and Anna Hoffman Sr. in 1882. Their son, Vernon, and his wife, Ruth, operated the farm until 1988, when their sons Gary and Vern Jr. took over. When Vern Jr. died unexpectedly in 1989, Gary’s wife, Jenny, joined the farming operation.

In 2001, Gary and Jenny purchased the farm across the road from Gary’s cousin, James, when he decided to retire.

The Hoffmans milk 150 cows between both farms, and sons Brad and Brock, along with nephew Mike, have joined the operation. Gary and Jenny have four other children: Melissa, Mindy, Brady and Beau.

The Hoffmans chose the “Apple Tree” quilt pattern because apple trees have always lined the front yards of both farms.