

Starburst is 39th Shawano County Barn Quilt

Kevin and Terri Ferfecki, W1123 Nichols Drive, a few miles east of Cecil, have sponsored Shawano County's 39th barn quilt, a brightly colored pattern called "Starburst."

Getting a barn quilt for their farm was Kevin's idea. "We were already repainting the barn," he said, "so I thought the quilt would be a nice finishing touch."

The quilt pattern was selected by Terri. "The quilt pattern was the first one I ever made, and I've made about six overall," she said. The bright colors chosen for the quilt match the colors of Kevin's stock car. Although he hasn't raced the past two years, he had raced IMCA modified at the Shawano track for 15 years. "So the quilt is part me (the pattern) and part Kevin (the colors)," Terri said.

The farm now owned by Kevin and Terri was purchased by Kevin's parents Richard and Judy, in 1964 when Kevin was two years old. They had a dairy herd of Red and White Holsteins. When they retired in 2004, Kevin and Terri purchased the farm. Today they raise crops and beef cattle, mostly purebred Herefords, along with some Holstein steers. "Essentially it is a crossbred cow/calf operation," Terri said.

"We really appreciate all the hard work the barn quilt committee is doing on this project for Shawano County," Terri said. "Our quilt looks just great."