

Tiger Tribe 4-H Club Sponsors Shawano County's 69th Barn Quilt

The Tiger Tribe 4-H Club, comprised of about 40 youth from Tigerton, Wittenberg and Bowler, has sponsored its second barn quilt and Shawano County's 69th as part of the countywide project started a year ago. The quilt, put up by LeRoy Raddant and Bruce Teetzen of Raddant Electric of Shawano, is on display on a barn owned by Jim and Nancy Maier, N10915 Sugarbush Road, Birnamwood. The pattern is called "Twirling Star."

Tiger Tribe 4-H club leader Annette Block received a phone call from Nancy Maier after Nancy had seen the article about the barn quilt put up on Lois Smith's barn east of Wittenberg. Nancy is a quilter, known as the "brickhouse quilter," and really wanted a quilt on their barn. So the Tiger Tribe 4-Hers decided to sponsor and paint one for her. The paint for the quilt was donated by Easker's Town and Country Store in Wittenberg.

Jim Maier's mother, Hulda Hilse, came to the farm in the 1890s. Her two bachelor brothers ran the farm while Hulda milked the cows. The barn on which the quilt is displayed was built in 1912. Jim, from Milwaukee, came to the farm in 1964 after serving four years in the Navy. He had a 40-cow Holstein dairy herd until the early 1990s and now raises beef cattle.