

## County's 103<sup>rd</sup> Barn Quilt Honors 91-Year-Old Father

Lori Egdorf, W12594 Grant Road, Caroline, has sponsored Shawano County's 103<sup>rd</sup> barn quilt. Called "Autumn Leaves," the pattern was chosen to honor Lori's 91-year-old dad, Milton Mehlberg, who still cuts wood and makes maple syrup on their farm.

The Mehlberg Farmstead was founded in 1872 by Julius Mehlberg. He built a log home on a 40-acre parcel of land out of huge Tamarack trees that were cleared for farmland. In 1919, his son, Harry, purchased the farm and built the barn. He milked cows, grew potatoes and raised chickens

In 1951, Milton bought the farm, which by then consisted of 240 acres, 80 of which are a Maple woods. He continued to milk cows and, with Harry, started Mehlberg's Maple Syrup business. That business continues today.

In 1980, Lori bought the buildings and farmland and she and her husband, Dave, have a small dairy herd. The remaining acres belong to Milton and Lori and her two siblings.

"I really love the colorful quilt," Lori said. "It's a nice tribute to my dad, who loves the outdoors and enjoys working with the maple syrup business on our farm."

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