

Couple Sees quilt as link to community

Chuck and Dawn McCullough have sponsored Shawano County's 148th barn quilt for their barn at W11999 North Branch Road, Caroline. The quilt pattern they chose is called Flying Kites.

"Not too long ago, we noticed geometric, patriotic and colorful quilt squares being hung on barns around Shawano County," Dawn said. "So we asked around and learned about the county's barn quilt project. What appealed to me was that they were basic quilt patterns, which brought back memories of growing up in Missouri and learning how to quilt. Quilting to me is a social event for people who live in the country and having one on our barn helps tie us to our community."

Six years ago, Dawn and Chuck bought their farm from Charlotte and Allen Adams, who had lived on the farm their entire lives. They always had a dairy herd.

Chuck and Dawn met when both were living in Tomahawk and have been married for seven years. Since she works in Green Bay and he in Antigo, they looked for a place to buy that was roughly half way between both.

"There weren't a lot of places for sale," Chuck said, "but we are really happy to have found this one."

The 58 acres they purchased are in a valley with rolling hills, lots of trees and plenty of land for their dogs, Tyson and Belle, to run.

If you are driving in the Caroline area and can't remember the address of the McCullough barn quilt, just look for the "signature" pink mailbox on North Branch Road.