

Brunch Attendees Will See County's 209th Barn Quilt

On Sunday June 23, Shawano County's annual Brunch on the Farm will be held at Nohr's Cornerstone Dairy, owned by Terry and Dianne Nohr at N2903 Nohr Road, Marion. Those who attend the brunch will have the opportunity to see Shawano County's 209th barn quilt. The quilt, called Little Giant, hangs on the barn on the dairy farm that has been in the Nohr family since 1905. The quilt was sponsored by Rob and Nancy Mickelson, Schroeder-Mickelson Funeral Service in Shawano.

Terry and Dianne have been farming full time since they were married in 1979. They took ownership of the farm in 1984, at which time the milking herd totaled 60 Holstein cows.

Today, the dairy totals 200 cows and about that many head of young stock and 450 acres of cropland. The dairy is truly a family operation, with Terry and Dianne's son Josh working full time managing the heifer facility, son Caleb, a high school senior who works part time on the farm, and daughter Andrea, who also works part time on the farm. Justin Mielke, a full time employee, has worked on the farm for 12 years. The Nohrs have two other daughters, Krista, at Pickett, Wisconsin, and Amanda, who works in Massachusetts.

In addition to increasing the size of the milking herd, the Nohrs have updated equipment and facilities over the years. They are pleased that their children are the fifth generation in the Nohr family to be part of their dairy.

As for the barn quilt, Dianne selected the pattern and is pleased the Mickelsons were willing to sponsor it for them. Regarding the sponsorship, Rob Mickelson said it's another way he and Nancy can give back to the community. "We have enjoyed watching the barn quilts go up all over the county," he said, "and sponsoring one will help assure that Shawano County remains Wisconsin's barn quilt capital."

Schroeder-Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service offers complete funeral, cremation, pre-planning and monument sales to its clients. It has been owned by the Mickelsons since 2012.

The Brunch on the Nohr Farm will start at 9 a.m., with serving until 1 p.m. In addition to the all-you-can-eat brunch, there will be tours of the dairy, a petting zoo and lots of fun and educational activities.

The Nohr barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by LeRoy Raddant and Bruce Teetzen of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

Anyone who would like to participate in Shawano County's barn quilt project can contact project coordinator Jim Leuenberger at 715-524-5685 or via email at jamesmleuenberger@yahoo.com. You can also contact Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce at 715-524-2139 or tourism@shawano.com. A link on the Shawano Chamber Web site includes photos and information on every barn quilt on display in Shawano County. Just go to www.shawanocountry.com and click on the barn quilt icon.