

Victorian Star is Shawano County's 304th Barn Quilt

Shawano County's 304th barn quilt, called Victorian Star, is now on display on a barn owned by Donnie and Melodee Gretzinger at N3984 County CC, Shawano. The quilt was sponsored by Jim and Lois Bleser of Shawano.

Donnie's parents, Marge and Frank Gretzinger, purchased the 97-acre farm from Glen and Mildred Seering in 1987. Donnie now uses the barn to house his young dairy heifers and the land to grow crops for his dairy herd.

Marge and Frank were married for 67 years and raised nine sons and two daughters. Donnie took over the dairy operation on the home farm across the road after his dad died in 2011. The milking herd was sold in 2013, but all the heifers were kept and Donnie said he may start milking again at some point.

Commenting on the Shawano County barn quilt project, Donnie said, "Melodee and I think the barn quilts are great. We really want to compliment Jim and Irene (Leuenberger) for all the work they have done the past four years to beautify Shawano County. We also want to thank the Blesers for sponsoring this beautiful quilt."

The Gretzinger 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.