

Hilgenberg sponsors 26th barn quilt

Shawano realtor Terry Hilgenberg has sponsored Shawano County's 26th barn quilt. It is mounted on a barn owned by Tim and Kristy Paiser at W9388 Butternut Road, Shawano.

Hilgenberg chose the Pairsers' property because it was where his mother, Vera, grew up and because the Pairsers will host Shawano County's Dairy Brunch on the Farm on June 26.

The quilt pattern is called "Directors Dream."

Vera's parents, August and Jesse Schroeder, had been on the farm since the 1920s. In the 1950s, Vera's older brother, Earl, purchased the farm and started a dairy herd. Vera used to walk from the farm to what was known then as the Texas School in the Town of Richmond. Vera, the last remaining sibling of eight children, celebrated her 85th birthday on May 23.

"We think having a barn quilt on the farm where she grew up is a real commemorative to her and her family," Terry said.

Tim and Kristy Paiser purchased their farm in 1989 without any animals. Today, they own 259 acres, rent an additional 1,500 acres and milk 250 Holsteins three times a day in a modern double-eight parallel parlor. The Pairsers have three children, Travis, Amanda and Trevor. Kristy said the barn quilt is in memory of her mom, who died this past year.