

Pulaski FFA Members Sponsor 37th Barn Quilt

The Pulaski FFA chapter, with nearly 120 members, has sponsored the 37th barn quilt as part of Shawano County's barn quilt project. Chapter members selected the pattern, called Octagonal Star, and painted it in the blue and gold FFA colors. The quilt is now mounted on a barn owned by the Tony Gracyalny family at N1767 St. Augustine Street just south of Pulaski. The barn was built in 1926.

Tony and Maryann bought the farm in 1955, raising a herd of 30 milk cows, young stock and chickens. The herd had to be sold in 1999 due to Tony's heart surgery. "That was a sad day," Maryann said, "because we really loved our animals."

Tony and Maryann have two children, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Son Gary and his wife Jenny have four children who are all active in 4-H and FFA. Since 2007 they have brought dairy and swine 4-H projects to the farm to get them ready for the Shawano county fair.