

#10. Quilt: Family Heritage

Owners: Dale and Christine Vanderford

Address: 12911 310th Street, Murdock

Sponsor: Owner

Built in 1883, this wooden peg barn was the center of a farm business. The barn has animals on the first story, grain storage on the middle level, and hay is kept at the top. This barn certainly has "family heritage" as it was built on this farmstead in the late 1870's and has been in the family for over 5 generations! The quilt was designed by the owner.

#11. Quilt: Trips Around the World

Owner: John and Pat Miller

Address: 29012 Mill Road, Murdock

Sponsor: Owner

This barn was built in 1901 by Henry Schlaphoff. It is a peg barn that is very similar in construction to barn Number 7. Livestock, a dairy parlor, and sow farrowing units were originally housed in the basement of the barn with hay and feed stored overhead. Today the barn has been turned into modern office space that is used for business purposes for Oxbow Animal Health. The theme "Trips Around the World" was chosen because Oxbow Animal Health ships pet food and other products to 25+ countries around the world.

#12. Quilt: The Rose

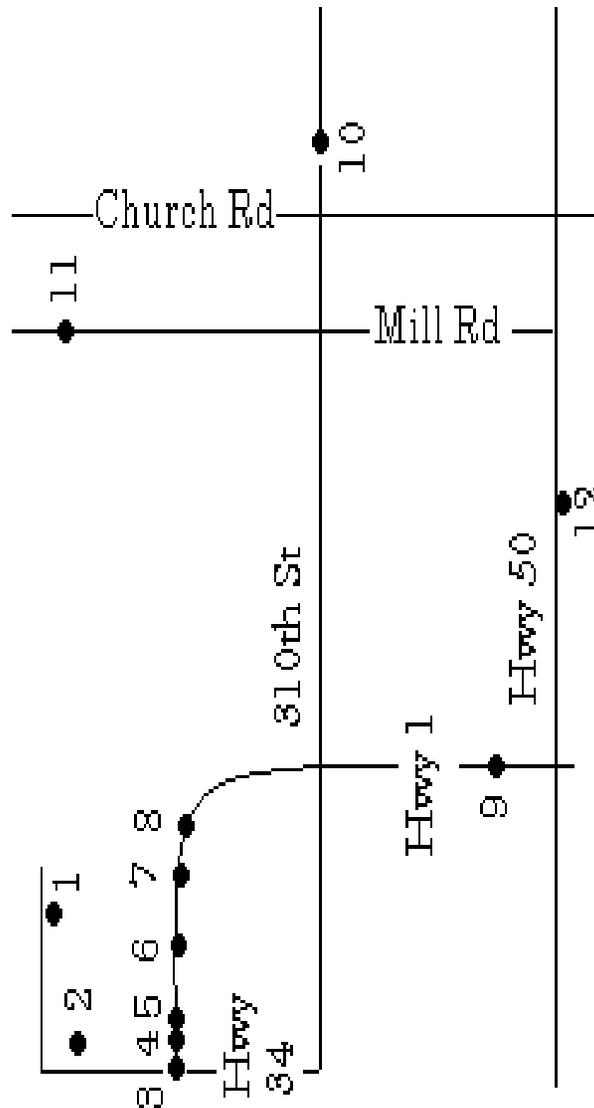
Owner: Glasshoff Farms

Address: 10101 Hwy 50, Murdock

Sponsor: Owner

Purchased from the Paul Mann family in 1972, this building served as a corncrib filled with ear corn for many years. For the last 35 years it also served as a storage shelter for holiday decorations. Each holiday was lovingly observed with thousands of twinkling Christmas lights on the side of the whole farm. People driving down Highway 50 enjoyed the display. They came from many states to enjoy the Christmas glow. The Rose quilt pattern was selected to honor Mrs. Rose Glasshoff.

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Elmwood-Murdock FBLA Presents...



Cass County Barn Quilt Project

Elmwood-Murdock Future Business Leaders of America wanted to "IMPACT" the community by Involving Members, Promoting Activities, and Creating Tourism. Adding painted quilt blocks to prominent barns seemed like a good idea because together they created a unique tourist attraction with long-term potential. Local quilt enthusiast, Mickie Clements, proposed the idea and served as the project adviser. Twelve 8' x 8' barn quilts were created by Elmwood-Murdock art students, while FBLA members developed publicity, solicited barns, and generated funds for the project. All members of the chapter are convinced this project will impact the community for years to come.

#1. Quilt: Harvest Star

Owner: Ted & Joann John Farm
Address: 819 274th Street, Elmwood
Sponsor: Owner

This barn was built after a tornado destroyed the original barns that were constructed in the late 1800's. The current structure was built in 1942 due to the typical Nebraska storm weather.

#4. Quilt: Nebraska Windmill

Owner: Mickie Clements
Address: 1014 298th Street, Elmwood
Sponsor: Owner

The Nebraska Windmill quilt pattern hangs on Rick and Mickie Clements' recently renovated corn crib. Mickie headed the Cass County Barn Quilt Project. Mickie's father-in-law, Dwight Clements, had the corn crib built around 1955. Dwight hired an Elmwood cornhusker to pick and shuck corn by hand here for two or three years until picker combines made the corn crib obsolete.

#7. Quilt: Prairie Sunrise

Owners: Phyllis and Merle Buell
Address: 7603 298th Street, Murdock
Sponsor: Owner

This barn was built in 1888 by Herman Schmidt, a well-known barn builder. It measured 32' by 40 and has an English gambrel roof and native stone foundation. Construction is mortise and tenon tied together with a wooden peg driven through the joints. The farm was homesteaded by G. E. Buell in 1869 and is currently resided by grandson, Merle Buell. Originally, the barn had many horses and milking stanchions. It was updated in the 1950s for Grade A milk production and has weathered many storms. Now farm cats and memories reign supreme.

#2. Quilt: Double Windmill

Owners: Bob and Alma McLaughlin
Address: 283180 Hwy 34, Elmwood
Sponsor: Clements Law Firm

This barn was built in 1916 by Henry and Sophia McLaughlin. It was used for milking cows and boarding eight horses. Hay was stored in the center of the barn loft. The original roof was replaced with steel roofing several years ago.

#5. Quilt: Lawyer's Puzzle

Owner: Rick Clements
Address: 1014 298th Street, Elmwood
Sponsor: Owner

The Lawyer's Puzzle pattern was chosen since Owner Rick Clements is an attorney and banker in Elmwood. His father Dwight of Elmwood and his grandfather Guy Clements began working at American Exchange Bank in Elmwood in 1907. The farm owners are Rick and Mickie Clements. Their daughter Angela practices law in California. Rick's great-great grandfather purchased this farm in 1880 from the railroad for \$10 per acre. This 1955 corn crib is now used as a storage shed.

#8. Quilt: Starry Night

Owners: Steve and Betsy Klemme
Address: 8005 298th Street, Murdock
Sponsor: E-M Merchants' Association

Fred and Gladys Buell began building the family home in 1921 followed by a number of outbuildings. The barn was built in 1922 and the corn crib, along with a pit to care for an elevator, was erected in 1925. While originally designed to hold ears of corn, the corn crib was modified by Henry and Steve to serve as a granary for both corn and soybeans. Since its existence, the farmstead has had three different families call it home: Fred and Gladys Buell, Henry and Sylvia Klemme, and current residents Steve and Betsy Klemme. In 1995 they purchased the farm from Fred and Gladys' daughter, Frances. The quilt pattern Starry Night was selected because one of the greatest pleasures of rural life has been the ability to gaze into the evening sky and see bright shining stars. It reminded the Klemmes of the vast universe and the Lord's miraculous creation.

#3. Quilt: Barn Swallows Flying

Owner: Oral and Lucille Kuehn
Address: 308 298th Street, Elmwood
Sponsor: Bits and Pieces & More

This barn was built in 1992 by William Wilhelm to house eight horses and had stanchions for milking at least six cows at a time on the lower level. There is a section for hay feeding by the manger. The hay is stored on the upper level. There are six bins for grain storage with access to the lower level. The wood roof was replaced with metal sheeting several years ago; at which time, the original cupola was removed and not replaced.

#6. Quilt: Star Spangled Banner

Owners: Gayla and Brian Mellen
Address: 29916 Havelock Avenue, Elmwood
Sponsor: Clements Law Office

This barn was built in approximately the 1900s. It's main function was as a dairy barn. It is currently equipped with milking stalls and has a full upper floor.

#9. Quilt: Forest for the Trees

Owner: Steve and Winona Henk
Address: 35216 Hwy 1, Murdock
Sponsor: FBLA

This mortise and peg barn was built in 1902 by Fred and Margethe Luetchens, who purchased the land in 1892. The foundation is native limestone quarried from what is currently the Brad Johnson farm. The total cost was \$1,200. The workers were housed at the site during construction. Horses and cattle were sheltered on the ground level; grain and hay were stored on the second floor, which has a wide aisle for wagons that entered from a dirt ramp. The upper level stored hay. Wooden chutes connect the upper levels to feed troughs on the lower level.