

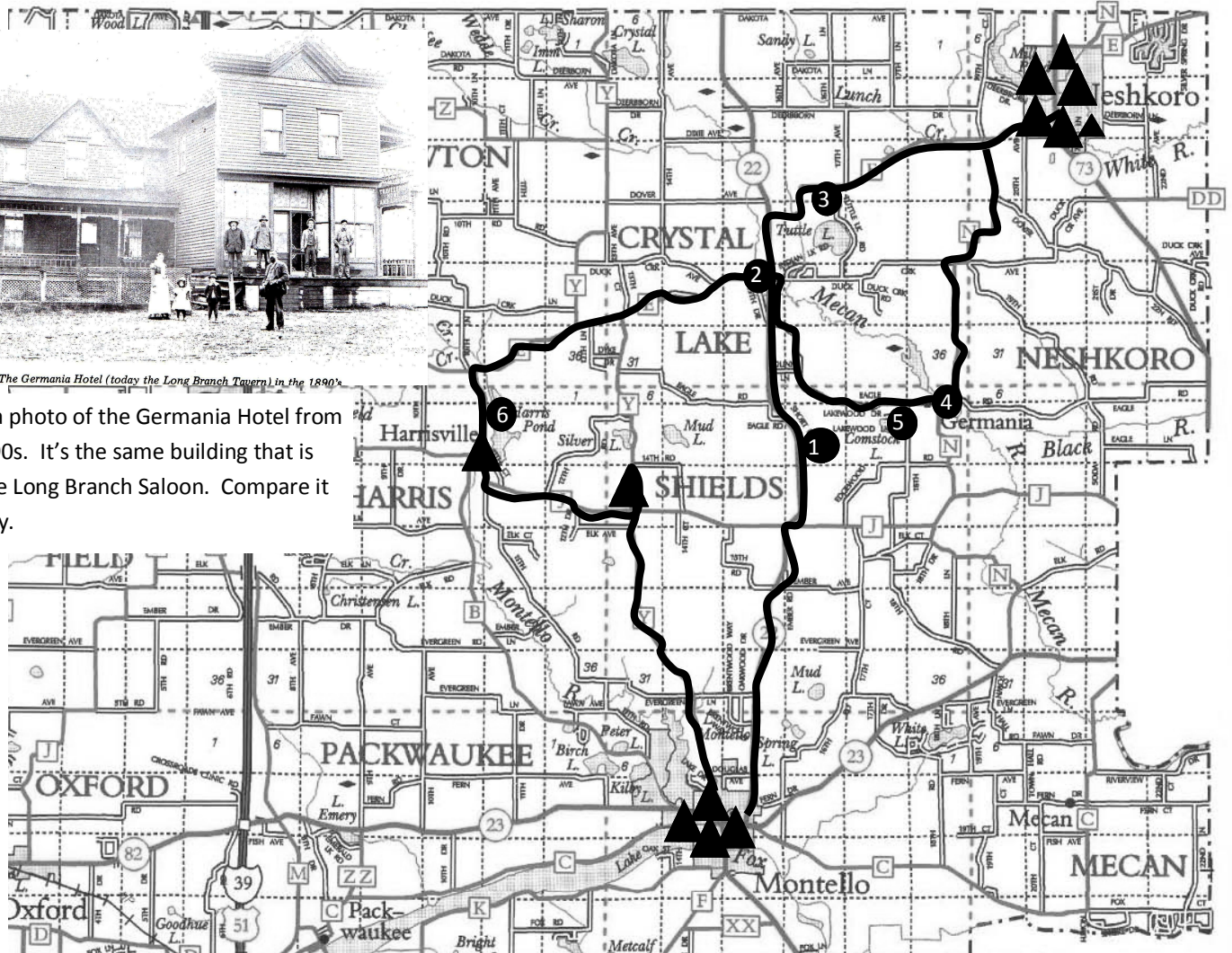
Road Trip Two

Howard and Betty Barn Quilt Tour # 1 (the rest you'll have to do on your own. There are many more murals and barn quilts in Marquette County).



The Germania Hotel (today the Long Branch Tavern) in the 1890's

This is a photo of the Germania Hotel from the 1890s. It's the same building that is now the Long Branch Saloon. Compare it to today.



1. Comstock Bog...early explorers walked over this floating mass of vegetation and wrote about the quivering earth beneath their feet. This is a State Natural Area and great for watching birds.
2. Budsins. This used to be a thriving community and includes a very historic Farmers Mutual Insurance Building...read about it in *Recipe for Community*.
3. Tuttle Lake School location. This building is the Shields Town Hall that was moved here when the Town built a new one.
4. Germania is a very interesting and historic place. It was founded by settlers from Germany who worked and worshipped together and formed the Germania Company and at first, all lived in a long house together, branching out to start businesses. One of the men from the Germania Company, helped start a mill in Montello. The Long Branch saloon is an old hotel and the building is over 120 years old. Many Native Americans lived here for thousands of years before the settlers came. There is a mill pond here from an old mill, an old church and school, and there are many areas to walk on DNR land here to watch birds and see nature.
5. Watch as you leave Germania. The lake that is down the road is Comstock Lake. You won't be able to see it, but it is the lake where the first settlers lived. They dug a home into the steep hill around the lake and lived there when they first arrived.
6. Another mill pond! Come back in summer and see the thick wild rice beds that grow here. That's how Buffalo Lake would have looked before the settlers came here. Wild rice is a staple and sacred food for Native Americans.

The triangles show where there are murals on this travel route. Everything is connected!

