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New Endowment Funds Established at Marshall County Community Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Marshall County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of five new permanent endowment funds. All of the new endowments are open community funds, which allows for interested individuals and businesses to make additional contributions in support of the specific purposes identified.

New endowments benefitting not-for-profit organizations are:

- The John J. Oliver Speech and Debate Fund will provide support to the Plymouth Community School Corporation for unrestricted use by the high school speech and debate teams. Over the years, the team has participated and won many championships at the State level. The endowment has been established with a generous matching challenge gift to encourage additional contributions from alumni, parents and friends of the speech and debate team.
- The Bremen Public Schools Endowment Fund will provide unrestricted support for Bremen Public Schools. The endowment was established with an anonymous gift and supporters of Bremen Public Schools are encouraged to contribute to this new fund. Superintendent Russ Mikel stated, "The endowment is long overdue and is a great opportunity for us during this time of budget restraints."

- The Mary A. and William S. Young Arts Fund will provide support for Encore Performing Arts located in Plymouth. The endowment creates a new means of support in the field of Arts and Culture and was established by Ms. Barbara Young and Ms. Kathy J. Harvuot, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Young.

All of the new endowments benefitting not-for-profit organizations will receive a matching grant from the MCCF Generations Initiative not-for-profit program.

The new endowments for scholarships are:

- The Chad Edward Pearson Memorial Scholarship Fund Benefitting the Knute Rockne Kiwanis Club. This endowment will provide scholarships through the named club. Net proceeds from a Valentine's Dinner-Dance-Auction event held in Mishawaka were used to establish the fund.
- The Samuel Elliott Perkins IV Memorial Scholarship is for residents of Marshall County attending Purdue University. The Purdue Alumni Club of Marshall County will handle the recipient selection process. Established through a generous estate gift, it is anticipated that the scholarship given will be near \$40,000 payable over four years.

The mission of the Marshall County Community Foundation is to serve all of Marshall County, its people and its future through the growth and administration of endowment funding and philanthropy.

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Pronunciation Guide: Goepfrich = gef' rick

ATTACHED PICTURES:

1. John J. Oliver Speech and Debate Fund
(FILE NAME: Tyreee-McKenzie-Oliver.jpg)

Pictured, from left, are: Superintendent Dan Tyree, Speech and Debate Team Coach Mr. David McKenzie, and Mr. John J. Oliver, founding donor.

2. The Bremen Public Schools Endowment Fund
(FILE NAME: Bremen Public Schools Endowment Fund.jpg)

Pictured, from left, are: Superintendent Russ Mikel, board members Frankie Merritt, Jill Hassel, Todd Stuckman, Jordan Bender, Jack Jordan, and MCCF VP for Development Joseph K. Goepfrich, CFRE.

3. The Chad Edward Pearson Memorial Scholarship Fund Benefitting the Knute Rockne Kiwanis Club
(FILE NAME: Chad Edward Pearson Memorial Scholarship Fund.jpg)

Parents Larry and Glenda Pearson hold a picture of their son, Chad

4. The Samuel Elliott Perkins IV Memorial Scholarship
(FILE NAME: Purdue Alumni Club Board.jpg)

Pictured clockwise, from top left are Board members of the Purdue Alumni Club of Marshall County: Bob Danielson, Dennis Kain, Bob Beiter, Tammy Houin (Vice President), Ralph Booker (President), Melissa Christiansen (Treasurer), and Karen Schlosser. Not pictured are Tracey Leeper (Secretary) and Bob Lindsey.

No picture attached for the Mary A. and William S. Young Arts Fund.