

Learning to manage a community fund

CAMBRIA — Representatives from the community met at Didion Milling on Tuesday to learn more about the Cambria-Courtland Community Fund and offer some direction on what to do with the fund money.

In August, Didion Milling announced the creation of the fund. Its purpose is to benefit both communities and to get them working together. Didion set up an account with \$25,000 in it at the National Exchange Bank & Trust in Cambria. Additional funding will be added annually for five years, with a total commitment of \$200,000.

Money from the fund would be used to make donations to non-profit groups that benefit residents of the town of Courtland, the village of Cambria and Cambria-Friesland School District, as well as the township and village.

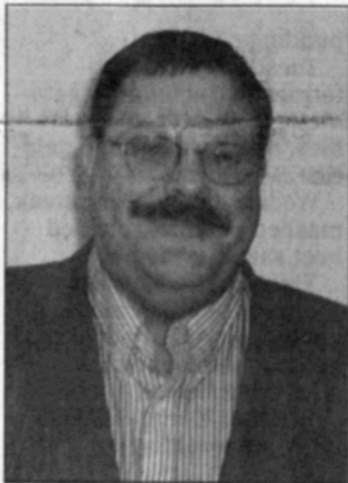
A lawyer from Cambridge who has assisted in creating

other community funds was on hand to talk about how funds are managed through investments and other contributions.

Michael D. Rumpf, the president of the Cambridge Foundation, also talked about how a successful community fund works.

The Cambridge Foundation owns a park on the west shoreline of Lake Ripley and has raised \$2.6 million for project to benefit the community.

Others can make contributions to the Cambria-Courtland Community Fund. Money from the fund can be used for anything from school uniforms to municipal building projects. A board of advisors is being set up to govern the fund. Didion is building a 40-million gallon ethanol plant in the town of Courtland on a site adjacent to their existing plant in Cambria. Ethanol will be produced using corn byproducts from the milling business.



Michael D. Rumpf

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