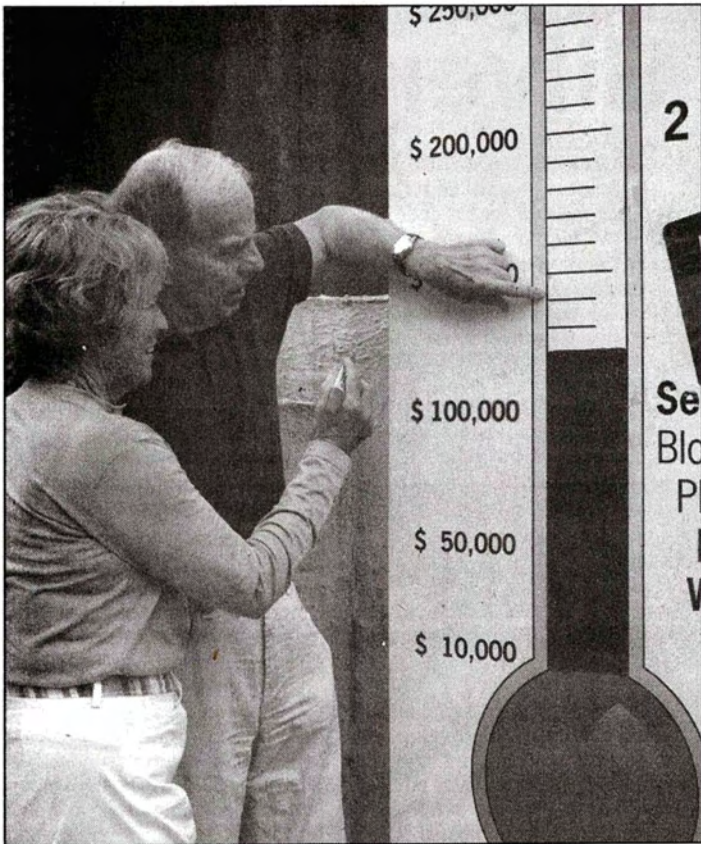


Last chance for match to Howmet fund



The opportunity to get a match for donations to the Blomdahl Howmet Playhouse Fund is almost over.

The White Lake Community Fund, part of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, has pledged to give \$1 to every \$2 raised privately by individuals, but that offer only stands until Labor Day.

In this year's drive, from Memorial Day on, a total of \$38,541 has been raised, with \$26,414 of that coming from private sources, including a \$10,000 anonymous donation. That money will go into the fund that provides money for the playhouse and its operations.

"Whatever the city deems that it needs, whether that be operational or building, they get part of that," said Holly Hughes, a member of the board at the Community Foundation.

Those costs are taken from

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Donors Mike and Libby Keenan fill in the Blomdahl Howmet Playhouse Fund thermometer outside Howmet Playhouse.

the interest made by the Blomdahl Fund.

"So whatever people give lasts forever," Hughes said.

Currently, the total fund has a balance of over \$158,000. When the challenge was issued earlier this year, the goal was to raise \$200,000 privately. That amount

would be matched by \$100,000 from the White Lake Community Fund for a total of \$300,000.

Donations can still be made to the fund. All gifts qualify for a tax deduction as a charitable contribution and may qualify for a 50% Michigan Tax Credit on the donor's state return. Donors

are urged to contact their tax advisor regarding the Michigan Tax Credit.

Donations may be made online at www.cffmc.org. Checks may be made payable to: Blomdahl Howmet Playhouse Fund, P.O. Box 42, Whitehall, MI, 49461.