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## New Scholarship Honors Jack & Phyllis Streidl

Jack and Phyllis Streidl have lived in Plainwell, Michigan for over 50 years now – but their story spans the state and country. Recognized for lifetime achievements, Jack has been inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association, the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame, Western Michigan University Hall of Fame, Upper Peninsula Hall of Fame, Plainwell High School Hall of Fame and numerous others. While Jack’s coaching abilities carried his team to conference titles (9 Wolverine Conference titles for football, 10 for track), state championships and many winning seasons – it is his leadership ability that is remembered and admired by those who were fortunate to be coached by him. With Jack’s dedication to teaching and coaching, Phyllis stayed home to raise their eight children – and become a published author. Her chronicles of love and family are a sweet scrapbook of the joy and pain of motherhood and life.

Jack and Phyllis opened their home to many a young teacher and coach while they raised their own family - a family they raised while Jack served in WWII and the Korean War. While they have been blessed with a life of deep love and compassion for those around them, their family is their greatest source of pride. “Our greatest accomplishment was putting 11 children through college”, said Jack.

To honor what they have accomplished, Plainwell High School alumni Jim Misner (class of 1962), has begun a scholarship fund at the Allegan County Community Foundation. The scholarship fund has been established to honor the life-long contribution that Jack and Phyllis have made to their family, friends, students at Plainwell Schools, and members of the Plainwell community. The first scholarship will be awarded in 2006 to a Plainwell High School scholar/athlete. Donations to the fund can be made online at: [www.alleganfoundation.org](http://www.alleganfoundation.org) or by mailing your tax-deductible contribution to: ACCF 524 Marshall St. Allegan, MI 49010. The foundation also encourages any notes/letters from those who remember Jack and Phyllis to be sent to the foundation.