

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

THE KIRKDORFER PAVILION - Please make a Tax Deductible Contribution.

I am writing to ask for your help in a way I have never asked before. I know these are difficult times and this is a difficult time of the year...many people are in need. I ask only that you consider my request and do whatever you are able and willing. On May 9, 2008, a leader in our county and community and my friend, Keith Kirkdorfer, died suddenly. Keith was a giant. He was one of those rare people who never stopped looking for ways he might help. My purpose here is not to summarize his accomplishments or his life - I have absolutely no doubt something he did touched your life - but rather to ask for your financial support. The Township Board has unanimously approved the creation of the Kirkdorfer Pavilion to be located behind the Town Hall. We have purchased a used large grain bin and will have it taken down and reassembled with side supports rather than sidewalls which will allow it to be used to enclose seating for almost 75. This is exactly the kind of project that would have gotten Keith excited. It includes farming, heavy equipment, the creation of a community space, and organizing people toward a positive end. The easy way would be to take property tax dollars and use them to cover the costs. Were he alive, Keith would have heard none of that as an approach and would have urged us to just ask for help. Those of us who knew him KNOW that would be the case. We want to honor him by respecting that spirit as we create a fitting memorial. We are soliciting contributions in honor of Keith for the purpose of funding the construction and improvement costs associated with the pavilion. **All funds donated are TOTALLY tax deductible** and we will provide you with a receipt verifying the same. Would you please mail a contribution (PO Box 188, Cassopolis, 49031) or stop by the Town Hall or a Township Board meeting, or call me personally (269-699-7742) and I will come and pick it up. The Community Awareness Group started the ball rolling with a \$200 contribution. When the Pavilion is complete we will invite the entire community, as well as all donors, to come to an event marking its creation.

Jeff Carmen; Jefferson Township Supervisor

Please make contribution checks payable to: Jefferson Township - Kirkdorfer Pavilion.