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WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Wayne County Foundation is pleased to announce the 2011 recipients of the Charles A. Rodefeld and Ruth J. Wickemeyer awards. The [Charles A. Rodefeld Award for Leadership in Philanthropy and the Community](#) seeks to recognize Wayne County citizens and/or companies who have served faithfully, though without fanfare; and those who have provided leadership and significant financial support over the years. The Rodefeld award has been presented every year since 1994.

The 2011 recipient of the Rodefeld Award is Richard "Jeff" Jeffers. Nominated by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County, he was praised for 'faithfully serving' the organization and for providing substantial financial support for the building and programming of the organization. Mr. Jeffers, the nomination noted, is a visionary who understands that if a child is given hope and opportunity, they can realize their full potential. Additionally he is a member of the Heritage Club, Founding 50 and sponsors the annual JM Hutton Golf Classic, a major fundraiser for the Club.

The [Ruth J. Wickemeyer Award for Community Service](#) was established in 2006 to recognize a not-for-profit leader (paid or volunteer) who personifies exceptional service to others in the name of community progress.

David Nixon, the 2011 recipient of the Wickemeyer Award, has been a volunteer with numerous community organizations but was nominated by the Boy Scouts who noted his service on various local and district committees. Nixon established the Manufacturing Careers Exploring Post and worked diligently to expand Scouting in Wayne County. He was praised for conducting his life in accordance with the high ethical and moral standards enumerated in the Scout Oath and Scout Law and was noted as an innovator and problem solver.

The award recipients will be honored at the Foundation's annual dinner to be held June 23. The community, and friends and relatives of the award recipients are invited. Reservations are required and may be made by calling the Foundation office at 962-1638 no later than June 16.