By Jan Rahn Managing Editor

The annual banquet of the Perkins County Community Foundation featuring a steak meal, local radio personality, and Nebraska Life Magazine editor is set for Friday, Aug. 21.

This year's event will again be held in the fellowship hall of the Grant United Methodist Church at 5th and Warren at 6 p.m.

Foundation member Becky Uehling said the money raised at the banquet will be used to help the foundation reach a challenge goal set by the Hunt family, owners of Great Plains Communications, who were instrumental in establishing the endowment for Perkins County.

Serving as emcee for the evening will be Josh Mackey of KOGA/KMCX Radio in Ogallala. Mackey also headed the event last year.

Another entertaining feature of the fundraiser is a silent auction, complete with items promoted by GROW Nebraska, a non-profit organization created to promote products made in Nebraska, along with other items.

Featured Speaker

Christopher Amundson, editor and publisher of Nebraska Life Magazine, will be the featured speaker at this year's PCCF banquet.

Nebraska Life Magazine is an independent, family-owned magazine, located in a storefront office in downtown Norfolk.

Writers and photographers from around the state contribute to make the publication one of Nebraska's best resources for travel and entertainment information.

Nebraska Life also explores the state's culture, heritage, history, art and nature. The bi-monthly magazine is 12 years old, with Amundson being with the magazine since 2003.

Amundson was born and raised in Norfolk, graduated from Norfolk High School and earned his degree in English and Business from Wayne State College.

Amundson lives in Norfolk with his wife, Angela, and three children.

His talk during the evening will be entitled "Exploring Nebraska with Nebraska Life Magazine."

Order Tickets Now

Tickets for the catered banquet by Little Country Kitchen are available from any member of the Perkins County Community Foundation Board of Directors.

The board is made up of President Michelle Ross 352-4131, Treasurer Ashley Colglazier 352-6563, members Becky Uehling, Janet Lagler, Brian Hightower, Jeff Wallin, Patti Lee, Jane Culver, Val Foster and Kami Krajewski.

Challenge Goal

The target date of the goal is Dec. 31, 2009.

The amount still needed to reach that goal is $65,000.

In existence since 2003, the Perkins County Community Foundation exists to provide a way for people to monetarily give to efforts that support the betterment and future of each of the communities in Perkins County.