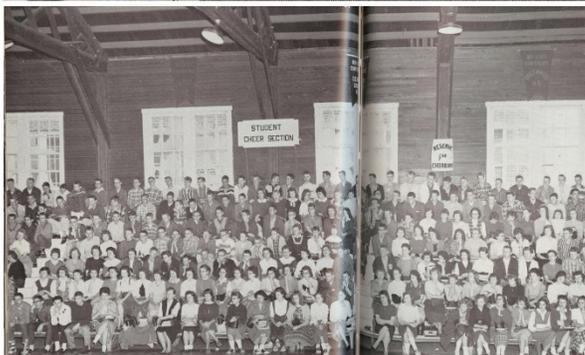
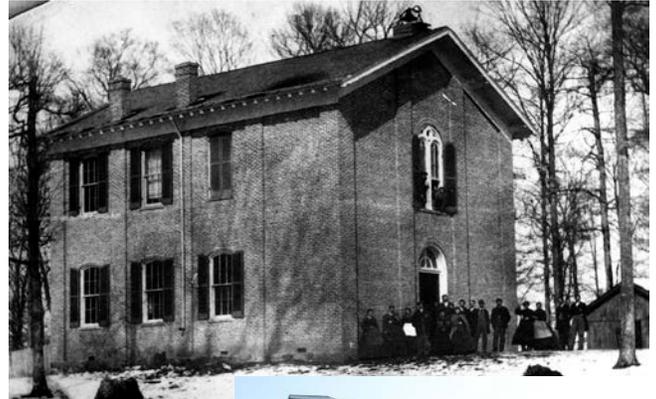




Moore'sville Landmarks Eligible to Benefit from Lilly Endowment Matching Grant

Two funds for the upkeep of historic buildings in Moore'sville may be beneficiaries of the Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT), an initiative of Lilly Endowment, Inc. The GIFT program will supply \$1 million in matching funds to donations made to the Community Foundation of Morgan County. The initiative benefits gifts to certain funds at the Foundation as well as the Foundation's operations. The funds were determined by the Lilly Endowment and include endowment funds held by the Community Foundation of Morgan County as well as several community program and project funds.

As part of this program, contributions to the Academy Building Fund and the Newby Gym Endowment Fund are eligible for a match of \$.50 on the dollar. Every \$100 donation to a fund within the GIFT program will yield an additional \$50 in revenue to the fund.



The two funds are endowment funds to benefit the upkeep of the historic buildings. As endowed funds, the principal of the fund will remain while interest earnings may be utilized for maintenance and upkeep of the buildings. The matching period for gifts made under phase six of the Lilly Endowment's GIFT initiative ends March 31, 2016 or upon fulfillment of the entire \$1 million gift.

"Having these endowments is incredibly important to maintain these historic buildings," said Dr. David Marcotte, Moore'sville Schools Superintendent. "They are part of our school district and our legacy, but because they are not current school buildings, the funds to maintain them simply do not exist within the school budget."

The Academy Building, built in 1861, housed the original Moore'sville High School. The Academy was central Indiana's first high school and was used as a public school building for more than 100 years. The building is listed on the state and national Historic Registers and currently serves as the home to three local non-profits, the Academy of Hoosier Heritage Museum, the Community Foundation of

Morgan County and the Kendrick Foundation. The Newby Gym was first known as the Gymnasium Building when it was built in the early 1920s. With its stage area and basketball court, it served as a community center for several decades and still serves as home to the Moore'sville Junior Boys and Moore'sville Junior Girls Basketball Leagues. Learn more about both buildings at <https://www.moore'svilleschools.org/about-us/history-and-heritage>.

To make a donation, you may write a check to Community Foundation of Morgan County, 56 N. Main St., Martinsville, IN 46151 and designate the fund to which you would like to contribute. Online donations may also be made by going to www.CFMOnline.org and clicking the "Donate Now" button or the Lilly Endowment Matching Grant button on the left of the screen for more detailed information. Please be sure to note the fund of your choice. Donors will get a receipt noting their contribution to a 501©3 fund.

Photos: TOP RIGHT: One of the earliest known photos of the Academy Building and the building today. LOWER LEFT: The Gymnasium Building from the 1923 MHS yearbook (top) and basketball fans in 1959.