

Operation Round Up Annual Report

"Small Change That Changes Lives"

December 31, 2015

Annual Summary

	Donations	Overhead	Reserves	Grants	Projects
1996	\$4,241.39	\$477.21	\$212.07	\$155.00	1
1997	\$6,269.11	\$150.00	\$313.46	\$3,290.00	9
1998	\$6,098.34		\$304.92	\$3,925.00	6
1999	\$6,476.79	\$20.00	\$323.84	\$3,675.00	14
2000	\$6,511.96		\$325.60	\$4,775.00	13
2001	\$6,567.04	\$20.00	\$328.35	\$4,075.00	14
2002	\$6,725.99		\$336.30	\$4,375.00	15
2003	\$6,802.07	\$20.00	\$340.10	\$9,030.00	15
2004	\$6,818.12		\$340.91	\$11,525.00	21
2005	\$6,793.53		\$339.68	\$7,375.00	15
2006	\$6,885.95		\$344.30	\$8,425.00	19
2007	\$7,173.55	\$20.00	\$358.68	\$7,225.00	18
2008	\$7,626.32	\$39.55	\$381.32	\$6,650.00	18
2009	\$7,534.31		\$376.72	\$5,475.00	16
2010	\$7,547.86		\$377.39	\$8,375.00	19
2011	\$7,443.08	\$20.00	\$372.15	\$7,000.00	19
2012	\$6,769.50		\$338.48	\$7,600.00	20
2013	\$7,092.25	\$20.00	\$354.61	\$7,050.00	24
2014	\$7,097.42		\$354.87	\$5,600.00	20
2015	\$6,676.77 ¹	\$26.90	\$333.83 ¹	\$4,750.00 ²	18
Totals	\$135,151.35	\$813.66	\$6,757.58	\$120,350	314

¹ December Donations are not included ² Does not include December Grants

Awards by Classification

	Since 1996	Percentage	2015	Percentage
Area Celebrations	\$9,450	7.9%	\$800	16.8%
Community Improvements	\$9,225	7.7%	\$250	5.3%
Economic Development	\$700	0.6%		
Fire/Rescue	\$16,465	13.7%		
Historic Preservation	\$22,625	18.8%	\$500	10.5%
Libraries	\$1,250	1.0%		
Medical	\$1,400	1.2%		
Post Prom	\$3,825	3.2%	\$200	4.2%
Scholarships	\$45,825	38.1%	\$3,000	63.2%
Youth Programs	\$9,585	8.0%		
Total	\$120,350		\$4,750	

Awards by County

County	Since 1996	Percentage	2015	Percentage
All	\$3,825	3.2%	\$200	3.6%
Boyd	\$56,715	47.1%	\$2,400	42.9%
Holt	\$47,710	39.6%	\$2,150	38.4%
Knox	\$12,100	10.1%		
Total	\$120,350		\$4,750	

Niobrara Valley Membership Participation

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total NVEMC Members	2,767	2,766	2,740	2,793	2,772	2,793	2,769	2,767
Accounts Participating	1,484	1,503	1,545	1,490	1,330	1,362	1,386	1,437
Percentage Participation	53.6%	54.3%	56.4%	53.3%	47.9%	48.8%	50.0%	51.2%
Average Donation	\$4.50	\$4.71	\$4.11	\$5.10	\$5.63	\$5.53	\$5.44	\$5.31

Notes

Projects for 2015

Annual Post Prom Fund Donations

The annual donation of \$25 was approved for each of the eight high schools within Niobrara Valley Electric's service territory including Niobrara High School.

Six \$500 Scholarships Awarded for 2015

Justin Goesch – West Boyd High School
 Trevor Jarman – Chambers High School
 Jacey Kozisek – St. Mary's High School
 Evan Laible – West Holt High School
 Charlie Leibel – Stuart High School
 Hollyn Nelson – Lynch High School

\$400 donation to the Butte Golf Association

A donation to help with the community 4th of July fireworks display.

\$400 donation to Chambers Chamber of Commerce

Used to offset the expenses for July 4th Celebration

\$250 – O'Neill Golden Age Center

Provided funds to purchase food boxes for the Meals on Wheels program.

\$500 donation to the Naper Historical Society

For funds used to install siding on Heritage Hall.

Projects for 2014

Annual Post Prom Fund Donations

The annual donation of \$25 was approved for each of the eight high schools within Niobrara Valley Electric's service territory including Niobrara High School.

Five \$500 Scholarships Awarded for 2014

Tyler Coburn – West Holt High School
 Alexa Farewell – Chambers High School
 Shelbie Heiser – Lynch High School
 Dylan Rasmussen – Chambers High School
 Dylan Reiman – West Boyd High School

\$500- Holt County 4-H Shooting Sports

The grant was used help pay expenses incurred when the team attended the International National Championship Match in Rogers Arkansas.

\$500 – Donation to the Naper Fire Department

The grant is being used to help repair equipment and purchase firefighting suits.

\$400 donation to the Butte Golf Association
A donation to help with the community 4th of July fireworks display.

\$400 donation to Chambers Chamber of Commerce
Used to offset the expenses for July 4th Celebration

\$500 grant to the Boyd County Senior Center
The grant is being used to help purchase a new door and keys for the center.

\$100 donation to the Boots and Saddle Club
For the purchase of show awards and help with operating expense.

\$500 donation to the Naper Historical Society
For funds used to install siding on Heritage Hall.

Projects for 2013

Annual Post Prom Fund Donations
The annual donation of \$25 was approved for each of the eight high schools within Niobrara Valley Electric's service territory including Niobrara High School.

Six \$500 Scholarships Awarded for 2013
Gabriel Dexter - Chambers High School
Andrew Lechtenberg - West Boyd High School.
Samantha McCarthy - West Boyd High School.
Tawny Mohr - West Boyd High School
Kylie Stoltenberg - Stuart High School
Megan Wenner - West Holt High School

\$500 – Donation to the Naper Fire Department
The grant is being used to help purchase firefighting equipment.

\$200 to the Butte Community Historical Society
The grant was used to help with the expense of repairs to the building roof.

\$400 donation to the Butte Golf Association
A donation to help with the community 4th of July fireworks display.

\$400 donation to Chambers Chamber of Commerce
Used to offset the expenses for July 4th Celebration

\$300 grant to the Cedar Lawn Cemetery
The money is to be used to put a new fence around the cemetery to keep cattle off the grounds.

\$100 donation to the Boots and Saddle Club
For the purchase of show awards and help with operating expense.

\$200 donation to the Naper Historical Society
For funds used to install siding on their building.

\$250 donation to the Atkinson Senior Center
The funds are to be used as part of a fund raising effort to erect a larger sign for the facility.

\$250 donation to the Holt County 4-H Council
For educational materials and awards for the 4-H program

Projects for 2012

Annual Post Prom Fund Donations

The annual donation of \$25 was approved for each of the eight high schools within Niobrara Valley Electric's service territory including Niobrara High School.

Six \$500 Scholarships Awarded for 2012

Alex Bendig – West Boyd High School
Ashley Jarman – Chambers High School
Marayah Laible – West Holt High School
Jessoca Pease - West Holt High School
Desi Pinkerman - O'Neill High School
Melissa Roth - West Boyd High School

\$1,000 grant to the Naper Fire Department

The funds are being used towards the purchase of a new fire truck.

\$250 grant to Holt County 4-H

The funds are being used to provide scholarships to 4-H camps.

\$400 donation to the Butte Golf Association

A donation to help with the community 4th of July fireworks display.

\$400 donation to Chambers Chamber of Commerce

Used to offset the expenses for July 4th Celebration

\$300 Grant to Boyd County 4-H Shooting Sports

Funding support to help the program continue

\$100 Donation to Chambers FFA

Used by the organization to defray the cost of the Clint Koenig Memorial Fund raising project the chapter organized.

\$100 donation to the Boots and Saddle Club

For the purchase of show awards and help with operating expense.

\$300 donation to the Naper Historical Society

For funds used to replace the doors on the Heritage Display Hall.

\$1,200 to the Bristow Fire Department

\$1,000 towards help in the purchase of a new fire truck, and \$200 to offset expenses from the extreme summer fires.

\$200 – Donation to the O'Neill Fire Department

To offset expense from the extreme summer fires.

\$200 – Donation to the Atkinson Fire Department

To offset expense from the extreme summer fires.

\$200 – Donation to the Chambers Fire Department

To offset expense from the extreme summer fires.

\$200 – Donation to the Stuart Fire Department

To offset expense from the extreme summer fires.

\$200 – Donation to the Spencer Fire Department

To offset expense from the extreme summer fires.

\$200 – Donation to the Butte Fire Department

To offset expense from the extreme summer fires.

\$200 – Donation to the Naper Fire Department
To offset expense from the extreme summer fires.

\$200 – Donation to the Lynch Fire Department
To offset expense from the extreme summer fires.

Projects for 2011

Annual Post Prom Fund Donations

The annual donation of \$25 was approved for each of the eight high schools within Niobrara Valley Electric's service territory including Niobrara High School.

Seven \$500 Scholarships Awarded for 2011

Bobbie Adair – West Holt High School
Ryan Borg - Stuart High School
Kyle Carr – Chambers High School
Derke Durre – Chambers High School
Jeremy Pacha – West Holt High School
Rick Pfeifer - West Boyd High School
Amanda Wenner - West Holt High School

\$250 Grant to the Naper Library

The grant is to be used towards repairing the building flooring.

\$50 to the Lynch Community Club

The grant is being used towards general town improvements.

\$400 donation to the Butte Golf Association

A donation to help with the community 4th of July fireworks display.

\$400 donation to Chambers Chamber of Commerce

Used to offset the expenses for July 4th Celebration

\$300 grant to the Community Historical Center

The funds are to be used for general building repair.

\$500 grant to the Atkinson Senior Center

The grant is being used to offset the cost of purchasing and installing more efficient indoor lighting.

Projects for 2010

Annual Post Prom Fund Donations

The annual donation of \$25 was approved for each of the eight high schools within Niobrara Valley Electric's service territory including Niobrara High School.

Six \$500 Scholarships Awarded for 2010

Clay Classen – Lynch High School
Bryson DeKay - Lynch High School
Makayla Michaels – West Boyd High School
Kaitlyn Nelson – West Boyd High School
Rebecca Ram – Stuart High School
Jeffiffer Schuermann - West Boyd High School

\$1,500 to the Spencer Volunteer Rescue Unit

This grant was used towards the purchase of a new defibrillator unit for the unit ambulances.

\$250 to the Butte Community Historical Center & Museum

The grant was used to help with the expense of repairs to the building caused by summer storms.

\$500 grant to the Holt County Historical Society

The money donated to the society will be used to help reprint the history of Holt County.

\$400 donation to the Butte Golf Association
A donation to help with the community 4th of July fireworks display.

\$400 donation to Chambers Chamber of Commerce
Used to offset the expenses for July 4th Celebration

\$500 grant to the Atkinson Senior Center
The donation was used to off set the cost of projects needed to improve the building.

\$500 grant to the Spencer Community Hall Improvements Organization
The grant was used towards the remodeling of the halls kitchen.

\$300 donation to the Chambers Park Improvement Organization
The donation was used towards the replacement of the old park house building with a new facility.

\$75 donation to the Boots and Saddle Club
For the purchase of show awards.

\$250 donation to the Holt County 4-H Council
For educational materials and awards for the 4-H program

\$300 donation to the Boyd County Agricultural Society
The funding was used towards the purchase of a portable speaker system for use at the county fair.

\$400 to the Naper Historical Society
Funding towards the continued renovation of the Wm. Krotter Lumber Company historic building into the White Horse Ranch Museum.

\$300 to the Knoll Crest Cemetery
A grant to help replace the old fence.

Projects for 2009

Annual Post Prom Fund Donations
The annual donation of \$25 was approved for each of the eight high schools within Niobrara Valley Electric's service territory including Niobrara High School.

Five \$500 Scholarships Awarded for 2009
Shelly Davis – Chambers High School
Logan Hipkie – Stuart High School
Makayla Michaels – West Boyd High School
Cody Savtos – Lynch High School
Tiffiney Vandersnick – St. Mary's High School

\$100 Donation to the Holt County 4-H Leadership Program
Awarded to Andrea Lemmer for her 4-H Leadership Program.

\$300 Donation to the Niobrara Historical Society
Awarded to the Society to be used for building repair work.

\$300 Donation to the Butte Golf Association
A donation to help with the community 4th of July fireworks display.

\$300 Donation to Chambers Chamber of Commerce
Expenses for July 4th Celebration

\$75 Donation to the Boots and Saddle Club
For the purchase of show awards.

\$300 – Community Historical Society and Museum
Awarded to the Society to be used for building repair work.

\$500 Donation to Holt County 4-H Council
For educational materials and awards for the 4-H program

\$300 Donation to the Strudevent McKee Museum
For help towards the purchase of a computer system and camera to record historical items and records in their collection.

\$300 Donation to the Spencer Community Hall Improvement
The donation was used towards the installation of handicapped accessible restrooms and a new furnace for the facility.

\$ 300 to the Naper Historical Society
Funding towards the continued renovation of the Wm. Krotter Lumber Company historic building into the White Horse Ranch Museum.

Projects for 2008

Five \$500 Scholarships Awarded for 2008

Aaron Hanzlik - is the son of Frank and Dawn Hanzlik of Niobrara.

Amber Johnson - is the daughter of Kurt Johnson and Georgia Sylvester. She is attended Stuart High School.

Rebeka Laible- the daughter of Jerry Laible and Kristine Laible. She attended West Holt High School.

Grace Tuttle - attended Chambers High School, and is the daughter of Galen & Linda Tuttle and Patricia Tuttle.

Ashley Wickersham - is the daughter of Brenda and Darold Wickersham and attended Lynch High School.

Annual Post Prom Fund Donations

The annual donation of \$25 was approved for each of the eight high schools within Niobrara Valley Electric's service territory including Niobrara High School.

\$250 Donation – Community Historical Center and Museum, Butte, NE
For the repair of the museum building.

\$500 Donation - Bristow Lions Club & American Legion
For the purchase and repair of the community hall furnace.

\$200 Donation to the Butte Golf Association
A donation to help with the community 4th of July fireworks display.

\$200 Donation to the Niobrara Promoters
A donation to help defray expenses of the Bridging the Shores celebration.

\$500 Donation to Stuart Fire and Rescue
For the purchase of new fire hoses and nozzles.

\$75 Donation to the Boots and Saddle Club
For the purchase of show awards.

\$500 Donation to the Spencer Community Hall Improvement Fund
To help pay for building repairs.

\$500 Donation to the Naper Library
To help defray startup costs and purchase shelving.

\$500 Donation to Holt County 4-H Council
For educational materials and awards for the 4-H program

\$200 Donation for the Holt County 4-H Quiz Bowl Team
To help with travel costs to the national competition.

Projects for 2007

Six Scholarships Awarded for 2007

Alex Ascherl from O'Neill St. Mary's High School - Son of Todd and Cathy Ascherl
Chanda Davis from Chambers High School - daughter of Linda Davis and the late Larry Davis
Jason Borg from Stuart High School - son of Jim and Delma Borg
Robin Holmberg from Spencer-Naper High School - daughter of Eugene and Brenda Holmberg
Wacey Carson from Lynch High School - son of Dallas and Deeann Carson
Tana Luth from Butte High School - daughter of Rodney and Diane Luth

\$1,000 Donation to the Naper Historical Society

To develop a building to display the White Horse Ranch artifacts.

\$500 Chambers Park Improvement Fund

To help towards the purchase of playground equipment for the park.

\$250 Donation to Community Historical Society & Museum

Building restoration and maintenance

\$300 Donation to Holt County 4-H Council

Educational materials to help teach 4-H skills

\$100 Donation to National History Day Qualifiers

Travel expenses to attend National History Day Competition in Washington, D.C.

\$200 Donation to Butte Golf Association

Expenses for July 4th Celebration

\$200 Donation to Chambers Chamber of Commerce

Expenses for July 4th Celebration

\$250 Donation to the Butte Historical Society

Help with building repairs.

\$1,000 Donation to the Niobrara Historical Society

Donation to help with the replacement of the roof.

\$250 Donation to the Valley View Cemetery

Donation for markers for graves of black settlers from the town of Bliss relocated during the dust bowl.

\$250 Donation to the Holt County Historical Society

Donation to help with building repairs.

\$100 Donation to the O'Neill Wrestling Group

To purchase equipment and cover the start up cost for the Pee Wee Wrestling group.

Projects for 2006

Eight \$500 Scholarships Awarded for 2006

Scholarship – O’Neill Public High School - **Lisa Boshart** is the daughter of Steve and Ellen Boshart.

Scholarship - Stuart High School - **Emily Estes** is the daughter of Alan and Kim Estes.

Scholarship - Spencer-Naper High School - **Riley Hamilton**, is the son of Roger and Sue Hamilton.

Scholarship - Niobrara High School - **Adam Hanzlik** is the son of Frank and Debra Hanzlik.

Scholarship - Chambers High School - **Emily Metschke** is the daughter of Maureen Metschke and Phillip and Julie Metschke.

Scholarship - Stuart High School - **Will Hipke**, is the son of Keith and LaJean Hipke

Scholarship - St. Mary’s High School - **Charles Shields** is the son of Dan and Luann Shields of O’Neill.

Scholarship - Lynch High School - **Michael Wade** is the son of Raymond and the late Milda Wade.

\$ 200 Donation to the Up and At It 4- H Group

For the restoration of the Blackbird Cemetery Gate

Annual Post Prom Fund Donations

The annual donation of \$25 was approved for each of the nine high schools within Niobrara Valley Electric's service territory including Niobrara High School.

\$250 Donation to the Bargain Byway Group

To promote tourism in along Highway 20.

\$200 Donation to the Chambers Chamber of Commerce

For the purchase of 4th of July Fireworks.

\$200 Donation to the Butte Golf Association

For the purchase 4th of July Fireworks.

\$75 Donation to the Boots and Saddle Club

For the purchase of show awards.

\$1,500 Donation to the Spencer Fire Department

For the purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera.

\$275 Donation to the Holt County 4-H

For the purchase of awards and two camp Scholarships.

\$500 Donation to Niobrara Historical Society

New Window for the building

\$500 Donation to Naper Historical Society

Towards the creation of a White Horse Ranch Museum Display in Naper

\$500 Donation to Holt County Historical Society

Used for brick tuck pointing on the society building.

Projects for 2005

Eight Scholarships Awarded for 2005

Melinda Roth from Butte High School – Daughter of Ralph and Linda Roth

Ross Scholz from Stuart High School – Son of Roger Scholz

Ryan Looock from Spencer-Naper High School – Son of Roger and Edith Looock

Bradley Tomjack – Chambers High School – Son of Bob and Judy Tomjack

Amanda Brockman – Lynch High School – Daughter of Patricia Brockman

Michele Kubart – West Holt High School – Daughter of James and Pamela Kubart

Jared Hammom – Spencer-Naper High School – Son of Casey and Vickie Hammon

Amber Henderson – Lynch High School – Daughter of Candice Henderson

\$50 Donation to the Boots and Saddle Club
For the purchase of show awards.

\$250 Donation to the Chambers Chamber of Commerce
For the purchase of 4th of July Fireworks.

\$250 Donation to the Butte Golf Association
For the purchase 4th of July Fireworks.

\$100 Donation to the Butte Community Historical Center
For the repair of the building.

\$1,000 Donation to the Spencer Rescue Unit
For the purchase of a lap top computer to download information from their defibrillator after an ambulance run.

\$1,500 Donation to the Naper Historical Society
For permanent signage for local historical sites.

Annual Post Prom Fund Donations

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Projects for 2004

Eight Scholarships Awarded for 2004

Eight students were selected from the thirty-four applicants to receive a \$500 scholarship for the 2004-2005 school year. Those selected were:

**TyMBER Higgins from Spencer-Naper High School - Daughter of Lavern and Brenda Higgins
Debra Liewer from Butte High School - Daughter of James and Sandra Liewer
Rachele Lyons from Page - Daughter of Robert and Joanne Lowe of O'Neill
Dane Metschke from Chambers High School - Son of Phillip Metschke and Maureen Metschke
Joe Spencer from Lynch High School - Son of Paul and Lauri Spencer
Kate Swanson from Niobrara High School - Daughter of Rayder and Kim Swanson
Brian Tomjack from Chambers High School - Son of Bob and Judy Tomjack
Jamie Zeiser from Spencer-Naper High School - Daughter of Craig and Stacy Zeiser**

\$100 Donation to the Chambers Chamber of Commerce
For the purchase of 4th of July Fireworks.

\$100 Donation to the Butte Golf Association
For the purchase 4th of July Fireworks.

\$1,500 Donation Naper Historical Society
Funds used in the restoration of the Naper Jail and other buildings owned by the society.

\$500 Donation Holt County 4-H
To provide traveling expenses for the 4-H Shooting Sports to go to the national competition.

\$150 Donation Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway Fund
To help with the cost of promotional materials for the Outlaw Scenic Trail

\$750 Donation Niobrara Promoters
A donation to help with the cost of the "Bridge Days" celebration.

\$600 Donation Molly Lambert Fund
To help the Lambert family with the costs of cancer treatment and care for Molly.

\$1,200 Donation Verdel Improvement Club

To help the club with expenses for materials needed to improve the community property in the town.

\$100 Donation to Lynch Community Club

A donation of \$100 was given to the Lynch Community Club to place a flagpole.

\$100 Donation to Niobrara Valley Hospital

A donation of \$100 was given to the Niobrara Valley Hospital for teleradiology equipment.

\$1500 Donation to Spencer Rescue Unit

A donation of \$1500 was given to the Spencer Rescue Unit to help purchase a defibrillator.

\$500 Donation to Butte Historical Society

A donation of \$500 was given to the Butte Historical Society to help with the cost of their foundation and basement project.

Annual Post Prom Fund Donations

The annual donation of \$25 was approved for each of the nine high schools within Niobrara Valley Electric's service territory including Niobrara High School.

Projects for 2003

June 2003 – Niobrara Baseball Program - \$1,000

The Niobrara Baseball program requested a \$1,000 donation to help replace equipment that was destroyed due to vandalism. The board provided a \$1,000 grant for this project.

June 2003 – The Butte Community Historical Center and Museum - \$1,000

In order to preserve their building and continue it's restoration the Historical Centers members needed to raise a substantial amount of funding. To help with this request the board provided a \$1,000 grant.

June 2003 – Butte Golf Association - \$200

The committee made a donation to support the Chambers 4th of July celebration.

June 2003 – Chambers Chamber of Commerce - \$200

The committee made a donation to support the Chambers 4th of July celebration.

June 2003 – Niobrara Promoters - \$200

The committee made a donation to support the Niobrara 4th of July celebration.

March 2003 – O'Neill Elementary School's Junior Eagle Boosters - \$230

The Booster's had a community fund drive for new playground equipment. The board provided a \$230 grant towards the project.

March 2003 – Post Prom donations - \$225

The fund gave a \$25 donation to each high school post prom committee inside the service area of Niobrara Valley Electric

March 2003 – Naper EMT's - \$1,500

Funds were requested by the EMT's for the purchase of a defibrillator unit for their ambulance. The fund provided a \$1,500 grant towards the purchase of this equipment.

March 2003 – 2003 Scholarship Recipients - \$3,000

The committee gave six \$500 scholarships to area youth. The scholarships will be used toward degrees in nursing, elementary education and auto technology degrees. The Scholarships went to Jacqueline Anson, Mike Simons, Lindsey May, Aaron Rowse, Kathryn Ohri, and Jess Hipke

Projects for 2002

December 2002 – West Holt High School Foundation - \$250

The board voted to provide a \$250 grant to the foundation to help in the construction of a new wrestling building.

December 2002 – West Holt Memorial Hospital- \$250

A grant was given to the hospital to help provide a new whirlpool tub for the facility.

December 2002 – Holt/Boyd County MADD Chapter - \$250

This is a new organization forming in the area. The board voted to give \$250 in startup funds to this organization

December 2002 – Niobrara Valley Hospital Foundation - \$250

The foundation requested help in purchasing new x-ray equipment. The board voted a \$250 grant towards this request.

June 2002 – Butte County Historical Center - \$250

The fund board voted a \$250 grant to help the Butte Community Historical Center restore the old Parochial School building located in town into a museum for the area.

June 2002 – Butte Golf Association - \$150

The committee made a donation to support the Chambers 4th of July celebration.

June 2002 – Chambers Chamber of Commerce - \$150

The committee made a donation to support the Chambers 4th of July celebration.

June 2002 – Lynch Community Foundation - \$200

The board provided a \$250 grant towards the purchase of brochures to promote tourism in the area.

June 2002 – Niobrara Valley Hospital Foundation - \$200

The board voted to provide a \$200 grant to the Niobrara Valley Hospital foundation for the purchase of equipment needed for the hospital. The hospital serves about 20,000 individuals per year.

June 2002 – Niobrara Senior Citizens Center - \$200

A donation of \$200 was donated to help maintain the Senior Center in Niobrara. The building is the old Presbyterian Church that was moved from old town. It is estimated to be 100 years old. The center serves 400 to 500 people annually.

March 2002 –2002 Scholarship Recipients - \$2,000

The committee gave four scholarships to area youth. The scholarships will be used toward degrees in nursing, elementary education and auto technology degrees. Scholarships went to Stepanie Crosley, Crystal Young, Katie Cameron and Kelly Myers Chosen.

March 2002 – Spencer Gun Club - \$100

A donation of \$100 was given to the Spencer Gun Club toward the purchase of a blue rock thrower.

March 2002 – Butte Marching Band - \$100

The fund gave a \$100 grant to the Butte Marching Band to help with the financing of their trip to participate in the 2002 Magic Music Day celebration at Disney World in Florida.

March 2002 – Post Prom donations - \$225

The fund gave a \$25 donation to each high school post prom committee inside the service area of Niobrara Valley Electric

Projects for 2001

December 2001 – Butte Community Historical Center - \$250

The fund board voted a \$250 grant to help the Butte Community Historical Center restore the old Parochial School building located in town into a museum for the area. They started this project in 1990 and have been working towards the full restoration of the building since that time.

December 2001 – Niobrara Library - \$250

A donation of \$250 was made to the library to help purchase a computer for public Internet access. About 250 families use the services of this library each year.

December 2001 – Holt County Historical Society - \$200

The fund donated \$200 to the Holt County Historical Society. The society is purchasing a new furnace for the Kincaid Building a prominent historical building in O'Neill and the Society's headquarters. They have approximately 500 visitors a year and maintain 3,000 - 4,000 family histories on file.

September 2001 – Niobrara Historical Society - \$500

The fund board voted to give \$500 to the society to help them purchase dehumidifiers for the museum. The society is very active in fund raising to continue improvements on their museum. In the year 2000 they had 1,366 registered visitors.

June 2001 – Outlaw Trail Highway 12 Scenic Byway - \$100

The Goodwill Fund Board voted to give to the Outlaw Trail group \$100 to support their efforts to promote tourism in the Boyd county area.

June 2001 – Butte Golf Association - \$100

The committee made a donation to support the Chambers 4th of July celebration.

June 2001 – Chambers Chamber of Commerce - \$100

The committee made a donation to support the Chambers 4th of July celebration.

March 2001 – 2001 Scholarship Recipients - \$1,500

The fund provided three scholarships to area youth. They were Jessica Kaup, Michael Wendt and Sarah Ferich.

March 2001 – Post Prom donations - \$225

The fund gave a \$25 donation to each high school post prom committee inside the service area of Niobrara Valley Electric

Projects for 2000

December 2000 – O'Neill Booster Club - \$500

A \$500 matching grant was made to the Booster Club to help their fund raising effort to provide updated equipment and refurbish the high school weight room. The room had originally been provided by the Club in 1972 and they are working to bring it back up to it's original condition.

December 2000 – Sturdevant McKee Foundation - \$250

The fund provided a \$250 grant for operating funds for the foundation. The foundation is restoring an 1886 Victorian home located in Atkinson. Last year they had 595 individuals view the home.

September 2000 – 4H-Auction - \$150

The fund gave a grant of \$150 to help pay part of the costs associated with putting on the auction.

June 2000 – Holt County Historical Society - \$500

The organization helps over 600 people in Holt County. The fund gave \$500 towards the purchase of a tape recorder, microphone stand and archival containers for the societies collection of historical photographs,

June 2000 – Holt County 4-H Shooting Sports - \$200

This group helps 96 youths learn, to shoot competitively and safely. The funds were used to help build a 22 rifle range with the hopes that in the future they could host a state shooting competition.

June 2000 - Naper Baseball Team - \$100

The fund gave \$100 to the group to help purchase new uniforms and sports equipment. Over 20 youth participate in this program.

June 2000 – Spencer Save Our Pool Committee - \$500

The fund gave \$500 to this committee to help with renovation work being done to the Spencer community pool. About 100 families a year use the pool.

June 2000 – Chambers 4th of July Celebration - \$100

June 2000 – Chambers Volunteer Fire Department - \$500

The fund provided a donation to the fire department to purchase a set of Bunker gear.

June 2000 – Atkinson Fire and Rescue - \$500

The fund provided a donation to help the rescue unit purchase a set of emergency bar lights and a new siren.

June 2000 – Niobrara fire and Rescue - \$500

The group aids over 62 people a year. The fund provided a donation to the rescue squad for training equipment and supplies for airway management.

March 2000 – Post Prom donations - \$225

The fund gave a \$25 donation to each high school post prom committee inside the service area of Niobrara Valley Electric

March 2000 – Niobrara Hospital - \$500

The fund provided a \$500 donation to the hospital to help with operating capital during a revenue shortfall. The operation of the hospital effect about 1,000 people in the surrounding area.

March 2000 – Niobrara Public Library - \$500

A donation of \$500 was made to the library to help replace an older computer that quit working. About 800 people a year use the services of this library.

March 2000 –2000 Scholarship Recipients - \$1,000

For the first time the committee gave two scholarships to area youth. Plans are to provide two scholarships each year into the future. Awards were presented to Sarah Krysl and Isaiah Sicheneder.

Projects for 1999

September 1999 - O'Neill Big Pal - Little Pal Program - \$150

The Fund board approved a \$150 matching grant for operational expenses to the O'Neill Big Pal/Little Pal Program. The program provides mentoring for children between the ages of 5 and 12 who come from single parent families. The children are matched with volunteers' 16 years of age or older. A screening and interview process are used to match the volunteers strengths with the needs of the child. Monthly activities can have an attendance as high as 50 people.

September 1999 – Niobrara Historical Society - \$1,500

The Fund board approved a \$1,500 matching grant to the Niobrara Historical Society towards their museum lighting project. Visitors to the museum come from many areas. In 1998, the museum had visitors from 29 states including Alaska. The museum also had visitors from Australia, Canada, England and Thailand.

June 1999 - Stuart Funds for Fun Group - \$250

Parents and teachers formed the Funds for Fun Group to purchase new playground equipment at the K-12 school district in their community. The school serves the children in Stuart and from the surrounding rural community. The board awarded a \$250 matching grant to the group.

June 1999 - Butte Health Care Auxiliary - \$350

The Butte Health Care Auxiliary received a \$350 matching funds grant towards the purchase of a new piano for the residents of the Nursing Home for the residents and the community to enjoy.

April 1999 - Kelli Drueke Chosen as 1999 Scholarship Recipient - \$500

The Goodwill Fund board received 30 applications for the annual \$500 college scholarship. The board was impressed by the quality of all the applicants. Miss Kelli Drueke, daughter of Tom and Pat Drueke, was chosen to receive the 1999 scholarship. Miss Drueke attends Spencer-Naper High School and plans to attend Northeast Community College for an Associate Degree in Nursing and then the University of Nebraska for her Bachelor Degree in Nursing. Kelli has already worked two years as Certified Nurses Assistance and says, "I love the work, the environment, and the fact that I can make a difference in somebody's life." Congratulations Kelli and good luck with your nursing career!

April 1999 - Donation to Winners of National History Day Competition - \$300

The Fund Board donated \$300 to the winners of the National History Day Competition to defray travel expenses. Their project was on the history of Niobrara Valley EMC and how electrifying the countryside had improved the lives of the people in the area.

April 1999 - Stuart Volunteer Fire Department - \$500

The Goodwill Fund Board approved a \$500 donation to the Stuart Volunteer Fire Department towards the purchase of a new ambulance. The fire department serves Stuart and the surrounding area.

April 1999 - Donation to Niobrara Public Library - \$500

The Niobrara Public Library was approved for a \$500 donation to update computers at the library. The library is experiencing a growing need for computers and Internet availability. They service a population of 800 and over 4,000 individuals have used the library since October 1997.

April 1999 - Donation to Veterans of Foreign Wars - \$100

A \$100 donation will be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Niobrara. The donation will be used for relocation efforts and maintenance fees. Relocation of the Sage Memorial is necessary due to the relocation of Highway 12. The new memorial will be dedicated to Veterans from all branches of the service. The Veterans of Foreign Wars services the Niobrara, Verdel and Santee area and they have visitors to the Sage Memorial from all over the country.

April 1999 - Donation to Chamber Volunteer Fire Department - \$500

A \$500 donation will be made by the Goodwill Fund to the Chambers Volunteer Fire Department. The donation will be used toward the purchase of a defibrillator heart monitor for the ambulance service. The Chambers Volunteers have 13 individuals certified to use a defibrillator. They answer approximately 40 calls a year. Carrying the defibrillator on the ambulance will allow the Chambers Volunteer Fire Department to meet their goal of providing the best cardiac service possible.

April 1999 - Matching Funds to Atkinson Big Pal/Little Pal Program - \$150

The Fund board approved a \$150 matching grant for beginning operational expenses to the Atkinson Big Pal/Little Pal Program. The purpose of this program is to match responsible adults with boys and girls to provide a one-to-one relationship. The Big Pals and Little Pals will participate in social and cultural activities which will (1) develop good social behaviors and respect for self and others (2) establish wholesome and healthful attitudes to develop productive and creative members of society and (3) encourage the boys and girls development to their fullest capacity for living a responsible, happy and healthy life.

April 1999 - Goodwill Fund Approves Annual Post Prom Donation - \$200

The Goodwill Fund Board approved an annual \$25 donation to the Post Prom Fund of each high school in the Niobrara Valley Electric service area, including Niobrara High School.

Projects for 1998

December 1998 - Goodwill Fund Establishes Annual Scholarship

The Goodwill Fund established an annual \$500 scholarship available to any Niobrara Valley Electric member or their immediate family. The scholarship can be used for any post-secondary institution in the pursuit of any degree and any age student may apply. The scholarship must be used toward tuition or books. The deadline for scholarship applications was set for April 10, 1999.

December 1998 - Funding To The Niobrara Museum - \$900

The fund donated \$900 to the Niobrara Museum. The funds will be used to purchase a new trophy case.

September 1998 - Funding To The Holt County Historical Society - \$1,500

The fund donated a total of \$1,500 to the Holt County Historical Society. \$1,000 will go toward their window fund and \$500 for the purchase of a word processor. The Holt County Historical Society is located in the Kincaid Building in O'Neill. They have approximately 500 visitors a year and maintain 3,000 - 4,000 family histories on file.

September 1998 - Funding To The Niobrara Historical Society - \$600

The fund made a \$600 donation to the Niobrara Historical Society for the purchase of a copy machine. The "Memories of Old Niobrara" Museum had 1,995 registered guests in 1997. These guests came from Hawaii, Belgium, Germany, Japan, British Columbia, 36 states in the U.S., and 120 towns in Nebraska. The Niobrara Historical Society provides a wealth of historical information as well as many fun activities at the museum.

June 1998 - Matching Fund Grant for Holt County 4-H Shooting Sports Club - \$200

The fund gave a \$200 matching funds grant to the Holt County 4-H Shooting Sports club to help with expenses associated with attending the national shooting competition in Manhattan, Kansas. The clubs Top Gun team placed 3rd and the Sharp Shooters placed 11th in the nation in the BB Gun Competition. The Top Guns air rifle team placed 5th overall. Last year the club had 125 individuals associated with their activities.

March 1998 - Donation to Niobrara Girl Scouts - \$25

The fund gave \$25 to the Niobrara Girl Scouts to help with camping expenses their annual camping trip.

March 1998 - Donations to Area High School Post Prom's - \$225

The fund gave a \$25 donation to each high school post prom committee inside the service area of Niobrara Valley Electric.

March 1998 - Matching Funds Grant for Medical Equipment Purchase - \$500

The fund gave a \$500 matching grant to the Naper Volunteer Fire and Ambulance towards the purchase of a new \$2,000 cot for their ambulance. Over the past year they have assisted 175 people in the area.

Projects for 1997

October 1997 - Matching Funds Grant for JAKES Program Start-up - \$150

The Goodwill Fund Board gave a \$150 matching funds grant to help start the Niobrara Valley Chapter of the Jakes Program. The JAKES program is a national program of the National Wild Turkey Federation whose purpose is "informing, educating and involving America's youth in wildlife conservation and the stewardship of our natural resources. To date the local chapter has about 70 members.

September 1997 - Matching Funds Grant to 4-H Marketing Program - \$200

In September, the board approved a \$200 matching funds grant to help promote the 4-H Bonus Auction. This year there were 55 to 60 4-H'ers involved in the bonus auction.

June 1997 - Cost Share in a 4-H Community Improvement Project - \$175

In June of 1997 the Fund presented a \$175 matching grant to the Up & At It 4-H club for their "Adopt a Building" project. The grant was used by the club to pay for materials to repair and improve a building at the Holt county Fairgrounds.

June 1997 - Purchase of Rescue Unit Medical Equipment - \$400

The Fund gave a \$400 matching grant to the Niobrara Volunteer Rescue Unit for the purchase of an Oximeter. This device, when attached to a patient, provides information on how much oxygen the patients' body is receiving. This information is generally requested by a hospital when the patient is admitted, and until now, the information was not available. This rescue unit serves approximately 48 families a year.

June 1997 - Promote 4-H Membership Drive - \$100

The fund provided a \$100 matching grant to the Holt County 4-H to support a national and local membership drive. A national ad campaign will promote membership in local 4-H clubs. Local 4-H youth will contact prospect new members in Holt County after they contact the national hotline. The Holt County 4-H serves about 400 youth and 100 adults in the county.

April 1997 - Funding Towards Chambers Park Improvement - \$500

In April 1997 the Goodwill Fund presented a \$500 check to the Chambers Community Improvement Foundation towards the completion of their park improvement project. Their immediate goal is to build new restroom facilities in the park. They have conducted numerous fund raising events including a buy a brick campaign. Their community improvement efforts are an ongoing project.

April 1997 - Short Term Operating Grant to the Holt County Historical Society - \$500

In April 1997 a \$500 check was present to the Holt County Historical Society by the Goodwill Fund to offset a recent funding loss. The grant will help the Society on a short-term basis until a new long-term source of funding can be found. The Society operates the Kinkaid Bank Building, a National Historical Site, which is visited by over 500 people each year. The society also does genealogical work and has almost 3,000 histories of local families on file. The Society's mission is to preserve and tell the story of the history of Holt County and its settlement.

January 1997 - Funding Towards the Purchase of a New Ambulance - \$500

In January, the Niobrara Valley Electric Goodwill Fund presented a \$500 check to the Naper Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Service towards the purchase of their new ambulance. The ambulance they replaced had been purchased in the early 1970's. The community was able to purchase the new ambulance after raising over \$10,000 due to the efforts of the area residents and businesses.

January 1997 - Purchase of Medical Equipment - \$765

In January, a \$765 check was presented to the Spencer Rescue unit for the purchase of an Evac-u-Splint. The splint is used to immobilize accident victims with spinal injuries. The Spencer rescue unit receives no government funding and is supported only by donations from the area.

Projects for 1996

August 1996 - Funding for Holt County 4-H - \$155

In August \$155 was donated to the 4-H Auction Committee to help defray the cost of advertising thanking those that purchased livestock at the Holt County fair.