



Doug Gaswick, left, Imperial Community Foundation treasurer, presents a \$15,000 Peter Kiewit check replica to Pastor Todd Burpo and Pastor David Kahle who represent the Southwest Nebraska Ministerial Association. At right, ICF board member Derek Russell presents a \$5,000 check to Becky Berry, director of the Imperial Community Center. Others ICF members pictured from left, Elna Johnson, Elsie Newman, President Marvin Large and Secretary Lori Pankonin. (Republican photo)

## Peter Kiewit grant again offers Imperial \$20,000 for food, utilities

Last year's positive report of Imperial's distribution of a Peter Kiewit emergency relief grant for food and utilities was a key for the Imperial Community Foundation to receive a second \$20,000 for the same purpose.

Representatives from the Southwest Nebraska Ministerial Association and the Imperial Community Center both accepted last year's challenge to effectively distribute funds. The ICF board appreciates the time and effort they spent in establishing a fair system and responsibly recording distribution.

Having a system established made both the ICF's application

process by Treasurer Doug Gaswick and the upcoming distribution easier for all entities this year.

Funds from the Imperial Community Foundation will cover all administrative fees so that 100 percent of the \$20,000 goes to the benefit of local people.

Last year's Ministerial Association distribution benefited more than 40 families with \$12,300 for food costs and \$2,700 for electric and heating. The association worked with the local grocery stores, energy providers and city governments, who were more than willing to assist in the endeavor.

Well-balanced daily noon meals

are served five days a week at the Imperial Community Center. The center was in the position to income-qualify recipients and served an additional 27 people over the course of 10 months. Five were delivered meals because of illness or handicap but the other people were also mentally and emotionally nourished with the socialization and fellowship at the center.

Center Director Becky Berry and Pastors Todd Burpo and David Kahle expressed appreciation for the difference these funds could make in the lives of local individuals and families.

