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## The Naper Historical Society

### Our Mission:

"The mission of the Naper Historical Society is to preserve, interpret, display, communicate, promote and honor history, original structures, special places and artifacts of the people and culture of Naper, Nebraska, and the surrounding area. The Naper Historical Society intends to accomplish this mission by operating a museum, publishing a newsletter, sponsoring events, and in other appropriate ways. The Naper Historical Society will initially focus on four themes: School Days, Life in Naper Through the Years, White Horse Ranch, and Naper 28 Plane Crash."

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## Naper Has a Library! By Phyllis Camin

The creation of a library in Naper was sparked by the donation of boxes of books by LeAnn Schultz to the Naper Reading Club. What was the Reading Club going to do with these books so they could be conveniently accessible to members? Phyllis Camin and Verna Campbell volunteered to attempt to establish a library for the community.

The next question was, "Where?" The facility would need to have working heat and bathroom facilities for patrons. Phyllis approached the Naper Village Trustees, as there was a small room at the Village Office that would be suitable for use. When the board gave their approval (and with great appreciation to them!) the process of preparing the room began.

Walls were painted (with donation of paint and supplies by Verna Campbell and Janet Eggert). Phyllis and Verna purchased bookcases and other supplies to begin putting books on the shelves. Phyllis entered the books into the computer, with a list by donors' names and an alphabetized list of books by author. The list has since been updated several times over the last few months. Roger Campbell made an attractive wooden "Naper Library" sign.

On May 20, 2008, the library was officially opened. A Grand Opening and Dedication was held on Sunday, May 25, 2008, with over 50 citizens in attendance. Naper Reading Club served refreshments. Through a government program, Janet Eggert was able to acquire a librarian, Ms. Judy Cline.

Currently the library operates Tuesday thru Thursday from 8:00am until the early afternoon hours. (This is subject to change as directed by Experience Works.)

The library was very fortunate to receive donations from the Niobrara Valley Electric Goodwill Fund, the Community Wardrobe in O'Neill, and additional donations from individuals which have been used to help defray expenses associated with the library's establishment and initial operations. Needless to say, it wasn't long before the small room was full.

After rearranging village materials in the other room, there was plenty of space for books. Thirty adults and ten children have checked books out of the library. More than 300 books have been checked out since the opening of the library. Categories of books include war stories, westerns, sports, romance, mystery, religion, health, humor, fantasy, crafts, biography, children's, educational,



Phyllis Camin poses with Ann Anderson at the Naper Library.

gardening, cookbooks, and more. Perhaps you have a favorite book or subject matter here!

The library is planning exhibits of art, quilting and other crafts suitable for display. It is interesting to learn that many of our community members and friends are so talented! We are planning a summer program with reading and activities for children. The reading club has met in the library several times.

We wish to extend thanks and appreciation to everyone who has contributed in any way to the success of the library. You don't have to go to a bigger town to find entertainment on these bitterly cold winter nights; check out a book and curl up with it for a relaxing evening at home! Better yet: join our reading club and share your concept of the books that you have read with others.

Don't say "There's nothing to do in Naper!" You can visit the library and museums, play cards on Wednesdays at the Naper Café, and play Bingo at the VFW monthly on Saturday afternoons (hosted by the Circle of Friends)! And of course, be sure to visit the many residents of Naper who can be found at the Naper Café for morning coffee or a bite to eat!





The Circuit Rider

## A Visit with Mabel Fontaine Rothschild

At sundown a mysterious rider is seen drifting along the horizon. Old timers believe he's a Sandhills Ghost or Spirit who's trying to keep the Pioneer Spirit alive. His mission: To interview favorite long-time residents of Naper, in order to help us remember our noble past. No one can actually point to specifics, but all swear, "He's out there..."

Making his rounds across the plains, the Circuit Rider takes the opportunity to revisit old friends out of the past; acquaintances made as far back as 50+ years ago. Such was the stop at the home of Mabel Fontaine Rothschild in Butte, NE.

Charlie Fontaine, Mabel's father, helped with the move from the Doc Clark place to the White Horse Ranch in 1938. Here he worked for Cal Thompson driving a truck over the roads. These were tough times for all. Women took towels and wetted them to place around windows to keep back the fierce "dust bowl" storms of the Depression years. Lamps were lit during the daytime hours because the dust storms obliterated the sunlight.

Mabel attended school when she was six years old. It was during this time that her mother passed away. During the 5th thru 7th grades, she attended school in Naper. Part of the summer of 1946 she lived with Harlan and Alice Reber.

Mabel attended school with the Schmitz children (Harold, Gerald and Theola). Her first teacher at the school near the White Horse Ranch was Ms. Laurie Davis. She rode a paint horse to school each day (which would sometimes dump her into the snow, along with her "syrup can" lunch buckets!). Once, while attending the Naper School, her horse got loose from the barn and Mabel had to walk seven miles back to the White Horse Ranch. (Naughty horse!)

In 1943, Mabel went to Soldier Field in Chicago with the White Horse Troupe. All kinds of acts preceded the White Horse shows, including the famous Minnie Pearl! (Hooooowww-DEEEE!)

Mabel could ride jumping horses with no bridles, and remove the horses's saddle to make a "bed" on the ground, at which time the horse (Lily White) would cover her with the blanket. (On one occasion, the horse became a little too enthusiastic, and accidentally bit her on the arm!)

During the early years of the show, Model A's and other old cars of the time would be lined up on roads leading into the show. This was before the advent of



the White Horse Bowl. After the show was moved to the White Horse Bowl, this Circuit Rider was complimented when Ruth Thompson asked him to be the Emcee for one of the Sunday shows!

Before one show, Mabel was nursing a foot infection. Ruth promised her a pair of new white boots when the foot was healed. Mabel wanted those boots so badly! Mrs. Hackenberry, Ruth's mother, doctored most of the kids who had minor ills with "sassafras tea".

One of Cal's requests was for Mabel and Charlie to drive to Pipestone, MN and pick up two white Spitz dogs to go with the rest of the white animals.

The White Horse Ranch's popularity continued to grow, even overseas. LIFE Magazine came out to the ranch and did a full story in the magazine, published on August 13, 1945. Naper, Nebraska was now famous all over the country!

In 1949, Mabel married Garold Rothschild, who was working at the livestock auction barn for Ernie Weller in Atkinson, and for Ron Aten on the farm and ranch south of Atkinson.

For the past five years, Mabel and Garold have lived in Butte. They have three children: Cheryl, who lives in Kearney, NE; Brenda, who lives in Minnesota; and son Randy, who lives in Friendswood, TX. Mabel and her husband like to have their friends and neighbors stop in, and they always welcome guests.

Well, another good visit, and it's time for the Circuit Rider to saddle up and move down the trail for the next visit. Until next time, Happy Trails!

## Charitable IRA Gift Opportunity

As part of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, a two year extension of Charitable IRA legislation was passed on October 3, 2008, making it easier for you to give to causes you care about. The Charitable IRA provision, first enacted for 2006 and 2007, can help local charities weather the current economic crisis.

1. You must be 70.5 years old or older to take advantage of this tax-free rollover of an IRA.
2. This tax-free rollover qualifies as the Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA.
3. Gifts from IRAs may be any amount up to \$100,000 until December 31, 2009.
4. The gift must be made directly from the custodian of your IRA to the charity of your choice, or to the Hometown Community Foundation, an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation.

**Naper Historical Society participates in Nebraska Community Foundation.**

**You can contact Jim Gustafson (Gift Planning Director of the Nebraska Community Foundation) by phone at 402-323-7341.**

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100 Year Farms

## The Fee Homestead

Marilyn Sieh



Henry and Jerretta Fee came to Boyd County by train from Valley, NE in 1906 with their two children, Corbett and Edith. They purchased 160 acres from Sarah Kibby who had received a land grant from President Theodore Roosevelt. The yard is located in the southwest corner of the property where Morris Creek meanders quietly on the north and east sides of the yard, flowing south under a barbed wire fence where it exits the property.

My mother, Frances Fast Smith, said there was a sod house in the yard. Grandpa Fee built a wood frame shaped house which was the popular style at the time. In those days, the creek banks were level with the creek bed, and because of occasional flooding of the yard, they decided the house had been built too close to the creek. My mom, who grew up on the farm, remembered "when the Fee house was moved, I rode inside and watched out the door. It was pulled by horses." Grandpa Fee also constructed other buildings to meet their needs. I think the neighbors got together to help each other with their building projects.

When Grandpa Fee passed away in the mid-1940s, Grandma Fee and her daughter, Grandma Edith (Windmeyer) who had now inherited the 160 acres, moved to Naper and rented out the farm.

My husband Duane and I purchased the farm in 1962 but we didn't live there. In 1984, our daughter and son-in-law, Keith and Lora Cline, and their two children, Jessica and Kurt, moved from Naper to the farm. In the 100 years of history, five generations of our family have lived on this land.

At the 2008 Boyd County Fair, we were presented with a beautiful wooden plaque commemorating the history of our homestead. We proudly display it on our dining room wall. We also received a lovely gatepost sign that we hang outdoors.

What changes there have been over these many years!



## Bon Voyage and Good Flight

by Wilhelmina (Helmi) Ludwig



Written by Wilhelmina (Helmi) Ludwig when she spent some time in the vicinity of Naper, standing close to the Niobrara River. Conversation between a Canada wild goose and a domestic goose, across the border, south on a Nebraska Farm, where the Canadian Nomad rested on her flight to warmer climates.

Wild Goose urging her farmyard sister:

"Listen, wake up, little goosey, shake off the strings.

Practice your flight, you've got wings.

Fly with me to warmer climates south from here.

There you would be free, just like me.

Here, if you stay,

Death will be closer to you with every day,

Catching up with you, I'd say, on

Thanksgiving Day.

Imagine,

We could fly away,

The world would be a playground,

Go swimming in the lakes of Finland,

Find proud lovers in my homeland, Canada,

And, should we feel the cold touch of winter's hand,

Free and unbound, we could go to Africa,

Or fly to sunny Florida.

Then, I guess, we could go back home, oh my!

Canada for me but, I would drop you off in Nebraska,

On the way,

Can you imagine the adventure of all this?

If you stay, imagine what you will miss."

The barnyard goos, also known as "The Backyard Guardian"

Had her say finally;

She was no dummy, by the way.

"Well, my sister, all things have two sides to look at.

We make choices,

You make yours, I make mine.

My freedom might be limited

But, I am treated with loving care, just fine.

Your world holds little interest for me, actually, not one bit.

I am happy here, and it's my way of life. I like it.

Lovers, thank you, no thanks, you'll never know,

They come and go.

I'm still young, at least for now.

You're urging me to see the world, to fly

With you and live a life of challenging temptations,

To leave here, take the courage and just say 'good-bye'

While deeply down I know, I do not want those revelations.

I'll stay here, where I do belong, and by the way,

You might not know,

The Animal Protection Law, now,

Protects us, promises a painless death, yes, yes, yes.

I do not need to see all of that existing Global Mess.

Thank you, my sister goose, for trying

To make me see the need for change,

For urging me to rediscover flying,

Yet I know the sky would be too way out of my range.

Bon Voyage.

## Remember When...

Marilyn Sieh

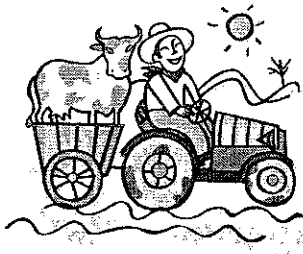
From the early days, there was a large number of country schools dotting the countryside. Many programs were held during the Christmas season. Sometimes at the conclusion of one of these programs came a very special event—The Box Social!

The women and younger girls made up a lunch for two and packed it in an appropriately sized box. This lunch would include sandwiches, pickles, apples, oranges, and dessert; maybe cookies, cake or pie. The box would be carefully decorated so it would look attractive for the social. Someone would be the auctioneer for the event, and the men would bid on each lunch box. The husband would bid the high bid for their wife's lunch box, even though sometimes there might be a little "friendly competition" from some relative or friend having fun with the husband, so as to raise the final bid.

The younger girls would wait in anticipation to find out who their lunch partner was going to be. What a fun way to end the evening! (This writer thinks that maybe one of these box socials had something to do with her marriage!)

March 1 was Moving Day when a large percentage of farmers moved from one farm to another. Times were harsh and maybe the rent couldn't be paid or maybe the next farm might prove to be better than the last. The weather on that day could make moving very difficult. Everything you owned was loaded into wagons and hayracks. The bigger animals were herded behind the wagons. Some crops and machinery might be moved either a few days before or a few days after March 1.

When Reo and Marguerite Ludemann moved from north of Naper to south of Burton in 1943, the milk cows were herded to Fred Ludemann's farm (where Clayton Schoenefeld now lives) so Reo could attend to the milking that night and the next morning, before continuing the trip.



## The Ol' Homesteader

*Ol' Homesteader returns with another heap of news and happenings from in and around our fair town...*



### NEW FACES

Lovera Reber proudly announces the addition of a great granddaughter, Lilly Jane Goodwin, to her family on September 20, 2008. Dennis and Mary Reber Schoenefeld are grandparents; Justin and Amanda Schoenefeld Goodwin are parents.

Jeff and Rindy Zink are excited about a granddaughter after seven grandsons! Kaci Marie Koenig was born October 22 to Kevin and Staci Zink Koenig. Louise Neumiller Zink is great-grandma.

Dennis Jorgensen, husband of Margaret Ludemann, became a grandpa for the fourth time when Chad and Hollie had a baby daughter, Win.

Gaynell Rockholm Keller had a special reason to be thankful this year with the birth of great-granddaughter Addison Clare to Kurtis and Brenda Keller on Thanksgiving Day. Tim and Rita Ahlers Keller are grandparents.

Ella "Bud" Wentz Bechtold is great-great-grandmother to Kaylee Jo, born to Chad and Sandi Warnke on December 22. Jolene Bechtold Warnke is grandma.

Pastor Justin and Amy Gosch have welcomed Christian, Zander and Lexi to their home. The Ol' Homesteader is proud to make their acquaintance.

### NEW PLACES

The village board is sharing office space with the new Naper Library (see main article). Stop in and check out a book: lots of good picks!

The Naper Grocery reopened under direction of Kelly and Monica Bendig.

You may have noticed a new "Welcome to Naper" sign on the north end of Main Street. Phyllis Camin donated it as a memorial to her husband, Dennis Camin. It's decorated with a horse (in honor of the White Horse Ranch) and a bear (for the traditional Naper High School mascot). That bear brings back memories...

### NEIGHBOR NEWS

Kelsey Zink, Jeff and Rindy's daughter, was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society which recognizes academic excellence at Northeast Community College.

There was a fair amount of bloodletting at the blood drive on December 8.

The annual Craft Fair was held December 6, a cold day but with many vendors and a good crowd.

Ed and Dolores Vogt have moved to Tyndall, SD, after a farm sale.

Logon Vogt, son of Lyndon and Kara Kapsa Vogt and grandson of Joy Helenbolt Vogt and Larry and Ann Ludemann Anderson, took 13th place in the state Class C Cross Country Meet in Kearney. Logon attends high school in Chadron.

Betsy Becker Raymer, an RN at Niobrara Valley Hospital in Lynch, received Nebraska Nurses Association's outstanding staff nurse award at the state convention in October.

Kurt Cline received his Doctor of Chiropractic Degree in San Jose, CA, September 5 (pictured, with lovely wife Cindy and daughter Rebekah). He's the son of Keith and Lora Sieh Cline; grandson of Marvin and Judy Hoyt Cline and Duane and Marilyn Smith Sieh.

The Naper Historical Society Fundraiser on



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**Ol' Homesteader** (Continued from page 4)

October 26 was well-attended. Lots of gifts donated by local businesses and individuals were raffled off, and the evening was rated a big success... Even though Ol' Homesteader didn't win a prize, the food was worth the trip!

The Post Office staff hosted an Appreciation Day for customers on December 16 with yummy cookies and punch. Thanks!

Santa Claus stopped by December 20th at the Town Hall (pictured, with little Miss Hannah Drueke). Kiddies and adults both received gifts and lunch was served later, courtesy of the town board. More food; it's what we do best... both fixin' and eatin'!



The Historical Society picked up trash on six miles of roads leading into Naper on a beautiful day in November (after being rained out in October)!

Fifty-six fishermen participated in the third annual Frozen Foot Fishing Derby in Naper January 31. Winners of the individual adult categories were Mike Rossman, Brad Kohle, Wayne Schroeder and Ryan Batenhorst. Colton Schroeder and Blake Ahlers were winners in the youth division. Rhody Bentson won the power auger and Austin Cadwallader the ice hut in the raffle. Sam Knepper was the grand prize winner with most pounds of fish caught. He donated his winnings back to the tournament to be used to promote youth fishing in the 2010 Fishing Derby.

Y'know there are people who think there's nothin' to do in a small town... Yeah, right!

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Kendell McCarthy, son of Kevin and Angie McCarthy, grandson of LeRoy and Maxine Windmeyer McCarthy; Alex Bendig, son of Kelly and Monica Bendig, grandson of Herman and Grace Faatz Bendig, and Jon Alford, son of Jim and Becky Alford, grandson of Edward and Lois Alford, are playing basketball for West Boyd Spartans. Yessir, I remember the time I... Uh, never mind...

Samantha McCarthy, daughter of Darrin and Connie McCarthy, granddaughter of LeRoy and Maxine; Kelly McCarthy, daughter of Kevin and Angie; Amber Bendig, daughter of Kelly and Monica; Janet Ahlers, daughter of Dean and Roxie Ahlers; and Jessa McCarthy, daughter of Darrin and Connie, are participating in middle school basketball for West Boyd.

Jaylon and Jory Zeisler, sons of Mark and Tiffany Zeisler, grandsons of Richard and Sheryl Zeisler; Evan Reiman, son of Case and Lisa Ahlers Reiman, grandson of Jack and Jean Reiman and Wayne and Virginia Schoenebaum Ahlers; Ridge Higgins, son of Lavern and Brenda Klien Higgins, and grandson of Margaret Vogt Schmitz and Lelia Higgins; Kelly McCarthy; Amber Bendig; Macy Ahlers, daughter of Dan and Tara Ahlers, granddaughter of Wayne and Virginia; and Kendell McCarthy, all made the perfect attendance list.

Jon Alford; Alex Bendig; Kendell McCarthy; Luke Zeisler, son of Richard and Sheryl; Brooke Reiman, daughter of Casey and Lisa; Macy Ahlers; and Samantha McCarthy, were named to the

honor roll.

Alex Bendig, Kendell McCarthy; Brooke Reiman and Luke Zeisler have done well in FFA contests. Yessir, I remember well the time I... Uh, never mind...

**AND WE SAY FAREWELL**

Gerald Kulm passed away November 7. Eileen Berg Putnam Webber passed away October 2. Earl Sieh who had farmed west of Naper for more than 40 years, passed away on October 15. John D. Small and his wife Amy Lou Smith Small both passed away in Glendale, CA; John on October 19, 2008, and Amy on November 22, 2008. Mamie Sieh Trautman passed away December 15 in Munster, IN. Ida Blum Maertins left us on December 27, 2008. She and her husband Bill had operated Maertins Store for over 45 years. And we miss all of them.

The times keep a'rollin' on. And it's time for me to roll on back to the bunk house along the back 40 for a little more winter's nappin' before it's time to start planting again in the spring. Till then, I remain forever yours...

Ol' Homesteader



**John and Amy Lou Small, shown at Christmastime, 2000.**



**THANKS FOR KEEPING US GOING!**



**Naper Historical Society board members Janet Eggert, Bob Allpress, Leonard Schmitz and Jim Sattler receiving a check for the Historical Society from Ann Anderson, Good Will board member.**

## Season of Joy

The following article is from an Advent Devotional Booklet dated December 19, 2007. It was authored by Martha Clausen. Can anyone offer more information?

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I recall a special Friday night in Northern Nebraska, so long ago. Neighbors were in our home practicing Christmas programs. Leader Miss Lydia Nelson, my sixth grade teacher, was accompanied by Daddy playing the violin and myself at the piano.

For the school program, we enjoyed singing, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and other songs, followed by recitations and skits.

Our Sunday School Program for St. Paul's Lutheran Church began with "Joy to the World" based on Psalm 98, continuing with other carols and ending with "Silent Night".

During refreshments, Mommy and I served hot cocoa, coffee, and cookies filled with raisin sauce. At the same time, we were pleasantly surprised to hear at our door the singing of "Jingle Bells" with bells and a harmonica. When it was time to leave for the evening, everyone donned boots, heavy coats and gloves, preparing to walk in the snow on this cold, wintry night.

Immediately, shouts were heard, "Look! In the sky! The colorful lights!"

After viewing the magnificent brilliance of shifting lights, known as the Aurora Borealis, or "Northern Lights" (a luminous display of colorful lights caused by electrical disturbances in the atmosphere) our neighbors soon settled into their wagons nestling among woolen blankets and fur robes. Expressing "Thank you and good night", they were soon moving down the lane, joyfully singing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing..."

With our grateful hearts to the wonderful Creator, we felt humbled that the night ended with a brilliant, lighted sky, joyous fellowship, and accomplishment.



## Even More Uses for Sacks

Nathalie Sattler Taranto



Reading "I Remember When..." in a previous issue made me think of some of the many other uses my mother found for the 50-pound flour and sugar sacks we were left with after baking.

Blouses and dresses for me until I started high school; curtains for the kitchen and my bedroom; quilt patches, (some of which are in a quilt garnishing a spare bedroom even today); pillow cases; dish towels (Mother was very big on clean dish towels), and much more.

And I, of course, was thrust into the "dish towel project mindset". I am in fond possession of two sets (that's 14 — ostensibly meant for drying dishes?).

For 4-H projects, I somewhat grudgingly and impatiently pulled threads to make a straight edge, hemmed and embroidered bleached white flower and sugar sacks, each with a motif or a task relating to a specific day of the week: Wash day for Monday, Mending for Wednesday, Church for Sunday, etc.

I've never used them to "dry the dishes" but frequently use them as card table covers, bread basket liners or simply as hanging displays. If they are on display or in use when visitors arrive, they always prompt bright and positive conversation as to their origin, followed by comments on how such humble touches enhance our rural home with warming hospitality.

Thank you Mother!

## A LAUGH-AND-A-HALF



KORNFIELDS by Kevin O'Connor



What do you get when you cross a Texas Rig Worker with a Bullfighter?

*Oil of Olay!!*

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While traveling across the plains, the Circuit Rider came across an Indian Scout with his ear pressed to the ground. The Rider asked him why he had his ear pressed to the ground. The man replied, "Big herd buffalo come this way..." The Rider was impressed that the man could hear the buffalo, bid him good day, and rode off.

The following day, the Circuit Rider was headed back to Butte, when he came to the same spot, and found the same scout lying in the same place, ear pressed to the ground. Again, the Rider asked the scout why he was lying there. The scout replied, "Big herd buffalo come this way."

The Rider replied, "You told me that yesterday. So why are you still lying there?"

Without moving, the scout answered, "Because they run over me three days ago..."

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The Naper Dictionary defines "City Slicker" as "a raincoat worn in Omaha".

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Thought for the day: A bird in the hand... can be very messy.





## Letters to the Naper Paper

Send your cards and letters to:  
The Naper Paper c/o The Naper Historical Society PO Box 72 Naper, NE 68755

Just a little help for the "paper". Enjoy it every time. Have a Merry Christmas!

Bernie and Carol Ludemann

I enjoy getting the paper. It's a great way to stay in touch with the town. I do appreciate you listing the grandparents' names when writing about the kids. No matter how far any of us have roamed, we can still be connected by the Naper Paper. Thanks!

Donna Goodman Tompt

We are enclosing a check to help with the costs of the Naper Paper. We both enjoy reading it. We have been married 55 years, have four children, 11 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren. Keep up the good work.

Jeanne and Pete "Junior" Wilhelmssen

We both sure enjoy your paper. I know it is a lot of work but all the people really enjoy the reading of it. Thank you again for printing it.

Marlin and Zelda Dummer

Naper Paper! Here's a check to help cover your costs. Do you have another copy of your paper? Somewhere my copy got lost. I really enjoy reading the paper. I'm still trying to look at picture of the Naper Fire that my mom had. I babysit my six great grandkids so my time is short to stay at my pictures!

Velda Hannahs

*(Velda: Yes, we had another copy of the paper and we sent it on to you. We have copies available of some of the papers and we'd be glad to send them to anyone who requests them either by date or by lead story. Future requests will be \$1.00 per copy to cover mailing expenses. - Editor)*

The article on the Rockholm-Ludemann-Anderson Homestead was of much interest to me. As you probably know, Hazel Sprenkle, who married Soren Rockholm was my father's sister, and my aunt. Again this summer I did not make it back to Naper, due to the high gas prices. I would like to make it to one of the Rockholm reunions one time. I also would like to know if anyone knows when and from where Kanan Sprenkle came to the area. Thank

you all for the wonderful reading!

Paul J. Sprenkle

*Paul: The next Rockholm reunion will be the July 4th weekend, 2011. Can anyone help with information about Kanan Sprenkle?*

-Editor

We really enjoy your paper, and especially the Circuit Rider. He must have a very good horse to take him all over the countryside to do his interviews. I bet he's glad when he gets home and can take his boots off. Thanks. Enclosed a check.

R. and V. Stahlecker

*R&V: You will be pleased to know that the Circuit Rider's horse, Lightning, gets only the finest oats, and has a five star holding pen to rest when he's not carrying the CR all over the place! -Editor*

This is for the Naper Paper. Thanks!

Lamone and Rosemary Vaughn Kerner

I'm enclosing a check for the Naper Paper. Especially like reading the Circuit Rider and other interesting articles. Roadwork on the "Windmeyer Hill" by our place has been stalled from the 3.5 inches of rain [in October of 2008]. But I am sure it will be finished when the weather clears up. There are still people stopping at our place asking about the White Horse Ranch.

Maxine Windmeyer McCarthy

Thanks for the Naper Paper!

Barry Schoecheimeier

We certainly enjoy the Naper Paper, especially since we have sold our business and retired. We are enclosing a donation to help with the expenses of publishing the paper.

Russ and Sandy Whitley

I have a new address. I now live in Stuart, NE. I retired from teaching in May 2008, after teaching in the Todd County School District for 29 years. We are living in Vince and Alta Berg Small's house. My sister Lana Small Cadwallader, still own the house. I

hope to come visit the Naper Historical Society Building soon.

Judith Small Schmitz

I didn't imagine I would be sending obituaries for both my uncle and aunt at the same time (John Darrel Small, 1918-2008, and Amy Lou Smith Small, 1918-2008). Would like to receive a copy of the paper when notices are printed. Thank you.

Bill Blakkolb

Enclosed is a small donation in heartfelt hope of supporting and commending the manpower and talent of the Historical Society members who lend their time and material to sustaining the mission, and of course, to keep the Paper coming!

Nathalie Sattler Taranto

Thanks! We'll try to live up to your expectations! -Editor



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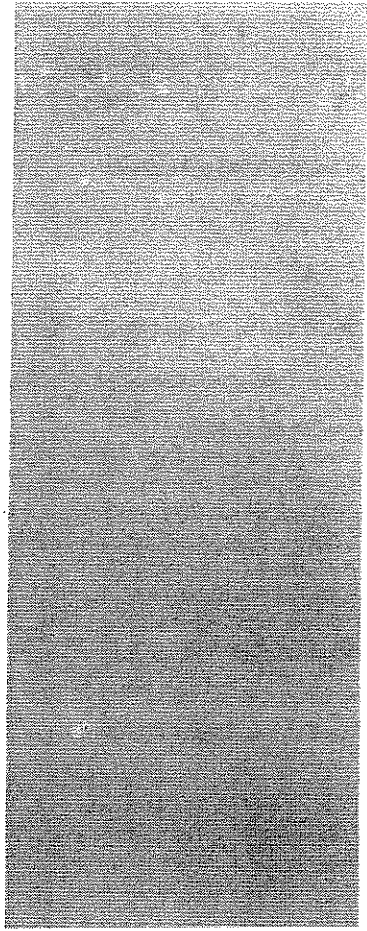
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