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### **Great Plains Communications IMPACT program contributes a grant to the Custer County Historical Society in Broken Bow, Nebraska allowing area youth to take part in museum preservation and improvements**

November 9, 2017 (Broken Bow, NE) - The Great Plains Communications IMPACT Program contributed a grant to the Custer County Historical Society allowing area youth to become involved in the preservation of historical documents and records. Multiple interns were hired to scan and electronically file thousands of historical records, set up slideshows on tablets, and make improvements on museum tours. They also rearranged the research department, simplifying the process for visitors.

"We had been looking for a way to involve area youth in the Historical Museum and Research Center. The Intern Scholarship did just that!" says Dee Adams, president of the Custer County Historical Society. "The interns were full of energy and enthusiasm and worked so hard! Their time spent indexing records, scanning photos and documents, and implementing technology devices has enhanced the experience at the Custer County Historical Museum for both visitors and researchers."

The Great Plains Communications IMPACT program encourages local nonprofit and community-based organizations to undertake projects or events that have a positive IMPACT. One community is chosen annually to receive IMPACT funding across multiple projects. In 2017, Broken Bow was chosen as the Great Plains Communications IMPACT location due to their strong sense of community and their culture of service and philanthropy. The Historical Society Intern project was one of five total Broken Bow projects funded this year.

Casey Garrigan, Marketing and Sales Relations Manager for Great Plains Communications had this to say. "Preserving the rich history of Broken Bow is a project that will benefit the community for years to come. Having the youth of the area perform the work makes it even more worthwhile. We commend the Custer County Historical Society and the efforts of the young men and women who worked so hard on this project."

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