

□ *Editor's note: This is the last in a series of feature stories concerning organizations that benefit the Imperial area. Volunteering in a community, through organizations, is a way to pay back for the benefits that the community offers an individual.*

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The Imperial Education Association is a service organization that raises money for student scholarships, negotiates teacher salaries, and provides items for classrooms.

President Linda Lakey said IEA holds benefits such as a taco bake for a local family's financial needs, and a dunk tank at the Chase County Fair to raise money to buy students glasses, provide things a classroom might need, and provide a scholarship for a graduating senior, as well as a scholarship for a student who plans to major in education.

IEA also builds a float for the Chase County Fair parade.

A four-person team meets with representatives of the Chase County Schools board to negotiate salary contracts.

Teachers aren't required to belong, Lakey said. There are 42 members, who are also members of the Nebraska School Education Association.

Other officers are Angie Dickey, vice president; Lorain Vires, secretary; and Virginia Harford, treasurer.