NYE GOES NUTS A SUCCESS

We are very fortunate to have such a supportive community here in Nye and the surrounding area. Many thanks to The Bucky Beaver Ground Grippers, and the tireless volunteers and donors for all their help and support during the 2004 Nye Goes Nuts!

The 2004 Nye Goes Nuts was a great success this year! We made over $3000 from this year’s event. The Nye Community Foundation, has traditionally given a percentage of the proceeds from the Nye Goes Nuts event directly to the community. From last year’s proceeds $500 was given to the Nye Volunteer Fire Department, $500 to the Nye School, $500 to the Absarokee swimming pool, $200 to the American Youth Soccer Organization, $200 to the Absarokee Recreation Association. We also gave two scholarships for $800, one scholarship for $1000. David Butler's Monday night football, hosted at Carter’s Camp donated $500 for a scholarship to which the Nye Community Foundation added $300 for a third $800 scholarship.

Nye Goes Nuts 2004... Do you recognize anyone?

Nye Community Foundation Board News

The Nye Community Foundation is sad to be losing two of its board members. Bob Kirch and Bill Clossin will be retiring. We will miss their hard work and dedication. Thank you so much for everything you have done for your community and the NCF.

The Nye Community Foundation would like to announce the addition of Finis Sandlin to our board. Welcome, Finis!
Feldon Oliver, Wade Martin, Ted Martin and Shaun Bare put the new playground equipment in place. Keith Martin supplied cement and gravel. Jeannie Campbell and Kathy Currie painted the old equipment, such as the seesaws and merry-go-round, so they look like new.

The new sign is a community effort, too. Morgan Robinette donated the log posts and the supporting overhead log. Paul and Cathy Donohoe gave the rustic slabs with Brett Redman helping Paul cut the slabs. Paul Lindley and Kathy Currie routed and painted the letters on the sign. Ted and Wade Martin, and Morgan and Doug Robinette installed the big posts and the sign.

A plaque acknowledging the grants has been prepared, under the supervision of Virginia Guthrie. It has been mounted on wood by Nick Howes and been placed on the garage next to the playground.

And that's the way things get done at Nye: Residents have used their backhoes, tractors, weedeaters, and lawn mowers to make the schoolyard look better. Jeannie Campbell and Kathy Currie wielded their paint brushes to brighten the rooms and hallway inside. Some jobs, such as putting in new windows in the building, and a new roof on the teacher's house, have to be given to contractors, but if we can do the work ourselves, we volunteer and give the materials and our expertise.

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Our Scholarship Winners...where they are now

Kyle Donohoe, of Nye, the winner of our first scholarship in 2002, is in his third year at Weatherford College, Weatherford, Texas, on a rodeo scholarship. He is active in the Southwest College Rodeo Division, placing 9th in calf roping last year and in the top 20 in team roping. He qualified for both the Northern Rodeo Association and Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Circuit Finals which will be held in January and February 2005. He plans to return to the family ranch at Nye and help with the family outfitting business.

Neil Lehner, of Absarokee, the high school senior recipient in 2003, is a second-year student at Sheridan Junior college, Sheridan, Wyoming, preparing to go to the University of Alaska at Fairbanks next year to study wildlife biology. On many weekends he returns to Absarokee to work for Lehner Construction.

Aspen Guthrie, of Absarokee and formerly of Nye, a winner in 2003, is in her senior year at Montana State University at Bozeman with a double major in psychology and social justice. Nye Foundation's scholarship helped her attend the University of New Hampshire for the semester last spring to take courses not offered at Bozeman. She was an intern this past summer with the court system in Bozeman and plans to get a master's degree.

Joh Mudd, formerly of Nye, the third 2003 winner, graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead Minnesota with a B.S. in math and a minor in computer science. He is attending Montana State University in Billings, pursuing his teaching credentials through the Master's Program. He will graduate in May.

Andrea Murchison, of Nye, an Absarokee High School winner in 2004, is attending Henry Cogswell College in Everett, Washington, studying art and writing. After graduation she hopes to combine her writing and artistic training in the publishing field. She is working part-time at Trader Joe's while attending college.

Valerie Witt, of Absarokee and an Absarokee High School winner in 2004, is attending Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah, studying music with plans to enter the music education program to prepare for teaching music. She is the organist for an adult group in her church, accompanies her classmates for special programs, gives piano lessons, coaches others in volleyball and plays on an intramural volleyball team. She practices three hours a day and takes private piano lessons.

Cassie Keogh, of Nye, a 2003 graduate of Absarokee High School and winner of the Nyhus Family Scholarship, is attending the University of Montana at Missoula studying music. She is in the marching band and is the only freshman in the clarinet section of the Symphonic Winds Ensemble. She is tutoring some students in music theory and in pre-calculus. She practices three hours a day.

Erin Esp, of Absarokee, the college student scholarship winner in 2004, is a sophomore at Montana Tech in Butte, Montana, where she is majoring in math. She tutored students in math during the summer and is presently tutoring at the Learning Center. She plans to work in the engineering field after graduation.

Memorials

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Dale Valgamore

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Torian Donohoe

In honor of Margaret Look
Austin Morrow

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ATV Winner at Nye Goes Nuts 2004 From Dean

This year's ATV winner was Alison Schielelt, a resident of the Dean area. Alison said she plans to use their new ATV for family fun.
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