Nye Community Foundation Gifts To The Community And Beyond

Since its founding in 1999, the Nye Community Foundation has worked diligently to raise funds for the support of our school, volunteer fire department, scholarship program, and for the support of neighboring area facilities, activities, and programs. In seven years, over $37,000 has been given in gifts. The NCF has provided $12,000 in scholarships to graduates of Absarokee High School. The Nye School and the Nye Volunteer Fire Department have received $9000, and $6000, respectively. In addition, the NCF has supported the Absarokee Recreation Association, the AYSO, and the Absarokee pool with gifts totaling $7,500. Others receiving financial help were the Absarokee Music and Drama Department, Skip's Kids, and the Nye Elementary Hunger Fighters. This year the Derby Fire Relief Fund, in collaboration with the Beartooth Stockgrowers Association, received $1000 from the NCF. The community of Nye, Montana, through the Nye Community Foundation is proud to give this help and will continue to do so with the support of their friends and neighbors.

Mark Your Calendars! Nye Goes Nuts 2007 is scheduled for Saturday, July 14
Our Scholarship Winners...and what they are doing

NYE—This year the Nye Community Foundation awarded six scholarships, totaling $5,400. Four of these scholarships were given to 2006 graduates of Absarokee High School, and two went to area students now attending college. Three of the scholarships to high school graduates were for $800, and one was for $1,000. These were funded by the Foundation. The two $1,000 scholarships for college students were provided by Friends of the Foundation. Recipients of the $800 scholarships are Tyler Jahn, Cort Ratliff and Brandon Williams. The three $1,000 awards went to Nicole Naasz, a 2006 high school graduate, and Cassie Keogh and Whitney DeVilbiss, who are attending college.

Tyler Jahn, the son of Larry Jahn of Fishtail and Jill Jahn of Absarokee, is attending Montana Tech in Butte and will earn a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering. In high school he was Student Council president, class president in his junior year, belonged to the Drama, Pep and Chess Clubs, and participated in football and track.

Cort Ratliff, the son of Larry and Pam Ratliff of Nye, is attending the University of Montana at Missoula to earn a degree in music. During all four years of high school, he was in the Honor Band, the Jazz Band, was on the Honor Roll and participated in basketball and soccer.

Brandon Williams, the son of Ron and Ginger Williams of Absarokee, is attending the Southern University of Virginia and is working toward a degree in business or sports medicine. For four years in high school he was active in football, basketball, baseball, the Band, Jazz Band, and the Pep Club. He recently earned the Eagle Scout Award, given by the Boy Scouts of America.

Nicole Naasz, the daughter of Todd Naasz of Glendive and Roxi Sorlien of Absarokee, is attending Montana Tech in Butte to study for a degree in business. For four years in high school, she belonged to the Drama and Business Professionals of America (BPA) Clubs, was active in volleyball and basketball, and received All State Academic Status. She was in the Swing Choir, the Pep Choir and Husky Buddies.

Cassie Keogh, daughter of Noel and Penny Keogh of Nye and recipient of a $1,000 scholarship, started her junior year at the University of Montana at Missoula in the fall, where she is majoring in music education and clarinet performance. She was on the Dean's List and is secretary for the local chapter of the Collegiate Music Educators National Conference (CMENC). Among her service activities are serving as a legislative page in the Montana House of Representative in 2005, tutoring music theory students, serving as head of the CMENC peer mentoring program, and serving on the student committee that evaluates the music faculty for the file of the School of Fine Arts.

Whitney DeVilbiss, the daughter of Geri DeVilbiss and J.Alex DeVilbiss, both of Absarokee and recipient of a $1,000 award, started her second year of Montana State University, Billings College of Technology's Paramedic Program in the fall. She will graduate in the spring of 2007 with an Applied Science Degree of Paramedics. At present she is working on certifications in Prehospital Trauma Life Support and Neonate Resuscitation. Next semester she will work on Pediatric Life Support and Advance Cardiac Life Support certifications. Since 2004, she has been active in the Absarokee Volunteer Ambulance Service.

2006 Memorials/Honors

- In memory of Rock Barnett
  Neol & Penny Keogh
  John & Sharron Kruse

- In memory of Marie Dolan
  Neol & Penny Keogh

- In memory of Sean Henderson
  Bill & Judy Henderson

- In memory of Connie Hosfield
  John & Sharon Kruse

- In memory of Phyllis Howard
  Phyllis Bellingham
  Neol & Penny Keogh
  Bill & Sigrid Schramm

- In memory of Darrel Jensen
  Phyllis Bellingham
  Bud & Becky Chenault
  Jerry & Sandi Crawford
  Neol & Penny Keogh

- In memory of Darrel Jensen
  Hank & Barb Lischer
  Margaret Look
  Pam & Felson Oliver
  Bill & Sigrid Schramm

- In memory of Leo Johnson
  Rob, Susan & Will VerDuin

- In memory of James L. Kinsey
  Clay, Torian, Paul, Cathy, Kaycee, Kyle Donohoe

- In memory of Travis Look
  Margaret Look

- In memory of Glen McKinsey
  McKinsey Ranch (various donors)
  Fred & Owen Wacker
  Neol & Penny Keogh
  Keith & Kathryn Martin
  Peter & Ina Winge

- In memory of Jim Richter
  Neol & Penny Keogh
  Dan & Genny Moore
  Rob, Susan & Will VerDuin

- In memory of Cleora Russell
  Grant & Clara Smith

- In memory of Bill Serrette
  Ina & Peter Winge

- In memory of Martha Shemier
  Dennis & Cathy Hoyem

- In memory of Bill Stengel
  Neol & Penny Keogh

- In memory of Charlotte E. Stout
  Charles Stout

- In memory of Trudy Wallace
  Neol & Penny Keogh
  Bob Wallace

- In memory of Hubert & Mattie Whiteaker
  Jack & Paula Shemier

- In memory of Kelly Whiteaker
  Francine Richter

- In memory of Hazel Whited
  Ina & Peter Winge
  Keith & Kathryn Martin

- In memory of Carol Wolfe
  Neol & Penny Keogh

- In honor of Margaret Look
  David & Amy Stover

- In honor of Jack & Paula Shemier
  Buffalo Jump Realty - David Cobb
The Nye Community Foundation was pleased to announce at Nye Goes Nuts 2006 that Rick Hedges of Joliet was the winner of the annual ATV raffle. When the winning ticket was drawn, most people in the crowd were puzzling over whom Rick Hedges was, certain that he was just a lucky stranger.

When the phone call was made and the winner arrived to collect his prize, the community was happy to see a very familiar face. Rick is our area telephone maintenance and repair man. He has been in and out of most of the homes and businesses in our area over the years.

Congratulations to Rick and his family and a big thank you to everyone who supports our annual ATV raffle.
It's time for the lights, it's time for...

NYE GETS LIT
Sunday, December 3, 2006
5:00 pm
At the Nye Volunteer Fire Hall
Food, Beverages, Bingo and Door Prizes!!!
See you all there for fun, hors d'oeuvres & good friends!!

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