Scholarship Round-up

The Nye Community Foundation continues to support area students by granting scholarships. This year, each recipient will receive $1,000 towards their schooling costs in 2011-2012. Rachel Hedtke, daughter of Laureen and Byron Hedtke of Absarokee, is planning to attend West Texas A & M in Canyon, Texas to begin her studies in physical therapy. Jim Oliver, son of Feldon and Pam Oliver of Nye, will be attending the University of Montana in Missoula, majoring in political science. Julia Ratliff, daughter of Larry and Pam Ratliff of Nye, returns to the University of Montana, in Missoula, to work on her degree in elementary education. Cameron Schieldt, son of Marvin and Allison Schieldt of Fishtail, will return to his studies at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

The foundation puts great emphasis on community service in their selection process. These students have all been active in the Nye community, making contributions of time and energy at NCF events and elsewhere in the community throughout the year. Congratulations on a job well done. Best wishes for the future.

Investing in our Community

In the past year, the NCF has granted $8,400 in response to requests received from local groups and organizations. Recipients include the Nye School, Stillwater Valley Watershed Council, Fishtail Community, American Youth Soccer Organization, Beartooth VFW Post #7311, Music Connection, and our scholarship winners. The Nye Community Foundation reviews requests made for donations and grants money based on funds available and the appropriateness of the request.

Formal requests for funding may be made in writing and addressed to

Nye Community Foundation
P.O. Box 528
Nye, MT 59061
CHARACTER EDUCATION COMES TO STILLWATER CO.

On October 28, 2010, the Nye Community Foundation sponsored a character education assembly featuring Rusty May, a school counselor, who delivers his message daily on the Schooltoolstr.com website. Several area schools use Mr. May’s website to meet their curriculum needs in the area of guidance.

Five area schools attended the assembly. Elementary students from Absarokee, Fishtail, Luther, Molt, and Nye attended the program. The students at the Nye School make Rusty a part of their daily schedule. When they found out he was coming to Montana, they wanted to share him with the other schools in the area. Through the generosity of the Nye Community Foundation, this became a reality. The assembly was held in the Absarokee Elementary gym.

Rusty works with grades K-12 emphasizing motivation, teamwork, health and wellness, good manners, gratitude and friendship. Rusty asserts that rules can be tools and are in place to teach us what works and what doesn’t, from getting along to staying safe.

Mr. May also addresses the issues connected with bullying. He gives the students strategies to use when dealing with a bully. Learning to react appropriately to a bully’s taunts may diffuse the situation. The students were attentive and came away from the assembly with some useful tools to use in their daily lives.

"Friends come in all shapes and sizes. How can kids tell if someone is truly their friend? If they help you become a better person, they’re your friend."

"If you listen and look twice as much as you talk, you’ll not only be a better student, you’ll be a better friend."

-Rusty May, Counselor

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN CONTINUE TO SERVE

Becky Chenault and Doug Robinette, members of the Nye Community Foundation Board of Directors, proudly hand a donation check to the Beartooth Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7311, based in Absarokee. These proud and dedicated Americans continue to serve by providing an Honor Guard at area funerals honoring men and women who have served in the military. The Honor Guard provides a 21 gun salute and the playing of taps. The VFW requested a donation to help with transportation costs. Helping the public recognize the importance of military service and sacrifice is their goal. Honoring those who made the commitment to serve is a necessary part of reaching that goal. VFW Post #7311, we salute you.
NYE GOES NUTS 2011

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, JULY 16, AT THE NYE FIREHALL, 4 P.M.

Nye Goes Nuts is back and we're inviting you to come out and have some fun. The national park buses are back, so is the climbing wall, bouncy houses, and the World Famous Chicken Chase. This family oriented event is a great way to greet old friends and meet new ones. All events are free. The guys are cooking and for a minimal cost, you can fill your bellies with hamburgers, hot dogs and other goodies. Help us with our only fund raiser, the ATV raffle. Tickets are $5 each, or 5 for $20. Tickets are available at local businesses, and will be available at Nye Goes Nuts. The drawing for the ATV will take place at the end of the evening on July 16.

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* History of the Nye Area and the NCF
* Information on past and future events
* A photo gallery of the Nye Area

Check us out on-line at www.nyecommunityfoundation.org.
Every year, as the holiday season approaches, the members of the NCF board host Nye Gets Lit at the Nye Fire Hall. To show appreciation for the support that the community extends to the foundation all year long, guests are fed, body and spirit, with good food, great local entertainment, and given lots of time to converse with friends.

In 2010, NCF supporters enjoyed homemade soups and goodies, listened to the Absarokee High band and choir, received a preview from the Nye students of their up-coming Christmas play, and talked, and talked, and talked some more.

**MAN IN THE MIRROR**

Nye resident, Bruce Austin, has a passion for the old buses that served our National Park system years ago. He hunts them out and through the Jammer Trust, works on restoring them to their original condition, no reproductions, all original. For the last several years, Bruce has shared his beloved buses with us at Nye Goes Nuts. A ride in one of the historic buses along the Stillwater River is a highlight of a visit to Nye Goes Nuts. Thanks, Bruce.

**MUSIC CONNECTION**

Five Absarokee High music students will spend 17 days in 7 European countries this summer as part of the Northern Ambassadors of Music. The Nye Community Foundation was pleased to add to their fundraising efforts with a donation.

**LEGENDARY WINDS OF NYE**

An unexpected source of entertainment presented itself at the 2010 Nye Goes Nuts celebration. An unexpected wind storm blew through and played with the portable toilets. They danced against the fence for several minutes, occasionally righting themselves before they tipped again. Luckily, they were empty of people so no rescue efforts were needed. What do we know about Nye, Montana? The winds are strong and unpredictable, and if you're in the market for someone to do some fencing, hire a rancher from Nye.

Here, fences are built to last.