Wait … What? You haven’t been to Nye goes Nuts? You don’t know what you have been missing!

NCF has an endowment fund with the Montana Community Foundation and distributions from that endowment account are used toward higher education scholarships. We hold Nye Goes Nuts as our fundraiser to add to scholarship amounts and also to grant monies in support of local area organizations that request our help, including not only those in Nye but also Dean, Fishtail, Absarokee, Roscoe and Columbus. To date we have gifted almost $160,000 to the following area organizations: Absarokee Senior Center, Kruizin’4 Seniors, Absarokee High School, Absarokee Pool & ARA, Skip’s Kidz, Beartooth VFW, Dean Community Club, Fishtail Community Council, Huskie Wilderness Adventure, Nye Community Church, Nye Volunteer Fire Department, Montana Range Days, Stillwater County 4-H, Stillwater Ranch Hands, Stillwater Community Garden, Stillwater Valley Watershed Council and Yellowstone Wildlife Center.

The NGN annual event has something for everyone and the only thing that it will cost you is your time. This event is free of charge unless you choose to participate in the ATV raffle or purchase a meal prepared by our volunteer board members. We strive to have fun family things to do including THE Famous Chicken Chase. We have treasures that our community volunteers share for the day, including a valley tour in vintage Yellowstone & Glacier Park cars and horse rides and horse drawn wagon rides. The Nye Volunteer Fire Dept. is on hand to give tours of the station and its equipment. So if you are a visitor, we welcome you to come experience our area of the county and if you are local … well, please come check us out at least once, after all we are your neighbors and part of your community!

We sincerely hope to see YOU this year … Nye Goes Nuts Saturday July 15th, 2017 beginning at 4pm.

Since 2001, the ATV raffle continues to be the major fundraiser to support the philanthropic programs of the Nye Community Foundation. Winners of the annual ATV raffle include:

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A HUGE thank you to these area businesses who helped NCF sell ATV raffle tickets in 2016:

Absarokee Liquor Store Yellowstone Bank Rockin’J Nye Trading Post Milligan’s IGA Legends Saloon
Fishtail General Store Cowboy Bar and Supper Club Carter’s Camp Beartooth Lumber Beartooth Corner
Red Lodge Rodeo Rick Young and Son’s Auctions
2017 AHS Graduates Granted Scholarships

Katrina Feddes, daughter of Brian & Meredith Feddes of Absarokee and 2017 valedictorian of AHS, will be attending the University of Montana pursuing a degree in pharmacy.

Current facts: NCF has granted 89 scholarships for a grand total of $101,900. 37% have graduated, 27% are still in school and 13% have completed at least one semester.
We currently know of students earning 2 PhD’s (4%), 4 Master’s (8%) and 8 (10%) Associate degrees.
In awarding scholarships we put great emphasis on community volunteerism … a Nye tradition!

AHS Post Grads Granted Scholarships in 2017

Emma Kelly, daughter of Bernie & Detra Kelly of Fishtail, remains at Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming to study veterinary assistance and animal science.

A.J. Thomsen, son of Nancy & Randy Thomsen of Absarokee, returns to Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice.

Hannah Hedtke, daughter of Laureen & Byron Hedtke of Abs. remains at West Texas A&M pursuing a degree in Biochemistry, as a foundation for her goal of becoming a veterinarian.

Makayla Peterson, daughter of Doug & Charlene Peterson of Absarokee, remains at Northwest College in WY pursuing a degree in Business.

Ty Pfingsten, son of Kyle & Finis Sandlin of Fishtail, is attending Northwest College Powell, to pursue a degree in Agriculture business.

Lauren Udey, daughter of Teri & David Udey of Nye, is attending Tacoma Community College in Washington pursuing an Associate degree in Arts and Sciences and then transferring to a University to complete a degree in Biology.
NCF MEMORIAL plaques currently reside at
The Nye Post Office

Memorials:

- Viers, Mike & Jan memorial - Adam Viers
- Kruse, Sharon memorial - Barbara Flanagan
- Simons, Cindy memorial - Bette Martin
- Keogh, Noel & Penny memorial - Bill Henderson
- Grant, Brad memorial - Henry I Grant Sr
- Sanders, Julie memorial - Lynn Sanders, Leo & Bernice Lesnik
- Madison, Harvey & Doris memorial - Maretta French
- Simons, Cyndy & Jim memorial - Peter (Petie) Winge
- Keogh, Noel & Penny memorial - Peter (Petie) Winge

In Honor of:

- Midland Area Foundation - Sandra Joys In Honor of Esther Schuette Gerstacker
- Financial Clarity In Honor of Hugh Frater & Kristen Feldman
- Reading, Lynne In Honor of Margaret Look's 100th b-day
- Gregory, Sara & Michael In Honor of Margaret Look's 100th b-day
- Lischer, Hank & Barb In Honor of P.Keogh & C.Donohoe b-day’s
- Hurt, Susan In Honor of Pam Oliver

GRANTS RECEIVED:

- Sidney E. Frank Foundation $3500 Scholarships / $2500 NVFD

… We are very grateful for your continued support …
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Many friends of the Nye Community Foundation financially sponsor the purchase of the ATV. The following includes the 2016 ATV sponsors and we truly appreciate their kind and generous support of our community!

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- United Steel Workers Local 11-00001
- Yellowstone Bank of Absarokee

**THANK YOU** so very much for your support of our community!
**NCF Board History and News**

Original founding members, Penny Keogh, Margaret Look and David Nighbert, were joined by Cathy Donohoe, Donna Hjelvik, Kathryn Langston, Grady Martin, Keith Martin, Pam Oliver and Larry Ratliff to form the first NCF board of trustees.

The current board members are Finis Sandlin, Bob McKinsey, Penny Keogh, Becky Chenault, Pam Oliver, Kathy Currie, Doug Robinette, Charley Parker, Kaite Howes and Kitsy Wood. Larry Ratliff continues as an at large member.

Last newsletter incorrectly listed past board member Bill Clossin as deceased … he is definitely alive and well and we are thankful for that fact. Kelly Russell resigned from our board and we thank her for her service and hope to see her and her family at our events. We welcome Kitsy Wood as our newest board member. Margaret Look, who is a founding member, celebrated her 100th birthday last year!

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**NCF Party Trailer:**

Have you seen our party trailer at area venues these past years? Our party trailer is filled with a dozen round banquet tables, eight rectangular serving tables, and chairs for one hundred. The party trailer also includes a 20’x 40’ event canopy with stakes and a hand dolly and six large trash containers.

NCF party trailer is available for area venues by reservation. A $100 donation is suggested for the use of the party trailer. We encourage the community to take advantage of this equipment.

To reserve please call Finis Sandlin cell 780-0170 or Becky Chenault land line at 328-6265.

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**Many Thanks** to these people and organizations that donated for use of the Party Trailer.

- Aspinwall, Joanna
- Special K Ranch Inc.
- Staigmiller, Robert
- Stillwater Conservation District
- St. Michael's Church
- Stillwater Protective Association
- Meier, Jamie & Shannon
- Donohoe, Torian
- Stillwater Mining Company

*A HUGE thank you* to Noel Keogh and Tom Wolfe and all others who have helped repair and maintain our Party Trailer. *Words cannot express how very grateful we are for our treasure trove of willing and hard working volunteers.*
**THANK YOU** for your dedication, hard work and continued support

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**NCF Nye Goes Nuts 2016 VOLUNTEERS**

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Visit [www.nyecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.nyecommunityfoundation.org) for more info AND pictures!
Our Success story ...
(taken from notes submitted to the Montana Community Foundation to explain our success by Pam Oliver many years ago) …

The Nye School was struggling for funds for when we first started. It needed not only funds but also someone to direct the funds. There were ten of us, plus spouses, that put a great deal of effort into clearing the field and weeds along the river banks and fences … and then there’s the heritage of the school … the one room school house our children attended, how we all felt a part of a history that can’t be replaced and will not be again. America is changing and this small schoolhouse along the river and it’s property needs to be preserved as part of our children’s heritage. Memories that are fading away – like the Limestone schoolhouse, the one on Fiddler Creek …

It may have been the loss of the slide that initiated the $ search, but the mission became much more than that. There is no telling what the future will bring, but I would like to think that if this valley grows in population we will have managed to protect and sustain one small portion for all … and someday, maybe someday, our children will come back with their children and witness what a few people can do with hard work and a lot of love.

Remember what we physically did … Keith moving earth and rocks … Margaret and Penny’s struggle with the paperwork to get us non-profit and on the books. Grady with his sign that he religiously makes sure to put up every year, even when he can’t physically do it, jumping from an airplane … and Margaret writing articles … David Nighbert selling yet buying more raffle tickets, Evelyn running the dog show. The immersgence of The Famous Chicken Chase … Bill Clossin and his water balloon launch, a dozen kids filling balloons in his back yard, who’s only connection was the Nye school, a connection for not only them but their parents as well for the rest of their lives. Sweating through 90 – 100+ degrees, digging up dirt and rocks leveling property for parking … Noel, Doug, Bob and Feldon holding down the large rented tent during a flare up of the Nye breeze … Skip and the fish pond … Lynn and Cathy at the auctions … Peder and Cassie walking the ponies giving rides … Darrell and Herb our mounted traffic control … Tom Wolfe painting a picture that will remain an icon and will probably end up in a museum someday, American memorabilia. The parades … Larry, Harry, Doug, Noel and Bob hanging up and taking down lights in gale force winds (that pesky Nye breeze) … the poor ribbons on our wreaths and how year after year we still manage to get them up for the holidays and our thanks giving at Nye gets Lit … Cathy and Bud taking pictures.

People appreciate good hard work, our success? … not just the donations but also the development of a community with food, fun and fellowship at Nye Goes Nuts and Nye Gets Lit.

**NYE GETS LIT** is NCF board members *annual community “THANK YOU“* event held the first Sunday in December. NCF Board members serve up food, fun and family entertainment.

**WWW.nyecommunityfoundation.org**: Please check out our website for more information and pictures. We have added paypal for those that want to make donations via credit cards, etc. We are in the process of updating our website for more ease and also interacting with Facebook. **NCF is online!**

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