



Nye COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2003

NYE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Nye
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\$18,000.00 RAISED FOR THE NYE COMMUNITY NGN 2003 BEST YET!!

Many Thanks to the Bucky Beaver Ground Grippers,
Donors to the Auction and Tireless Volunteers!

Of that \$18,000.00 the Nye Community Foundation gives 15% directly to the community. This year \$500.00 will be given to the Nye Volunteer Fire Department, \$500.00 to the Nye School, \$500.00 to the Absarokee Swimming Pool, \$200.00 to the Absarokee Recreation Association and \$200.00 to the American Youth Soccer Organization. \$800 is designated to the scholarship fund for next spring.

NCF Makes Strides Towards the Future

NCF Receives Matching Grants from the Montana Community Foundation

Since its founding 4 years ago, the Nye Community Foundation has diligently sought to raise funds for the support of our school, fire department, scholarship funds, and for the future development of public facilities in the form of a community center and parklands. The NCF has given \$11,540.00 to the school, fire department, sports associations and scholarships. It will give \$1900.00 this December, bringing the total to the community, over 4 years, to \$13,440.00.

\$36,000 has been invested with the Montana Community Foundation. (MCF) Our investment fund with the MCF has enabled us to receive grants totaling \$12,000.00 bringing our endowment fund to a grand total of \$48,000.00 in principal. The MCF has given us the following matching grants:

\$2500.00 in 2000

\$3000.00 in 2001

\$5000.00 in 2002

\$2000.00 in 2003 (\$500.00 designated for our own work and \$1500.00 for the community)

The funds we have invested, together with MCF's matching funds, will not be spent. The income (dividends and interest) from these investments will support our scholarships for years to come, as well as our other community endeavors.

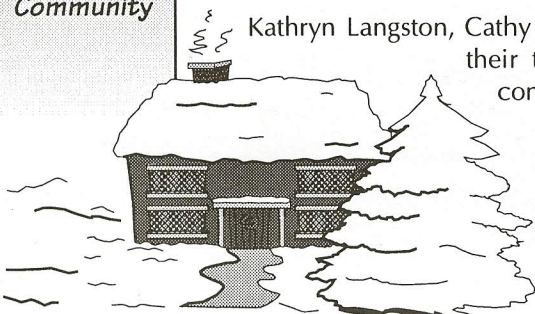
In addition to these invested funds, the NCF has \$35,000 located in certificates and money market accounts. These funds have been designated for property acquisition/ building costs. In the next year, the NCF is committed to working on legal issues surrounding the ownership of the property.

Three Board Members Retire

Kathryn Langston, Cathy Donohoe and Lynne Jensen retired from the board this year. The NCF will miss their talent and efforts. We wish to express our thanks and look forward to their continued support in the future.

Board Names Three New Members

Becky Chenault, Kellie Martin and Keith Martin joined the NCF at the November meeting. We welcome their help and look forward to 2004.





ATV Winner at NGN 2003 From Absarokee

About 1,000 people attended Nye Goes Nuts 2003 to take part in the children's events, the auction, the dinner and dance, as well as watching the Still Waters Dancers, and witnessing the drawing at the ATV raffle.

The winner of the ATV, Norm Bjorndal, a resident of the Absarokee area, said his lucky ticket was one of five he bought at the Fishtail Store. Bjorndal, who was born in the Butcher Creek area and grew up there, was in the construction business in Billings from 1955 until 1992 when he retired and returned to this region. An avid fisherman, he plans to use the ATV to get him to his favorite fishing spots. He said his two grandchildren will undoubtedly enjoy the ATV, too.

More than 200 children enjoyed a variety of games and contests, that included an obstacle course, a climbing wall, water balloons, paint ball contest, pony rides and chicken chases in three categories, according to the height of the contestants. The Beartooth Sportsmen sponsored a turkey shoot at the Stillwater Sportsmen Range in Nye with the proceeds going to the NCF. An attentive crowd watched the Still Waters dancers, directed by Carla Buell, then had a roast beef dinner, followed by an auction with Noel Keogh as the auctioneer. The Bucky Beaver Ground Grippers Band played for an enthusiastic crowd until well after midnight.

Nye Elementary Wins Grants NCF Opens Doors to Grant Network

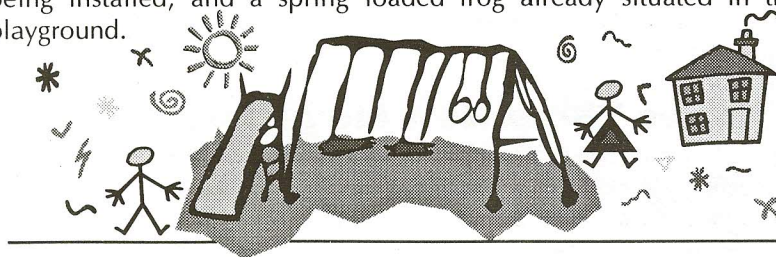
This year, the Nye Community Foundation has been recognized as a hard-working organization that assists the local facilities and provides scholarships.

This spirit of "community" attracted the attention of the Montana Community Foundation, which recommended the Nye group for two grants from the Steele-Reese Foundation, designated especially for people and organizations that help themselves.

Thus, the Nye Community Foundation received the two grants, which were used for new playground equipment at the Nye School. The first grant of \$1,240 was through the Greater Yellowstone Region of the Montana Community Foundation, and the second grant of \$2,000 was through the Big Sky Regions of the same organization.

Raising money for the new playground equipment fund has been a community-wide project for several years. In 2002, the Nye Foundation gave \$250 from the proceeds of Nye Goes Nuts to the fund, and in 2001 it gave \$750. During those two years, people put dimes, nickels, quarters and dollars in cans for the Playground Equipment Fund that were in all public places. Some individuals made donations.

The new equipment consists of a slide and climbing wall which are being installed, and a spring loaded frog already situated in the playground.



Donors to the Endowment Fund

11/02-10/03

The Nye Community Foundation is extremely grateful to the following donors who have graciously assisted us in our efforts.

Ray & Chris Cooper

Maretta French

Phyllis Bellingham

Paul and Ellen Schoemer

Renne and Dale Robinson

Peter Norstrand

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Darlene and Harrison Fagg

William and Sandra Coverly

Mary Enright

Jerry & Sandi Crawford

Rob, Susan and Will VerDuin

Carole and James Garland

John Pidgeon



Scholarships Funds Increased in 2004

The NCF will be giving \$4000.00 in scholarships in 2004. Applications will be available at the Absarokee High School in the spring. Three students received scholarships in 2003: Jon Mudd, Aspen Guthrie and Neil Lehner. Funds for the scholarships come from the Nye Community Foundations income from its investment fund, and donations from the community.

NGN Sponsors & Volunteers 2003!!

Many Thanks to all of you that have made Nye Goes Nuts a Success!

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Memorials 11/02-10/03

We sincerely appreciate memorial gifts to the foundation. We have a plaque listing the persons who have been remembered. It is placed in locations in the Nye area. It is currently at the Nye Post Office.

In memory of Travis Look
Margaret Look

In memory of Mary Donohoe
Hazel Arthun

In memory of Henry Offt
Arlen Offt

In memory of Warren and Edna Schwenneker
Florence Keogh

In memory of Helen Austin
Bruce Austin
Noel and Penny Keogh

In memory of Elfiede Werner
Hank and Barbara Lischer

In memory of Arla Mouat
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