

**NYE GOES NUTS**  
**FRIDAY JULY 16th**



# Nye COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2004

**NYE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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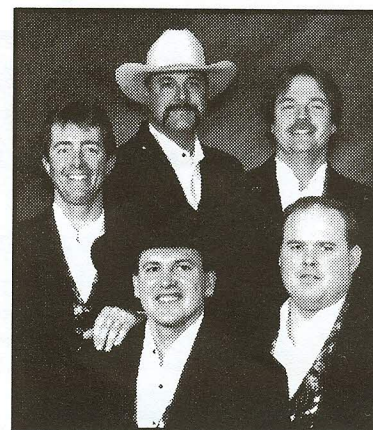
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## The Bucky Beaver Ground Grippers Band play at Nye Goes Nuts

### FRIDAY, JULY 16th

—ANNUAL FUNDRAISER—

**KIDS EVENTS 5:30 - 7:30PM**  
**DANCE 8:00PM - MIDNITE**



Bucky Beaver Ground Gripper Band Members  
 Back: Left to right, John Link, Kirk Brumfield, and Joe Link  
 Front: Left to right George De Vries and Rich Lutton.

### NGN 2004

This is the fifth year for Nye Goes Nuts, The Nye Community Foundation's annual fundraiser.

Start the weekend off with a bang on Friday on the Elementary School grounds in Nye. There will be activities for kids in the later afternoon and dancing in the evening to the music of **The Bucky Beaver Ground Grippers!** The winner of the Red Honda 4x4 Rancher will be announced at 10pm during the dance.

Music by the popular band, The Bucky Beaver Ground Grippers, who will play every kind of music, from old and new country to classic rock, will begin at 8pm. Band members are Joe Link on lead guitar, Kirk Brumfield on bass, John Link on drums, Rich Lutton doing vocals, and George DeVries on rhythm guitar and lead vocals. The men have been together for 12 years.

Bring the kids to the Nye School yard at 5:30 pm, so they can have a lot of fun until 7:30pm. And Guess What? You won't have to pay a cent. Children's activities will be **Free!**

### For their amusement, there will be

A full size climbing wall • Jr. and Sr. jumping bouncing castles • Petting zoo, courtesy of Carol Bass  
 Archery contests and paint ball games, courtesy of the Beartooth Mountain Christian Ranch.

Sling shot water balloons • Beading • Face painting • Obstacle Course

Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Soft Drinks-courtesy of The Future Farmers of America.

Beer Garden-courtesy of Carter's Camp

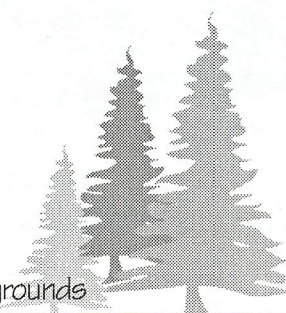


**Dance  
Tickets**

Kids Events FREE  
 \$15 per person • \$25 per couple

**4 x 4 ATV Raffle**  
**Honda Red Rancher - 2004**

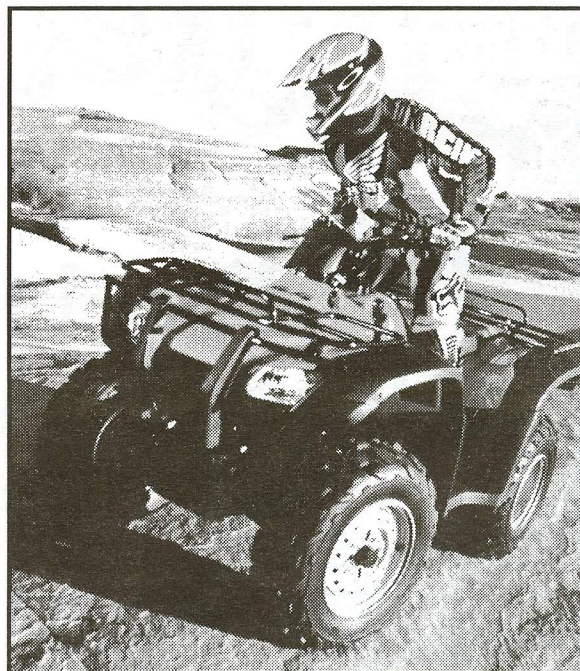
Tickets available at local outlets, board members and on the grounds





# Plan To Stay for the ATV WINNER DRAWING at 10:00PM During the Dance

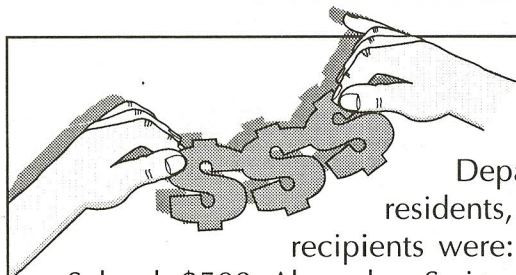
This year's ATV is a 2004  
4x4 Honda Red Rancher!  
Raffle Tickets are \$5.00 per ticket  
or \$20.00 for 5 tickets.  
Tickets are available from local outlets,  
board members and on the grounds.



## ATV Winner at NGN 2003 From Absarokee

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, was born and grew up in the in the Butcher Creek area. When he retired, after 32 years in the construction business in Billings, he 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. The NCF hope he is enjoying his ATV.

## THE NYE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS THE COMMUNITY PROCEEDS GO TO THE COMMUNITY



This year the Nye Community Foundation gave part of the proceeds from its fundraiser, Nye Goes Nuts, to the Nye Fire Department and the Nye School, to recreational activities used by Nye residents, and to its scholarship fund. The donations totaled \$2,700. The recipients were: The Nye Volunteer Fire Department, \$500; The Nye Elementary School, \$500; Absarokee Swimming Pool, \$500; AYSO(American Youth soccer Organization) \$200; and The Nye Foundation Scholarship Fund, \$800.

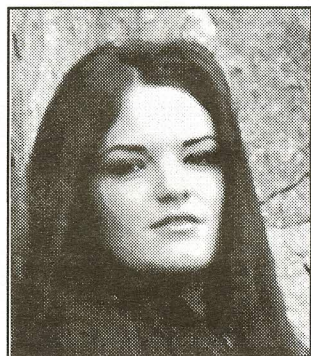


## NCF AWARDS FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS!

This year the Nye Community Foundation awarded four scholarships. Three were for \$800, and the fourth was for \$1,000. Three of the winners are 2004 graduates of Absarokee High School. The fourth recipient is attending college.

The three high school graduates are: Andrea Murchison of Nye, \$800; Valerie Witt of Absarokee, \$800, and Cassie Keogh of Nye \$1,000. Erin Esp of Fishtail, a student at Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology at Butte, received the third \$800-scholarship.

Andrea Murchison, the daughter of Ann Murchison of Nye, plans to attend the University of Washington to study English, with an emphasis on writing. In high school, Andrea was active in music, playing in the Pep Band, Jazz Band, Swing Choir and Band. She was in the Business and Professionals Association (BPA) for two years and Pep Club for four years. In regional music competition, Andrea received a superior rating in a saxophone quartet and was on the national BPA honor roll for three years. She was active in track and volleyball, took part in community service activities with the 4-H and church groups, and assisted a Nye Goes Nuts. Andrea is listed in the Who's Who Among America's High School Students. While in High School, she had a part-time job.



**Andrea Murchison**

Buddies program which involves mentoring elementary pupils who need assistance. Valerie also plays the piano weekly for residents of a local rest home and for funerals and weddings. She has helped in music classes for the elementary grades. She has had summer jobs for the past two years.

Cassie Keogh, daughter of Noel and Penny Keogh of Nye, was a valedictorian in the Absarokee High School Class of 2004. She will attend the University of Montana at Missoula to major in music education. For four years, Cassie was on the honor roll and in the Honor Society. Throughout her high school career she has been active in the high school Band, Pep Band, Tri-County Honor Band, All-State Band, FFA Band, and the Swing Choir. She was chosen for the Honors Wind Ensemble. In her senior year she was a member of the United States Collegiate Wind Band. Cassie was the representative to American Legion Auxiliary Girls State in her junior year, and is listed in Who's who Among American High School Students. In Sports, she played soccer for four years.



**Cassie Keogh**

Erin Esp, the daughter of Eric and Tracy Esp of Fishtail, was valedictorian in 2003 at Absarokee High School and has completed her freshman year at Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology at Butte where she is majoring in mathematics and statistics, and considering a minor in computer science. At college she is on the honor roll and participates in the Math Club, Flag Football Team, and the intramural basketball team. She is a floor senator in the Residence Hall Association and chairperson of the Great Grub Committee. In Butte, she is a junior high school math tutor at East Middle School. She has applied to be math tutor at the college in the fall for students needing extra help. In Absarokee, she tutored a seventh grader in math.

The funds for the three \$800 scholarships come from three sources. One is from the proceeds of Nye Goes Nuts 2003. One is from the interest on the Nye Community Foundation's investment account with the Montana Community Foundation. The third is a combination of donations to the scholarship fund at Carter's Camp at Nye and a supplement from by the Nye Community Foundation. Continuing a tradition of several years, the people watching Monday Night Football at Carter's Camp receive a free supper, courtesy of David Butler, who suggested that the viewers contribute to a scholarship fund. This year that totaled \$500, and the Foundation supplied \$300 to make it an \$800-scholarship.

The \$1,000 scholarship, known as the Nyenhuis Family Scholarship, is provided annually by a family whose great interest in the Nye Community prompted them to establish the scholarship, which the Nye Foundation administers.

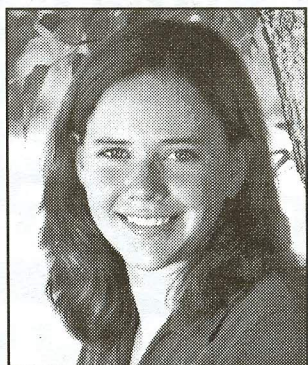
Valerie Witt, the daughter of Kim and DeAnn Witt of Absarokee, will attend Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah to prepare to teach music. In high school, Valerie took part in music activities, including the Jazz Band, Pep Band, Honor Band and the Swing Choir. She was chosen for the All-State Orchestra. She also was active in the Drama Club, the Outdoors Club and Pep Club. For three years she was selected for the Honor Society. Her community service through various organizations included highway clean-up projects, food and blood donation drives, and holiday meals for the needy. At school she was in the Huskie



**Valerie Witt**

Her community service work included helping with Nye Goes Nuts, clean-up projects and community work with the 4H and FFA, serving as an officer in both organizations. At the Nye Church she assisted the grounds committee and the Sunday school program. She did volunteer weed spraying for the U. S. Forest Service. At school, Cassie was in the Huskie Buddies program, mentoring elementary students who needed assistance, and in the Homework Club whose members help elementary students with their homework. She tutored junior and senior high school students in music and was the librarian for the band and the choir. She helps her parents with work on their ranch.

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**Erin Esp**



  
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