



NYE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.

Annual Newsletter 2014

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Investing in Our Community

The Nye Community Foundation has given gifts totaling over \$25,000 this year!

We granted eight scholarships in 2014 totaling \$14,000!

NCF granted six renewable scholarships, and two scholarships to Absarokee High School class of 2014.

Our community granting this year has exceeded \$10,000 given to the following local organizations: Nye Volunteer Fire Dept, Nye School, AHS 2014 Senior Class, Beartooth VFW Post # 7311, Stillwater Valley Watershed Council, Kruzin' 4 Seniors, Stillwater Ranch Hands, AYSO, Dean Community Club, Nye Church, Stillwater County 4-H Fair, Stillwater County Teen Leaders.

NCF reviews requests made for donations and makes grants 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

The NCF board is excited to update you on three projects that are in the works :

Party Trailer is now available for community use.

CTEP grant from Stillwater County for NVFD landscaping.

Nye School walking path.

NCF ATV Raffle Winners

Since 2001, The Nye Community Foundation has found success in annually holding an ATV raffle to raise funds for donations to our community.

Winners of the annual ATV raffle include :

2001– Bob McKinsey	2007 - Wanda Flanagan
2002 - Jim Dickey	2008 - Jim Bates
2003 - Norm Bjorndal	2009 - Gean Wassman
2004 - Alison Schieldt	2010 - Jeanne Marie Walsh
2005 - Jim & Marjorie Kinsey	2011 - Corey Cabral
2006 - Rick Hedges	2012 - Jim Mandeville

2013 - Dr. Jason Vaira, wife Suzanne and three children, ages 7 months to 5 years. Dr. Jason grew up on a farm in Sydney, Montana. He now practices family dentistry in Billings. Suzanne (Rumph) Vaira spent summers in her youth at her family cabin on the Stillwater river. Jason purchased his ticket at the annual BBQ Cook Off in Absarokee on July 7th, 2013. Congratulations from NCF!

NYE GOES NUTS
Saturday JULY 12th, 2014
the fun begins at 4 PM !





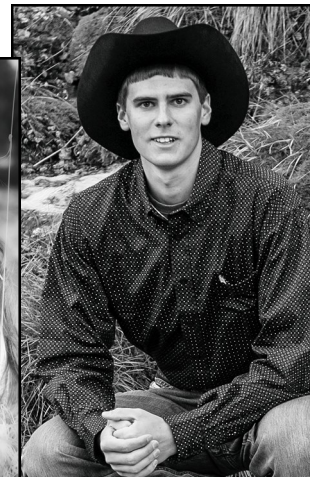
Levi Pfingsten

Leah Connor



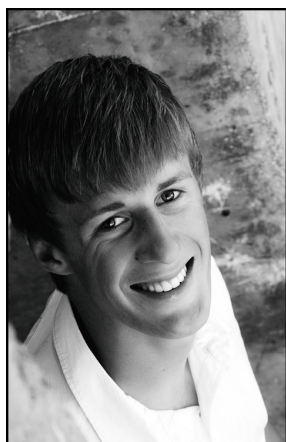
Jim Oliver

Katherine Hedtke



Travis Russell

Nye Community Foundation
2014 Scholarship
Recipients



Murry Schieldt



Hannah Hedtke



Cheyenne Brimer

NCF is proud to announce the eight scholarships awarded this year.

Hannah Hedtke, daughter of Laureen & Byron Hedtke of Absarokee, plans to attend West Texas A&M to pursue a degree in Animal Science/Pre-vet or Biochemistry.

Cheyenne Brimer, daughter of Julie & Ernie Brimer of Absarokee, plans on attending Montana State University in Bozeman to study science with an interest in Pharmacy.

Katherine Hedtke, daughter of Laureen & Byron Hedtke of Absarokee, is returning to MSU-B to continue on her path to obtain a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

Levi Pfingsten, son of Kyle & Finis Sandlin of Fishtail, returns to Northwest College in Powell, WY to receive a degree in Biology or related field with the goal of becoming a game warden.

Travis Russell, son of Kelly and David Russell of Nye, returns to Northwest College in Powell, WY to finish his associate degree in Agricultural Business.

Murry Schieldt, son of Alison & Marvin Schieldt of Absarokee, will be transferring to Bethel College in Indiana, to complete a degree in Social Science.

Jim Oliver, son of Pamela & Feldon Oliver of Fishtail, continues at U of M in Missoula pursuing a degree in Political Science.

Leah Connor, daughter of Catherine Frazer & Henry Connor, continues in her third year at Scripps College in Claremont, CA working on a degree in Pharmacology and Medical Research.

In Honor of :

Esther Gerstacker

Joys, Sandra Schuette/Gerstacker Fund/ MACF

GRANTS RECEIVED from the *Tippet Rise Fund of the Sidney E. Frank Foundation*

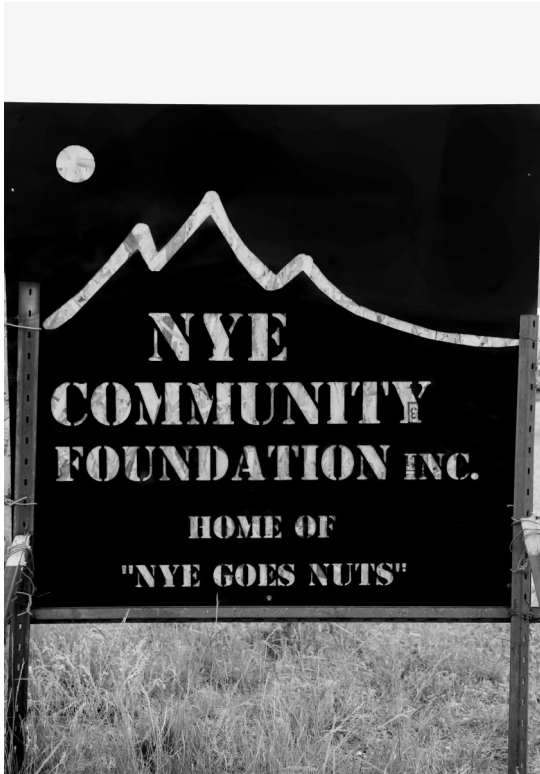
\$10,000 for NCF Party Trailer.

\$5,000 for Scholarships

\$5,000 for NVFD.

\$50,000 for NVFD Wild Lands Truck.

\$10k in 2012 and \$40k in 2013 granted for a vehicle designed for reaching the difficult access areas in our mountains where most of the fires start. The truck and accessories were purchased and assembled locally.



OUR NEW SIGN

Made by AHS student Ty Pfingsten
with help from instructor Tim Zumbrun

In Memory of :

Ann Murchinson

Chenault, Bud & Becky

Adam Viers

Viers, Mike & Jean

Lydia "Sally" Herztler Schmalz

Moffett, Sherry & Doug
Yanzick, Bruce & Theo
Kruse, Sharon
Keogh, Noel & Penny
Campbell, Dick & Jeanne

Bob Noyes

Crippen, Bruce D.

Betty Jane Currie

Howes, Kathleen & Nick

Eileen Ekwortzel

Madison, Harvey & Doris L.

Clay Donohoe

Gehrke Family Trust (Ellen S. Kaye Gehrke)

Jim Freeman

Keogh, Noel & Penny

Miles Patrick Keogh

Chenault, Bud & Becky
Keogh, Noel & Penny

Dorothy & Dale Valgamore

Newman, Howard & Johnna

Susan Freeman

Bollman, Sara C.
Madison, Harvey & Doris L.
Shaver, Wayne

Forest Dana

Keogh, Noel & Penny

John Kruse

Kruse, Sharon

Joan Jackson

Keogh, Noel & Penny
Kruse, Sharon

Millie Miller

Chenault, Bud & Becky
Keogh, Noel & Penny

*NCF memorial plaque currently resides at
The Nye Post Office*

... We are very grateful for your continued support ...



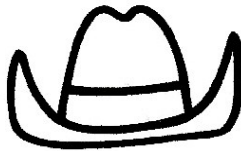
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The Nye Community Foundation is a public, non-profit, charitable and educational organization, incorporated in the State of Montana and is registered with the federal government as a 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax-deductible. This foundation is affiliated with the Monatana Community Foundation, a statewide charitable organization which pools the investments of more than 250 funds, and ensures the maximum return on donations to the endowment fund.



NCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED OFFICERS

Finis Sandlin - President	Bob McKinsey - Vice President
Penny Keogh - Treasurer	Becky Chenault - Asst Treasurer
Kathy Currie - Secretary	Pam Oliver - Asst Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

Charley Parker	Doug Robinette
Larry Ratliff	Kelly Russell

INVEST IN THE NYE COMMUNITY



Please clip this coupon and mail
with your gift to:

Nye Community Foundation, Inc.

P.O. BOX 528 • NYE, MT 59061

My contribution of \$ _____ is enclosed.

My contribution is for: ☐ Nye Community Foundation
or ☐ In Memory of

Name _____

Please send acknowledgment of my memorial to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your gift is tax-deductible.

JOIN US AT NYE GOES NUTS JULY 12, 4 P.M. AT THE FIREHALL

NGN 2013 Financial Supporters

THANK YOU all so very much for your support of our community!

BP Fabric of America Fund / Ted H Martin	Kirkness, Honey Bee
Chenault, Bud & Becky	Libben, Ira
Crawford, Gerald & Sandi	Livingstone Masonry/ Alan Livingston
Eberle, Kevin	Martin, Keith & Kathryn
Enright, Wm. G. & Mary E.	Martin, Richard and Judy
French, Marett	Parker, Jane & Charlie
Girl Scout Troop # 2301 / Dawson, Justine	Payer, Patricia
Harris, Linda CPA	Randall, Howard & Lynette
Henderson, Bill & Judy	Ratliff, Frank
Milligan's IGA (High Lonesome Grocers, Inc)	Rollwitz, Jean P. & Patrick C.
Hjelvik, John & Donna	Schramm, William
Howes, Kathleen & Nicholas	Sternad, Jerry
Karnos, Patrick & Charlotte	Swain, Tom & Sally
Kemp, Joel & Mary Ann	Wilder, Lee Davidson
Keogh, Noel & Penny	Wizen, Greg & Hermione Charlton

Many friends of the Nye Community Foundation help financially sponsor the purchase of the ATV. ***The following are the 2013 ATV sponsors and we truly appreciate their kind and generous support of our community!***

Abbott, Franny & Franny	Mandeville Insurance Agency
Animal Doc	Martin, Keith & Kathryn
Beartooth Ford	Michotte Glass
Becky's Berries	Milligan's IGA (High Lonesome Grocers)
Benbow Enterprises	Nemont
Bostedt, John & Judy	Nye Trading Post
Bud Chenault Photography	Oltrogge Construction
Chiro - Vet	Ostermiller, Ray
Expedition Log Homes MT / WY	Peder's Horseshoeing
Fishtail General Store (Bill & Katy Martin)	Potter's Rock - Tackle & Gift (Ray & Janet Potter)
FM99 The Mountain	Rivers Edge Enterprises / Darrell & Linda Holmquist
Gaustad, Karl	S & M Construction
Harris, Linda, CPA	Shemer, Jack & Paula
Hoyem, Cathy & Dennis	Shupe's Plumbing & Heating
HUB Intl Mtn States (Beartooth Ins)	Stillwater Forge
Joines, Joe	Stillwater Mining Company
K & M Enterprises	Stillwater Veterinary Clinic
Kelly Excavating	Town & Country Supply Assn
Kem Ready Mix	Tryon, James G. & Janet
Kolstad, Gene & Dot	United Bank of Absarokee
Kummerle, Sue L. & Werner	Yellowstone Bank of Absarokee
Lischer, Hank & Barb	

A HUGE thank you to these area businesses who helped NCF sell 2013 ATV raffle tickets :

Beartooth Lumber and Hardware	Carter's Camp	Cowboy Bar and Supper Club
Johnnie Ecret (Montana Silversmiths)	Fishtail General Store	KEM Ready Mix
Legends Saloon	Milligan's IGA	Montana Jack's Bar and Grill
Nye Trading Post	Rockin 'J	United Bank of Absarokee
Yellowstone Bank of Absarokee		

NCF Party Trailer :

The Tippet Rise Fund of the Sidney E. Frank Foundation granted the NCF \$10,000 to purchase a “party trailer”. The party trailer is to be used to support events in the area, such as weddings, anniversaries, receptions, funerals, memorials, fundraising and other community events.

NCF purchased the 16 ft. utility trailer from Platinum Auto Center in Columbus. The 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 that was purchased by the **Nye Community Church** as a **memorial honoring longtime resident Clay Donohoe**.

Our 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 at 328-6277 or Becky Chenault at 328-6265.

NVFD Fire Hall Landscaping Project :

Through the Stillwater County Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP), NCF has applied for a grant for the Nye Volunteer Fire Department Landscape and Weed Control Project. This request is for landscaping and scenic beautification of the Nye Fire hall property.

The Fire Hall was built in 1975, but there has been no landscaping or beautification of the outdoor area. In addition to beautifying the property, this project will also suppress weeds, control dust, and reduce fire hazard. The Fire Hall is a community gathering site in Nye, and is presently a very functional but stark building close to the highway with no surrounding vegetation.

This project is supported by the NCF (matching funds), Nye Volunteer Fire Department (dept. approval), Stillwater Valley Watershed Council, Stillwater Protective Association, and community volunteer’s.

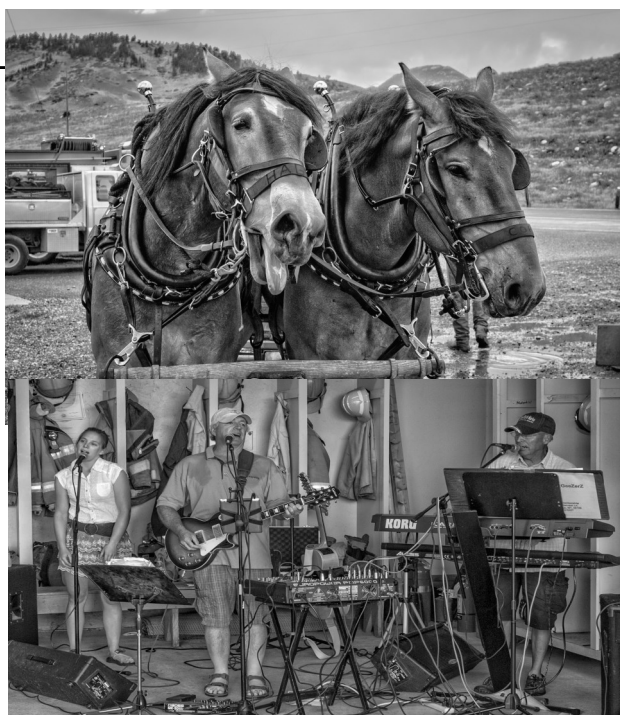
SPA has granted NCF funds earmarked for an outdoor picnic table in **memory of Daryl Jensen** who passed away in 2006.

The Absarokee Fire District has designated up to \$5000 to support the project and they have already purchased a flag pole to complete this project.

* This CETP grant is for approximately 80% of total cost, and 2013 was last year these funds were available!

Nye Walking Path Project:

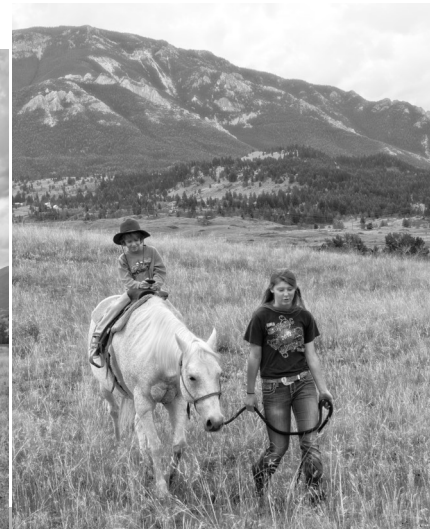
In 2011, the Nye students, both of them, took on the challenge of coming up with a Big Idea for being Big in the Community. Scholastic Books offered the challenge, and applicants could receive a grant for \$25,000 to make their idea come true. The girls, Maggie Howes and Kaiya Holmquist, brainstormed the idea of putting an asphalt walking/biking path around the school grounds. The girls measured and plotted a path, added ideas to make it more user-friendly, and applied for the grant. Unfortunately, the grant did not come their way. The Nye Community Foundation, in the fall of 2013, voted to take on the walking path project to provide the community with a safe place to exercise. Plans are in the works and we are hoping to see work begin on the path soon. Some added ideas by the students included displays to reflect the history of our community, identification stakes for native plants, outdoor exercise equipment for an extra added challenge, and benches placed along the path, just in case “ *the old people get tired and need to sit down and rest.*”





NCF Nye goes Nuts 2013 Volunteers :

A.J. Thomsen, Bruce Austin, Raelynne Barnett, AEI, Big Sky Septic, tom Blankenship, Laura Blond, Bud Chenault Photography, Blake Boswell, Jim & Bev Coverley, Don Dallas, Kennedy Ekwortzel, Peder & Charlie Fenelon, Kathy Haggerty, Katy Hedtke, Noel & Cassie Keogh, Key -O Ranch, Bob Kirch, Hank & Barb Lischer, Keith & Kathryn Martin, Skip Meier, Dave & Marge Molin, NVFD, Feldon Oliver, Dave, Jane & Hannah Oltrogge, Pam Ratliff, Levi & Ty Pfingsten, Ben & Judy Piersol, Diana Quinones, Alvin, Denise & Toby Rich & Cope-n-Hagen, Anna Robinette, Travis Russell, Keagan & Rose Sandlin, Shane Simmons, Karen Tinnes, Destiny Gates, Stillwater Ranch Hands 4-H Club ... **THANK YOU for your hard work and continued support!**



*Nye Goes Nuts
Saturday, July 12th, 2014
Fun begins at 4 pm.*

NYE GETS LIT is our annual THANK YOU event held the first week in December. NCF Board members serve up food, fun and family entertainment. Last year Faye Wrolson donated her beautiful handmade quilt to be auctioned.



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Nye School students entertain with holiday songs (above)

Heads-N-Tails game for prizes (right)