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Pioneer Viewpoints

FAREWELL CENTENNIAL

Big Timber's Centennial year is over. If we've typed the word "Centennial" once, we've typed it a thousand times! It was fun, we think, and well worth the effort that went into the numerous events.

For the last time, we'd like to again thank all those who helped make this a very special year. To everyone who lent a hand, from Centennial Queen Kaia Cosgriff to the members of the Centennial committee, to the organizations that sponsored related activities, to the school children who made the celebration so much more enjoyable for the rest of us ... **THANK YOU!**

There is one lady who deserves special appreciation. She was one of the first to "get the ball rolling" this time last year. Her enthusiasm for the celebration rubbed off on others — it certainly did on us — and served as a source of inspiration for many Centennial projects.

Thank you, Sigrid Fjare.
Happy Second Century, Big Timber!

LITTLE SPLINTERS FROM BIG TIMBER

By BECCY OBERLY

Everyone keeps asking, "Who's responsible for this cold weather?" We know. It's Montana Power. And if Mother Nature keeps cooperating, they won't need that 55 percent rate hike to pay for Colstrip 3.

But I wouldn't have wanted to work for the power company last Tuesday night when the electricity went out. Those poor fellows had our sympathy and our respect as they battled the 30° below temperatures atop their ladders working on re-connecting lines to poles.

We would have invited them in to warm up, but it was probably warmer in their truck cabs than in our house.

One thing we discovered during this week of amazingly bitter cold, at 40 degrees below zero, both Celsius and Fahrenheit thermometer readings are the same.

And, I've learned my lesson. I promise, I'll never complain again when it gets down to just zero!

After hearing the excitement of a chimney fire at the Oberly house last Tuesday night, former Fire Chief Dennis Beer gave us some advice. Keep a tin can in the fireplace all the time, he said. Apparently this causes the creosote to crystallize and reduces the chance of a blaze in the chimney. We're going to do it — it certainly can't hurt anything!

Oops! Kathryn Lowry says that isn't her house at 202 E. 7th we pictured in last week's keepsake edition. Whose is it? The home of the late Barney Brannin at 302 East 2nd (we think).

We asked the photographer but he took sooooo many pictures that week, he can't remember.

We agree with Mrs. Lowry's comment: Our mistake will most certainly "puzzle posterity".

Thanks to all who took the time to comment on our Christmas edition. It was our pleasure to present it to you!

New Year Resolutions

MAKE THE BEST OF YOURSELF

Your hand: Lend it to someone who needs it.
Your teeth: Get them into whatever you are doing and make a success of it.
Your heels: Dig them in to make a stand for what you believe in.
Your nose: Don't look down at people less fortunate than you.
Your tongue: Keep it still until you have something worth saying.
Your fingers: Keep them out of "pics" that don't concern them.
Your ears: Keep them closed to rumor, gossip and other "takes".
Your eyes: Keep them wide open to see as much good as you can in other people.
Your neck: Don't stick it out.
Your heart: Let it beat in love.

—Submitted by Jane Grosfield

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Brand Spankin' New

Alvin and Debbie Buerkle are the parents of a boy born December 14. The new Big Timber sideline coach has been named Derek Alan, was 20½ inches long and weighed 7 lb. 5½ oz.

Christmas here

Paul Marvine of Chicago arrived Tuesday to spend Christmas in Big Timber with his parents, Don and Dee Marvine.

Not a Partridge

Spotted in a tree Friday morning was not the partridge but two prairie chickens roosting in a cottonwood tree. Ellen McDonnell reported it was her tree.

Katherine R. Ballard passes away

Katherine R. Ballard, 77, of Big Timber, passed away Sunday morning at Livingston Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Classes to be scheduled

Watch for interesting classes, open to all and offered as a community service. The schedule will

appear in *The Pioneer* showing teacher and course.

Interesting, helpful, informative classes will keep away the winter and TV Blahs!

Brand Spankin' New

Mr. and Mrs. Lorents Grosfield are the parents of a new baby boy born Christmas Day in Denver, Colorado. The little one has been named Zachary Lorents Nathan and has two brothers, Arik and Nicholas. He weighed 7 lb. 1½ oz. and was 19½" long and is perfectly healthy.

The Grosfields were in Denver with their son Nicholas, who is recovering from surgery, at the time of the new baby's arrival.

One-room schools

Montana's one-room schools will be featured on the ABC Television Network show, "20/20" on Thursday, December 29.

The show will include a segment on Ira Perkins, the nation's longest tenured public school teacher, who teaches at Bynum, north of Choctaw, and his co-teacher, Miriam Johnson. Other segments will include an interview with an individual who attended a one-room school.

Community Calendar

Happy New Year!

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Letter to the Editor

CHALLENGE OF THE NEW YEAR

Dear Editor:

Allow me to be the self-appointed spokesperson for all your readers and say: Thank you for the valuable gift of this special "Centennial" Christmas issue of *The Pioneer*. It will go down in history! Thank you, too, for a job exceptionally well done throughout Big Timber's centennial year!

Now we have the challenge of a new year and the next 100 years ahead of us. But it can't be successfully met without God's help and guidance. I am sure you will let us have a short reminder of that in your paper once a week, Beccy. If enough concerned people tell you we need that "spiritual vitamin" for clear vision, sound priorities, happy disposition and peace of mind.

Sincerely,
Astrid Lomeland

DAVID NEVIN DIES IN BOZEMAN CENTER

David Denoys Nevin, 73, died Tuesday morning at the Bozeman Convalescent Center. He was born June 26, 1910, a son of Mr. and Mrs. David Nevin, on the Nevin Ranch on Sweet Grass Creek about 16 miles northeast of Big Timber, Montana. He attended Sourdough School. In 1933 he worked as a taxi driver in Billings, as a truck driver at Fort Peck Dam in 1934 and 1935. In 1936 he became a welder at Fort Peck Dam and had worked as a welder since that time. During World War II he taught welding in the shipyards at Chester, PA. Mr. Nevin was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Spokane.

Survivors include two brothers,

Thomas H. and Oswald N. Nevin, both of Big Timber, five sisters, Lillian Smith, Elsie Jones and Thressa Clark, all of Big Timber; Claire Smith of Wichita Falls, TX, and Dorothy Hankins of Billings, and an adopted daughter, Kathy Nelson of Billings.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 2:00 p.m. from the Lowry Funeral Home in Big Timber with Pastor Allen Haugen of the Big Timber Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Spokane Memorial Gardens in Spokane, WA. Honorary bearers were all of his friends. Music selections were "Beyond the Sunset" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere"

CYRIL RICHARD JOINS TODD REALTY

Cyril (Kirk) Richard has just become the newest member of the Todd Realty staff. Cyril is the son of Ben and Shirley Richard of Big Timber. He has been a part of the community for thirty years.

Richard is not only an Associate Broker for Todd Realty, but is a licensed Real Estate Broker in Wyoming. For the past three years

he has sold real estate in Jackson and is currently President of a Mortgage and Finance Co.!

"We feel that he will be a good asset for Todd Realty and our clientele," said Daryl Todd of Todd Realty. "He can give the Real Estate firm and our clients exposure not only throughout Montana but in Wyoming as well."

HAPPY NEW YEAR

May Peace and Prosperity
 light your way!

The Pioneer

COW POKES By Ace Reid

"Maw, you have been so concerned about the fuel shortage I solved it, bought you a new axe and a load of wood!"

We are concerned with our community. We live here and urge all our customers to support Big Timber by shopping at home!

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