



Many were saddened by the loss of the Memorial Trees at the Carnegie Library in July due to disease.

## A Year To Remember

ed tips on how to avoid being bitten and how to be a responsible dog owner. National American Legion Commander Ronald F. Conley visited Big Timber, where a luncheon in his honor was hosted by Post 19, Auxiliary Unit 19 and SAL (Sons of the American Legion) Squadron 19. Ryan Gregorich was selected to play in the 2003 Class B All Star Football Game, to be held June 6 in Billings. Brooke Metcalf and Elizabeth Ashley Phares were the Girls State delegates, with Sara Roe as alternate.

May 23-29

Sweet Grass County received a Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) grant in the amount of \$235,954 for bridge replacement. Big Timber Mayor Tom Hanel informed the City Council he may be vacating his office soon as his wife, Robin, had been offered the vice presidency of Intermountain Mortgage. Sweet Grass County Ambulance personnel provided Big Timber Grade School students with a close look at an ambulance, and stressed the importance of emergency services, during National EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Week. American Legion Post 19 was conducting Memorial Day services at Mountain View Cemetery.

The Montana Department of Agriculture was sponsoring the collection of waste pesticides, with one of the three collection sites being in Big Timber. Five charter members of the Big Timber chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Alpha Lambda were to be honored at the state convention, the five were Gertrude Conwell, Lena Duncan, Edith Harper, Gladys Stephens and Sigrid Thornby. Tami Arhan received the Fisher Scientific Outstanding Senior in Biotechnology award at Montana State University-Bozeman. Brock Mortenson of Idaho Falls, ID won the 9th Annual Big Timber Bull-arama.

May 30 June 5

Stillwater Mining Company issued a press release stating the private equity affiliate of a reputable investment banking firm, which proposed a \$100 million rights offering, had withdrawn its proposal. Flood warnings were issued around the area as water levels in the Yellowstone and Boulder river basins rose dramatically. The *Pioneer* printed portions of Nichole Plaggemeyer's "Country of Origin Labeling" speech, with which she won the State FFA Speech Contest and the Senior Division Speech and

Illustrated Talk contest at the Sweet Grass County 4-H Demonstration Day.

Rissy Obert and John Stene were co-valedictorians of the SGHS Class of 2003, and Melissa Richert was the salutatorian. A special graduation section of the *Pioneer* provided photos and information about the graduates and graduation ceremonies in the county. Over \$260,000 was given out in scholarships and awards at the annual SGHS awards ceremony. Meagan Scott won a trip to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL in an essay contest sponsored by the Big T IGA. Thirty-six students were presented with medals during the K-5 Science Olympiad Award Ceremony at Big Timber Grade School. Winners of the Rural School Track Meet were published.

## JUNE

June 6-12

The Bridge School building was moved from its former location west of Big Timber to a quiet spot off Otter Creek Road by Vicki Schiltz, who purchased the building in 2002. Kameron Johnson and Kreg Ginnaty requested the City Council consider the development of a skateboard park in the city. Bill West won "Best of Meet" honors at the 32nd Annual

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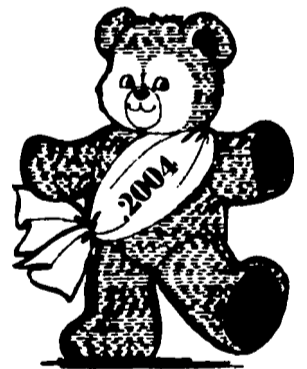


Reed Arneson was a big winner in the greased pig contest at the Sweet Grass County Fair in August.



The Bridge School found a new home in 2003 on Otter Creek Road.

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