

A Year To Remember

Big Sky Corvette Meet held in Billings Memorial Day weekend. Second Lt. Dan Sanders completed pilot's training in the T28 at Vance AFB in Enid, OK. Marilyn Dykstra requested approval to rent city owned property at the end of McLeod Street, near the pump house and Pig Creek, to use as a pasture, a decision was postponed until the area could be visited by Public Works Director Willie Littell, Dykstra and Councilman Paul Westervelt. The Sons of Norway was co-sponsoring a showing of "Wolf Summer," a Norwegian movie which was filmed in the Bozeman/Livingston area because of its resemblance to Norwegian landscape and availability of trained animals to use in the filming.

June 13-19

The Dave Matthews Band had been in the Melville area filming a video for a new song the band was to release in the fall, "Grave Digger." The deadline for filing for the City Council positions currently held by Phil Moulden and Randy Rembold, as well as the remainder of Mayor Tom Hanel's position, was June 26. The Stillwater Mining Company shareholders were scheduled to vote on accepting Norilsk Nickel's offer to purchase 51 percent of SMC with the sale expected to be approved.

H Wayne Phillips, renowned botanist of the Lewis and Clark Expedition was giving three presentations sponsored by Rivers Across Sweet Grass County Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission. Roger Roots was sworn in as an Attorney at Law in Providence, Rhode Island. Callie Phares, Brandon Gregorich and Dona Cameron brought home medals from the Special Olympics State Games held in Missoula. Mineral exploration activities in the Big Timber Ranger District of the Gallatin National Forest were proposed by Bechtel Petroleum formerly Idaho.

The scene of a violent robbery by a man who wanted drugs not money. The alleged robber, Scott Hohlwel, approached two pharmacy employees and demanded a gram of synthetic heroin. After obtaining two bottles of the drugs he threatened the employees before leaving the scene. Hohlwel was soon apprehended by Sheriff's deputies at his home and taken into custody.

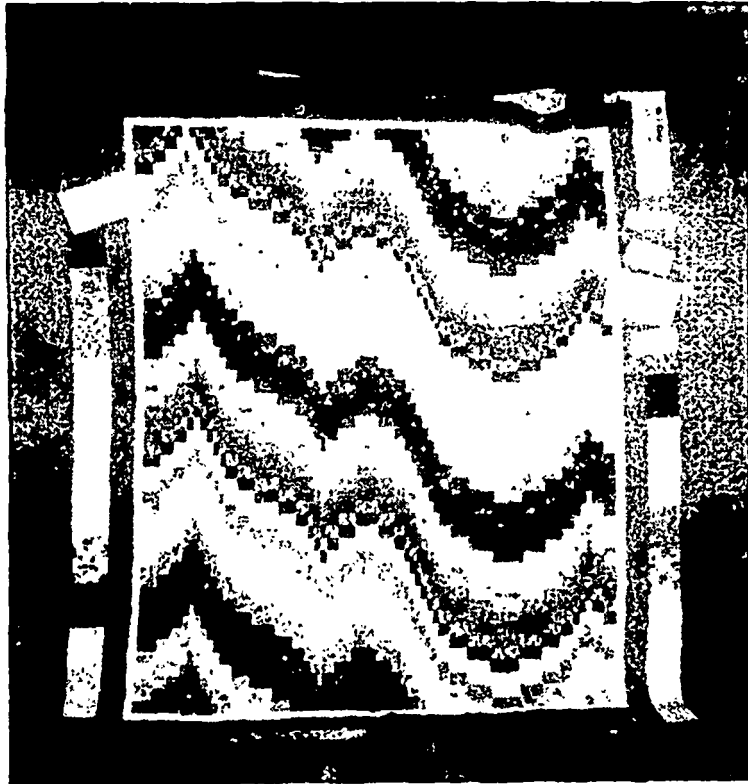
Stillwater Mining Company announced stockholders had approved a transaction transferring ownership to MMC Norilsk Nickel, a Russian company. The Federal Trade Commission also approved the sale and waived a waiting period required by the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. Cody Langbehn, CEO of the Pioneer Medical Center (PMC), announced the facility was still undergoing financial problems due to a lack of sufficient revenue being generated by the nursing home portion of the PMC. Although cost cutting measures had been taken by the PMC Board of Directors, the worsening situation had prompted them to consider establishing a mill levy collected from county taxpayers.



Doug Baggett became a member of the Big Timber business community when he purchased Cole Drug this past year.



John Stene and Sara Roe were two of the actors in the SGHS production of "Switching Principals" in April.



This colorful quilt was on display during the SGHS Art Show.

as a way of raising needed funds

Two people announced they would seek a seat on the Big Timber City Council. Randy Rembold, presently on the council, announced he would seek re-election. Bill Miller also announced he would be seeking the position currently held by Rembold. City Councilman Phil Moulden announced he would not be seeking re-election of the seat he presently holds.

Big Timber residents showed their generosity at a benefit held for the family of Kevin Knudson, a young Harlowton man who has been diagnosed with Juvenile Migratory Rheumatoid Arthritis and Leukemia.

June 27-July 3

An Open House was held at Citizens Bank in honor of Big Timber resident John Ronneberg who is retiring after a 43-year career in banking. Calli Orestad of Melville was selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

The Rivers Across Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee hosted a lecture by Dr. David Peck, author of "Or Perish in the Attempt Wilderness Medicine in the Lewis

and Clark Expedition

The Big Timber Scout troop retraced a portion of Captain Clark's route on bicycles. The troop is made up of Scoutmaster Karen Elliott, Cole Elliott, Clinton Dodge, Sam Hodges, and Leader Daryl Hodges. Their journey covered 54 miles and some of their time was spent picking up trash and building fences. The Sweet Grass Chamber of Commerce announced the annual Sweet Grass Fest would be held on a much smaller scale this year.

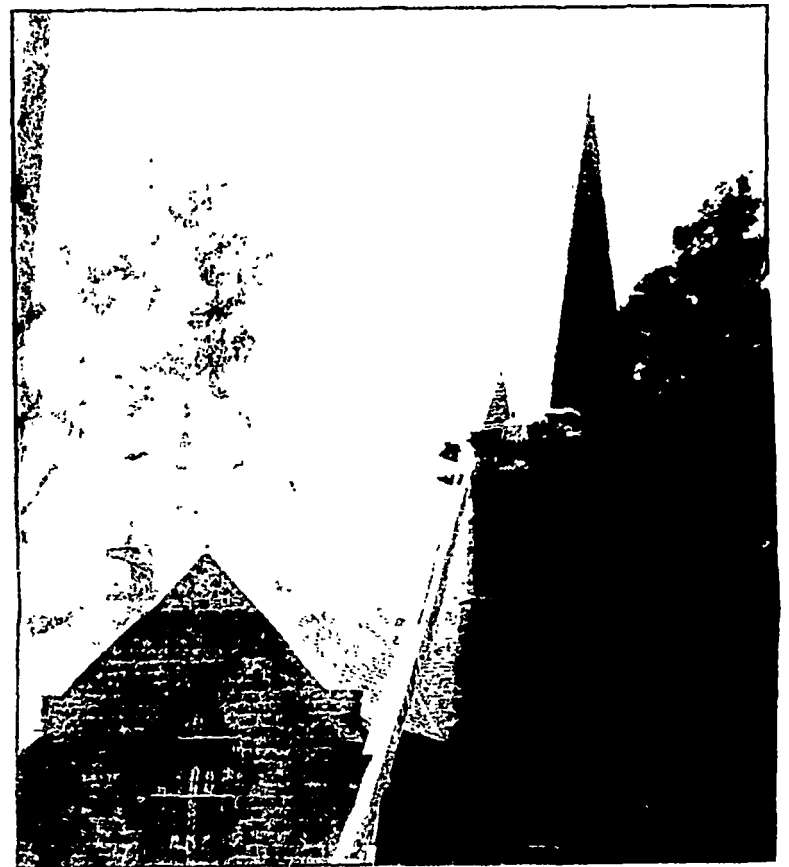
JULY

July 4-10

The annual Big Timber Rodeo was held July 3-4. Festivities began with the Rodeo Parade held on July 3. The American Legion celebration featured two hometown servicemen carrying the colors. The safe return of Alex Blake and Jason Ferguson from military tours of duty in the Persian Gulf Area during the war with Iraq made the celebration even more special. John Ronneberg was the Grand Marshal for the parade, accompanied by his wife, Diane.

The rodeo held Friday and

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This worker at the Lutheran Church proved he wasn't afraid of heights while using a crane to reshingle the steeple.

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