

Remember

said he was not missing after all. The Big Timber City Council voted to pay off the outstanding balance owed for the building formerly adjacent to City Hall.

Sweet Grass County High School was the recipient of a phone system valued at \$12,000, donated by Ray and Cindy Mosness of ABTelcom. Stillwater Mining Company announced its unaudited results for the year ended December 31, 2002. The SGHS Herder girls' basketball team ended their season in fifth place in the South Central B District Tournament.

February 28-March 6

Stetson Todd, owner of Stetson Ford, died in a snowmobile accident on the Grand Lake trail system in Colorado. A 911 call made to the Sweet Grass County Sheriff's Office resulted in the arrest of two people, Crystal Workman and Thomas Souther of Belgrade, on charges which included burglary. Audrey Dykstra won first place in the American Legion Post 19 High School Oratorical Contest and second place in the District 7 competition.

A community-wide inter-faith service to show support for servicemen and women with ties to Sweet Grass County was being planned at the American Legion, with names and addresses being sought for active duty military personnel. The SGHS Band was invited to participate in the AA Band Festival in Bozeman. The second segment of the Lewis and Clark series highlighted Captain Meriwether Lewis' qualifications as a leader.

MARCH

March 7-13

The Rivers Across Sweet Grass County Bicentennial Commission received notice of the approval of two grants to be used toward events scheduled to commemorate the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Zoning ordinance changes introduced to the Big Timber City Council sparked disagreement among some of the members. The Sweet Grass County Justice of the Peace office was awarded a grant in the amount of \$26,461 to be used to hire a Court Compliance Officer for Justice/City Court.

An article on helping a friend in grief was published in the Pioneer. The Reed Point FCCLA chapter sponsored a CPR class. The Big Timber FFA Crops team placed first and the Mechanics team second overall in the contest at Deer Lodge. The SGHS Herder boys' basketball team ended their season play at the Divisional Tournament held in Livingston. The Rivers Across Commission announced the events scheduled for 2003 in honor of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

March 14-20

The first installment of a series of articles on the breakdown of the types of taxes Stillwater Mining Company pays and how they are distributed throughout the area covered



This tree on Fifth Avenue was no match for the high winds of November.

two types of taxes, the Metal Mines License Tax and Property Taxes, paid by the mine. The Big Timber City Council proposed a redesigned sewer rate, with a formula which considered the operating costs associated with maintenance of the sewer department and then projected a service fee to cover those costs.

SGHS senior Rissy Obert was the only unanimous selection on the All-Conference girls' basketball team and was also named an All-State selection. Meggan Chappell was given Honorable Mention honors on the All-Conference squad. On the boys' side, freshman David Foster was named to the All-Conference first team and was also an All-State selection, and junior Brad Gregorich was named to the All-Conference team. Big Timber FFA members competed in the Annual Conrad Invitational contest with three teams - Ag Issues, Mechanics and Crops.

Big Timber Mayor Tom Hanel signed a proclamation designating March 9-15 as National Girl Scout week. Three Big Timber Destination Imagination teams competed in the Regional DI tournament held in Hardin, with the secondary level team taking first, middle level second, and elementary level second, all three teams advanced to the State DI tournament. The Big Brother Big Sister organization in Big Timber was holding its annual fundraiser, Bowl for Kid's Sake. The Pioneer Medical Center was offering several free informational programs through their telemedicine system.

March 21-27

Dave Christensen was preparing for a trip to North Korea, armed with seed corn, as part of a program of hope for the people there. A community-wide inter-faith service in support of American troops was to be held at the American Legion. The March segment of the Lewis and Clark series provided information about Meriwether Lewis.

The Women to Women Project, a computer support network for rural women with chronic illness, was seeking women to participate in a study group. The Big Timber FFA chapter won the Sweepstakes award at the District competition. The SGHS Cheerleaders won the High

Point Overall Trophy and placed first in the Class B schools division at the Montana Cheer Championships held in Great Falls.

March 28 - April 3

Around 200 people attended the Prayer and Care Service held at the American Legion on March 23 to show their support for military personnel. The list of names of active duty troops with a connection to Sweet Grass County submitted to date was printed in the Pioneer. An essay written by Jerry Everson in 1951, with which he had won first place in a V.F.W. Auxiliary contest, was published. The book *From the Heart of the Crow Country*, written by Joseph Medicine Crow, was reviewed by Larry Pray.

Twenty-two Reed Point FCCLA members attended the 2003 State FCCLA Leadership Meeting in Billings. Ty Dietzler won first place in the Montana Right to Life Teen Oratory contest in the senior division, and Camille Perry placed second in the junior division. Over 50 local students were cast in the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Red Riding Hood." Patty Stewart planned to participate in the Dolores Ames Scleroderma Walk to help raise awareness and funds for research.

Valerie Roloff was the winner of the 2003 County Spelling Bee held March 21. Sons of the American Legion Squadron 19 was chartered with 65 members. SGHS senior Rissy Obert and junior Sean Jacquay were recognized for their outstanding performances in the National Athletic Testing Program for the year 2003. Ali Hedstrom, a junior at Reed Point High School, was selected as a finalist for Montana's 23rd Annual Homecoming Queen. The Bozeman Chord Rustlers presented a grant to the SGHS vocal music department at the Chord Rustlers Annual Show.

APRIL

April 4-10

Several names were added to the list of active duty military personnel. The Pioneer Medical Center suffered a loss of over \$485,000 for the period of July 1, 2002 to

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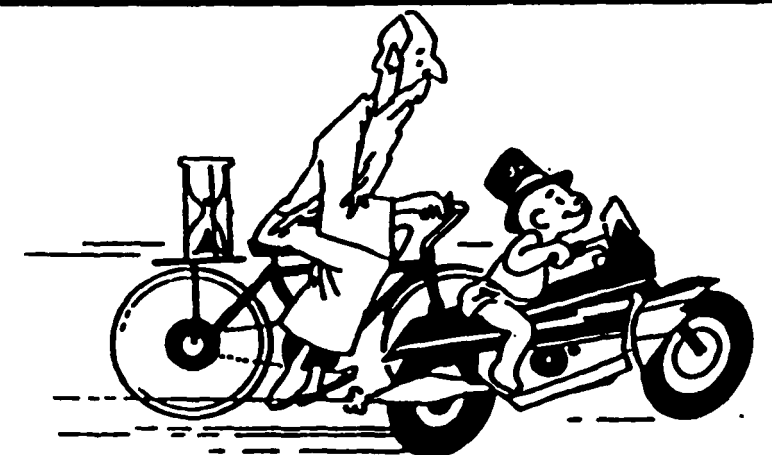
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