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Local cattle truck operator Dallas Rolf was uninjured after his loaded semi rolled as he turned onto the Douglas Road from State Hwy. 116 south of Sundance early Thursday afternoon. According to Crook County Under-Sheriff Tom Adams, Rolf was traveling at a slow rate of speed when the rear wheels of the trailer slipped off the roadway and into the deep road ditch, causing the entire rig to roll onto its side. The trailer was loaded with 40 cows belonging to area rancher Monte Snook. Three cows were killed in the incident

while others sustained various injuries. Personnel from the Sundance Fire Department and Ambulance quickly responded to the scene and began cutting holes in the upset trailer so the trapped cows could make their escape. County personnel and local wreckers joined with local ranchers working late into Thursday night to clean up the catastrophe and care for the displaced cattle.

Jeff Moberg photo



Sundance High School's 2004 All State Band and Choir honorees left to right: Ty Taylor (Choir), Jim Follum (Band) and Laura Cundy (Choir).

Three Sundance High School music students selected to All State

Back in early November well over fifteen hundred students from around the state auditioned for All-State Band, Choir or Orchestra. By mid-December the results were in and the top music students were notified that they had been selected. SHS students Laura Cundy, Jim Follum and Ty Taylor are about to have the most outstanding musical experience of their life.

Laura and Ty will be members of the 2004 All-State Choir and Jim Follum will be a member of the 2004 All-State Band. Laura is an Alto, Ty will sing Tenor and Jim will play Trumpet. These Sundance students, along with the best high school music students in the state will meet in Evanston on January 18-20 for the All-State Choir, Band and Orches-

tra Clinic. The clinic is hosted by Evanston High School where all of the clinic rehearsals will take place.

The All-State Clinic is held in conjunction with the Wyoming Music Educator's conference. The Wyoming High School Activities Association together with the Wyoming Music Educator's Association sponsors this annual event. The All-State Gala Concert will be presented on Tuesday, January 20, 2004 at the Evanston High School beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students (K-12).

The guest conductors for this year's groups are Dr. Andre Thomas of Tallahassee, FL (Choir) and Richard Blatti of Columbus, OH (Band).

Senator Craig Thomas visits Sundance

A small group of Crook County citizens turned out in Sundance on Tuesday to listen and ask questions of U.S. Senator Craig Thomas over lunch. Sundance was one of many stops along the route as Thomas has made his way across the state to discuss issues of concern with his constituents.

Thomas addressed a number of issues ranging from Iraq to snowmobiles in Yellowstone Park while a host of agricultural issues fanned the conversation. Some of the highlights resulting from the discussion included:

The war on terrorism- Thomas told the group he had recently returned from Iraq and remained optimistic concerning that nation's future. "They're more prepared to take care of themselves than we think they are," Thomas stated, noting that Iraq should be left governing sooner rather than later.

Federal energy bill- Thomas noted he felt it is imperative for Congress to pass an energy bill by picking up the failed attempt and trimming it down to "policy type" items only in order to avoid another defeat.



Jon Lienemann is shown visiting with Senator Craig Thomas

Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) - Thomas reiterated his support of the COOL initiative and noted that the recent mad cow concerns may assist in changing the COOL act into a more functional mandate.

Rural health care - Thomas felt very confident that the upcoming proposed medicare bill would have a profoundly positive impact on rural health care, noting that the \$25 billion proposal was aimed at improving reimbursement for rural areas.

Bush's proposed immigration policy - "I have my misgivings, it seems to be pretty gracious treatment for someone who came here illegally" he noted, voicing concern over giving amnesty to illegal aliens.

Snowmobiles in Yellowstone - Thomas notes that he is supportive of the effort to overturn the federal court's decision to reinstate the Clinton era ban noting that while he is certainly in favor of protecting the environment there needs to be a measure of common sense in the process.

Freeze Your Fanny is a go!

The annual Freeze Your Fanny race will happen on Super Bowl Sunday, February 1, 2004. The Sundance Kiwanas Club is the main sponsor, with co-sponsors, Powder River Energy and Sundance State Bank. Entry blanks are available at area businesses, Powder River Energy, or can be printed from the website: www.freezeyourfanny.org.

The Sundance elementary gym will be the race and breakfast headquarters. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and close at 8:45. Race for runners and competitive walkers will start at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Fun walkers start around 8:00 a.m. Costumes are welcome!!! Rounding out the event are the pancake breakfast, door prizes and awarding of trophies for winners in the various age categories

for men and women runners, men and women competitive walkers and also for runners age 14 and under.

Proceeds from the race will go to the Sundance Fire Department and EMT programs.

\$20 will cover entry fees including a shirt and breakfast. If you don't want a shirt, the cost is just \$10. Or, if you just want breakfast, it's \$4.00. Register early by mail, or in person race day. Please register by January 16 to guarantee your shirt on race day.

For more information contact any Sundance Kiwanas member or Deb Hougham at 307-283-2237 or toll free at 866-715-0781, e-mail: debh@collinscom.net.

Building fund gets donations



Shown presenting a \$500.00 donation to the Sundance Library building fund are left to right, representing the donors, The Friends of the Library, Marjorie Goodson and Mildred Durfee. Receiving the donation on behalf of the Crook County Library Foundation Board are left to right: Lizz Gaines, Rose Zella Proctor, Bernita Perala and Rosalie Brimmer.

Cook Lake remodeling plans underway

If plans become reality, Cook Lake campground and picnic area will have a facelift in time for the 2004 recreation season. Black Hills National Forest engineers are redesigning the area located 25 miles north of Sundance to improve the facilities for accessibility needs and larger campers as well as group picnic activities.

Projects considered include widening, lengthening or refurbishing camp sites; removing or remodeling bathrooms; improving drinking water sources; grouping picnic tables; replacing wooden steps with cement ones; improving the handicap-fishing structure; and road maintenance.

In addition to the facility upgrades, the Forest Service is considering finishing the Cook Lake trail project. In 2002, the western portion of the trail was completed, and work being proposed on the eastern side includes meeting accessibility requirements on about 1/2 mile of the trail.

No changes are expected in the camping or day-use fees at Cook Lake as a result of these improvements. Anyone interested in commenting on either of these projects for Cook Lake should contact Jeanette Timm at the Bearlodge Ranger District, P.O. Box 680, Sundance, WY 82729 or (307) 283-1361.

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