



Gateway Ministries nearing completion . . .



One step closer to completion of the Gateway Ministries house of worship was finished this week. With the arrival of the church furniture, Dr. Wayne Phillips, Pastor reports the project, which started in June of 2002 is 95% complete. Dr. Phillips reflected on the first worship service that was held in Sundance five years ago. "Our first worship service was attended by only two, my wife and I. I gave the entire worship service that day and with the help of the Lord we have seen our ministry grow." Dr. Phillips went on to praise the combined efforts of local Christians as well as other congregations assisting for bringing the project to completion. "Our work is to bring the gospel to the west and to be available to help those in need in the community". He went on, "We are so thankful to the Lord for helping us complete such a wonderful facility to do his work."

Shown installing the new furniture at Gateway Ministries are, left to right kneeling, Tom Stoneman and his son Chase, representing the Marshall Company, builders of the furniture from Payette, Idaho. Standing in back row are Dr. Wayne Phillips and church member Chuck Gerber of Sundance.

Local businesses hit over weekend

Sundance Mercantile and Budget Shop hit

Two local business were the subject of burglaries over the past weekend. Details of the crime remain unclear but according to Sundance Police Officer Adrian Whitmore, an unknown suspect or suspects apparently broke into the Sundance Mercantile, downtown Sundance, and the Budget Shop located at the Sundance Senior Citizens Center. Based on the initial investigation, the break-ins appear to have taken place sometime early Saturday morning.

According to Whitmore, some items appear to have been taken from Sundance Mercantile. Preliminary evidence appeared to suggest that nothing was taken from the Budget Shop, however store employees were surveying the business to verify whether any items were missing. Both businesses sustained some damage as a result of the criminal activity.

Sundance police officers continue to investigate the incidents and ask anyone who may have information regarding the break-ins to contact them at 283-3000.

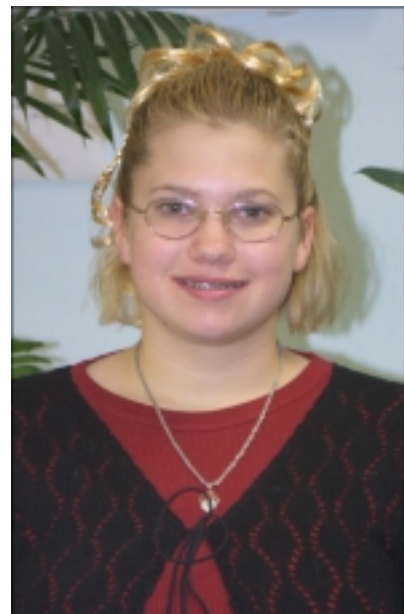
A Sundance Sunday is "Freeze Your Fanny" and football!

Don't let the guilt of all that Superbowl food and drink get you down. Come and join us in the morning and give your metabolism a jumpstart before you indulge. The "Freeze Your Fanny" 4-mile road race for runners, competitive walkers, and fun walkers takes place this Sunday, February 1, 2004 at the Sundance Elementary School. You can still register by mail, or in person race morning at the elementary school.

Pre-registration is just suggested to guarantee a shirt race day. If we run out of shirts, we will order more! The cost is \$10 for the race and \$10 for a shirt. If you want to just watch others sweat 'n freeze, come down and have some coffee or hotcakes. Breakfast is just a \$4 donation.

Need more info? Contact a Kiwanis member: Steve Kozel, Joe Baron, Mark Hughes, Jack Lake, Roger Jones or Deb Hougham, or visit the website at: www.freezeyourfanny.com.

Local student to attend beltway conference



Mikala Myers

Sundance High School student Mikala Myers, daughter of Buz and Marge Myers of Sundance, has recently been selected to participate in the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) in Washington, D.C. from February 10 to February 15, 2004. NYLC is a unique leader-

ship development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Myers will be one of approximately 400 outstanding scholars from around the country at the conference.

The theme of NYLC is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today". Throughout six days, Myers will interact with a variety of personnel who operate within the three branches of government, the news media and the international community.

"We often hear from members of Congress, political appointees and members of Washington's press corps that it is a privilege to meet and interact with students like Mikala Myers because they are the face of our country's future," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors the Conference. "What these students learn at the National Young Leaders Conference will enable them to build coalitions with one another and exercise their own leadership skills within communities around the country."

Highlights of past conferences have included welcoming remarks from the floor of the US House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club, in addition to meeting with senators and representative or appointed staff members to discuss important issues facing the nation.

To compliment the schedule of special meetings and briefings, Myers will also participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities and simulations. In one role-play activity titled "If I were president", students act as the President and Cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participate in "Testing the Constitution", in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. The Conference culminates with the "Model Congress", in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. Representatives, and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation.

BSE program and Pesticide Application Training planned for Tri-County Ag Day

The fifth Annual Tri-County Ag Day and Private Pesticide Applicator Training will be combined and rotated among the three northeast Wyoming counties February 10 through 12. The Weston County program will be held on February 10 in the conference room of the USDA Service Center in Newcastle. The Campbell and Crook County programs will be February 11 and 12, respectively, and will be held at each county's Extension Office. The same program will be held in each county, so you may attend any at your convenience.

The Tri-County Ag Day program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end about 12:30 p.m., followed by lunch. The theme of the program will be Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE). There will be a charge of \$5 for lunch and educational materials for the morning program. Private Pesticide Applicator Training and Certification will begin at 1:00 p.m., with UW Extension Pesticide Specialist, Dr. Mark Ferrell doing the instruction.

Up to the minute information on BSE - a.k.a. "Mad Cow Disease" and its ramifications will be the heart of this year's Tri-County Ag Day programs. The 2 1/2 hour session will feature information about the disease itself, presented by Tanya Daniels and Gene Gade, Campbell and Crook County University Extension Educators. Following that will be an explanation

of the new U.S. Animal Identification Plan by Bill Taylor, Weston County University Extension Educator and a presentation by Tom Feeney, representative of Y-Text Corporation of Cody, on animal identification systems and products. Taylor will also talk about current and pending USDA regulations in response to BSE and the effect the BSE situation has had on domestic and foreign cattle markets. Finally, there will be a presentation by Vicki Hayman, Weston County University Extension Educator, on food safety issues.

Both the Tri-County Ag Day and Private Pesticide Applicator Certification programs are open to all interested persons. Private Pesticide Applicator certification is required of all persons purchasing and/or applying restricted use pesticides on private property on a non-commercial basis. The certification is free and is good for five years. Persons may also be certified by use of a homestudy workbook if they are not able to attend the annual certification training. For more information on the homestudy option, contact your Extension Office.

For more information on Tri-County Ag Day or Pesticide Certification call Campbell Extension at 682-7281, Crook Extension at 283-1192, or Weston Extension at 746-3531.

City Council reflections

This is the first in a series of interviews with local government officials outlining their achievements throughout 2003 and their hopes for 2004.

Alan Roberts was elected to the council a year ago and shared some of his reflections on last year while highlighting some of his desires for the future.

Among Roberts' most pleasing accomplishments throughout the past year he listed beginning the Highway 585 area annexation, a move toward finding more common ground among the City officials, improved financial efficiency of the Police Department, an agreement to allow an audit of the City financial information and the separation of various accounts from the city's general fund.

When asked whether anything surprised him over the past year, Roberts noted he had not been surprised with one exception, "The way money is being

spent and the amount certain things cost."

The City's budgeting process, questions of fiscal responsibilities pertaining to long term debts and matters of city government accountability top the list of Roberts' concerns for the upcoming year.

Freshman Council member Norma Peterson, who was appointed to the council last February, listed progress made on the Kaski Subdivision as her vision of what was one of the city's most important accomplishments last year.

In terms of surprises from last year, Norma noted two items that caught her eye, "I'm impressed with the quality of the City's employees and the work they do," and "Getting appointed to the council in the first place"....Otherwise, it was "a fairly quiet year", she quipped.

"Not getting anything done with the deer problems around

town", topped Peterson's list of disappointments from last year. Looking forward to next year, Peterson said she hopes to see continued progression on anticipated upcoming subdivisions.

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