

WHITNEY BENEFITS NEWS RELEASE

Tim Tarver, Chairman of the Whitney Education Committee announced the purchase of the RENEW Building located at 245 Broadway Street located in Sheridan, Wyoming. Whitney is a private, non-profit educational foundation located in Sheridan, Wyoming. Whitney was created under the Last Will and Testament of Edward A. Whitney, a Sheridan County resident, who passed away in 1917.

Whitney has purchased the RENEW Building to develop resources for the community members of Sheridan. With the purchase of this nearly 30,000 square foot building, Whitney anticipates initially that an **"Even Start"** preschool program be developed in coordination with the Sheridan County School Districts 1, 2 and 3. This national program is based on the premises that every child deserves an equal educational opportunity for their respective education. Whitney is also working in coordination with the Sheridan Educational Foundation, which will manage and oversee the building that will then house local non-profit community service providers to assist with the maximization of their resources to work in a collaborative manner. Whitney also anticipates specialized educational components to be housed in the newly named **Whitney Community Vocational Center** for the entire county; such as a science center and educational physical resource center.

In summary, Whitney's intent through the encouragement of educational opportunity for students and parents through the cooperative Equal Start program at the pre-School level, that this educational program for the pre-school children and their parents will lead to a greater interest in educational and vocational opportunities in the Sheridan County School Districts and ultimately Sheridan College. The Whitney Trustees believe that they can best fulfill Mr. Whitney's intent by developing educational and vocational opportunities and interests so that the residents can continue their contributions to our communities and county.