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Whitney Board President Tom Kinnison shows Gov. Dave Freudenthal future plans for a Whitney Benefits facility Friday during the governor's visit to Sheridan.

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Before the governor spoke, Sheridan Mayor Dave Kinskey joked that Freudenthal had spent the state's \$3 billion surplus.

Freudenthal answered Kinskey's stab by saying Republican mayors resemble "George McGovern socialists" when they come to the state wanting money.

"Most of that money ended up in his (Kinskey's) pocket," Freudenthal said.

The governor then roasted Kinskey by talking about the number of employees who have left city jobs, saying he had similar problems.

"The problem is going from private life to public," Freudenthal said. "Employee relations is totally different."

Freudenthal joked that he and Kinskey should form a consulting company that tells public officials what not to do.

Freudenthal said Rotary provides a lot of important services. "Through service we ultimately find ourselves," Freudenthal said. "In this state an awful lot gets done through individual actions."

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, according to the

Rotary International Web site.

There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians in more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, the Web site states.

### • Whitney Benefits tour

Also while he was in Sheridan, the governor toured Whitney Benefits projects with Whitney Board President Tom Kinnison.

Whitney Benefits is a local foundation that Kinnison says has some \$110 million in assets.

Whitney Benefits projects include the Whitney Commons, the new school administration building that is being constructed at the end of Grinnell Avenue, and the Whitney Vocational Center, which provides working space for Even Start and other programs.

Freudenthal said he was impressed with what Whitney Benefits has done, saying the projects are "family-friendly."

He said he hopes others around the state will follow Whitney Benefits' lead and "help build the state."

Also before returning to Cheyenne, he met with Miss Wyoming contestants at the WYO Theater.

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