

**WHITNEY BENEFITS
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Whitney Benefits is pleased to announce the dedication and gifting of the Henry Burgess Bridge. The ceremony will be held Monday, November 6, 2006 at 9:00am at the bridge, which is located off Morrill Street between Kendrick Park and Whitney Commons.

The Henry Burgess Bridge is being dedicated to Mr. Henry A. Burgess for his commitment and services to the Whitney Benefits Foundation and the Sheridan Community. Henry A. Burgess was an active Whitney Trustee for 31 years. Whitney Benefits would not be the foundation that it is today without his generous dedication and contributions. From 1973 to 1995, Henry represented Whitney Benefits in obtaining a settlement from the Department of Interior. The total amount awarded to Whitney Benefits amounted to \$64,000,000, including compounded interest.

Whitney Benefits is also pleased to announce that the bridge will be gifted to the City of Sheridan at the ceremony. The City used Whitney's funding for the bridge to obtain a matching TEAL grant to place pathways to the bridge. The cooperation between the City and Whitney Benefits has connected the current Sheridan pathway system, residential neighborhoods and the Sheridan Junior High School to other community and educational centers such as Whitney Commons, Sheridan County YMCA, Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, Sheridan Senior Center and Kendrick Park.

The Henry Burgess bridge project was designed by Randy Fisher of Designworks Inc. of Rapid City and built by Fry Construction of Sheridan. The project features an eight foot sidewalk with decorative lighting leading up to the bridge. The bridge features a planter for seasonal flowers and vegetation, two statue bases, and an area of decorative pavers matching the walk ways at Whitney Commons. The pathway from the bridge goes through Kendrick Park and connects with Whitney Commons on Jefferson Street.

Whitney is a private, non-profit educational foundation located in Sheridan, Wyoming. Whitney Benefits was created under the Last Will and Testament of Edward A. Whitney, a Sheridan County resident, who passed away in 1917.

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