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Governor celebrates with city

By **Vida Volkert**
Staff Reporter

Gov. Dave Freudenthal attended a ceremony in Sheridan this morning to celebrate the city's "Great Places: Great Neighborhoods" award.

The event took place at City Hall, where American Planning Association board members Kelli Serlich and Debra March presented the city with the organization's award.

During the ceremony, the governor praised the community and the city for

their efforts in building an attractive town that he is proud of and willing to continue supporting in its revitalization and reconstruction efforts.

He then met with members of the North Main Revitalization Initiative Steering Committee, who presented him with a copy of the NMRI Strategy for revitalization of the North Main Area of Sheridan.

"I think these things go hand in hand," Freudenthal said about NMRI and the award. "You really need partnerships to make it work, and the mayor

[Dave Kinskey] deserves a lot of credit."

Freudenthal said the award reflects what has been going on in Sheridan since 1992, when the city first began working on revitalization and reconstruction of infrastructure.

"In Wyoming, where people don't really like planning ... they have done a remarkable job for the community," he said. "These are not easy things, and to pull things together in a way that helps build the community but also emphasizes the values of the community, it's a

pretty remarkable theme.

"The mayor and the community have done a great job."

Asked about celebrating the award a day before Election Day, Freudenthal said "the way it turns out, this is the only time I could get up here."

"For the cynics who say this was a political trip, you don't make it the day before the election," he said, adding that by now "people are decided" about whom they are going to vote.

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WIC a little easier

• Recent improvements make program simpler for clients

CASPER (AP) — Recent improvements to the Wyoming Women, Infants and Children program make it easier for clients to access food benefits and for grocery stores to provide services to families.

Women in the program no longer have to separate their WIC order from the rest of their groceries, said Diane Johnson, regional nutritional supervisor for Natrona County WIC.

This system is more discrete, she said.

Before, a woman would have to separate her WIC items. Then the cashier would have to scan each WIC item twice and create a separate transaction for other groceries.

"A woman can now say, 'I can shop. I can use the program and not have anyone know I am using the program,'" Johnson said.

Wyoming WIC section chief, Janet Moran, said WIC targets a specific portion of the population.

"There's a stigma," Moran said. "We don't want people to feel bad for using the program. We are a program here to help."

WIC serves more than 12,000 women, infants and children in Wyoming.

Moran said WIC worked with 89 retailers the past several years to implement the changes.

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• Oddities

Naked pumpkin runners ticketed

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Boulder police ticketed about a dozen people running naked on the street while sporting freshly gutted pumpkins on their heads as part of an annual Halloween event.

The citations for indecent exposure Friday night came as dozens of other costumed revelers, including a man with a red cape and a sword, chanted to police officers to let go of the streakers and "find real criminals."

The event known in Boulder as the Naked Pumpkin Run has been held for 10 years. This year it drew a huge crowd, prompting concern from police.

Boulder police Chief Mark Beckner says officers "wanted to do something before (the event) got out of hand."



Kerrie Kimmel of Sheridan votes early at the Election Office at the Sheridan County Courthouse on Friday.



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Preparing for a historic election

• County has 200 judges and assistants to answer questions

By **Kristen Salamon**
Staff Reporter

While Americans prepare to cast their votes in Tuesday's historic election, Sheridan County Election Supervisor Brenda Miech is preparing her office and election judges for a long day in the county's more than 20 precincts.

Within the county, more than 200 judges and election assistants will be on hand to answer questions and run the polling places.

"We're ready," Miech said. "All of the supplies are set, and we're prepared. It will be a busy night, but everything looks good."

Miech said she expects election day to run smoothly, with voting opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m.

"You never know how long the votes will take to come in," Miech said. "I think it will be a very heavy turnout for Election Day."

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Local absentee voting higher this year

By **Kristen Salamon**
Staff Reporter

According to Sheridan County Election Supervisor Brenda Miech, local absentee voting is higher this year.

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Closing day

• Obama, McCain stump for votes one day before the election

MIAMI (AP) — The presidential candidates are capping a history-making campaign with a dash from Florida through a half-dozen other crucial states as John McCain

tries for an upset over Barack Obama.

With little sleep, McCain was darting through seven swing states Monday, arguing that victory was virtually at hand despite national polls showing otherwise.

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Barack Obama
Presidential Hopeful



John McCain
Presidential Hopeful

Cheney rallies Republicans at event in Laramie

LARAMIE (AP) — Speaking to a reverent crowd in his home state, Vice President Dick Cheney praised Wyoming's GOP ticket on Saturday and called on Republicans to vote for John McCain.

Cheney visited this southeastern Wyoming college town to stump for the Republicans seeking to maintain all three seats in the state's congressional delegation.

It was a rare campaign appearance for Cheney, who has kept a low profile throughout the presidential race. While his national approval ratings hover in the 20s and 30s, the former Wyoming representative remains a favorite son in his home state, where registered Republicans outnumber Democrats by more than 2-to-1.

Cheney touted the Bush administration's achievements in national security and education, and he said McCain is the right steward for the



Dick Cheney
Vice President

country in precarious times.

"John is a man who understands the danger facing America," Cheney said. "He is a man who has looked into the face of evil and not

flinched. He's a man who's comfortable with responsibility and has been since he joined the armed forces at the age of 17."

Wyoming residents this year are voting for their entire congressional delegation. Republican U.S. Sen. Mike Enzi is running for a third term against a challenge from Democrat Chris Rothfus of

Laramie. Republican Sen. John Barrasso is seeking election to the seat he was appointed to last year against a challenge from Democrat Nick Carter of Gillette.

And in the state's most hotly contested race, Republican Cynthia Lummis and Democrat Gary Trauner are battling for the U.S. House seat being vacated by Republican Barbara Cubin.

The national Democratic and Republican parties have poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into advertising for the House race in hopes of lifting their candidate over the top. The most recent poll showed Lummis and Trauner in a statistical tie.

Cheney, who was elected six times as Wyoming's representative in the U.S. House, placed extra emphasis on the House race Saturday. He said Lummis is "perfectly in tune with the people of Wyoming."

Handing Out Goodies



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Sheridan High School senior and student body President Jordan Kaul hands out candy to 7-year-old Lucy Barten of Sheridan at halftime of the Broncos' football game at Homer Scott Field on Friday night.

Celebration

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 "As Americans this embodies what America's dream is: creating communities of lasting values, and you have a community that has demonstrated it," March told The Sheridan Press.
 March, an APA board member representing planning officials, said the city has changed tremendously since the last time she was here 15 years ago. She praised the community for its accomplishments: building a vibrant and attractive downtown while preserving local values.
 She said this recognition will probably draw more attention to Sheridan, and "it is easy to see when you come to town why you are acknowledged for these strengths."
 "This is a great place.

Professionals should want to come to live and work here," March added.
 March is from Las Vegas, and Serlich is from Maricopa County, Ariz. APA headquarters are in Washington, D.C.
 Earlier in October, the APA designated Sheridan's "historic downtown and nearby area as one of America's 10 Great Neighborhoods for 2008," according to city Associate Planner Elizabeth Wood.
 Wood told The Press that Sheridan was chosen because of its historic downtown and immediately surrounding residential area, which reflect a mixture of influences, trends and developments — from Sheridan's frontier period to Main Street buildings constructed in the 1980s.

Judge orders Justice Dept. to produce wiretap memos

WASHINGTON (AP) — A judge has ordered the Justice Department to produce White House memos that provide the legal basis for the Bush administration's post-Sept. 11 warrantless wiretapping program.
 U.S. District Judge Henry Kennedy Jr. signed an order Friday requiring the department to produce the memos by the White House legal counsel's office by Nov. 17. He said he will review the memos in private to determine if any information can be released publicly without violating attorney-client privilege or jeopardizing national security.
 Kennedy issued his order in

response to lawsuits by civil liberties groups in 2005 after news reports disclosed the wiretapping.
 The department had argued that the memos were protected attorney-client communications and contain classified information.
 But Kennedy said that the attorney-client argument was "too vague" and that he would have to look at the documents himself to determine if that argument is valid and also to see if there is information that can be released without endangering national security.
 Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd said Saturday the department is reviewing the opinion

and will "respond appropriately in court."
 Shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks, Bush authorized the National Security Agency to spy on calls between people in the U.S. and suspected terrorists abroad without obtaining court warrants. The administration said it needed to act more quickly than the court could and that the president had inherent authority under the Constitution to order warrantless domestic spying.
 After the program was challenged in court, Bush last year put it under the supervision of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, established in 1978 after the domes-

tic spying scandals of the 1970s.
 "We think just as a common sense matter the legal theories for the president's wiretap programs cannot be classified and should be available to the public," said Marc Rotenberg, president of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, one of the groups seeking the memos.
 "It's an important decision because up to this point the judge has relied on the government's assertion that it has done everything properly under the law and that it has disclosed everything it needs to disclose," Rotenberg said Saturday.

Election

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 In addition to the voting that will take place tomorrow, Miech said absentee voting is up slightly.
 More than 3,600 ballots were mailed out, and as of Friday about 2,900 had been returned to the election office to be counted.
 "Usually the presidential elections are pretty big, ranging a little higher in the number of ballots we send out and get back," Miech said. "We have slightly more walk-ins and

more mail-outs."
 Wyoming residents who have not registered to vote may do so at the polls on Election Day. Residents must take an acceptable form of identification, such as a driver's license or passport, when they go to polls.
 Election results will be posted on the Sheridan County Elections Office Web site. For further information, contact the Sheridan County Election Office at 674-2515.

WIC

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 The state paid a private contractor to help develop a system, but it used ideas from Texas and New Mexico, which have already implemented the program, Moran said. She said the state should see some savings in the future because they no longer have to outsource the processing of these transactions to another agency.
 The WIC debit-like cards also hold three months of benefits instead of only one, Johnson said. Before, a family would have to go to one of three chosen grocery stores to upload new benefits every month.

"We are one of the smallest WIC states, but we have some of the best technology," Johnson said.
 Wyoming was the first state to begin delivering food benefits on debit-like cards in 1995. Currently, Wyoming is one of only a handful of states that has an electronic benefits WIC system.
 WIC provides food items such as milk, cheese and eggs to pregnant women, postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5. For families to be eligible, income levels must be at or below 185 percent of the poverty level, which for a family of four is \$41,070.

Closing

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 "My friends, it's official: There's just one day left until we take America in a new direction," the Republican Party's choice to succeed President Bush told a raucous, heavily Hispanic rally in Miami just after midnight.
 Obama, comfortably ahead in national polls, was getting a later start with a rally in Jacksonville at midday and a swing through long-time GOP bastions that might go to his Democratic Party this time.
 "I feel pretty peaceful," Obama said on the "Russ Parr Morning Show."
 "The question is going to be who wants it more," he added. "And I hope that our supporters hit it bad, because I think the country needs it."
 It has been the longest and most expensive presidential contest ever — featuring for the first time an African-American as a major party standardbearer.
 Asked in an interview broadcast Monday morning what most displeased him about the nearly 2-year-long contest, Obama cited attacks launched by Republicans against his wife, Michelle.
 "There's a Republican or right wing media outlet ... that went after my wife for a while in

a way that I thought was just completely out of bounds," Obama said on CBS's "The Early Show."
 "I would have never considered or expected my allies to do something comparable to the spouse of an opponent," he added. "They support their spouse, but generally they really should be bystanders in this process, even if they're campaigning for me. ... I mean that's what you'd expect. And that doesn't make them suddenly targets."
 All that's left now is for the campaigns to make sure people vote, unleashing an unprecedented get-out-the-vote campaigns.
 Surrogates for both men, including Democrat Caroline Kennedy and one-time Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney, hopped from morning show to morning show urging voters to get to the polls if they haven't already cast ballots. More early voting is happening than ever, a process that changes the meaning of Election Day somewhat, with some 27 million votes cast in 30 states as of Saturday night. That's more than ever. Democrats outnumbered Republicans in pre-Election Day voting in key states.
 All told, the election will have cost \$1 billion, and the candidates together will have

spent about \$8 per presidential vote.
 The candidates were sprinting across time zones and states in eleventh-hour bids to get to the magic number of 270 electoral votes — the total needed to seal the presidency.
 McCain's journey stretched from Tampa through Tennessee, whose media market reaches into the much-coveted state of Virginia, which is trending Democratic for the first time since 1964.
 McCain also was scheduled to hit Pennsylvania, Indiana, New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada before ending early Tuesday with a rally in Prescott, Ariz. He was scheduled to finish the day — and the campaign — at home in the Phoenix area.
 Obama was set to make a quick trip to Virginia and Indiana before returning to Chicago for a massive rally in Grant Park.
 McCain's running mate, Sarah Palin, was racing through five Bush states — Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Colorado and Nevada — in an effort to boost conservative turnout. The Alaska governor has been a popular draw for many GOP base voters.
 Joe Biden, Obama's running mate, was to campaign in Missouri, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Absentee

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 In the 2004 general election, 3,017 ballots were mailed out and 2,833 were returned. This year, 3,626 absentee ballots were sent out, and as of Friday, about 2,900 had been returned.
 In Wyoming, any registered voter can vote

early by absentee ballot either in person or by mail.
 If done by mail, a voter requests an absentee ballot through the county clerk's office, which is then mailed to the voter. Voters must return the ballot to the county clerk's office no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day.

A citizen may also vote absentee in person up to 40 days before the election at the election office.
 No reason is required by Wyoming law for either method of absentee voting.
 No absentee ballots are counted before Election Day.

Tom Ringley

The Right Man, The Right Time

Republican for Sheridan County Commissioner

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I have no hidden agenda. All subjects and ideas are open for discussion and consideration. I am interested in all aspects of Sheridan County, but have a great interest in Sheridan Memorial Hospital and the Sheridan-WYO-Rodeo.

Tom Ringley

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