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Our **Sheridan College**, a happening place. To wit:

- Construction on the college's new AgriPark will be completed soon. That said, it's also worth noting how the trustees of the college recently recognized one of its former students and rodeo team

members. It's a warm gesture to name the road leading to the facility after **Chris LeDoux**. LeDoux won the bareback title at the National Finals Rodeo in 1976. He then went on to a successful songwriting and recording career with 36 albums and was inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City in 2007, two years after his untimely death. The road through the Wrench Ranch development, north of the city, will be named Chris LeDoux Way.

- **The Whitney Center for the Arts** on the campus of Sheridan College will house art, theater and music programs on a grander scale at the school. It will include, too, a performing arts center with more than 400 seats. For art, the center will provide flexible, cross-disciplinary environments with quality daylight; for music, it'll feature first-rate acoustics and small recital, training spaces for students. The scale model of what's coming is at the college for review by the public. A June 2016 opening is planned.

- Also coming down the pike is expansion and new construction of Sheridan College's tech center. This vocational training is what attracts employers and students from out of state to learn high-paying employment skills. It is scheduled for completion by the fall classes of 2017. **Whitney Benefits** announced earlier this year it was pledging \$6 million for this segment of SC expansion.

This is real "City on the Rise" progress and with, raising (and meeting) expectations.