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District court

Bail reduced in murder case

Judge halves \$500k bail, sets strict conditions

By Jeff Rice
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Bail was reduced for a Log Lane Village man accused in the death of a woman in Morgan County last year while plea negotiations continue in that case.

Robert Smith, 37, was arraigned in Logan County District Court Thursday and District Judge Michael

Singer agreed to reduce Smith's bond from \$500,000 to \$250,000. Attorney Bolick Kiyomi of the public defender's office had asked that bond be reduced to \$50,000 while District Attorney Brittny Lewton argued that there should be no change.

Smith's father, Alvin Smith, told the court the family would provide the defendant with housing



Laurie Teter

and make sure he abided by any conditions of bond. Kiyomi argued that it would be impossible for the family to meet the half-million-dollar bond and that makes it difficult for Smith to participate in his own defense. Lewton said Smith still poses a risk to the community and cited the alleged involvement of drugs and alcohol in the case as evidence of Smith's inability



Robert Smith

to meet bond conditions. In halving the bond Judge Singer emphasized that Smith must maintain "complete sobriety" during the time he is out on bond. Any violation, Singer said, and the defendant will be right back in jail.

Smith was arrested in March in Log Lane Village and faces a number of charges stemming from

the investigation of the disappearance and death of Laurie Jane Teter, also 37.

The defendant is charged with second-degree murder, attempting to influence a public servant, tampering with evidence, first degree perjury, sexual assault of a child by one in a position of trust, Internet luring of a child with intent to exploit, and enticement of a child;

Members of Teter's family were in court Thursday, and one woman wore a T-shirt that said "Justice

for Laurie."

Teter was reported missing on Sept. 2, 2015, and was reportedly last seen after a fight with her boyfriend. Witnesses said Teter and her boyfriend had been living in a tent on farm ground. There was apparently an argument between the two, which turned physical. Teter reportedly was last seen walking away from the area to the west. Her body was found a week later near the intersection of Morgan County roads U.5 and 24.

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2016 election

How to decode the ballot

Progressive 15 holds seminar on 2016 ballot initiatives

By Stephanie Alderton
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Northeastern Colorado voters have a lot of important decisions coming up this fall, and Progressive 15 is working to inform those voters.

The lobby organization, which represents the 15 counties of northeastern Colorado, held a "lunch and learn" program on Wednesday focusing on several ballot items Coloradoans will vote on this November. Speakers from both sides of the political aisle gave presentations in favor of, or against, each item, focusing on how it could affect the people of the plains. The ballot issues they discussed would affect how the Colorado constitution

Find out more

For more information on Progressive 15 and their positions on various political issues facing Colorado, go to www.progressive15.org For information on Raise the Bar, go to www.raisethebarco.com. For various views on Amendment 69, go to www.coloradocare.org or www.coloradansforcoloradans.com. For Let Colorado Vote, go to www.letcovote2016.com. Other ballot initiatives can be found at www.ballotpedia.com/Colorado.

is changed, the state health insurance program, how Coloradoans' votes are counted in federal elections, oil and gas projects and the minimum wage.

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PARTY TIME



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Above, a long line of people stretches out waiting for their turn to load up plates with hamburgers, hot dogs and chips during Fort Morgan's Party in the Park on Thursday evening in City Park. The free meal is only one part of the city's annual summer parties. This one also marked the kickoff of this year's Glenn Miller SwingFest, with the Platte Valley Band performing later Thursday night in the Dahms-Talton Band Shell.

At left, Fort Morgan city officials, from left, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer, City Manager Jeff Wells and City Attorney Jason Meyers man the grill Thursday night during the city's Party in the Park. The city offered the people who went free hamburger or hot dog meals.

Fort Morgan High School

Car wash for a cause

By Stephanie Alderton
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The Fort Morgan High School cheerleading team will be holding a car wash on Saturday to raise money for uniforms and other equipment.

Several members of the team, along with parents, have volunteered to help with the event at the Ehrlich Toyota dealership on 1209 Main St. starting at 8 a.m. They'll be charging \$5 for a car wash and \$8 for a wash and dry. This is the first of several fundraising events the team has planned for the next few weeks.

FMHS has held car washes several times in the past, but this one will be a first for the new cheer coach, Jesi Roskop. She said that, with the

If you go

What: FMHS Cheer Car Wash
When: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 30
Where: Ehrlich Toyota on 1209 Main St., Fort Morgan
Cost: \$5 for a car wash, \$8 for a wash and dry
More info: Call Jesi Roskop at 785-202-0175

warm weather the county has seen lately, it seemed like a good way to get the community's attention.

"Car washes always go over pretty well, especially on the weekends, when people are out with their cars and want them to look nice, and maybe wouldn't mind also giving to a good cause," Roskop said. She's also planning a car wash for

Aug. 13 and a rummage sale for Aug. 5 and 6.

Roskop said fundraisers like these are important because "cheerleading is an expensive sport." Uniforms, equipment, training camps and other costs can cost hundreds of dollars per student. But Roskop is confident this event will help a lot with that cost. Several people have already expressed interest in the car wash.

As of the tryouts in June, 17 girls have made the cheerleading team at FMHS this year, and their season will officially begin in mid-August, just in time for the fundraising dollars to begin paying off.

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Re-3 School District

Registration dates set for Fort Morgan schools

Students may need updated immunizations before classes start

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Fort Morgan schools may be starting later than usual for the upcoming school year, but that start date is coming up quickly.

The Morgan County Re-3 School District wanted to make sure parents are aware of when registration is set to happen, as well as what immunizations kids need before

school starts, according to Karen Temple, administrative assistant to the superintendent.

For kindergarten students, registration will be held Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Sherman Early Childhood Center, 300 Sherman St., in Fort Morgan. Two sessions will be offered for getting students registered: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m.

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