

Search on for Mrs. Douglas

Sheree Channel, Executive State Director for the Mrs. Wyoming Pageant, states the pageant is seeking applicants for the title of Mrs. Douglas.

Once selected, the lucky lady will advance on to represent her community in the 2011 Mrs. Wyoming Pageant to be held Feb. 19 at the Cheyenne Civic Center.

Local titleholders will compete to win a prize package valued at over \$8,000, including an all expense paid trip to the nationally televised Mrs. America Pageant.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, married at the time of competition and a Wyoming resident, no performing talent required.

To request the official application or for information, call Sheree, Wyoming's State Director at 307-631-4447 or www.mrswyomingamerica.com



Rebecca Rodenberg photo

Why wait for Black Friday?

Shoppers mingle around the Douglas Armory Oct. 30 to get some early Christmas shopping done at a craft fair put on by Converse County Coalition Against Violence. Raffle tickets were sold at the door for a chance to win one of many donated prizes as a way to raise money for the coalition.

POLICE REPORT

The Douglas Police Department responded to 111 calls Nov. 1-7. Arrests, citations and investigations are listed with others below:

Arrests and citations

- Herman Bandy, 48, was arrested for DUI and cited for driving without a driver's license and open container.
- Anthony Harris, 21, was arrested on a probation revocation warrant.
- Christopher Burkhead, 34, was cited for driving under suspension.
- Shawn Lane, 20, and Tashona Taylor, 18, were arrested for reckless endangerment.

- A 17-year-old male was arrested on a local warrant.
- A 15-year-old male was cited for MIP/tobacco.
- Bradley Snodgrass, 26, was arrested for DUI.
- Daniel Skidmore, 27, was arrested for DUI.
- Chad Williams, 33, was cited for vicious animal and dog running at large.
- Robert Hall, 46, was arrested for DUI.
- Kelly Larson, 18, was arrested under the Family Violence Protection Act.

Under investigation

- The theft of two key cards and a whistle valued at \$10 was reported at Douglas High School.
 - A case involving a person stealing fuel is under investigation. The amount taken is believed to be about \$290 worth.
 - A Pizza Hut sign with a value of \$150 was reported stolen from a vehicle.
- Other**
- A \$44 gas drive-off was reported at Loaf 'N Jug.

Rosenthal

roduces the first of four eventual generations.

"It is a rock em' sock em.' It is action packed with loads of surprises," Rosenthal said. "It is the adventure and romance of the West, wrapped in the silver bolo of the American spirit."

Rosenthal is currently writing book two in the six-book series, called *Maps of Fate*. He is more excited for the third book, called *North to Wyoming*. It will take place primarily in this area of Wyoming, Reid said. The series is written for for the female romance crowd, the male west adventure crowd and the American patriot crowd.

"The last novel is 2010. It is real time, contemporary west. This is not just a story of the people, it is a story of the land, how it shapes personalities, how it shapes destinies and what has happened to it over two centuries," he said.

Though Rosenthal's new career as an author appears to be moving lightning fast, his career as a writer started in fourth grade.

It was then that he and his family took a week-long vacation to the Caribbean. For homework, Mrs. Darling instructed him to write in a journal that he would read to the class when he got back.

"When I got back, I read to the class with the typical trepidation of a fourth grader, and they loved it. I looked up and they were enraptured," Rosenthal said.

That day, the 9-year-old boy promised himself he would write books. He took creative writing courses in high school and had some journalism training in college, but was pulled into the ranch lifestyle and struggled to put pen to page.

"I have never read romance or western novels and I thought this read would be a stretch for me but as I got into the story, I immediately became engaged and found myself immersed in each word as the tale, the characters and their lives unfolded."

KAREN MAYFIELD, Msc.CC, - National bestselling author of "Wake Up Women BE Happy Healthy & Wealthy" and co-creator for "Wake up Women" book series.



REID ROSENTHAL

"This story has been in my head for 40 years. It is tough to explain but I have written these books. They are written, just up here," he said, pointing at his head.

After passing on a six-point elk, Rosenthal had much to

learn about taking a book from between his ears to store shelves. He attended writing and publishing conferences where he was able to pick the brains of published authors about some of the concrete rules of book writing, how to submit a manuscript to a potential publisher and many other trade secrets.

Rosenthal wrote his first draft of *Threads West* in about 60 days and spent about four months editing and polishing the work.

"For me, the most important thing is to get it down on paper. Once it is on paper, then I really can go to town. But if I sit there and I try to edit this line or that line as I am talking or thinking . . . that doesn't work for me," he said.

He received interest from several publishers of differing sizes, but opted to go with Rockin SR publishing out of Cheyenne. The small company allowed more freedom on writ-

ing the next book in the series and permitted Rosenthal to maintain his own film rights, book rights, foreign distribution rights and title rights, all of which would be gone had he signed with a large publisher. It is a relationship some authors compare to indentured servitude, Rosenthal said.

All are rights that may prove valuable several years from now, or as evidence of what he left on the table by choosing a smaller publisher.

"I'm under no illusions. I've only been an author for two weeks, almost three. In the literary world, despite the success of this book and all the accolades, my name is still 'Reid Who' with three question marks," Rosenthal said. "I think in the end, having talked to all these people and doing this big digital release and lining up another, a book is one person looking another in the eye and handing it to them."

A. Ryle probation may be revoked

The Converse County Attorney's office is in the process of revoking probation for Andrea Ryle after she allegedly took a prescription medication improperly while in treatment.

Ryle was seen in Eighth Judicial Circuit Court Oct. 25 for a probation revocation hearing after being arrested on a Converse County warrant in Platte County. A petition had been submitted to the court to revoke her bond after the alleged Oct. 12 incident. A continued hearing is pending Ryle's attorney's entry of appearance.

Ryle was serving a three-year jail sentence at Southwestern Counseling Service treatment facility in Rock Spring after pleading guilty to four misdemeanor charges rooting from a Sept. 6, 2009, high-speed chase with law enforcement. Her two 6-year-old children were unrestrained in the vehicle during the pursuit, according to court documents.

Sentencing for one count of felony larceny was deferred on a condition that Ryle would successfully complete a residential treatment. If her probation is revoked, she could lose her deferred sentencing.

Old shoe boxes still have use

Christmas is arriving early in Douglas as First Baptist Church prepares to serve as a collection point for Operation Christmas Child. Soon, with the help of local volunteers, the site will be brimming with festively wrapped shoe boxes full of gifts.

Through Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project, Douglas residents are helping send shoe box gifts this year to more than eight million children in 100 countries suffering from natural disaster, war, terrorism, disease, famine and poverty. From Douglas, the shoe box gifts will be sorted and sent using whatever means necessary — sea containers, trucks, trains, airplanes, boats, camels, even dog sleds — to reach suffering children around the world.

Operation Christmas Child uses tracking technology that allows donors to "follow your

box" to the destination country where it will be hand-delivered to a child in need. To register shoe box gifts and find out what country they are delivered to, use the EZ Give donation form found at www.samaritanspurse.org

First Baptist Church serves as this year's collection site from Nov. 15-22. Gifts can be brought in Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Douglas residents contributed 295 shoe boxes in 2009 to join the Operation Christmas Child effort. This year, organizers hope to collect more than 315 boxes.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered more than 77 million gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children in some 130 countries. For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call 1-800-353-5949 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org

CRADLE CALL

Michael and Emily Haught of Douglas announce the birth of their daughter, **Addison Haught**, on April 9, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz.

Paternal grandparents are Douglas and Julie Haught of Torrington.

Maternal grandparents are Jerome and Judy Hoefler of Torrington.

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Stan Mullinnix - Mullinnix & Co.

Its always a horse race this time of year with clients jockeying to see who can get their custom order in soon enough to ensure Christmas completion. And yes I do feel like a commodity - how many hours and how much endurance can I offer up to lay how many of the orders in hand? No complaint - I am blessed beyond words. Still, health and experience have limited the cache of creative juices I am willing to squeeze out in a given Christmas season now a'days...

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