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OFFICIALS RELEASE IDENTITY OF MURDER VICTIM

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SHERIDAN — The Sheridan County coroner confirmed the identity of the murder victim who died Wednesday in an apartment building on North Main Street in Sheridan.

Eric Kaylor, a 47-year-old man

from Sheridan County, was the confirmed victim of a single gunshot wound to the head by the sole murder suspect in the case, Christopher Labuy. Forensic pathologist Thomas Bennett completed the autopsy Jan. 11.

Labuy faced charges of unlawful contact and criminal trespass in Sheridan County Circuit Court

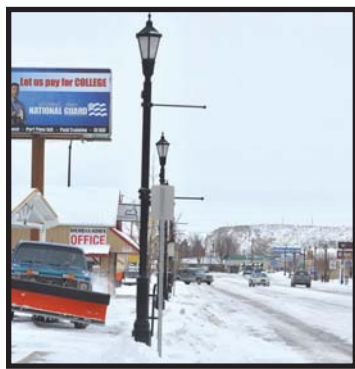
after an altercation with Kaylor on April 28, 2017.

LaBuy pleaded not guilty to both counts during a May 1 hearing in circuit court.

Court documents from that case state Kaylor called the Sheridan Police Department because Labuy would not leave his home. Labuy stayed with Kaylor off and on,

but Kaylor said due to Labuy's violent behavior when he drinks, he wanted Labuy to leave. Court documents said both men smelled strongly of alcohol. Kaylor told SPD that Labuy grabbed him from the front, lifted him off his feet and put Kaylor in a choke hold.

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Traffic moves along North Main Street Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018. Representatives from the North Main Association hope to continue beautification projects in the area.

CARRYING MOMENTUM North Main Association presents city with goals

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SHERIDAN — The dreams of North Main Association members came to fruition with the construction and quick work of the North Sheridan Interchange, and the members plan to ride the coattails of that project to accomplish more items on their to-do list.

North Main Association leaders list beautification as one of the top focuses for the nonprofit and the city of Sheridan.

"Close attention to unified aesthetics and beautification is at the center of all revitalization efforts," the association's Optional One-Cent Fund application letter to Sheridan City Council read.

The association started directly out of the North Main Revitalization Initiative in 2009, gathering community members interested in rehabilitating certain elements of North Main Street in Sheridan.

From that came the North Sheridan Interchange. With the interchange's completion a year ahead of schedule, the association wanted to use that momentum to encourage the city to move forward with more projects.

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A safety fence stands along the embankment of the Big Goose Creek near the landslide area below Sheridan Junior High School Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018.

City, SCSD2 work to address landslide

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SHERIDAN — While the landslides on Goose Creek near Sheridan Junior High School and Kendrick Park don't present an emergency, the city of Sheridan and Sheridan County School District 2 have continued collaborating to find a lasting solution to the problem.

The landslide potential in the area dates back to the 1970s, public works director Lane Thompson estimated.

The hill near SJHS showed sliding in fall 2010 and SCSD2 hired a contractor to construct a pile and lagging wall to stop the shifts.

A second shift forced SCSD2 to construct driven rock piles, for which construction workers drill holes in the hillside and pack rocks tightly into the holes. The rocks are designed to add enough coefficient of friction to stop the hill from sliding, but the land shifted again in April 2017.

Both Thompson and emergency management coordinator Bruce Edwards inspected the damage to

determine the risk. While the slides did not pose an imminent threat to the community or school district, something more permanent needs to be done in the area.

A group of emergency service personnel and other stakeholders in Sheridan County completed a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment through the Federal Emergency Management Agency in October. Landslides ranked as a "high" risk for the area, but fell behind wildland fires, lightning, winter storms and flooding in terms of greatest risk.

Thompson, determined to find a permanent solution, said that might mean looking beyond local entities for the most experienced professional available to address landslides.

Thompson, in conjunction with SCSD2 facilities director Mathers Heuck and city project manager Joe Schoen, will work through the process to hire a company to lead the design and construction of a project to address the slides.

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Trump denies he used vulgarity to describe African countries

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WASHINGTON (AP) — In bluntly vulgar language, President Donald Trump questioned Thursday why the U.S. would accept more immigrants from Haiti and "shithole countries" in Africa rather than places like Norway, as he rejected a bipartisan immigration deal, according to people briefed on

the extraordinary Oval Office conversation. Trump on Friday denied using that language.

Trump's contemptuous description of an entire continent startled lawmakers in the meeting and immediately revived charges that the president is racist. The White House did not deny his remark but issued a statement saying Trump supports immigration policies that welcome "those who can

contribute to our society."

Yet Trump himself tweeted Friday: "The language used by me at the DACA meeting was tough, but this was not the language used." He went on to criticize the immigration deal, saying: "What was really tough was the outlandish proposal made - a big setback for DACA!" The White House did not immediately respond to questions about the president's tweet.

Trump's comments Thursday came as two senators presented details of a bipartisan compromise that would extend protections against deportation for hundreds of thousands of young immigrants — and also strengthen border protections, as Trump has insisted.

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