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Domestic violence nonprofits offer film series

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LONGMONT — Two Longmont nonprofits have partnered to host a film series on domestic violence in October to commemorate National Domestic Violence Awareness month.

The Longmont Ending Violence Initiative and Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley will screen three movies from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on three consecutive Tuesdays.

The first film, "Telling Amy's Story," is about a 2001 domestic violence homicide in Pennsylvania. It will air Oct. 11 at the Longmont Public Library, 409 Fourth Ave. "Dear Zachary," which is about a man killed by an ex-girlfriend, will air Oct. 18 at the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave. The third film, "We Thought They Were Sleeping," focuses on how violent households affect children. That movie will be screened Oct.

25 at the Longmont Public Library. Staff from Safe Shelter and the Longmont Police Department will moderate a discussion after each film. All films and discussions are free and open to the public.

The idea behind the film series is to motivate people to tackle domestic violence in their own communities, LEVI project coordinator Trish Wood said.

"We're really hoping that people who go to see (the films) are

moved to action," she said.

Also next month, Safe Shelter will host a candlelight vigil for victims of domestic violence at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at Izaak Walton Park, 18 S. Sunset St., Longmont. Throughout the month, the Longmont library will have a book display with materials dealing with domestic violence.

On Oct. 27, Detective Sandie Esters of the Longmont Police De-

partment will receive the Beth Haynes Memorial Award, which is given to a law enforcement officer for outstanding work on domestic violence cases. The award is named for Boulder Police Officer Beth Haynes, who was shot and killed when she responded to a domestic violence call on April 16, 1994. The awards ceremony will be at 2 p.m. at the Boulder Public Library, 1001 Arapahoe Ave.