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## CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We are showing our dedication to this, not just in October but beyond, by making a commitment to ensure our community is safer and more supportive. The City of Caldwell, The Caldwell Police Department, and Advocates Against Family Violence are Painting The Town Purple. The goal is to place 1,000 purple pinwheels throughout the community. The "planting" will begin at City Hall at 3 p.m. on October 2, with Mayor Wagoner, and then move to the Police Department.

Nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. Advocates Against Family Violence (AAFV) works to eliminate domestic abuse by helping individuals make positive life changes through counseling, adult and teen outreach, court advocacy, affordable housing, emergency shelter services, and community involvement. Last year, AAFV provided refuge for nearly 700 women and children in their shelter.

If you or someone you know needs help, call the AAFV 24-Hour Hotline at (208) 459-4779 or text (208) 614-7671 to find local resources.