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### ***Lynn Montoya Named Small Business Journalist of the Year***

**Cheyenne** – The Wyoming District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has named Lynn Montoya, Vice President and General Manager of radio stations K-Jewel and KKY AM 1630 in Cheyenne as the Wyoming Small Business Journalist of the Year 2003.

This award is given to an individual making concerted efforts to increase public understanding of the importance of small business contributions to the economy; who makes contributions of news and feature stories, editorials, columns and commentary that highlight and analyze small business issues; this person performs volunteer community service aimed at enhancing small business opportunity and growth and other achievements that exemplify the nominee's media efforts to improve the understanding of the role of small business in the U.S. economy.

In addition to managing the day to day operations, five staff members and handling advertising sales at K-Jewel and KKY AM 1630, Lynn Montoya, hosts a Sunday morning public affairs show "Focus on Cheyenne" and voices radio commercials. Lynn and her husband Paul, purchased the stations in 1994. Lynn has always been an advocate of small business. Lynn and K-Jewel have supported the New Business Challenge Award presented by the Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce for the past three years. K-Jewel's grant of \$2,500 in radio advertising has helped the new business award recipient with their advertising costs. Additionally K-Jewel participates in numerous community events, covering new business grand openings and promoting small businesses.

She works in the Cheyenne community with the Zonta Club mentoring professional businesswomen and providing micro loans for women in business. She is also a member of Kiwanis Club, a major fundraiser for children's projects and programs. She is a member of the United Medical Center advisory and supports cultural arts. Lynn promotes community awareness and support for Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum, the Laramie County Library system, Laramie County 4-H clubs, Laramie County Head Start, Cheyenne C.A.A.R.E.S, Race for Life, League of Women Voters, the Breast Cancer Foundation and the local Chamber of Commerce.

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