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Police: 5 pounds of pot leads to arrests

Wyoming, Colorado men face multiple charges

By Sean Hart
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Two out-of-state men were arrested after police said they found 5 pounds of marijuana Thursday during a traffic stop in Grant County.



Daniel Aaron Presley

Daniel Aaron Presley, 32, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and James Clarence Mack, 54, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, each face charges of exporting more than 1 pound of marijuana from the state, criminal conspiracy to export more than 1 pound of marijuana and possession of more than 4 ounces of marijuana in a public place, according to information filed in court Friday by Grant County Chief Deputy District Attorney Mara Houck.



James Clarence Mack

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Brotherly love

McGuire sisters marry Stinnett brothers



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Wedding plans made while brothers hunted

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

When the McGuire sisters met the Stinnett brothers, it was a "double match" made in heaven.

On Nov. 13, 1977, Kathy McGuire married Frank Stinnett and Laurie McGuire married Charlie Stinnett in a double wedding ceremony.

Both sets of siblings grew up on Humbolt Street in Canyon City, and Kathy and Laurie were friends with Frank and Charlie's sisters.

"I met Frank on Valentine's Day," Kathy

said. "He gave his sister and me a ride to school to Grant Union."

Through the girls' friendships, Laurie also met Charlie.

The two couples courted, and Kathy said when they decided to tie the knot, it was a short engagement.

"They (Frank and Charlie) went elk hunting for two weeks, and we made wedding plans," Kathy said.

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A double wedding ceremony was performed by Pastor Milo Franke, center, for Charlie Stinnett and Laurie McGuire, left, and Kathy McGuire and Frank Stinnett, right. The ceremony took place on Nov. 13, 1977, at the Assembly of God Church in John Day. Both couples celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary three months ago.

"We always say that last half day of elk season is the definition of love."

Kathy Stinnett

Predator control returns to Grant County

Federal position unfilled for nearly 20 years

By Richard Hanners
Blue Mountain Eagle

It's been nearly two decades since a federal animal damage control officer has been assigned to Grant County.

The last person to hold that position was Ed Nikolaus, who worked part-time in 1999, Wildlife Services State Director David Williams told the Eagle.

That all changed last year following the lobbying efforts of several local ranchers. Nick Lulay is the new Wildlife Services agent for Grant County. Lulay said he learned about hunting and trapping while growing up in Lyons.



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A coyote attacks a sheep in this photo from the USDA National Wildlife Research Center, the research arm of Wildlife Services.

"A lot of my training has been on the job — especially aerial hunting," he said. "You don't ordinarily get a lot of opportunities to do something like that."

Lulay's career in animal damage control began when he volunteered to work for a trapper about

eight years ago. He then landed an aerial hunting position for Wildlife Services out of Burns for about three years before continuing that work in Baker City about four years ago. Wildlife Services

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County prepares to take ownership of tax foreclosures

By Richard Hanners
Blue Mountain Eagle

A windfall or a headache. Grant County will take ownership in April of nearly three dozen foreclosed properties, some with back taxes accumulating since the 1980s. But while a few properties will attract buyers, some have little value, and some actually pose liabilities.

The Grant County Court will decide how to deal with the properties after April 8. The county hasn't filed for foreclosure on properties with back taxes for a long time, so the county court has requested advice on the process from Ron Yockim, the county counsel in Roseburg.

Grant County Judge Scott Myers said several ideas include holding a sealed auction

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