

Wanted man arrested near scene of slaying

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JEROME — A 36-year-old woman was shot and killed shortly before noon Sunday at her home northeast of Jerome.

A suspect, identified as her former husband, was in custody, charged with first degree murder.

Jerome County Sheriff Eliza Hall identified the victim as Marilyn Arbaugh, 36. He said the shooting occurred in a barn on the ranch where Arbaugh and her two teenage daughters were renting a house.

The victim's ex-husband, Jamie (J.D.)

Charboneau, 24, of Jerome was held without bond, pending arraignment on the murder charge sometime today.

Hall acknowledged that warrants had been issued from both Jerome and Gooding counties for Charboneau's arrest over a week ago in an apparently related incident.

At that time, Charboneau was alleged to have forced Arbaugh into her vehicle late June 21 as she left work at the Butte Cafe near Jerome. She reportedly escaped from the vehicle in Gooding County and her car was found several days later in a remote area of Owyhee County where it had been burned.

Hall said the woman and her daughters

were at home Sunday morning when the suspect came to the ranch. He said it wasn't known Sunday afternoon if the woman was forced from the house and taken to the barn by her assailant, or if she was outside the home when he arrived.

Hall was called at 11:47 a.m. after one of the woman's daughters called the sheriff's office indicating there was an argument between the woman and suspect and that the caller feared for her mother's life.

But by the time officers could reach the ranch, Arbaugh was in the barn and had already died of multiple gunshot wounds.

Hall said Jerome county and city officers

arrested the suspect about 20 minutes after the shooting. He was on foot in a field behind the barn. A .22 caliber rifle, identified by officers as the murder weapon, was recovered from the same field.

Hall said his department sought additional assistance from other law enforcement agencies when it was learned a suspect had left the scene on foot. But before additional help could arrive, county and city officers already at the scene, and aiding in the search, arrested Charboneau without resistance.

Hall declined to say how many times the woman had been shot, but said several bullets had been fired into her body and one ankle.

Jerome County Coroner Gerald Ostler

called for an autopsy and said Arbaugh died of bullet wounds in the chest area.

"It appears there was some heart involvement, but we will know this for sure after the autopsy tomorrow," Ostler said late Sunday.

He added it appeared the woman died almost instantly, since she was dead when he and other officers arrived at the scene.

Hall said bond was set at \$50,000 on a Jerome county kidnapping charge and the same amount on a rape charge out of Gooding County.

Hall said the victim divorced the suspect recently and had resumed use of her former name.



Students in Art Rathburn's geomorphology class learn what created the Snake River Canyon near the Hansen Bridge.

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Pupils wonder at geological miracle

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TWIN FALLS — When about a dozen local students tour the valley in the future, they will know more than just where the most scenic spots are.

After finishing an Idaho State University class being taught in Twin Falls this summer, they will have a good idea of how the area landscape took its present shape and perhaps how it may look in the future.

The students in the first Geology of Southcentral Idaho class are learning about the geomorphology — land forms — of the Magic Valley with a combination of classroom work and field trips under the direction of Twin Falls resource geographer Art Rathburn.

Wind, soil erosion, volcanoes, floods and glaciers have all played a part in the local geomorphology, Rathburn says. But on a Friday evening field trip along the Snake River Canyon, he was mostly concerned with the landscape features that resulted from long ago volcanic action and a flood of the Bonneville Lake 30,000 years ago.

At least that is probably when the most recent of the floods that emptied the lake covering large parts of Utah occurred, he says. Evidently a huge

natural dam at Portneuf Gap crumpled, sending tons of water cascading down the Snake River Canyon and spilling out over the land around the canyon.

The round basalt boulders near the Murtaugh Bridge are one evidence of the flood, he says. Basalt normally forms in an angular shape, he told the students, pointing to the blocks of rock lining the upper walls of the canyon.

It would have taken a massive amount of water to tumble the basalt blocks — some 12 feet in diameter — down the canyon and to round away these hard edges, he says.

Some of the flood water channeled to the north of the canyon, cutting a swath near Pilot Butte and another low area on the North side of Hazelton, Rathburn says. Lower in the canyon near Devil's Corral and again by the Perrine Bridge, the water poured back into the canyon in wide sheets, cutting away parts of the wall.

The shape of the canyon is continually changing, he says. Gradually it is growing wider as tension cracks form near the canyon wall and rocks eventually fall away. "Twenty, thirty, forty years ago, this crack wasn't here," Rathburn tells the class, pointing to a 20-foot-wide crack near Murtaugh.

In the last few years, geologists have also posed

the theory that the land in a half-mile wide band on the canyon sides is gradually slumping downward, pushing rock out into the canyon that breaks off.

That's not the only theory of the areas geomorphology to change, Rathburn says. Some old textbooks discuss large sheets of lava that flowed across the valley. But Hansen wells 50 feet apart show different layers of rock, he says.

It is more likely that many flows of lava criss-crossed and pancaked together, he says. Much of the lava came from small shield volcanoes, or volcanoes about the shape of hubeaps, such as the Hansen Buttes. The buttes still have indentations on top, Rathburn says.

The lava also came from fissure volcanoes, such as the remains of one that extends for miles through Jerome County north of Hazelton. The rock there forms two parallel walls jutting away from each other. Most likely they are the remains of sprays of lava sent up from either side of the fingers of old volcanoes, he says.

While the canyon is still changing, the period of heavy volcanic action in the Magic Valley is part of the past. The movement of the earth's plates probably caused the volcanic action, but it has gradually shifted to the Yellowstone Park area, Rathburn speculates.

Adoption

Brother, sister anticipate reunion after 10-year split

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TWIN FALLS — When Laura Coon and her younger brother Bradley get together later this month, it will be a very special family reunion. The two have not seen one another in nearly 10 years.

Their meeting will mark the end of a year-long search by Laura and her husband, Mike, to locate her brother who, as a youngster, was adopted by another family.

The Coons learned a great deal during their search, and they have a message to share with others in the same situation.

Biological relatives wanting to contact an adopted person should write a letter to the adoption file. In the case of the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the state where the adoption took place, says Laura. Meanwhile, adoptees wanting to locate birth relatives should begin their search by looking in the adoption file for such a letter.

Laura last saw her brother when he was about 9 years old and living in this area with her father and stepmother. He was adopted by another family in 1975, but Laura lost track of his whereabouts, because she was not living in Idaho at the time.

She began her search a year ago in March. As Laura explains, "Bradley was 18, then, and I figured once he

reached legal age the decision to meet would be his and not his adopted family's. I also knew he would soon be graduating from high school, and I wanted to locate him before he finished school and left the area."

A social worker with the local Department of Health and Welfare — the agency which arranged the adoption — referred Laura to Shirley Wheatley, State Adoption Coordinator for IDHW in Boise.

Wheatley told Laura the date of the adoption, but was unable to disclose any identifying information about the case since the record was sealed and could only be opened by a court order, secured through the judge who presided over the case.

Wheatley's only suggestion was that Laura write a letter to her brother and send it to the Bureau of Vital Statistics for placement in his adoption file.

"Basically, the letter gave Bradley a reference point for locating us if he ever decided to search for his first family," says Mike. "Since we didn't know how long we'd be staying in the area, we also included names, addresses and phone numbers of several close friends who would always know where we were in case years passed before he tried to find us."

In the meantime, the couple concentrated their search here in the Magic Valley thinking Bradley might

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More open procedures eyed for Idaho adoptions

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TWIN FALLS — Although the adoption law is pretty firm in Idaho, a growing movement toward more open adoptive procedures is changing the standard, say state adoption officials.

According to Idaho law, once an adoption is processed the records are sealed. To reopen the file, adoptees or petitioners must have a court order obtained — from the judge who supervised the case.

Department of Health and Welfare State Adoption Coordinator Shirley Wheatley says the criteria for securing a court order to open the records is pretty well left to the judge.

Each case must be screened on an individual basis to assure that one

party does not intend to do the other harm, she says. If a judge thinks there is good reason behind the request, the records can often be opened. However, if the case history contains something detrimental, there may be "qualms" about releasing the information, she adds.

Idaho social worker Nancy White, IDHW supervisor, believes adoptees in Twin Falls believe adoptees get a better look getting closer to the file since it is their record being considered.

Wheatley considers Idaho's adoption law fairly liberal in comparison to other states.

In certain states it is virtually impossible to get adoption records open," she says. "However, many state laws are changing given the

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Farmer started out as a hoboe

Recalling Paul's 'best' days

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PAUL — Walter (Shorty) Jake Stoller is just like his nickname says — short. He is also a friendly 92-year-old man with a terrific sense of humor and countless stories of yesterday.

Stoller's daughter-in-law, June Stoller, says, "Company is always sincerely welcome at his house. He loves visitors."

Stoller and his wife, Emma, live down a quiet, shady lane on the outskirts of Paul where they have lived since he retired from farming in 1938. Their cozy cottage-like home is filled with an aura of the old days, including a frontier picture of the early settlers prominently displayed in their living room.

Ironically, Stoller came to Paul quite by accident.

In 1913, he says, he and a buddy decided to venture out into the world. They left their jobs as Kansas City farm laborers and came west — "full of energy and a zest for life."

"We hopped a freight train as hoboes — riding the rails it was called back then — and headed west to see what was there," Stoller recalls.

"At one stop," Stoller recalls, "we stood near a cafe and to get a little spending money, we told the people passing by we were hungry. Some

would give us a little change, but others would say 'come on in and I'll buy you a hamburger instead.'"

Stoller says he and his friend reluctantly ate one hamburger after the other, adding that to this day he has a hard time consuming hamburgers.

"We rode the rails as far as Aequia where we were discovered and kicked off the train."

He says they heard there was a town by the name of Rupert, so they followed the tracks south and walked several miles into town.

"I checked on a job at the Bureau of Reclamation and I was hired the same day," Stoller recalls, noting he was in the Rupert area until he was drafted into the service during World War I.

"After the war, I married Emma Radke in South Dakota. Our folks knew each other. I had been a 9-year-old boy standing in the house when Emma was being born. Little did I know that that little baby would grow up to be my wife," he says.

Eager to show his new bride the life he had discovered out west, Stoller took her on a honeymoon trip (by train) to the Paul area.

Mrs. Stoller, sitting comfortably in a rocking chair, says, "I had never

seen the Rockies before so I wanted to come."

She adds that they didn't ride the rails the way her husband first came out west.

"No sir! I made him buy tickets!" she says.

After arriving in Paul and settling up housekeeping as a young married couple, the new bride cooked for ranch hands, shepherds and camp tenders at the MacRae Sheep Company while her husband worked as a ranch hand for the same company.

Stoller recalls that there were no paved roads. Paul at that time had one restaurant with the appealing name of "The Dirty Spoon," one grocery store, a blacksmith shop and a theatre, all in what is now the old section of town, he says, noting that many of these old buildings still stand as silent reminders of days gone by.

"There were a few cars, but mostly there were horse and buggies. Many people just got around on foot, like me, with no transportation."

"Occasionally a buddy and I would ride borrowed horses to Twin Falls. It took several hours to get there, and if we were good and didn't get into any trouble, we could be back in time to go to work Monday morning," Stoller recalls.

Stoller's granddaughter, Tammy Ingram, says "Nothing much ever

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Summer shuttle goes to Dierkes

BUS SCHEDULE TO/FROM DIERKE'S

TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY:

STOP	TO DIERKE'S	TO/FROM
1. DIERKE'S LAKE	4:30	
2. EASTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH	4:45	
3. MORNINGSTAR ELEMENTARY	12:33	4:48
4. O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH	12:35	4:50
5. SOUTH PARK PARK	12:45	4:58
6. BICKEL ELEMENTARY	12:48	5:03
7. LINCOLN ELEMENTARY	1:00	5:05
8. ROBERT STUART JUNIOR HIGH	1:03	5:08
9. HARRISON ELEMENTARY	1:05	5:10
10. SAWTOOTH ELEMENTARY	1:11	5:16
11. DIERKE'S LAKE	1:20	

TWIN FALLS — Trans-IV, the Magic Valley's private, non-profit bus company, will begin summer shuttle bus service to Dierkes Lake Tuesday.

The once-daily afternoon round trip will follow the route shown on the accompanying map and the schedule displayed in the accompanying chart.

The service is sponsored by Trans-IV and the City of Twin Falls. This will hold the cost of a single trip to 50 cents and a round trip to \$1, says bus company manager Charlie Chambers.

"The city council agreed to underwrite half the cost of the service on a trial basis as one more way of accommodating residents for the lack of a city swimming pool," he says. "Both Chambers and city officials think the service will appeal to children who might not be able to get to the lake, or who might attempt to get their own transportation by hitch-hiking."

Chambers says he plans to operate the bus through Sept. 3, when he would like to begin a shuttle bus to the Twin Falls County Fair.

He says fishing poles will be allowed in the bus only if they have been broken down into short lengths.