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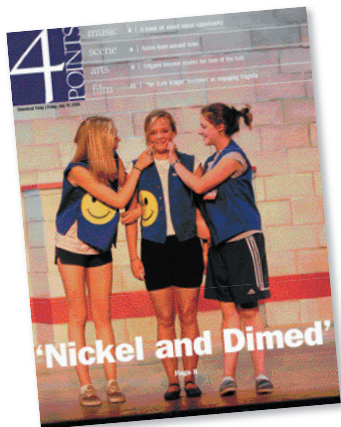
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CORRECTION

A Hayden Daze story on page 6 of Thursday's *Steamboat Today* mistakenly said that Don Morgan played on Hayden's first baseball team in 1913. Morgan, who turns 90 this weekend, wasn't born until 1918. He played semi-professional baseball for years and was a longtime coach and educator with the Hayden School District.

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Showing the boundaries



MATT STENSLAND/STAFF

Land-use consultant Peter Patten, left, explains Steamboat 700 development property lines to Routt County Commissioner Diane Mitsch Bush on Thursday during a tour of five proposed development sites seeking amendments to the urban growth boundary. At right is Routt County Planning Commissioner Bill Norris. For story, see page 3.

Eldridge felt he had to resign

Sheriff Wall not ready to discuss 'issues' with his traffic stop, DWAI conviction

Brandon Gee
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Former Deputy Lance Eldridge said Thursday that he felt "he had no choice" but to resign from the Routt County Sheriff's Office late Tuesday night.

"It was a discreet event, and I just felt I was in a position where I had to," Eldridge said.



Wall

Sheriff Gary Wall, who was convicted by a jury Wednesday of driving while ability impaired and two related charges.

"Ultimately, all of this is going to blow over, and it needs to."

He delivered damaging testimony Tuesday in Routt County Court against

Eldridge said his decision to resign was "related" to his testimony. He would not be more specific and said he does not know what his plans are in the wake of his resignation.

Hours after Wednesday's verdict, Wall said he will not consider resigning under any circumstances. When asked whether he would appeal or take any other action in response to the conviction, Wall said,

"I have some issues that we're going to address."

On Thursday, Wall said he was not ready to be more specific.

"I haven't talked to my attorney about anything," Wall said. "I'm not prepared to do that right now."

While on the witness stand Wednesday, Wall recounted the

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