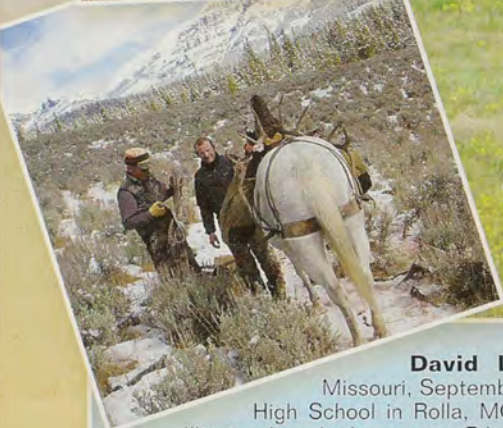
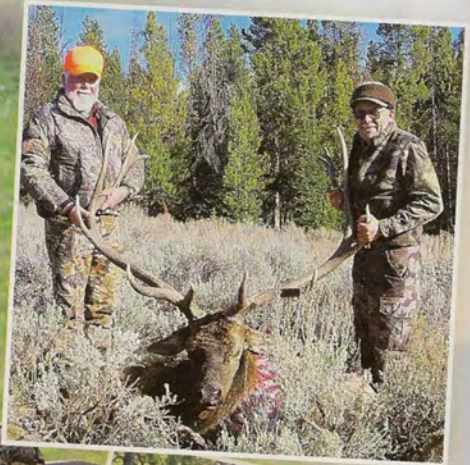
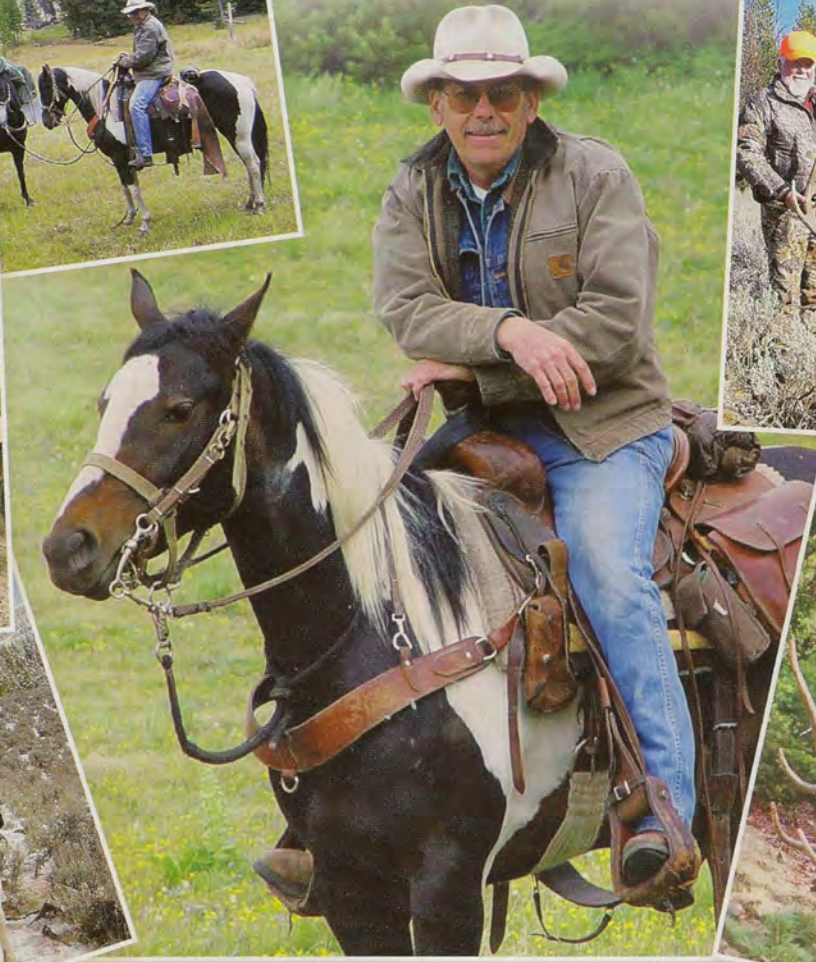


# 2000 Guide of the Year!

## David L. Ingram



**David L. Ingram** was born in Missouri, September 10, 1948. He graduated High School in Rolla, MO, then went to college in Illinois where he became an Education History major. David came to Wyoming at the early age of 13 as a tourist, liked it so much – he returned every summer as a wrangler at Triangle C Ranch, in Dubois. He worked at Triangle C until 1969 when I joined the Navy, where he was an air craft mechanic. He was stationed at Lemoore Navel Air Station in California, did one tour in Vietnam, returned to Wyoming in 1973 and went to work on the Big Diamond Ranch which he and his Uncle bought. David also worked at Lava Creek Ranch taking summer pack trips into the Teton wilderness. In the fall he would work as a guide for Lava Creek at their Soda Fork camp in the Teton Wilderness.

In 1976, he sold the Big Diamond Ranch and went to work for Joe Detimore at the Highland Meadow Guest Ranch as a summer fishing and packtrip guide, and a fall hunting guide in his South Fork buffalo and Cub Creek camps in the Teton Wilderness. David

worked for Joe Detimore until the ranch sold in 1981 and continued working for the new owners taking packtrips and guiding fall hunters. The ranch sold again in 1983 to Budd Betts and it became the Absaroka Guest Ranch. He continued working for Budd as a fall hunting guide.

In 1985, he began working for Budd taking summer packtrips and doing fall hunting where he still is working to this day. Working for Budd has been a very rewarding experience, David spends his summers doing the things he loves best, being in the mountains of Wyoming and the winters working at maintaining the ranch. He also spends his winters as a leather crafter and saddle maker. David has a leather shop on the ranch where he makes and maintains all the ranch saddle and pack gear. He has also acquired an interest in computer design and does some of the ranch brochure design work and printing. David has gotten into digital photography and uses the photo's in his work. He has spent most of his young and adult life living in and enjoying all that Wyoming has to offer.