



# The Interchange

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## Wrapping up construction season '07

At this point in the Twin Falls Residency, year, everyone in construction is crossing their fingers that the snow doesn't start to fly and the temperatures stay warm, but it will be a battle to the end.

While several small projects have dotted the highways of District 4 this summer, it is the major reconstructions that have received the most attention, including the reconstruction of Interstate 84 between Twin Falls and Jerome, U.S. 26/Idaho 46 intersection and Main Street in Gooding, and U.S. 30 through downtown Buhl.

Two off-system projects have consumed the majority of time of the

however — phase two of the City of Rocks Back County Byway and Yale Road.

“We've been staying busy with those two,” Twin Falls Resident Engineer Kimbol Allen said.

As of the end of October, the final checklist of items are being completed to connect the City of Rocks National Reserve to Idaho 77 west of Malta. This federally earmarked project is now two-thirds complete with planning of the final 5.7 miles already in its final stages. Meanwhile, Yale Road had yet to see oil on the roadway.

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*Crew members from Gale Lim Construction do finish work along the newly constructed phase two of the City of Rocks Back County Byway between Elba and Almo in Cassia County. As this project finishes, several others are on the cusp of completion.*



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## Big boys and their big toys



*Shoshone Maintenance works on the pile of fill for the new District 4 Headquarters west of the current administration building in Shoshone.*

## Relay for Life update

# Why do we have a Relay For Life team at D-4?

By Bob Johnson  
Team Captain

I can list dozens of retired D-4 co-workers who have died from cancer. I can list numerous who are currently working with us that are fighting or have fought the cancer battle. A group of about 10 folks have decided that they can do something to help. The way to beat cancer is through research. That takes money. The American Cancer Society (ACS) is the largest private contributor to fund cancer research grants in the world. ACS has given grants to over 40 Nobel Prize winners. DNA mapping, PAP tests, PSA tests, and many other medical advances are directly related to grants from the ACS. Of all the



*Wendy Robinson draws the lucky winner of Relay for Life rifle raffle from a can of 100 tickets. The fund raiser earned more than \$400.*

grant applications sent in each year only about 10% are funded. This is due to the lack of funds not that the applications are frivolous. Our team is hoping that one day we can say that we helped to find a cure for cancer.

I know that it seems like we are constantly

bugging you kind folks to buy our baked goods, get a raffle ticket, purchase a bowl of soup, or other fund raising efforts. The truth is that cancer does not stop, it does not take a rest, nor does it stop affecting our lives. Because of that this team wants to do our very best in raising



*Traffic Services' Lloyd McLeod was the winner of the 17 HMR Savage Varmint rifle.*

funds and to find a cure. We collected over \$6400 last year and we hope to exceed that this year. If you can find it in your heart and pocket book to help then we thank you.

Lloyd McLeod was the winner of the 17 HMR Savage Varmint rifle that the team raffled off. We thank everyone who purchased tickets but did not win. Your donation does go to a good cause.

## Wrapping *(continued from page 1)*

A lot of things need to happen to put the finishing touches on that project.

"Yale Road has had quite a few problems with utilities, survey issues and other things not expected," Allen said. "But paving begins (this) week and if we get a couple weeks of good weather we should be done by December."

Allen also said with a hand-full of winter construction already started, the District 4 residencies won't be done with the 2007 season for a while.

Current projects include a rehab to the Ridgeway Road I-84 overpass, new traffic signal in Twin Falls and U.S. 26 junction with Avonmore Road.

## Did You Know ...

*Shoshone-Paiute Indians fished for steelhead and Chinook salmon at Salmon Falls and Kanaka Rapids near Buhl, and traded fish with pioneers headed west to Oregon.*

## Life and Times in District 4



### New and Improved in D-4

#### Job Changes

- **Allen Knight** promoted to Forman in Rupert Maintenance from the Shoshone Residency.
- **Glen Pruitt** promoted to TT Senior in the Twin Falls Residency from the Rupert Residency.
- **Tracy Holt** promoted to TT Senior in Carey Maintenance.

#### New to the District

**Allen Ploss**, TTA, Jerome Maintenance  
**Chad Beverage**, UC, Bridge & Building

### A bang-up job

*The Hollister POE pump house was asking for it, either that or it was built in the middle of a parking lot because one semi-truck driver found it broadside in the wee-hours of Oct. 19.*

*Photo by Shawn Webb*



*How was the hunt?? If your proud, show it off.*

Submit your family news, hunting stories, committee plans, random photos or whatever else to Nathan Jerke for the next newsletter at 886-7809 or [nathan.jerke@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:nathan.jerke@itd.idaho.gov)

**THE NEXT DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 27**



### A Good Old Fashioned Christmas

*Shoshone EOC  
 December 13, 2007*

Potluck dinner – Bring your favorite dishes to share

### Raffle Tickets Go On Sale The Day After Thanksgiving!!

Raffle items include: District 4-themed **King Size** home-made quilt, float trip, stay at Mountain Village, stay at Torry's, firewood and many other items.

*Tickets are \$1 apiece  
 or six for \$5*

*Canned foods are requested to be donated as admission to the dinner.*

Please contact any Christmas Committee member with any donations for the raffle.





*Tom McKay taking his flu shot like a tough guy on Oct. 24.*

# Caught in the act

## Caption this

*Three ITD workers and no pavement. If you can figure out what is happening in this picture and write an appropriate caption to go along with it, you might be the winner of something.*

*Submit your entry for the November caption writing contest to [nathan.jerke@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:nathan.jerke@itd.idaho.gov).*

*The winner will be announced in the December issue of The Interchange.*



*Say hello to my little friend ... Bob Johnson gets caught with an elk on his shoulder during a public meeting at the Idaho Fish and Game office in Jerome.*

## Happy Retirement "Ranger" Rick



*"Ranger" Rick Lehr, and his wife Kathy, celebrate his retirement and 34 years with ITD on Oct. 31 in Shoshone.*