



# The Interchange

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## New POE turnout opens on Idaho 46

WENDELL — The Idaho Transportation Department announces the opening of a new Port of Entry portable weigh station site on Idaho 46 between Wendell and Gooding.

The new site, located at milepost 3 and is just north of Wendell, was constructed because the section was seen as a gap in the primary goal to monitor commercial vehicles for compliance with size and weight laws.

The new site joins two permanent Ports of Entry on U.S. 93 near Hollister and Interstate 84 at Cotterell near Malta as well as the 14 other portable sites on state highways in the area.

There are also several sites on local highways in which the state will work with law enforcement when requested by local

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## WORK SAFETY

*Inspections cover little things to make sure big things don't happen*

SHOSHONE — What's the point of having a rolling television cart if the wheels should be taken off?

That's the question District 4 EST Randy Norris asked the Idaho Division of Building Safety inspector Mike Poulin on Aug. 21. The simple answer was it was a safety hazard.

Little things like rust on pipes, checking emergency lights and tripping hazards are only a few things Poulin looks for in each of the state-owned buildings in District 4 and around the state.

"It sounds simple, but it's not," Poulin said about his inspection process. "We're looking for those things to improve employee safety and public safety in all the buildings."

Many of the simple things Poulin said most people do not think about or use commonly around their homes.

Improper use of extension cords, unanchored safety hazard that are among the many items



*Idaho Division of Building Safety inspector Mike Poulin inspects the Shoshone Maintenance shed on Aug. 21. He noted only a few safety issues in the Shoshone buildings.*

storage cabinets, obstructed electrical panels, each of us ignore in our personal lives.

However, the standards are higher on state property.

which can be seen as property. *Safety, continued on pg. 5*

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highway districts, county and city officials or when officers observe flagrant violations in an area.

The roving Ports Of Entry help enforce Federal and State safety and hazardous material regulations, registration, permit and driver qualification compliance. The operation of the portable sites is necessary to ensure that heavy trucks do not destroy or damage our roads prematurely. This levels the playing field for honest carriers who operate legally. All code enforcement is targeted at making our roadways safer for all who use them.

“We try and ensure compliance by all commercial and agriculture vehicles we have the authority to regulate. This is just one highway that is an obvious hole in our system,” ITD Port of Entry Area Supervisor Dennis Black said.



*A POE inspector checks over driver information at the new Idaho 46 portable weigh station just north of Wendell. The new site is seen as a way to monitor truck traffic in what was seen as an hole in the system.*

## Relay for Life update

### ‘Bakers and Buyers’ set for Sept. 12

There are numerous ways to cure that insatiable sweet tooth that haunts you throughout the day, but few cookies and cakes will give you the same satisfaction as helping out the District 4 Relay for Life team in the “Bakers and Buyers” bake sale.

The bakers will be busy before the event, but the most important people are the buyers in the sale raising money to help ITD collect money for cancer research. “Bakers and Buyers” will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12, in the Location office in the basement of the district headquarters.

The ITD Relay team will be baking yummy foods to sell at the bake sale and is asking for other employees to help bring in home baked cookies, candy, muffins, and even canned salsa.

For more information, or to volunteer to donate as a baker, contact Kathy Williams at 886-7815.

## New and Improved New employees and changes of position

### Job Changes



- Hailey Maintenance Forman Rod Robinson promoted to TSEA-Maintenance Coordinator in Shoshone.

- Andrew Young promoted from design to TTP in Project Development.



### New to the District

- John Luker, Jerome TTA

## Did You Know ...

*The City of Gooding is named after Frank R. Gooding, the 7th governor of Idaho, elected in 1904. He didn't become a U.S. citizen until 1918.*

**Life and Times in District 4** 

**Question?**

*What was the most fun thing you did this summer?*

**Judith Aiken**  
Hollister POE

*"I went to a family reunion in Vernal, Utah. It was fun to be visiting with all the relatives. There was all four families from my great-grandfather."*



**Danny Archuleta**  
Rupert Maintenance

*"Not much, but I did see a guy shaking a stop sign. It fell off and it fell on his head. That was pretty funny."*

**Allen Knight**  
Shoshone Residency

*"Going to a family reunion and camping on the east fork of the Wood River. There were about 75 people. It was a good time just camping."*



**Dave Graham**  
Information Systems

*"I took my family on a float trip on the South Fork in eastern Idaho. It was fishing, camping, the whole thing"*

**Fair Time**

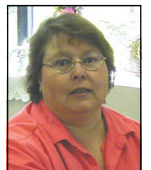
*Samantha Logan, daughter of Shoshone TSEA Tom Logan, was named the Teen Queen of the Jerome County Fair and Rodeo on July 28 in Jerome. Samantha won the saddle and buckle after posting the overall high points total and was given the opportunity to take part in the Northside Showdown Pro Rodeo.*



*Betty Bradley, did well at the Gooding County Fair in the Baked Goods category.*

*She entered Banana Bread, Cream Cheese Frosted Apple Squares and Peanut Butter/Chocolate Chip/Toffee/Pecan Cookies.*

*She received three Blue Ribbons and five pounds of Sugar. Congratulations.*



***Brush on, brush off***



There was plenty of ribs to go around on Aug. 29 with the annual summer barbecue at the mechanical shop in Shoshone. It was hard work to keep the sauce from dripping right off the meat, or from keeping the meat from falling off the bone.

***Want some other news??***

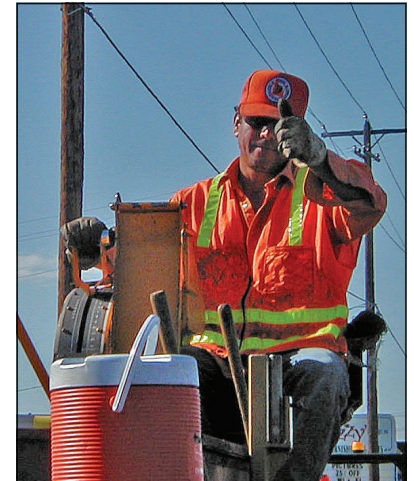
*Give us your news.*

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

**THE NEXT DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 25**

# Caught in the act

## Blue Lakes construction edition



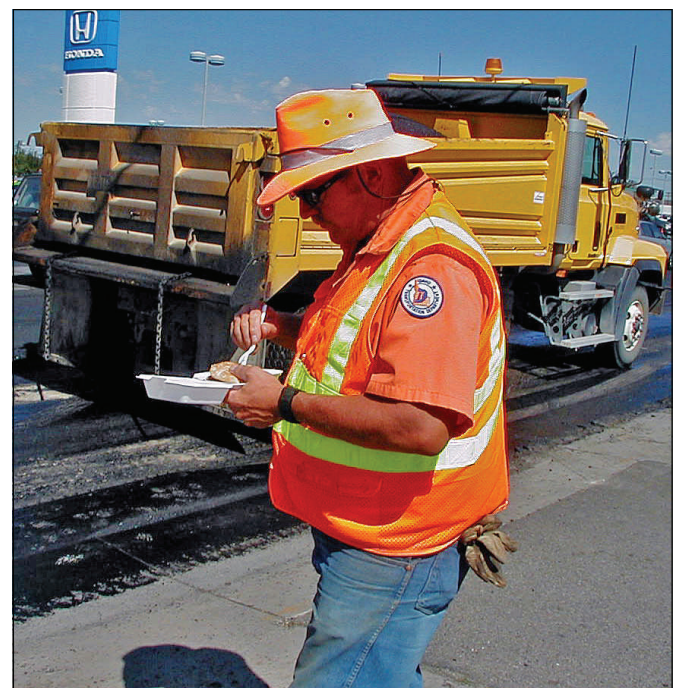
*Above: Dave Galvan gives the thumbs up to raise the dump bed full of steaming hot asphalt. Either that or he's giving his best imitation of "The Fonz."*

*Left: Rosalie Faulkner from Shoshone Maintenance watches the mirror dutifully as her truck is unloaded during the Aug. 10 operation to inlay pave Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls.*



*Above: Randy Norris dispenses the wisdom as the District 4 safety coordinator while a humble Twin Falls hourly does the dirty work.*

*Right: Twin Falls TTS Dave Dana takes a moment to enjoy a nice barbecue sandwich between laps on the roller. This was a late-midmorning snack just before second lunch break.*





Even something as simple as a conference room may be subject to a safety violation, Dist. 4 EST Randy Norris, left, learned from Idaho Division of Building Safety inspector Mike Poulin on Aug. 21. The televisions were not secured to the roll-around cart which could cause a fall hazard.

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“Nobody can regulate about tracking safety is what you do at home,” says,” Norris said.

Poulin said using gasoline as an example. “You can put it (gasoline) in a glass jug if you want at home. Just not at a gas station

“The state require we put gas in metal cans because if a fire begins with gasoline in a plastic container it will melt and spread the gas on the floor and spread the fire,” he said. “In a metal container, it gets really hot but will contain the fire.”

Norris said in District 4, the crews in the maintenance sheds do a good job of policing themselves with monthly inspections, but not all crews keep up a consistent review of facilities and report it to the district safety committee.

“(The safety committee) mostly tracks damages to buildings, injuries and ideas

In addition to employee and public safety, the inspections also aid in limiting the number of tort and worker compensation claims filed against the State of Idaho. The Division of Building Safety is also charged with inspecting schools and rest areas where, Poulin said, is completely different because the public has primary access to those areas.

In the end, however, the Division of Building Safety does not levy fines against state organizations like ITD, but only gives recommendations. From there it is up to the employees to make sure those safety hazards get fixed.

**Safety Story**

Looking through schools and state-owned buildings throughout the state, Poulin

# Caption this

*Finding out what Steve Tonks is doing is an on-going process, but if you can figure out what is happening in this picture and write an appropriate caption to go along with it, you could win a yet-to-be-determined prize. Humor will be rewarded.*

*Submit your entry for the September caption writing contest to [nathan.jerke@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:nathan.jerke@itd.idaho.gov). The winner will be announced in the October issue of The Interchange.*

said he has found a number of odd things – some safety violations, some legal and some that didn’t fit into normal categories.

However, when asked what the most strange or funny thing he has come across while doing an inspection was a methamphetamine lab.

“It was in a small, little used room,” Poulin said. “It surprised more than just me.”

Though Poulin would not disclose when or where he found the meth cooker, he said was being maintained by a state employee. The employee was quickly discovered.

## One more win for Bob

Legacy of Bob Bolton lives on through his '25 Model T hot rod

The announcer called Susan Bolton's name as he rattled off the list of 26 class winners near the end of the NAPA Auto Parts Joe Mama's 9th Annual Jerome Car Show on Aug. 18, but the name barely caught the edge of Jon Bolton's ear.

"I heard them say her name, but I just turned and said 'Nah,'" Jon said. "I just went back to work dusting off the car."

But sure enough, a little later the trophy for the best in the Rat Rod division was carried over to the 1925 Ford Model T – a car built from the ground up by former District 4 employee Bob Bolton which now carries the name of his wife, Susan.

"They just came over with the trophy after a while and handed it to us," Jon said.

Jon, the District 4 pool mechanic, and his brother Larry have been helping Susan take care of Bob's car since he passed away about three years ago. Everything, including the rolled dash and flathead Ford V8, are in the same condition as the last time Bob worked on it.



*Former District 4 employee Bob Bolton shows off his 1925 Ford Model T hot rod. Bob passed away three years ago but the car is still turning heads, winning the Rat Rod division at the Joe Mama's Car Show in Jerome on Aug. 18.*

Nevertheless, the tradition hot rod, as Jon calls it, is still a fan favorite. Over the last couple years the car has been an award winning in two car shows, last month and a third place finish in the Magic Valley Early Iron Rod and Custom Car Show in 2006.

Jon said decided to enter the car at Joe Mama's for the first time in two years after catching flak for not doing so last year.

"A bunch of guys gave me a bad time for not bringing it last year," Jon said. "So I just took it over, not to win but just to show it."

He said the car is a throwback to

the original hot rods of the 1940's and 50's – something that was very popular when Bob was in high school. By maintaining the car keeps the legacy of Bob's love for those cars.

"That was the way they were built when he was in high school and there was a lot of those in Gooding back then," Jon said.

While the trophies have been nice, Jon said the best thing about keeping Bob's car was teaching Susan to drive it last year.

"She had never driven it before," Jon said. "I thought that was pretty cool."

## Newsletter News

For the second month, *The Interchange* will be found in both the mail box and inbox around District 4 as we continue to find out which is the more desired distribution method by you the readers.

Once again, I'm asking for comments on which you prefer. The preferred option will likely become permanent.

An advantage to the e-mail delivery is color photos and such. Concerns include a disadvantage is for

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Thank you to all of you who have already submitted your thoughts and thank you in advance for any more input.

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