

The Interchange

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Bartholomew remembered by ITD

HAILEY - The short street leading to the Idaho Transportation Department Hailey Maintenance Station isn't anything significant. In fact, it's probably better known for also leading to an Idaho Power Company facility. But it now bares the name of an ITD foreman killed by a drunk driver 34 years ago.

Les Bartholomew was hit on the evening of March 15, 1974, while placing warning signs along what was then called U.S. 93 between Bellevue and Hailey. As he was returning to his truck, a north-bound driver struck Bartholomew from behind before crashing off the opposite side of the road.

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Lessons in brine driving

District 5 shares experiences with salt brine

SHOSHONE — District Four is adding to the arsenal of winter-fighting tactics by adding saline brine to plows this winter — following other districts and states in the battle against snow and ice.

Chris Chapman, foreman for the McCammon shed in District 5, gave an overall assessment of brine usage at the Winter Start-up Meeting on Sept. 24 only to sing its praises. D5 started using tactics employed by Utah last year and noticed it doesn't lead to black ice and will remain wet through a second application.

"It's a really good tool. I



Pocatello Foreman Clayton Perkins discusses the D5 salt brine set-up and usage.

got bit by mag more times than with the brine," Chapman said.

Chapman said savings in time and cost of brooming, fewer tort claims and overall cost compared to salt or magnesium-chloride mix-

tures are among the benefits of using the brine.

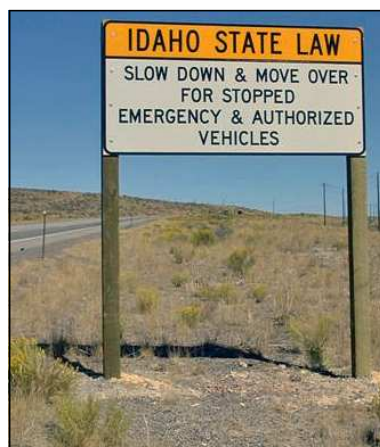
"I was dead sold on mag, but since using the brine I hate the mag," Pocatello area foreman Clayton Perkins said. "It's right up there with sliced bread."

'Move Over' signs help with safety

Several signs are popping up throughout the state highway system telling motorists about the Idaho law to move over for emergency vehicles. There are 12 now placed throughout District 4.

A new "Move over" sign on U.S. 93 near Jackpot.

"I want to say thanks for putting up the 'move over' signs," said ISP Sgt. Kevin Haight at the Winter Start-up Meeting. "We're already seeing a difference in the way people approach and get over."



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New Face in the Crowd

Name: Amanda Hoffman
Position: Planner



The Boise and Cheyenne, Wyo., native started as the D4 Planner in August and has already started to stay busy with a couple projects in her new job, getting primed on Safe Routes to Schools and the Public Transportation IMAP program.

She came to ITD from the BLM and working on its Resource Management Plan.

Amanda is an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys climbing, snowboarding kayaking and is new to tennis.

Basic outdoor survival tips

By David Collins

This time of the year many of us have been planning for months to go on an outdoor adventure — hunting, fishing, climbing, or just camping out and shooting photos. One needs to prepare for a possible survival situation, even on a guided trip prepare yourself for your own survival. Survival begins long before the trip. The acronym **PACK** reminds us of essential elements needed to survive the unexpected. The essential elements are:

Preparation—Attitude—Condition—Knowledge.

Application of these elements may make the difference between survival and tragedy.

Preparation involves setting realistic goals, gathering information, determining a time table, and coordinating the individual and group mental and physical needs.

Attitude must be “survival first.” One must be willing to cut the trip short and not risk cutting life short.

Condition yourself for the rigors of the trip, both mentally and physically.

Knowledge is needed for potential survival situations. Play mental games with the trip, “what if” games—What if I fall in a river? What if one of us

breaks a leg? What would I (we) do? Does anyone know where to look for us? Did we stick to our agenda?—Play these games while planning the trip and during the trip.

Remember the **Rule-of-Threes**—the **Survival Priorities**. They are:

- Three minutes survival without oxygen – keep breathing!
- Three hours survival without shelter, winter and summer even less.
- Three days survival without water, much less in summer.
- Three months survival without food.

From this guide it is easy to see that shelter is the first priority and food is the last. Rather than a granola bar, take a space blanket and some parachute cord.

There are many good survival books available to get knowledge and know-how. Military manuals, Scout manuals, and search and rescue groups are also good info-sources. Practice in a controlled situation, like you backyard or a Forest Service campground.

If you think you are lost you probably are not, but unless you **SIT DOWN, CALM DOWN, and THINK** you eventually will be. Your mind is your most important and effective survival tool. Keep it sharp, in good shape, and use it.

But they don't look safe ...



The Twin Falls Maintenance crew was named the “Safety First” crew for 2007 at the Safety awards on Sept. 10.

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The City of Hailey asked ITD to present suggestions for a street name in case of an emergency along the previously un-named private lane. District Four employees were asked for ideas - most referring to snow plows and road construction - before the memory of Bartholomew was brought up by Ron Robinson.

“We were given a great opportunity to pay tribute to one of our own when the City of Hailey asked us to name the street,” District Four Engi-

neer Devin Rigby said. “Fortunately, few have paid the same price as Les, but the dedication exhibited by Les that night to maintain a safe roadway is carried on by every one of our local crew members throughout the year.”

Bartholomew, 50 years old at the time of the accident, is survived by his wife and their four children. The family was given a replica of the street sign as a token of ITD's appreciation.

A dedication ceremony of the sign was held on Oct. 3 in Hailey.



Bartholomew family members watch as the road sign is mounted near the Hailey shed.

Life and Times in District 4



Taking a bite out of Central Florida

By Dave Jensen

This summer my oldest son got married to a girl from Florida, so in August we took our whole family to Florida for the wedding festivities. I really thought that Florida in August would be hot, sticky and miserable, so I wasn't very excited about going. It turned out to be quite an enjoyable trip.

The weather was hot, but not as hot and humid as we thought it would be. We took a lot of side trips and got to go to the ocean, snorkel down the Rainbow River, tour St. Augustine and Flagler College (did you know that St. Augustine is the oldest city in the US?)

We had one quite memorable meal, eating alligator tail and frog legs. While snorkeling down the Rainbow



River, we swam right past alligators. Our hosts were sure that would be the end of our snorkeling, and were surprised when we kept swimming rather than retreat to the boat. On one of our trips to the beach, we found that we were swimming in shark infested water, and even saw the sharks far off, but were assured by the surfers that they

would not bother us because we could also see dolphins swimming around us, and the dolphins would run the sharks off. We were surprised at how warm the Atlantic Ocean is, and how far away from the beach you can be but still be in "shallow" water. Much different from the Pacific.

We had planned to take the kids to Disney World or one of the big attractions in Orlando, but they decided they'd rather spend time doing other things and enjoying the "real" Florida.

We had a great trip, but everyone was very happy to finally be home. After we flew into Boise, the kids didn't even want to stop and eat anywhere, they just wanted to get home. There's no place like Idaho!

Great Wall of China Wellness Challenge Results

District Team Participation Results

District 5 – 52%
District 2 – 35%
District 1 – 33%
District 4 – 31%
District 3 – 26%
District 6 – 20%

FHWA vs. ITD Competition

FHWA Team = 98.2 Average Hours
ITD Team = 90.6 Average Hours

District 4 Individual Top 3 (by hours)

Glen Gierisch, Rupert Mtce.—133.0 Hrs.
Rick Bradley, POE—124.0 Hrs.
Max Segovia, Rupert Mtce—123.5 Hrs.

Little Miss Cover Girl

Nevaeh, Elmer Padilla's 9-month old granddaughter, is a Texas state finalist for 0-11 month old girls in the Miss Covergirl USA contest.



Free orange kittens - call Connie Jones, 886-7824

New and Improved in D-4

New to the District

- **Ken Thomason**, Land Surveyor
- **Nick Weatherly**, TTA Fairfield
- **Doug Hoskinson**, TTA Fairfield
- **Mark Nukaya**, Mechanic

Hunting Season

How big was Bambi this year? Share with everyone a picture of your kill for the year.

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Caption this



Watermelon, knives and the Robinsons? Email your caption to nathan.jerke@itd.idaho.gov.



Betty Bradley plays with her new "Safety" toy.



It's not fair to say Elmer Padilla (center) is stopping traffic, but he will with the new light at CSI.



Above: Bob Mullenberg and Allan Stowell take a seat. Well, actually about 50 of them.
Right: Justin Schoolcraft checking himself out in the mirror

