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## THE END OF SEPARATE RECYCLING?

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**JEROME** • In the early days of recycling, adherents faced the task of separating cardboard, plastic and aluminum into different bins.

That era's drawing to a close. Single-stream recycling, a time-saving method that lets residents put all their recyclable materials in one bin, is growing in popularity among Idaho cities. It started in Twin Falls this year. Kimberly's City Council talked about a single-stream pilot project last month. Boise began single-stream recycling the summer of 2009.

The next prospect could be Jerome, a city that has decided to let voters cast ballots in November on whether they want each household to pay an extra \$3.50 a month for recycling, with the option to pay \$1

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### Recycling in Idaho and Beyond

Between 1980 and 2009, the U.S. rate of recycling has grown from less than 10 percent of municipal solid waste to nearly 34 percent, according to the EPA. Sixty-one million tons of materials were recycled in 2009.

#### How does Idaho stack up?

**Twin Falls:** In March, the average household put 26.5 pounds of recyclables into bins. That's up from an average of 4.8 pounds per household in March 2010, before the city's single-stream program started.

**Boise:** In Boise, households recycled an average of almost 20 pounds each month in 2008 before single-stream recycling began. Since the program started, the average has grown to about 30 pounds per household.

Come November, Jerome's voters will have the chance to decide whether their town will join the ranks of Twin Falls, Boise and many other Idaho towns. The move toward single-stream recycling is gaining momentum throughout the state as a time-saving measure, even though it costs a little more to implement.

### Body Found After Blaze Burns Down Mobile Home

A body was found in a trailer that burned to the ground in Monday's early morning hours, according to the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

Officials have yet to make a positive identification of the body or provide details as to gender or age.

The trailer was described as "fully engulfed" when emergency responders arrived at 2194 E. 3100 N., roughly six miles west of Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. Deputies and the Salmon Tract Fire Department arrived shortly before 7 a.m.

Details on how the fire started and whether it or something else caused the victim's death are still under investigation, according to sheriff's office spokeswoman Lori Stewart.

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### Twin Falls Redistricting Journey is Set to Begin

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The journey from Twin Falls County into Owyhee County isn't known for its heavy highway traffic.

Obscure county roads connect the two counties, marking a path through a long rural swath of Idaho.

The lack of state or interstate highways connecting the two counties will come into play for the Magic Valley as the Redistricting Commission starts redrawing boundaries of Idaho's 35 legislative districts.

The roads are important, since District 23, which includes western Twin Falls County and Owyhee County, doesn't meet the rules

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### COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT



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### Serving Up Food and a Fine Cause

Twin Falls Police Officer Jennifer Westendorf takes out food to customers for tips to benefit the Special Olympics Thursday afternoon at Perkins Restaurant and Bakery in Twin Falls.

Today's tip: Fix your leaky sprinkler heads - you could save on your water bill.

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