

April Fools' Day brings chalk prank in Lewiston

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Chalk outlines were seen across the Lewiston downtown area as part of an April Fools joke.

An elaborate April Fools' Day prank or invasion of the body-snatchers.

Either way, people in Lewiston were talking about the chalk outlines of bodies found about town on sidewalks and in front of Lewiston businesses Wednesday.

While most employees of those spots chosen for the prank had an idea it was an April Fools joke, an employee at the Sprint Store in Lewiston didn't realize.

"I freaked out when I came in. I thought it might be a threat so I called corporate security," admitted Sunshine Siebert. When she arrived to work at 8 a.m. the chalk outlines were on the sidewalk in front of the store on 21st Street.

But the artists struck elsewhere; even Lewiston Tribune employees were welcomed to work by three body outlines Wednesday morning as well as the Lewiston post office, the Army-Navy Store and First Interstate Pawn. The outlines were drawn up and down Main Street on sidewalks in front of several businesses.

Body outlines at the post office appeared to have lost their letters in the struggle, while one drawing found outside the Army-Navy store appeared to be wielding a machete. One outline was drawn with a coffee cup in hand and coffee splattered

about as though the person was enjoying their coffee when they met their demise outside a local coffee shop. Most of the drawings appeared to be related to the business whose sidewalk they appeared on.

Rhonda Roeper and Greg Hoadley, employees at First Interstate Pawn, as well as co-workers had fun with the outlines at their front door by taking pictures of one another lying in the chalk drawings.

The pranksters are believed to have been at work on the project sometime in the wee hours of the night. Tribune employees who left at 1:45 a.m. say the body outlines were not yet there and Al Cole, who opened the Army-Navy Store at 7:30 a.m., said the drawings welcomed him to work.

While this appears to have been an April Fools prank, no one has claimed responsibility for the acts yet.

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