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Quote

“Thank you for providing such insightful programming.” – Adam and Jessica

Join Us for a Screening of “Idaho’s Nuclear Navy”

You may have watched our newest Idaho Experience documentary, “Idaho’s Nuclear Navy,” which premiered this past December. It was a fascinating look at how, back in the 1940s and ’50s, nuclear propulsion for U.S. Navy submarines and ships was developed and prototypes were built and tested in Idaho. Training of the Navy’s nuclear fleet began on the grounds of what is now Idaho National Laboratory. Tens of thousands of sailors spent some time out in the Idaho desert next to Arco, the first town to be lit by nuclear power.

The Naval Reactors Facility and U.S. Navy were so pleased with the film that they organized a screening in Idaho Falls. Almost a thousand people attended including none other than the Admiral of the Navy. It was a fun night. So fun, in fact, that we, along with the Idaho State Historical Society and the USS Idaho Commissioning Committee, have decided to present another free screening on Monday, March 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Egyptian Theatre in Boise.

If it is half as fun as the screening in Idaho Falls, it will be a great success! We hope to see you there.

Join us March 1–10 for new local and national programs. Enjoy music specials, inspiring documentaries, health and wellness programs, and more during Festival.
“Northwest Television Trailblazers in Diversity”

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) Northwest Chapter presents “Northwest Television Trailblazers in Diversity” on Monday, February 19, at 9 p.m. This hourlong talk show looks at the history of television through the lens of diversity in the Northwest. Volunteer producers from NATAS visited Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana and Alaska to learn more about trailblazers in these states, highlighting television professionals who faced and overcame obstacles. Many of these stories have never been shared publicly before.

“This program was such an honor for me to produce,” says Nicole Sanchez, who produced, hosted and wrote the program. “I was personally inspired interviewing these television legends and learning how they overcame hardship and adversity. I believe these are powerful stories that will inspire others, no matter what industry they work in. It was also special for me to be able to feature three trailblazers right here in Idaho: Anna Velasquez, former anchor and news director at KLEW in Lewiston; Georgia Davidson, founder of KTVB in Boise; and Idaho Public Television’s Aaron Kunz.”

In addition to his role as production manager at Idaho Public Television, Aaron Kunz is also one of two lead writers and one of the founding producers for Idaho Experience, a history program now in its seventh season. Since 2011, Kunz has filled many roles including environmental reporter; co-host of Idaho Reports; and producer, editor and videographer for Outdoor Idaho. He is a recent graduate of the State of Idaho’s two-year Certified Public Managers program. In his free time, Kunz is a photographer.

The original “Trailblazers in Diversity” video project was created by the NATAS Northwest diversity committee in the spring of 2023. They wanted to take a thoughtful look back through the lens of diversity as they celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Northwest Regional Emmy Awards. The response was so positive that they decided to expand these stories and create an hourlong feature program.

In the Community

Join IdahoPTV’s Education Team for an Exclusive Screening of the New PBS KIDS Show, “Lyla in the Loop”

- January 11 at 10:30 a.m. - Weiser Public Library
- January 25 at 10:30 a.m. - Filer Public Library
- January 25 at 10:30 a.m. - Bonneville County Library District, Ammon Branch
- January 31 at 3:15 p.m. - Mountain Home Public Library
Cheryl Kimber Joins IdahoPTV Education

Did you know that Idaho Public Television is more than, well, television? We have a growing team of five experienced and energetic teachers and librarians who work on statewide educational initiatives serving parents and caregivers, children in grades pre-K to 12, and educators (whether formal or informal, library-based, after-school, private, public or homeschool).

Our Idaho education specialists travel the state with hands-on science, technology, engineering and math activities; literacy materials; kindergarten readiness kits; resources for library story times; professional development for educators, counselors and administrators; lesson plans on Idaho history, art and science; and parent-engagement opportunities. Our educational outreach is funded by donations to Idaho Public Television and grants.

The newest addition to our education team is Cheryl Kimber, based in Rigby. Born in Wyoming, Kimber studied history at BYU and has lived in southeastern Idaho for 22 years. She’s a wife and mother of two who has worked as a public librarian and elementary school librarian for seven years.

“I’m passionate about education,” she says. “I never imagined I would leave my school, but at IdahoPTV I will be able to interact with more students and bring more resources to them and their families.”

Kimber will work directly with southeastern Idaho parents, caregivers, early learners, and schools and libraries to offer material resources and in-person support. She’ll also work on a public-private partnership with Idaho National Laboratory to host workshops, creating a place for families with kids ages 3–5 (and siblings up to age 8) to come in and learn together and take resources home to continue at-home learning.

“I love inspiring kids to get excited about books, reading, and learning and to find ways to bring the whole family together for education,” she says. “It’s all about helping kids become better learners.”

Contact us to find out how we can serve your community: idahoptv.educate@idahoptv.org.

Cheers to our January “Iconic Idaho” Winners!

Congratulations to each of the January “Iconic Idaho” photo contest participants! Whether you submitted a photo, cast a vote, or did both – your active participation and creativity have made this contest something truly special.

For the month of January, please join us in celebrating Scott McDaniel as our Outstanding Newcomer, and applaud our other top winners – Sandy Lindberg, Brian Kinghorn, Hank Meninga and Patti Mitchell!
“Asteroids & Comets”

Asteroids and comets are more than just frozen rocks flying about in space. They’re key to understanding the early history of our solar system. In this month’s Science Trek videos, learn more about these solar bodies and the NASA missions that are studying them.

Each month, Science Trek explores subjects with short videos available on the website (sciencetrek.org), YouTube, and PBS LearningMedia. The website has facts, games and lesson plans correlated to Idaho and national science standards. Look for Science Trek: The Podcast with hosts Evie and Garrett wherever you find your podcasts!

Links to Recent Local Program

“Novelist Mohsin Hamid”
https://video.idahoptv.org/video/novelist-mohsin-hamid-cfurdz/

In the News

Using social media to teach youth about dangers of vaping

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (KIFI) - Vaping companies have been accused of targeting teens specifically, but a campaign in Idaho is working to beat vaping companies at their own game.

It’s illegal to vape under the age of 21 in Idaho, but studies show one in every five teens have tried vaping.

Know Vape is working with youth to educate about the dangers of vaping.

Social media has been a fertile ground for vape companies to market their products to youth, emphasizing vaping as a safe alternative to tobacco.

But the dangers are very real.

“Just the amount of nicotine that is involved in one vape is just astounding. It can be as much as 20 cigarettes or more in one single vape,” EIPH Health Education Specialist Heather Hansen said.
Alongside nicotine, most vapes contain metals and chemicals that can cause cancer.

“These are young brains, young bones, young lungs. And the impacts that those chemicals and those metals in those flavorings have on a young developing body is disastrous,” Know Vape Campaign Executive Producer for IPTV Jennie Sue Weltner said.

Know Vape is trying to fight this epidemic using the same tactics vape companies have.

“We’re using, you know, the same sort of tactics that the vape companies used also, which is colors and really cool graphics. And so we’re just we’re trying to beat them at their own game.”

Know Vape held auditions to find six influencers to be in commercials and social media posts warning their peers about the dangers of vaping.

“We know from research that the best way to communicate to kids. If you want them to stop risky behaviors, is to have kids talk to kids, peer to peer,” Weltner said.

The commercials and social media posts are out now, and the project won’t stop here.

There are already plans to make more inspired by ideas from teens next year.

More information about Know Vape, its teen video contest and its documentary about teens who vape can be found here https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/specials/knowvape/home/.