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Quotes

Resilience: Hope Lives Here online course for educators:

“Thanks for facilitating such an awesome course! My primary motivation behind taking the course was to earn salary advancement credits and I am just completely blown away by how impactful this work was. I have learned more and had more takeaways from this series than any of my district professional development and graduate coursework - very thorough, thought provoking, and meaningful work. I cannot thank you enough for your work on this!” – Caitlin (teacher in Maine)

“I watched a PBS program last night - Hiding in Plain Sight. I was riveted and I wanted to take this moment to let you know how the programming at your fabulous station can reach people. ... I see the future programming for Raising Resilient Kids ... and I'll be watching each and every one. I'm sending this to you, just to let you know how valuable your station is to so many of us.” – Chris

Open Arms Dance Project Featured in New Video

Idaho Public Television is pleased to be one of 10 PBS stations awarded a grant to produce a piece for a national #PBSForTheArts initiative. The project celebrates artists who kept creating even during the pandemic.

In IdahoPTV’s video, producer Marcia Franklin and director Troy Shreve spotlight the Open Arms Dance Project, an inclusive, multigenerational dance company founded by Idahoan Megan Brandel. Some members have disabilities, and others identify as able-bodied.

“I put really ordinary people on stage doing really extraordinary things,” says Brandel.

“When the call for this grant went out, I immediately thought of Open Arms,” says Franklin. “Not only is the company unique, but during the pandemic, I was impressed that Megan was able to keep the group going online. Members choreographed new dances and also filmed them outside. I’m excited to share their talents with our audience.”

The piece, which features the group’s biggest performance to date, can be streamed at video.idahoptv.org. It will be one of the stories in a new digital art series premiering later this year.
Emmy Awards

Congratulations to this year’s Emmy Award winners:

- Idaho Experience “Idaho’s Hemmingway” – Historical/Cultural Long Form
- Outdoor Idaho “Women Who Hunt” – Informational/Instructional Long Form
- Outdoor Idaho “Spud Country” – Business/Consumer Short and Long Form Content
- IdahoPTV videographer Jay Krajic was honored with a craft Emmy for his work on Outdoor Idaho - Videography - TV Program

In the Community

June Iconic Idaho Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to our June winners: Ken Miracle, Mary Ann Igoe, Alysha Jeevan Jalli, John Sowell, Connie Harris, Randy Hutchison, Cory Berish, and Stefano Carini.

And a big thanks to this month’s judges: Charlene Aycock, Stacy Merritt, Nette Shaff, Joyce Garnet, Dan Eskelson, and Katrina Forsmann.

Check out the winners and the honorable mentions at: https://www.facebook.com/outdoor.idaho/.

Education Outreach Events in July

Every Tuesday in July, IdahoPTV’s family engagement specialist will be attending Caldwell School District’s A Book and a Bite events. These are held at various parks and are open to families with kids of all ages.

On Friday, July 1, we will be at the Aberdeen Library for Family Fun Day, where kids will be able to make their own Cartesian Divers using water bottles.

On Wednesday, July 6, we will be at the Glenns Ferry Public Library for their summer reading program presenting a sink or float activity.

Throughout the week of July 18, our community engagement specialist will be hosting STEM story times throughout the Prairie River Library District at the following libraries: Craigmont, Culdesac, Lapwai, Winchester, Kamiah, Kooskia and Peck.

On Thursday, July 28, our family engagement specialist will be at Glenns Ferry Public Library for a LatinX event.
It’s no exaggeration to say it was a bit like Christmas around here as dozens of packages started showing up in our mailbox containing colorful, sometimes glitter-fu, stories from a whopping 359 young Idaho students in kindergarten through third grades for the 28th annual Idaho Public Television / PBS KIDS Writers Contest.

There were tales of unicorns, zombies and superheroes; lyrical stories akin to poetry; and personal narratives about family adventures, favorite animals and homemade food — all accompanied by vibrant illustrations ranging from paint, markers and crayons on paper to paper collages and three-dimensional works made of foam and packing peanuts. Some young artists utilized technology to illustrate their stories with computer paint programs and photographs. One student submitted a homemade book with illustrations on plastic-covered black sheets of paper, which could only viewed with a special “magic wand” that revealed the images.

Trisha Mick, Idaho Public Television’s community education specialist, had the daunting task of narrowing the 359 submissions down to 120 finalists, 10 from each grade in each of three regions. A team of four guest judges — comprised of community members and writers on Idaho Public Television’s staff — read and ranked the finalists, selecting three winning stories from each grade and region.

Award ceremonies took place in June. IDeal – Idaho College Savings Program, the contest’s corporate sponsor, provided each winner with a $100 college savings account.

The winning stories can be read online at https://www.idahoptv.org/kids/writers/.

Idaho Teacher Katie Mason Named 2022 PBS Digital Innovator All-Star

PBS recently announced the 2022 class of educators selected for the PBS Digital Innovator All-Star Program – honoring classroom changemakers who offer fresh ideas and bold approaches to supporting their students’ growth and learning. Nominated by their local PBS stations, 20 educators were chosen from across the country.

Idaho Public Television is excited to announce that Katie Mason, an integration specialist with the Boise School District, was selected as a PBS Digital Innovator All-Star for the 2022-23 school year. Mason was named Idaho Public Television Digital Innovator for the 2020-21 school year, which put her into consideration for the national All-Star honor.

“Katie is an amazing and dynamic educator who I have had the privilege of working with over the last two years as a local Digital Innovator,” said Kari Wardle, Idaho Public Television’s Education Manager. “She is always willing to help, and she inspires everyone she meets! Katie is hard-working and dedicated, and we are so proud to have her join with educators across the country to enrich the lives of teachers nationwide.”
The PBS Digital Innovator All-Star program brings together a community of PreK-12th grade educators who are innovators and leaders both in and outside the classroom. Specifically, Digital Innovator All-Stars are selected from a cohort of educators who are doing extraordinary work supporting student learning by integrating media and digital technology in their teaching environments and inspiring students to use these tools in responsible, effective and empowering ways.

“We are thrilled to recognize these 20 teachers for their extraordinary work and dedication to their local communities,” said Lori Brittain, Vice President of PBS LearningMedia. “Each of the new PBS Digital Innovator All-Stars have worked tirelessly to enrich the lives of their students, all while navigating another challenging school year. It is an honor to elevate their powerful stories and thank them for the passion, creativity and grace they bring to their classrooms every day.”

PBS Digital Innovator All-Stars will spend the 2022-23 school year deepening engagement among students, families, educators, schools, and their local PBS stations.

Our IdahoPTV Productions

“Animal Adaptation”

Birds have adaptations to help them fly. Butterflies are different colors to help them hide from predators. This month’s videos from Science Trek show other fascinating ways animals have adapted their looks and behaviors in response to their environment.


The Science Trek website has facts, games, links and lesson plans correlated to Idaho and national science standards.

Links to IdahoPTV’s Recent Local Productions

https://video.idahoptv.org/video/wildflowers-nlxwkg/

In the News

News stories regarding Antiques Roadshow filming in Boise:

KTVB
https://youtu.be/143r5MMGoNU

KIVI
https://youtu.be/RG7z4KemD34

Idaho Press

Idaho Press

Idaho Statesman
https://www.idahostatesman.com/entertainment/arts-culture/article261950395.html

Jay Krajic and Lauren Melink were on “Idaho Matters” to talk about Outdoor Idaho “Wildflowers.”

Boise State Public Radio

Idaho Capital Sun

Idaho Public Television to air two upcoming programs on wildflowers and kids’ mental health

“Wildflowers,” “Raising Resilient Kids: Mental Health Matters” programs set to air in June
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This June, Idaho Public Television has two unique programs that focus on the beauty of Idaho and the well-being of Idaho kids’ mental health.

First on Outdoor Idaho, “Wildflowers” airs at 8 p.m. June 16 and repeats at 7 p.m. June 19.

Viewers will go on a vivid, multicolor journey through the foothills and remote areas of Idaho, where stunning wildflowers come in every hue. Most of us know that the state is famous for birders and hikers, but there is such a person as a “wildflower-er” — one who seeks natural flowers for photography or just taking them in.

The “Wildflowers” special features an interesting cast with one passion in common: wildflowers. The footage is thanks to the work of videographer Jay Krajic, who Idaho Public Television says “shot video of wildflowers in every nook and cranny across the state of Idaho” with an eye for capturing the beauty.
Krajic worked with producer Lauren Melink, who shaped the fascinating stories from those who have discovered that the wild side of Idaho’s flora is good for the whole person, heart, mind, and soul, to learn about.

“There’s just so much beauty in nature, and some of it happens to be quite small,” Lauren Melink said in a press statement. “This show is about getting down on your hands and knees and appreciating the true magnificence of our Idaho landscape.”

Idaho Public Television notes the cast will present a fresh perspective on the growing trend.

“We look at wildflowers through the eyes of their devotees: a photographer with an unquenchable curiosity, a botanist recording the landscape for future generations, a blogger with a zest for weeds, a flower seed farmer, and an educator in ethnobotany.”

The documentary will also discuss the various Idaho wildflowers — with the trademark Outdoor Idaho stunning visuals to inspire and perhaps cultivate some new hobbyists to hunt for the Indian paintbrush, beargrass, syringa, or bitterroot.

**How Do We Discuss Mental Health With Our Kids?**

Also coming in June on Idaho Public Television is “Raising Resilient Kids: Mental Health Matters” at 8 p.m. June 28.

The news cycle is unrelenting in alarming events affecting not only adults but also kids. Talking to them to help them process upsetting news items is often a difficult discussion, and how to gauge their ability to process and think through these events is something every parent can use for some guidance.

“Raising Resilient Kids: Mental Health Matters” is an hourlong special with Idaho’s top mental health experts offering their take on how to do this, as well as general information on how to talk with kids about mental health so parents and caregivers can enter this conversation more confidently.

Nicole Sanchez discusses coping skills, resiliency, and when to seek professional care and consultation. She also produced “Resilient Idaho: Hope Lives Here.” That award-winning documentary explored Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs, and showed how resilience is the antidote. It was made available nationwide to all PBS stations as “Resilience: Hope Lives Here.”

“We know there are young people in our communities who are really struggling. A lot of times it can be scary and hard to talk about mental health,” Sanchez said in a press statement to the Idaho Capital Sun. “We want to take as much stress out of these conversations as possible. We hope to normalize these discussions and empower parents to help their children be more resilient and hopeful.”

Along with Sanchez, the discussion’s panelists include:

- Dr. Dennis J. Woody, a senior clinical program consultant for Optum Idaho who served as the clinical director since 2013, when Optum’s care management began in Idaho.
- Dr. Noreen Womack, who works with St. Luke’s Children’s Mobile Care clinic.
- Keith Orchard, LCSW, a licensed clinical social worker who serves as the mental health coordinator for Coeur d’Alene Public Schools.
- Amber Leyba-Castle of the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Idaho’s Wood River Valley.
Of note, Sanchez is also the host of the Idaho News 6 award program “Shine a Light” and is a host and reporter for the newsmagazine show “CityStream,” which airs on the Seattle Channel. In addition, Sanchez serves as the president of the NW chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, which produces the regional Emmys in Seattle.

In addition to the hourlong broadcast special, these five short videos for “Raising Resilient Kids” will be available on the Resilient Kids website: idahoptv.org/resilientkids