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Quotes

“My 3 year old son LOVES Daniel Tiger!! Wonderful program!! It has really helped my little guy learn, grow and understand life at his level! Each day when I leave for work we sing the ‘Grown Ups Come Back’ song.” – Veronica

“IdahoPTV and PBS are cornerstones in my daily life and I value the quality, reliability and professionalism of the service.” – Martha

National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

Congratulations to Forrest Burger and the whole Outdoor Idaho crew for taking home a NATAS Northwest regional Emmy in the Environmental Program category for Outdoor Idaho “Living With Wildfire.” The virtual awards ceremony took place June 6 in Seattle.

In addition, KUID Chief Engineer Ken Segota, was inducted into the NATAS Gold Circle – honoring him for more than 50 years of excellence as a media professional who has a solid record of making lasting contributions to our industry and community!

In the Community

IdahoPTV Screening and Panel Discussion of Local Productions

Idaho Public Television is launching two virtual screening events in July using a video screening platform created by the Independent Television System with funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

To register or to find more information, go to idahoptv.org/events.

On Sunday, July 12, at 6 p.m. Mountain time/5 p.m. Pacific time join us for a free screening event of Idaho Experience “Through Youthful Eyes” followed by a discussion with the filmmakers and special guests.
On Monday, July 13, at 7 p.m. Mountain time/6 p.m. Pacific time, join us for a free virtual screening event of Outdoor Idaho “Urban Wildlife” followed by a discussion with the filmmakers and special guests.

Classroom Idaho: Learn @ Home - Boot Camp Begins July 14

In an effort to help combat the “summer slide” and keep students of all ages learning through the summer, Idaho Public Television has partnered with Idaho Digital Alliance to bring you Classroom Idaho Boot Camp beginning July 14 and running through August 13.

During the summer session, K-6th grade students can tune in to our Create channel each Tuesday through Thursday for direct instruction from certified teachers. Primary grade students will get a crash course in literacy, while 4th through 6th graders will focus on English language arts and math.

College and career readiness courses taught by academic advisers will be broadcast on the Create channel each Monday (and repeated each Friday) at 11:30 a.m.

English language courses for children and adults will be offered Mondays and Fridays at noon.

In addition to our over-the-air programming, K-3rd grade students can enroll through IDLA to receive enrichment activities and weekly support from certified teachers. Parents can register their students at idahoptv.idiglearning.net or by texting “register” to (201) 474-3831.

Last month’s book club session for kids in grades 3-6 was so successful, we have decided to do another one. It will run from July 13 - August 21. Signup will be on our website at idahoptv.org/learn/families.
The PBS KIDS Writers Contest is still receiving entries! The contest is open to children in grades Kindergarten to 3rd grade. Please make sure to read the rules and complete the entry form at idahoptv.org/kids/writers/.

All entries must be postmarked by August 14, 2020. The judging will take place in September, and winners will be notified October 1. The awards ceremonies will be held virtually this year.

Our IdahoPTV Productions

“Urban Wildlife”
– Airs Thursday, July 16, at 8 p.m.

As Idaho’s population increases, the space that separates humans from animals continues to shrink, and that has led to problems for wildlife managers as well as moments of wonder. To capture some of these moments, Outdoor Idaho reached out to people across the state for footage of their brief encounters.

“I had no idea we would receive so much video from folks,” says producer Lauren Melink. “I figured we’d get a goose or two, but not mountain lions in the backyard. It’s really been incredible to see urban wildlife through the eyes of the people actually experiencing it firsthand, but it can also be unnerving when a mountain lion is peering through your window.”

According to the show’s host, Bruce Reichert, “In our 37 year history, we’ve never used so much video from other people. So it’s a great program to produce during a pandemic; we can maintain social distancing and still tell an interesting story.”

“Through Youthful Eyes”
– Airs Thursday, July 16, at 8:30 p.m.

Fall 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. It remains a war without peer and is arguably the most documented in American history. Yet, the vast majority of that documentation has been produced by people from older generations.
Now, a group of Idaho State University honors students have co-authored “Idaho in World War II,” a book highlighting life in Idaho during that time and how the state played a vital role in the war.

Their professor, Dr. Alex Bolinger, is proud of how a group of millennials – Kathryn Rose, Sophia Perry, Dalene Hunter, and Ashley French – approached such an important topic. “Not only is their research incredibly thorough, but they care ... they want to connect to events that happened 75 years ago.”

Idaho Experience producer Forrest Burger is equally impressed. “It’s apparent these young women are excited to bring a youthful perspective to a war fought generations ago.”

IdahoPTV in the News

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**IdahoPTV provides valuable education and information during pandemic**

By RON PISANESCHI | Guest columnist

These are challenging times for many Idahoans: scary, dangerous, divisive. As Idaho’s only statewide media outlet, Idaho Public Television is in a unique position to offer assistance. We take that responsibility seriously and are working hard to earn your trust. Let me explain.

When the pandemic struck Idaho two months ago, IdahoPTV sprang into action. We began carrying Gov. Brad Little’s press conferences on the coronavirus live, both online and on-air. In addition, we provided feeds to all the other broadcasters in Idaho who wanted them.

On March 26 we began producing a live Q & A program Thursday nights with Gov. Little and other officials, such as Health and Welfare Director Dave Jeppesen and Labor Director Jani Revier. In addition to airing these programs live on Idaho Public Television and Facebook, we have made them available to other radio and television broadcasters across the state. These programs have continued almost every week since March.

We also began producing and airing daily “Coronavirus Updates” each weeknight before and after the PBS Newshour, providing Idahoans with the latest information on new cases, Centers for Disease Control recommendations, and where COVID-19 has spread in Idaho.
Normally our weekly public affairs program “Idaho Reports” ends for the season when the Idaho Legislature adjourns. We have extended the series to help address how the pandemic is impacting Idaho. Each Friday evening, the program features interviews with leading experts in business, health care, agriculture, education and more.

We have also started a new online series, “180 with Marcia Franklin,” that looks at how people’s lives have taken a 180-degree turn since the pandemic. The series showcases Idahoans’ incredible resilience and creativity during these times. All this while our staff has been mostly sheltered in place at home.

With assistance from the Idaho Press Club and the League of Women Voters, we even devised a way to continue “The Idaho Debates,” giving Idahoans valuable information before the primary elections in May.

As most of you know, our state funding has been cut, along with the funding of other state agencies. But thanks to funding from the CARES Act, and support from our viewers, Idaho Public Television will continue to help Idahoans weather the coronavirus pandemic by providing vital, timely information.

I am particularly proud of the efforts we’ve made in helping Idaho students learn from home. Many families don’t have a computer, but nearly every family has a television. Beginning in April, we partnered with the Idaho superintendent of public instruction, the State Department of Education and Idaho Business for Education to provide direct instruction from Idaho teachers to students at home in grades third through sixth. Each weekday morning children receive five hours of quality educational learning via our statewide “Create” broadcast channel. Classroom Idaho: Learn at Home has been so positively received by students, parents and educators that we are going to continue it during the summer and fall.

We’ve also provided supplemental educational content from such series as NOVA, American Experience and The Great American Read for students in middle and high school. This is in addition to our 24/7 PBS Kids Channel full of great educational programming for kids in math, science, history, engineering, geography, literacy, the arts and more.

We continue to produce and distribute our local IdahoPTV productions, such as Science Trek and Idaho Experience and even Outdoor Idaho, programs that are regularly used in classrooms throughout the state.

And if that isn’t enough, Idaho Public Television provides to any public, private or home-schooler free-of-charge PBS Learning Media — an online portal featuring thousands of educational resources and videos searchable by grade level, subject matter and Idaho state content standard. Our team of credentialed teachers on staff work one-on-one with Idaho teachers and parents to provide educational resources and professional support to help get through these trying times.

We are all struggling to get through this worldwide pandemic, but Idaho Public Television is committed to helping with content and services that can make a difference in the lives of Idahoans. Thanks to Congress, the state of Idaho, the state Board of Education, the governor, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and our wonderfully supportive donors for providing the funding and support to make this work possible.