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Quotes

“Outdoor Idaho is simply a world class t.v. program.” – Joel

“I’m an Idaho native but living on the east coast now. I Love watching your FB videos and posted photos.” – Connie

Idaho Public Television is participating in the Idaho Gives campaign. Idaho Gives is a weeklong online giving event that raises funds and awareness for Idaho nonprofits.

Please visit https://www.idahogives.org from April 29 to May 6 and support the charitable causes you care about.

IdahoPTV Recognized for Transparency and Financial Integrity

For the fourth consecutive year, the Friends of Idaho Public Television — a 501(c)(3) organization that assists Idaho Public Television in fulfilling its mission — has been recognized with the highest ratings from two organizations that provide information about the fiscal integrity of nonprofit organizations.

The Friends of IdahoPTV’s strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a four-star (highest) rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator. “Attaining a four-star rating verifies that Friends of Idaho Public Television exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in your area of work,” says Michael Thatcher, president and CEO of Charity Navigator. “Only 21 percent of the charities we evaluate have received at least four consecutive four-star evaluations, indicating that Friends of Idaho Public Television outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets Friends of Idaho Public Television apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.”

The Friends of Idaho Public Television has also earned the Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar, the world’s largest source of information about nonprofit organizations, for the fourth consecutive year.
Northwest Regional Emmy® Award Nominees

Recently the Northwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS Northwest) announced their 2020 Emmy Award nominations, and Idaho Public Television was nominated for 14 awards. Here are the honors for which our producers, filmmakers and station were nominated:

- **Overall Excellence** – Idaho Public Television
- **Environment/Science – Long Form Content** – Outdoor Idaho “Urban Wildlife”
- **Historical/Cultural - Short Form Content** – Idaho Experience “Idaho Drive In Theaters”
- **Historical/Cultural – Long Form Content** – Idaho Experience “Idaho’s Constitution Revealed”
- **Sports Program – Post-Produced or Edited** – Outdoor Idaho “The 12ers”
- **Documentary – Cultural/Historical** – Idaho Experience “Ahead of Her Time”
- **Children/Youth/Teens** – Science Trek “Climate Change and Greenhouse Gases”
- **Informational/Instructional – Long Form Content** – Outdoor Idaho “Sawtooths on My Mind”
- **Informational/Instructional – Long Form Content** – Idaho Experience “Through Youthful Eyes”
- **Public Service Announcement** – Memorial Day
- **Writer – Non-news (Short/Long Form Content)** – Lauren Melink – Outdoor Idaho “Urban Wildlife”
- **Writer – Non-news (Short/Long Form Content)** – Jennie Sue Weltner – Idaho Experience “Ahead of Her Time”
- **Photographer – Non-news (Short/Long Form Content)** – Jay Krajic – Outdoor Idaho “The 12ers”
- **Photographer – Non-news (Short/Long Form Content)** – Forrest Burger – Outdoor Idaho “Barns of Idaho”

Winners will be announced in a virtual ceremony hosted on Saturday, June 5, by NATAS Northwest.

In the Community

**Education Outreach**

For the first time in more than a year IdahoPTV’s education team was out in the community. On Sunday, April 25, we joined the La Gran D radio station for their Dia de los Ninos (Day of the Child) drive thru event in Caldwell and distributed more than 300 books, summer activity booklets, stickers, bookmarks, pencils, and resource sheets to children. Our education team was also in central Idaho for a few outreach events.

**KUID Student of the Semester**

Congratulations to senior Broadcasting and Digital Media major Kim Stager, who has been named the KUID Student of the Semester for spring 2021!

Idaho Public Television has a long tradition of honoring a student every semester for “outstanding accomplishments and dedication” to undergraduate studies.

Kim has contributed stories to Idaho Public Radio, worked in the JAMM equipment check-out room, and contributed to JAMM’s social media presence, among many other accomplishments, including work at the Argonaut.
Resilient Idaho May Webinar – Mental Health Awareness

Join us on May 4, 2021, at 6 p.m. Mountain time/5 p.m. Pacific time for a special presentation of the documentary Resilient Idaho: Hope Lives Here followed by a live discussion on mental health awareness with special guests Dr. Julie Wood, Medical Director of Optum Idaho; Christina Cernansky, president of NAMI Idaho; and Amber Leyba-Castle, NAMI Idaho Young & Well coordinator. The evening will be hosted by Nicole Sanchez, writer, narrator, and one of the producers of the program. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions during the event via chat. Register here.

History Happy Hour: “Capitol of Light Turns 100” Watch Party and Panel Discussion

Join us Wednesday, May 12 at 6 p.m. Mountain time/ 5 p.m. Pacific time.

“Capitol of Light Turns 100” celebrates a century of Idaho’s Statehouse as a symbol of democracy and freedom. This program explores its history from design and construction through its most recent renovation and expansion. With archived materials, photographs, re-enactments and interviews, we tell the story of this grand building and its original architects John E. Tourtellotte and Charles Hummel.

After getting a sneak preview of this new Idaho Experience episode, join the panel discussion with Idaho Public Television and the Idaho State Historical Society to explore what it took to bring this program together, why it is important to tell the history of the people’s house, and how the community worked together to deliver a restoration that expanded the building while maintaining the character of this Idaho treasure. Register here.

Tune In for a Summer of Learning on the CREATE Channel

Summertime is just around the corner, and Idaho Public Television is ready for summer learning with special programs on our CREATE Channel.

Beginning Monday, May 31, at 9 a.m., join us for “summer camp” right from your living room on Camp TV. Broadway performer Zachary Noah Piser plays the head counselor and host of Camp TV, who guides campers as they learn through play. Each episode features a hands-on activity. To extend learning at home, you’ll find additional activities and resources at https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/camp-tv.

Following Camp TV, stick around at 10 a.m. for two hours of the fun and engaging series Let’s Learn. This series helps build foundational skills that are critical for kids, using interactive lessons and virtual field trips. You’ll find additional support materials for this awesome new series at https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/lets-learn.
After Let’s Learn, older kids can watch “Eyes on the Prize” from American Experience at noon. In 14 episodes, “Eyes on the Prize” recounts the fight to end decades of discrimination and segregation. It is the story of the people — young and old, male and female, northern and southern — who, compelled by a meeting of conscience and circumstance, worked to eradicate a world where whites and blacks could not go to the same school, ride the same bus, vote in the same election, or participate equally in society.

Then, beginning at 8 a.m. on July 16 and running through August 15, join us for Classroom Idaho: Boot Camp. This locally produced series features teachers from across Idaho teaching students everything they need to know to be ready for the upcoming school year. Students in grades K-6 get a crash course in the key ideas they will need to know to be successful the following school year! Additionally, English language learning (ELL) courses will air on Mondays and Fridays, and directly following Boot Camp we will air a variety of education shows for grades 7-12. For more information and an up-to-date schedule of Classroom Idaho programs visit https://www.idahoptv.org/classroomidaho.

We hope you’ll join us for a summer of learning on our CREATE Channel!

**“Women Who Hunt”**

– Airs Thursday, May 13, at 8 p.m.

A taste for meat and a thirst for adventure drives hunters to dedicate early mornings and dusky evenings to the pursuit of an animal. From elk to pheasant, deer to chukar, hunting is in the genetic makeup of Idaho, both historically and culturally.

The Outdoor Idaho crew hikes along a snowy ridge, scrambles across rocks, and learns how to train bird dogs and track animals as they follow along on the journey of Idaho’s “Women Who Hunt.” Viewers can stream the program beginning Thursday, May 6, at https://video.idahoptv.org.

“These hunters are truly passionate about the outdoors,” producer Lauren Melink says. “It’s been fascinating to better understand just why hunters love to hunt. For these women who hunt, it’s not just about getting an animal; it’s much more than that, and this show really tells that story.” “Women Who Hunt” features hunters from across the state, each with her own motivation for hunting, while unraveling the historical significance of females moving from indoor roles into the outdoors.

**“Capitol of Light Turns 100”**

– Airs Thursday, May 13, at 8:30 p.m.

This program celebrates a century as Idaho’s symbol of democracy and freedom. This program explores its history from design and construction through its most recent renovation and expansion. Through archived materials, photographs, re-enactments and interviews, we tell the story of this grand building and its original architects John E. Tourtellotte and Charles Hummel.
“Capitol of Light Turns 100” documents 100 years of the Idaho State Capitol, from its design and construction through its most recent renovation and expansion. The original architects, John E. Tourtellotte and Charles Hummel, worked together to imagine and deliver a “Capitol for the Ages” at a time when most of the actual construction was done completely by hand, hammer, and horse power. Through archived materials, photographs, interviews and re-enactments, “Capitol of Light Turns 100” tells the story of this grand building and its builders. Viewers can stream the program beginning Thursday, May 6, at https://video.idahoptv.org. The program also digs into the remodel that took place from 2007 through 2010. Cameras capture the painstaking process of restoration and the construction of new underground wings that allowed expansion without destroying the original footprint of the Capitol grounds.

“Animal Adaptation”

How an animal looks or behaves reflects where it lives. It has to adapt to survive in its environment and passes those adaptations onto its offspring. Learn more about the different kinds of animal adaptations.


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

Outdoor Idaho entered its 38th season in October of 2020! We spent much of that year and this year working on several shows, including “Sawtooths on My Mind,” “Trailblazers,” Urban Wildlife,” “Barns of Idaho,” “Idaho’s 12ers,” and “Off the Beaten Path.” Here’s a short description of several of the shows we’re currently working on as well as some of our more recent productions.

“Women Who Hunt” airs May 13, 2021

“Women Who Hunt” is nearly finished with the airdate of May 13 quickly approaching. The show is a thought-provoking look at what drives a person to hunt. And as it turns out, there are a lot more reasons than simply meat. The show follows the stories of six female hunters across the state, as we hike through snow, scramble across rocky terrain, watch bird dogs work, and track animals. From elk calling to target shooting, we learn how and why these women entered the world of hunting.

The show might just make you look at hunters in a new light.
“Spud Country” will air in December of 2021

There’s a culture that has grown up around eastern Idaho potatoes; some schools even let students out for a week in late September to work on the harvest! This culture may be unlike anything else in the state. What are the traditions? What is the fall harvest like? What sorts of problems do farmers face – with water, with marketing and competition, with seeds and disease? The list goes on and on. And it’s not all about spuds.

We’ll explore this major part of the state in a way that hopefully proves interesting to all Idahoans.

“Another Roadside Attraction” will air in 2022

Every state has ‘em – fascinating, quirky attractions that capture the imagination and say something interesting about their part of the world.

We are currently scouring the country-side for these unique attractions, usually associated with rural Idaho. A recent visit to Idaho’s “Mammoth Cave & Shoshone Bird Museum of Natural History” made us realize that these quirky places can also be historically and culturally significant as well as just plain fun! If you know of other Roadside Attractions, don’t hesitate to notify us.

“Extraordinary Athletes” will air in 2022

We will profile Idahoans with physical challenges who still love to access the outdoors. Some of these unique athletes are re-learning how to ski for the first time since experiencing the accident or illness that caused their disability. Others are learning to traverse grass, gravel, and other areas with the help of a one-of-a-kind wheelchair. Still others are learning how to enjoy a climbing wall.

“Changing of the Guard” airs in March of 2022

This is a show still in the conceptual stage! We hope to examine new land and wildlife management practices within the Forest Service, the BLM, and other federal agencies. We’ll examine changes occurring in rural Idaho, with the explosion of outdoor recreation and the exodus to the city. We’ll talk to the “old guard” and the “new guard,” as folks assess the future of the state. Still looking for ideas, so if anything crosses your mind, be sure to let us know.
“Off the Beaten Path” aired in March of 2021

With this hourlong program, our goal was to literally stay away from crowds during the pandemic. That took us to some difficult-to-access, inspiring places like the harsh and forbidding Bruneau Canyon in the south and imposing Chimney Rock in the north.

We also visited some not-to-be-named lakes in the Sawtooths that are “protected” by a steep mountain and no trail. And we stopped off at some cedar groves, a national grasslands area, and a bay that is best reached by canoe. All in all, about ten places that are fun to visit from the comfort of your living room chair.

“Barns of Idaho” – The half hour version aired October 15, 2020; the hourlong version aired in March of 2021

Who doesn’t love a barn! And Idaho has lots of ‘em. Many are in some degree of decay. Others are being renovated in some pretty interesting ways. And some barns have always been in service to farmers and ranchers throughout the state.

Producer Forrest Burger examined how barns helped shape our landscape, what’s being done to preserve them, and how some Idaho barns have been repurposed to give them new lives.

Our hourlong tribute to Idaho’s barns explored how some of these deteriorating structures have been saved. As for those beyond saving, how their wood is repurposed.

“Idaho’s 12ers” aired December 6, 2020

There are people who love to climb mountains, particularly ones that are more than 12,000 feet high. In fact, there are now trails to the top of some of Idaho’s 12ers that didn’t exist even a few years ago.

Most of Idaho’s nine 12,000 foot peaks are in the Lost River Range; Borah Peak is the leader of the pack, at 12,662 feet.

Producer Bill Manny and videographer Jay Krajic have climbed them all, along with our volunteer extraordinaire Terry ‘The Mule’ Lee. They say it was hard keeping up with climbers as young as 6 and 9 who have already summited them all. Yikes!
“Sawtooths on My Mind” aired March 2020

What do the Sawtooth Mountains in central Idaho mean to us? We explored this question in March of 2020 with those who visited and with those who live and work in the shadow of these magnificent peaks. We examined some of the challenges facing Idaho’s most popular mountain range; and we got deep into the Sawtooth Wilderness, so we’re proud of the footage on this one.

“Trailblazers” aired May 2020

Long gone are the days of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the army of laborers shipped around the country during the Great Depression as our nation’s work relief program. The government paid them to build trails, parks and recreation areas; and we still use many of them today.

But public lands trails need to be maintained, or they simply disappear. And some of the trails are doing just that. Luckily, Idahoans are filling the gap for free. They are this century’s CCC. We call them Trailblazers.

“Urban Wildlife” aired July 2020

It’s understandable that wildlife prefer our neighborhoods at certain times of the year. And that’s not always a good thing — for them or for us. We asked our Facebook and Instagram friends to send us video of the interactions with deer and elk, cougars and wolves, geese, ducks, skunks, etc. And, they obliged.