Quote

“Thank you. Keep the Best programming coming! It’s so informative, educational and entertaining!” – Loretta

IdahoPTV Productions Honored With Emmys and More

Idaho Public Television staff certainly had something to celebrate at the NATAS Regional Emmy Awards. If 13 nominations didn’t make us smile, the awards we received sure did!

One went to Andy Lawless and Marcia Franklin for their work on a createid special, SARA: A Life in Dreams and Symbols. If you haven’t seen this program, you surely should take some time to learn about this amazing Idaho artist, Sara Joyce.

The second award was not your typical Emmy. It was a 2024 Community Outreach Award, which recognized our ability to focus interest on, and marshal support for, an anti-vaping effort called Know Vape aimed at Idaho youth. This one had a lot of hands in the mix including Jennie Sue Weltner and talented freelance director April Frame. Our fine communications staff, including Sandy McBride, Robin Barclay, Benjamin Weaver, Megan Joyce, Kari Wardle, Jessica Solberg and Janie Budell, poured time into the project. Funds for production of a documentary, Nic Sick, and our Know Vape anti-teen vaping work came from the Idaho Millennium Fund, and we are grateful to the legislative committee that entrusted us with the project.

Congratulations to all the nominees and recipients of this year’s Emmy Awards. And even more importantly, thank you for entrusting us with your support to make much of this work a reality.

In the Community

Moscow Librarian Honored as 2024 Digital Innovator

We are excited to announce that Faye Nagler, Moscow School District elementary librarian and STEM coordinator, has been chosen as the 2024 IdahoPTV Digital Innovator.
Every year, IdahoPTV recognizes one K–12 educator in Idaho who goes above and beyond to engage students and enhance learning by integrating technology or digital media into the classroom. We are dedicated to supporting teachers throughout the state and fostering collaboration between teachers.

Principal Brian Smith of Westpark Elementary in Moscow says Nagler inspires students and staff alike with her work to create a fully inclusive digital learning environment. “Mrs. Nagler drives her STEAM program with the mission of ensuring all students have equitable access and opportunity to learn about technology and explore many digital learning formats, including coding programs and robotics.”

“We are honored to welcome Faye to the IdahoPTV Digital Innovator family,” says Kari Wardle, IdahoPTV education manager. “We were so impressed by all that Faye does for the Moscow School District, not only for the students but also for other educators. She has been an inspiration to those around her, and I’m looking forward to working with her in the upcoming school year.”

Nagler says she has a passion for STEAM and strives “to create lessons that link technology our students love using — and that provides real-world connections — with differentiated learning for all ages and abilities. Being a Digital Innovator lets me give students skills that they learn today and can build on in the future.”

We’ll send Nagler to the Northwest Council for Computer Education (NCCE) Conference, provide her with a Classroom Innovation Kit of her own design (worth up to $1,000), and bring her into our team of digital innovators and educators working to help Idaho teachers integrate technology into their classrooms.

Our IdahoPTV Productions

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There’s an aging culvert choking water flow and fish passage. Above that, a decades-old road cuts through an otherwise undeveloped landscape. It’s where big game has to scramble to steer clear of traffic. On both sides of that road is a century-old fence. It’s made of barbed wire strands that snatch fur and feathers as animals attempt to follow their historic migration routes.

“It’s easy to see the hurdles we build in the wild’s way. Things like roads and fences are obvious,” says Outdoor Idaho producer Kris Millgate. “What’s not so obvious is how we help the wild move safely around us, despite the infrastructure we rely on daily.”

From building wildlife bridges over highways so they are safer to cross to marking fencing so it’s easier for animals to see, Right of Way showcases wildlife migration solutions being implemented across Idaho. Stream this new episode of Outdoor Idaho beginning July 25 on the PBS app or online at video.idahoptv.org.
In a new piece, “Alternate Heirlooms,” createid features a recent exhibition by Hallie Maxwell, a Boise-based interdisciplinary artist. In it, Maxwell, who is Japanese American, reflects on her family’s experiences in Japan during World War II.

Maxwell’s great-grandmother was born in Los Angeles around 1910. But when she was a teen, she and her family moved to Japan. In 1945, they were in Hiroshima when the United States dropped an atomic bomb on that city. Maxwell’s great-grandfather was killed, but her great-grandmother and grandmother survived. They later moved back to the United States.

In one of her pieces, Maxwell employs a traditional Japanese art form of knot-tying typically used to adorn gifts to explore how she is still viscerally and emotionally connected to the bombing of Hiroshima. In another piece, she includes a recording of her grandmother talking about the bombing, honoring her memories as a kind of family heirloom.

“I see myself as a translator of these histories that have been passed down to me,” says Maxwell. “I’ve felt a sense of urgency to share their stories.”

This piece and all the createid videos, including the Emmy Award-winning documentary, “SARA: A Life in Dreams and Symbols,” can be streamed on the show’s YouTube page: youtube.com/@createidahoptv.

“Dams”

Whether it’s natural or human-made, a dam is a structure that blocks a waterway and allows the water to be used for different purposes. In July’s videos from Science Trek, take a tour inside Idaho’s Arrowrock Dam, learn how dams generate electricity, and find out why scientists once air-dropped dam-building beavers to improve backcountry habitat!

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!
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Parsons’ Attorney Garrett Kitamura Works with Idaho Public Television to Provide Kindergarten Readiness Kits

Together with former Idaho classroom teachers and early childhood educators on the Idaho Public Television’s (IPTV) education team, Parsons’ attorney Garrett Kitamura worked to assemble robust Kindergarten Readiness Kits, which will be delivered at no cost to rural schools in Idaho based on the school’s kindergarten registration. This is the fourth year of the program. Kitamura is a member of the board of directors of the Friends of Idaho Public Television.

As part of the team, Kitamura helped IPTV prepare 1,000 kits, which contain items such as a backpack, scissors, crayons, pencils, activity cards, write-and-wipe sheets for practicing as well as other materials to help children prepare for their first day of kindergarten.

Kitamura says, “I most enjoyed seeing all the wonderful materials we packed for the kids. The kit items are carefully selected by IPTV staff who have a deep knowledge of early-childhood education and it showed. Items consisted of everything from playdough to picture books and alphabet flashcards. It was a wonderful feeling to know that the kids receiving these kits would have the tools necessary to get a head start on their education.”