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## Quote

"It's the best TV there is! I have satellite, but I always go to PBS first!" —Judy



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IDAHO PUBLIC  
TELEVISION, INC.

## Annual Friends Board Meeting

The 2017 annual meeting of the Friends of Idaho Public Television Inc., Board of Directors will be held Monday, August 14, in Twin Falls. During the meeting the board will be electing officers and recognizing the retirement of five directors. Retiring directors include: Jerry Evans (Boise) with 22 years on the board, Eve Chandler (Boise) with 11 years on the board, Carolyn Lodge (Boise) with 4 years on the board, Jim Hammond (Coeur d'Alene) with 3 years on the board, and Kristi Running (Moscow) with 3 years on the board. The board will also be welcoming new directors.

The Friends of Idaho Public Television, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and has a board of directors comprised of individuals from across our service areas. The mission of the Friends of Idaho Public Television, Inc. is to assist Idaho Public Television in securing financial support, publicizing services, and ascertaining needs from the communities we serve.

## In the Community

### Early Learning Educational Events Open to the Public

IdahoPTV's early learning educational events are free and open to the public. Our education team presents story times, demonstrates literacy or STEM activities, and distributes take-home activities.

- July 12 – A Book and a Bite at Emmett City Park from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- July 13 – A Book and a Bite at Reed Elementary School in Kuna from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- July 13 – STEAM night at the Mountain Home Public Library at 6 p.m.
- July 18 – Grangeville Public Library Summer Reading event at 4 p.m.
- July 19 – Kooskia Public Library Summer Reading event at 1 p.m.
- July 20 – Lapwai Public Library Summer Reading event at 1 p.m.
- July 26 – A Book and a Bite at Emmett City Park from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- July 27 – A Book and a Bite at Reed Elementary School in Kuna from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Friends Board Directors Highlighted

Joy Fisher has been promoted to the position of executive director of the University of Idaho Foundation. Joy has served as a director on the Friends board since 1995 and as board treasurer since 2001.



Judy Meyer has been re-elected to the Consolidated Free Library District Board of Trustees. Judy has served as a director on the Friends board since 2000.

Ronald Graves and his wife, Diane Plastino Graves, have been named Distinguished Citizens by the Saint Alphonsus Foundation. Ron has served as a director on the Friends board since 2009.



John V. Evans, Jr. has been awarded CEO of Influence by the Idaho Business Review. John has served as a director on the Friends board since 2014.

Laura Little's production *Come From Away* was honored with a Tony Award. Laura has served as a director on the Friends board since 2016.



## Our IdahoPTV Productions

### Behind the Stories On the Road Again ... By Bruce Reichert



It's probably not a surprise that the *Outdoor Idaho* crew does most of its shooting during the summer months; it's easier to get around the state, and the days are longer.

This summer we're shooting video for half a dozen programs, each of them a distinct slice of the Idaho story. Take, for example, our July 13 show, "Creative License." We'll spend time with creative talents who connect to their art through nature. Casey Kristofferson loves to strum on one of his many guitars from his perch in the mountains of

central Idaho. Alexandra Paliwoda pounds and forges iron into works of art from her blacksmith shop in the shadow of the Tetons near the Wyoming border. John Grade pursued his artistic vision by creating a 75-foot wooden sculpture of a lava tube at Craters of the Moon National Monument based on a digital scan of the interior. John Mills chases thunder clouds to capture digital images of stunning desert lightning storms in southern Idaho — he's even been hit by lightning.

Our September show, "Jobs Without Walls," involves a jet boat pilot in Hells Canyon, a soil scientist in eastern Idaho, a Life Flight helicopter pilot, a Christmas tree hunter, and a postal worker who delivers the mail by boat.

"Wild Horses" — some call them feral horses — in any case, they have become a symbol of the American West. Our first show of the 35th season will explore this highly controversial topic. These horses are often reviled as they compete for resources in an ever-changing environment beset by fire and drought and other animals. Many of these horses wind up in holding corrals far from home, costing taxpayers millions. We'll take a look at what is happening with these horse herds in our state and how some new ideas may offer solutions to a seemingly hopeless situation.



We'll also be shooting footage for our November show, "Restoring Rivers." The Portneuf and the Kootenai are two rivers where wonderful things are being done to make them more natural.

"Into the Pioneers" will take the *Outdoor Idaho* crew into a mountain range that most Idahoans know little about. In April we shot a winter segment at Pioneer Yurt. Other segments yet to shoot include a llama trek with Ketchum native Bob Jonas and his wife, Sarah Michael; a mountain climbing segment; a bike race; a feature on pronghorns and sheep, mining and geology; and much more. This hourlong December show is already generating a lot of interest among the crew.



We'll also be doing some shooting for a handful of 2018 shows, notably "Small Town Festivals," "Grapes & Hops," and "Off the Grid."

Oh, and then there's our March 2018 show, "35th Anniversary." That's right, 35 years. We're planning a fascinating look "behind the scenes," with those who have kept us on the air for more than three decades.

So if you see us out and about this summer, be sure to say "Hi!" And if you have a story idea, that's even better!



## "Creative License"

— Airs Thursday, July 13, at 8 p.m.

Idaho's landscape challenges us to explore and invites us to imagine. Her natural wonders stir the senses, inspiring artistic expression in many forms. *Outdoor Idaho* follows four artists on their journey to create and inspire.



"Idaho's outdoors can inspire all of us to dream, but only a handful have the talent and dedication to turn that dream into reality," says producer Sauni Symonds. "I enjoy sharing the stories of those who honor nature and the outdoors by preserving its essence through their own creative license."

## In the News

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### STUDENT WINS IDEAL 529 COLLEGE SAVING AWARD

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(Courtesy photo) Kindergartner Emma Hazard, of Sandpoint received a \$100 contribution to her IDEal — Idaho 529 College Savings Program — account after she was selected as a winner in the PBS Young Writers Contest.

A Sandpoint youngster is among the talented young storytellers from north Idaho have been awarded seed money by IDEal—Idaho College Savings Program for their educational aspirations this week.

On Saturday, Idaho Public Television named the winners and awarded these local students with prizes including a \$100 contribution to their IDEal—Idaho 529 College Savings Program accounts. The winning students were selected from nearly 600 entries across the state, and are among thirty-five total winners in three Idaho regions.

Local winners include Emma Hazard, Sandpoint, kindergarten; Noelle Hughes, Spokane, kindergarten; Amelia Lloyd, Winchester, kindergarten; Amiah Van Hill, Hayden, first grade; Raegan Mosman, of Nezperce, first grade; Gage Tiegs, of Nezperce, first grade; Eian Schwecke, of Juliaetta, second grade; Kairys Grant, of Nezperce, third grade; Morgan Kirkland, of Nezperce, third grade; and Camas Arnzen, of Kamiah, third grade.

In its 23rd year, the PBS Young Writers Contest empowers children in grades K-3 to celebrate creativity and build literacy skills by writing and illustrating their own stories. This year's contest winners will each receive a \$100 contribution to their IDEal accounts.

"Storytelling is at the heart of what we do here at PBS, and Idaho Public Television is proud to be part of helping encourage students to tap into their own creativity," stated Cindy Lunte, Idaho Public Television education specialist.

This year's PBS KIDS Writers Contest is sponsored in part by IDEal—Idaho's 529 College Savings Program. IDEal is a state-sponsored, not-for-profit savings and investment program designed to help families plan and save for college in a tax-advantaged way.

"IDEal is proud to be part of helping young Idahoans identify their talents and to foster excitement for learning. We hope that their excitement about education, and their college savings accounts, will keep growing for years to come," noted Christine Stoll, IDEal executive director.



(Courtesy photo) Winners of the PBS Young Writers Contest pose for a group photo. Pictured are Emma Hazard of Sandpoint, Noelle Hughes, of Spokane, Amelia Lloyd, of Winchester, Amiah Van Hill, of Hayden, Raegan Mosman, of Nezperce, Gage Tiegs, of Nezperce, Eian Schwecke, of Juliaetta, Kairys Grant, of Nezperce, Morgan Kirkland, of Nezperce, and Camas Arnzen, of Kamiah. The students will each receive a \$100 contribution to their IDEal—Idaho 529 College Savings Program accounts. The winning students were selected by Idaho Public Television from nearly 600 entries across the state, and are among thirty-five total winners in three Idaho regions.