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Quotes

IDAHO IN SESSION

"THANK YOU for making it possible for me to see and hear a portion of the legislative session. I had no idea this was available." –Lori

"I enjoy your service, thanks! It really saves me a lot of time to be able to remotely log in." –Amy



"Just about the time you are ready to give up on Facebook, Outdoor Idaho publishes its monthly photos. Take the time to enjoy these truly gifted photographer's efforts. It will make you feel better, I promise." –Dale



Celebrate Festival 2017 with Idaho Public Television. Enjoy a variety of music from rock to classical. See IdahoPTV specials. Watch an array of self-help programs, nature shows, behind-the-scenes journeys, treasured moments from "Downton Abbey," and the season finale of "Victoria on Masterpiece."

JFAC State Funding Recommendation

On February 28, the Joint Finance – Appropriation Committee voted 19 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent to recommend the governor's proposed FY 2018 appropriation for IdahoPTV. It includes raises and benefit increases to cover our full-time and classified part-time employees as well as more than \$1 million in one-time capital replacement from the general fund. The total budget approved was \$9,633,100, which is a 3.6 percent increase from all funds and a 10.1 percent increase from the general fund. The budget bill now goes to the Senate and the House for their approval before going to the governor for his signature.

In the Community

BEYOND THE WHITE CLOUDS: BEHIND THE SCENES

In August of 1970, during the midst of his first gubernatorial campaign, Cecil D. Andrus presented his vision of a National Park for the White Clouds and the larger Sawtooth area to the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee of the House of the Interior. Plans for the creation of a Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA) and other forms of protection were already in the works; however, the Mineral Leasing Act of 1872 gave priority to the surveying of mineral claims and tied up the hands of anyone wanting to fight the building of a road into the White Clouds.



Photo Courtesy of Ed Cannady

Forty-five years later President Barack Obama signed into law Congressman Mike Simpson's legislation creating three new Wilderness areas in Idaho. The legislation, The Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act (H.R. 1138), created over 275,000 acres of breathtaking wilderness. In December of 2016 Congressman Simpson and Idaho Conservation League Director Rick Johnson received City Club of Boise's Dottie and Ed Stimpson Award for Civic Engagement in recognition of their 15+ year journey of drafting multiple wilderness bills, building collaborations with myriad diverse entities ranging from mountain cyclists to hunters, and gaining national support for the protection of Idaho wilderness.

Idaho Public Television and Outdoor Idaho documented this incredible 50-year journey in a cinematic-worthy one hour feature that premiered in December of 2016. Beyond the White Clouds will be rebroadcast on Sunday, March 12 from 7:00 to 8:30. Shortly after, on March 27, Idaho Public Television and Boise State's School of Public Service will present a very special evening with Outdoor Idaho host Bruce Reichert and panelists Governor Andrus, Congressman Mike Simpson, Reporter Rocky Barker, Rick Johnson. Following the presentation, there will be a question and answer period moderated by Andrus Center Director John Freemuth.

The success of the Boulder-White Clouds Wilderness initiative is a testament to the collaboration of many individuals and organizations. The following groups will be represented at the event and we encourage you to arrive early to learn more about them:

Idaho Conservation League
Idaho Humanities Council

Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association
The Wilderness Society

Event Details

Monday, March 27, 2017
Boise State Special Events Center
1700 University Drive

Doors open at 6 p.m.
Program begins at 6:30 p.m.

There is no cost to attend this event, and parking will be provided courtesy of Idaho Public Television and the Andrus Center for Public Policy. Register for the event at <https://sps.boisestate.edu/andruscenter/boulder-white-clouds/>.

Event Hosts





2017 PBS Kids Writers Contest

The 23rd annual PBS Kids Writers Contest is here! The contest is open to all children in grades kindergarten to 3rd grade. Materials were sent to all Idaho schools and libraries in January. You can get information and an entry form at <http://idahoptv.org/kids/writers.cfm>. We look forward to reading the entries. The deadline to enter is March 31. Good luck!



IdahoPTV's Science Trek Camp

Are you in third to fifth grade? Do you like the thought of extracting DNA from a strawberry, exploding a flash-frozen gummi bear, or taking apart a real computer? How about sleeping in a museum next to a fossil of a sabre tooth tiger with 120 fellow science enthusiasts? You should sign up for the Science Trek overnight camp at the Idaho Museum of Natural History in Pocatello, April 28-29. Space is limited. Sign up before March 31. Go to idahoptv.org/sciencetrekcamp for more details.

Early Learning Educational Events Open to the Public

IdahoPTV's early learning educational events are free and open to the public. Join our education specialist as she presents story times, demonstrates literacy or STEM activities, and distributes take-home activities. This month she will explore the world of physics by looking at inclined planes (ramps), levers (teeter totters), and rolling objects. She will explore questions like: Can you make a ball roll without pushing, pulling or throwing it? Does a steep ramp or a shallow ramp help a ball roll farther? What does a lever do? Children help move a very heavy object with a piece of wood and several pieces of doweling. Parents will be shown resources and activities from PBS KIDS programs that help children learn about math and science. Children will take home a book and simple objects they can use to explore physics at home.

March 7 and 8 – Madison Public Library in Rexburg at 10:30 a.m.

March 24 – Homedale Public Library 10:30 a.m.

March 24 – Notus Public Library at 1:30 p.m.



On February 27, IdahoPTV's teacher ambassador, Kari Wardle, made a presentation to 19 pre-service students majoring in secondary education at NNU. She shared the resources available through PBS and IdahoPTV that they could use in their future classrooms.

Our IdahoPTV Productions



“Where the Road Ends”

—Airs Thursday, March 9, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 19, at 7 p.m.



Most Idaho roads connect to another, and another, but what about the roads that essentially end? The Outdoor Idaho crew brings home stories from some of Idaho’s out-of-the-way places in this hourlong special.

Cameras discover a place called Paradise high in the Selway Wilderness; Bay View, a small town perched on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille; Big Creek, a community so remote that an airplane is the best way in; 150-year-old Joyce Ranch on the Owyhee Front; the restored Mormon ghost town of Chesterfield; Atlanta, where freedom of expression is revered; and Castle Peak, a mountain in wilderness, where no roads are allowed.



“Treefort Music Fest”

—Airs Friday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m.

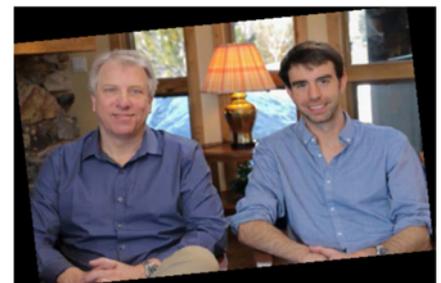


Boise’s Treefort Music Fest, which began in 2012, now features more than 400 bands and nine “subforts” — including Yogafort, Storyfort and Hackfort — during the five-day festival. In 2016, an estimated 16,000 people attended. This year’s Treefort begins on March 22. In this extended Festival edition of Dialogue, host Marcia Franklin talks with Eric Gilbert and Lori Shandro Oüten, two of the founders of Treefort Music Fest, to learn more about the event, including why they started it, how it’s changed since its inception, and what its goals are for the future. The episode features footage from the 2016 Treefort.

“The Dent Conference”

—Airs Friday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Steve Broback and Jason Preston, the founders of the Dent Conference in Sun Valley, talk with host Marcia Franklin about the three-day event, which focuses on people and ideas “denting the future.” This year’s Dent Conference begins on March 19.





“The Special”

—Airs Wednesday, March 8, at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 12, at 4:30/3:30 p.m. MT/PT

For almost 20 years, Science Trek has inspired elementary age students to learn more about science. In this Festival special, host Joan Cartan-Hansen shares some of her favorite video shorts from the series. Learn how the traveling T-Rex, Sue, is put together. Find out how Idaho scientists are trying to save the state’s bats. Explore the International Space Station mock up where astronauts train, and much more.

The show also features some special guests who stop by to explain why science education is so important. Guests include Star Gazers’ hosts James Albury, director of the Kika Silva Pla Planetarium in Santa Fe, and astronomer Dean Regas of the Cincinnati Observatory; Dr. Nick Siegler, chief technologist for NASA’s Exoplanet Exploration Program, and Heidi Rouleau, school learning experience manager from the Field Museum in Chicago.

“Chemistry”

—Airs Tuesday, March 21, at 2 p.m.

Chemistry is the science of change. Chemists study different substances and find out more about them. What happens when you combine chemicals? What things have chemists created? Host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests, Kathryn Devine, associate professor of physics at College of Idaho, and Christopher Saunders, lecturer, department of chemistry at Boise State University, will answer students’ questions.

