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Quote

"You have added a whole new zest to The First Of The Month. Back "before" your contests, the 1st of each month was a 'yawner'. Now it is a cause for anticipation and celebration. I like to tell people that the last day of each month is kind of like Christmas Eve waiting to open the packages on Christmas Morning. Seriously, that's how much fun you've made The 1st!" – John

Iconic Idaho Photo Contest

OUTDOOR IDAHO ON FACEBOOK



December 1-3

Next month we present an array of special programs to delight audiences with a variety of interests. Among the highlights is the new hourlong *Outdoor Idaho* "Into the Pioneers." In addition, we will premiere the latest film from Wide Eye Productions, *Idaho From Above*, an extraordinary look at our remarkable state from the air. We will also give viewers a preview of IdahoPTV's newest initiative, *Idaho Experience*, our first new ongoing series in more than 20 years. Other programs include: *The Beatles* "Eight Days a Week – The Touring Years," *Christmas With Daniel O'Donnell*, *Shen Yun* "Music and Dance," *Celtic Woman* "Homecoming Ireland," *Nature* "Snow Monkeys," and *3Cellos Live at the Sydney Opera House*.



We are proud to announce the debut of *Idaho Experience*, our new ongoing series that will showcase the rugged and innovative nature of Idahoans, unforgettable events, and unbelievable successes. Our stories will inspire a deeper understanding of how we came to be, where we are today, and where we may go tomorrow. The series will make its debut online in November and on air during DecemberFest. The first season will include programs about women in Idaho, the Chinese immigrant story, and Idaho's titans of industry.



Ready To Learn Planning Grant Received

Idaho Public Television recently received a \$4,438 planning grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The grant will be used to develop a program with community partners to improve science and literacy learning outcomes for young children. IdahoPTV will work with local partners, such as libraries and the Treasure Valley Education Partnership, to design our strategic plans. After the planning grant is completed in the spring, we will submit a larger grant request to the CPB to be one of 14 stations that will move forward with a longer-term effort as part of CPB's Ready To Learn grant.

Technology Update

In order to comply with FCC regulations, our outbound signal in Soda Springs was unexpectedly moved the weekend of October 21-22. IdahoPTV signals are now located on channel 34 in Soda Springs and surrounding areas.

The signal change has also temporarily knocked out service to Lava Hot Springs, Georgetown and Montpelier. We hope to get up to those sites and adjust our inputs so that IdahoPTV can be received and rebroadcast on their licensed channels in Lava Hot Springs (14) and Georgetown (15).

We apologize for the outage and appreciate your patience as we strive to reset our translators in your area.



In the Community

"H Is for Hawk" Screening

Idaho Public Television will present a screening of the one-hour *Nature* documentary "H Is for Hawk: A New Chapter," which features the continuing saga of author Helen Macdonald.

Audiences will get a bird's-eye view of some majestic Idaho raptors during a screening of the *Nature* documentary "H Is for Hawk: A New Chapter."

Falconers and raptor biologists from the Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey and Boise State University's Intermountain Bird Observatory will be on hand with live hawks and will answer questions from the audience.

The event takes place Tuesday, November 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Meridian Middle School auditorium. This all-ages event is free to the public. No registration is required.

After the unexpected death of her photojournalist father, Macdonald overcame her grief by training an adult goshawk, one of nature's most notoriously wild and free-spirited birds of prey. She had trained birds before, but never this goshawk named Mabel. Macdonald found healing in that cathartic experience, which became the basis for her 2014 memoir, "H Is for Hawk."



A raptor featured in the *Nature* documentary "H Is for Hawk: A New Chapter."
Photo credit: Rahoul Ghose/PBS

Now, 10 years after training Mabel (who died of an untreatable infection just before the author finished writing her book), Macdonald is ready to take on the challenge again, prompted by watching how a pair of wild goshawks reared their chicks in an English forest. This *Nature* film accompanies her on visits to the pair's nest to observe the latest developments and follows Macdonald's emotional and intimate journey as she adopts a young goshawk and attempts to raise it as her own: feeding, nurturing, and training her new charge in the hopes the months of preparation will culminate in a successful first free flight.

Education Outreach

Upcoming Educational Events in November

- 15 – “Physics in Motion” American Falls District Library Kids Club at 1:30 p.m.
- 15 – “Physics in Motion” Oneida County Library for 4th – 8th grade students at 4:30 p.m.
- 17 – “Ocean in a Bottle Story Time” American Falls District Library at 10:30 a.m.
- 17 – “Physics in Motion” Aberdeen District Library for K – 8th grade at 2 p.m.

In the News

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‘Girl From God’s Country’ to air on Idaho PTV

October 27, 2017

Nell Shipman — silent film writer, director and star — came to Idaho’s Priest Lake from Hollywood in 1922 with her 10-year-old son, her ill-fated lover-producer, a future Academy Award-winning cinematographer, Joseph Walker, and a personal zoo of 70 animal actors that included bobcats, bears, elk, eagles, deer and sled dogs.



She was the first of her kind: a female independent filmmaker who refuted Hollywood’s mistreatment of animals and refused the assured trappings of a studio contract to instead produce her own films on location in the Idaho wilderness.

Emblematic of an entire lost generation of female producers and directors in silent film, Nell Shipman’s legacy has remained a buried treasure in film history for nearly 100 years — until now.

A documentary by filmmaker Karen Day and an all-female crew from Idaho, “Girl From God’s Country,” which will air on Idaho Public Television at 8 p.m. Friday, November 3, tells the story of this unrelenting, unrepentant artistic talent and self-reliant film pioneer.

“As female filmmakers in Idaho, Nell Shipman and my all-female crew are exceptions to the norm, even in Hollywood today,” said filmmaker Karen Day. “It’s wonderful that IdahoPTV supports our artistic efforts by sharing the amazing story of this Gem State pioneer of gender equality.”

The documentary focuses on the unorthodox genius and gutsy “sourdough” spirit that fueled Nell’s creativity and infused her work with unmistakable passion.



Rare audio interviews with Priest Lake locals who knew Nell reveal the forgotten star's struggles with sub-zero winters and murderous neighbors. But Idaho's rugged beauty offered more than challenges. Nell used the wilderness as a huge creative canvas and our film also explores how these same wide open spaces have served the artistic vision of residents like Hemingway, Clint Eastwood and Carole King.

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Helping rural teachers: PBS brings new training program to Idaho

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WENDELL — Try to create and share a document using Google Docs, Kari Wardle told a group of Wendell teachers.

The content doesn't have to be creative, Wardle said Friday, pointing out a couple of teachers working in Wendell Elementary School's computer lab. "Those guys are busy putting clip art in over there."

About 25 teachers were learning how to create and share digital documents. It's a tool they can bring back to their classrooms to share information and collaborate with fellow teachers, or have students submit assignments digitally and provide quick feedback.

The training was part of a PBS pilot project, the Teacher Community Program, launched last year.

It operates in five states with rural areas: Idaho, Montana, Oregon, North Dakota and Iowa. A full-time certified teacher for each state is working as a teacher ambassador.

"What they're trying to do is really figure out how they can support teachers in states that are largely rural and have fairly large populations of low socio-economic students," Wardle said.

Training focuses largely on helping teachers implement technology and digital media in a meaningful way in their classrooms.

Teachers are navigating challenges such as poverty among their students and a lack of devices such as iPads or Chromebooks to use in their classrooms — or a lack of training on how to use what they have.

Wardle, who has been a teacher ambassador for Idaho Public Television since January, is working with teachers in rural communities across Idaho. She was previously a fifth-grade teacher at White Pine Elementary School in Burley for eight years.

She works regularly — with visits at least once a month — with four Magic Valley schools: Wendell Elementary School, Wendell Middle School, Gooding Elementary School and Popplewell Elementary School in Buhl.



Wendell Elementary School teachers participate in Google Docs training offered by Teacher Ambassador Kari Wardle piloted by Idaho Public Television.
Joy Pruitt.For The Times-News



Certified Teacher Kari Wardle as a Teacher Ambassador for Idaho Public Television, offers a training course to the Wendell Elementary teachers on Friday, October 13, 2017.
Joy Pruitt.For the Times-News

Wardle has also partnered with elementary schools in Marsing and Emmett to provide teacher training, but doesn't visit on a regular basis.

She wants to increase awareness of free, standards-based resources from PBS and Idaho Public Television available for teachers to use in their classroom.

Wardle said she has learned there's often a lack of training for teachers on how to use technology in their classroom. Schools and school districts invest money in devices, roll carts of iPads and Chromebooks into classrooms and say, "See you later," she said.

As a result, some teachers don't use the equipment or use it ineffectively, she said.

Using a phone or iPad as an individual is "a way different ball game than putting it in front of 30 second-graders," Wardle said. "I think districts take that for granted."

Also, the playing field for school technology isn't level, she said, adding many Boise-area schools have one device per student, a ratio often lower in rural districts.

At Wendell Elementary School, Wardle comes to campus twice a month for "Tech Talk Thursdays." She provides training to small groups of teachers during their 40-minute preparation time.

Wardle connects well with teachers and shares stories from her own classroom experiences, Wendell Elementary Principal Paula Chapman said, and that keeps training sessions engaging and relevant. "Teachers benefit most from when it comes from another teacher."

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Outdoor Idaho: 'Wild Horses'

By Lex Nelson

There is perhaps no image more symbolic of the American West than a band of mustangs running wild across its open planes. Yet despite the iconic visual, wild horses are a controversial topic in Idaho and its surrounding states, where, according to a 2017 BLM population inventory, 73,000 horses and burros now roam free on public lands, competing with cattle for forage. In the first episode of its 35th season, the Idaho Public Television program Outdoor Idaho will examine the issue of wild horse overpopulation from both sides, describing the Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 and speculating on what the future will hold if the Trump administration cuts funding for BLM programs assisting wild equines. Featuring stunning footage of horses on the range, as well as interviews with cattle ranchers, wild horse advocates and BLM representatives, "Wild Horses" is an episode no Idahoan should miss.

Watch on KAID at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19; 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22; or online at facebook.com/outdoor.idaho Monday, Oct. 23.

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PBS Kids coming to Idaho Public TV all day and night

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Young Idaho children and their caregivers soon will be able to revel in "Sesame Street," "Nature Cat," "Daniel the Tiger's Neighborhood," and other programs aimed at the preschool set around the clock.



A new program, Pinkalicious & Peterrific, will debut on Idaho Public Television in February 2018, around the same time the station will launch its new 24-hour educational PBS Kids channel. "Pinkalicious & Peterrific" is based on a series of bestselling books. - Idaho Public Television

The Public Broadcasting Service announced the launch of the PBS Kids 24/7 educational channel nationwide last January. Idaho Public Television will begin broadcasting the channel over its airwaves and on digital platforms early in 2018. The Idaho station now has four over-the-air channels and will make PBS Kids its fifth.

PBS Kids already airs on Cable One, Boise's cable provider, and streams on Roku.

Paula Kerger, president and CEO of PBS, spoke Sept. 14 at a Boise luncheon for sponsors of IdahoPTV shows. "Today, PBS Kids reaches more children ages 2 to 5, more kids in low-income homes, and more moms with young children than any other children's TV network," Kerger said, according to a news release. "PBS Kids 24/7 will benefit all families, especially the nearly 70 percent of children across Idaho who are not enrolled in preschool."

The Annie E. Casey Foundation's 2017 Kids Count Data Book ranks Idaho last in the nation for the number of toddlers enrolled in preschool: 69 percent not enrolled, compared with the national average of 53 percent.

The launch of the new channel will coincide with the launch of a new show, "Pinkalicious & Peterrific," an animated show based on the series of bestselling books that encourage kids to explore the arts and spark creativity.

IdahoPTV's channels today are Idaho, Plus, Learn/Create and World. The station will be revising its print and online listings to reflect the new five channel line-up, spokesman Greg Likins said. The station is securing funds for the broadcast equipment needed to add the fifth channel.