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Quotes



“Meanwhile, at home I only remember seeing the empty hallway and mother saying, ‘Daddy has gone to war and he won’t be home for a long, long time.’ The feeling of being lost never left me.”

Marilyn Saunders, Boise



“I’m not sure who to thank, but I received a DVD entitled “The Idaho Homefront: World War II” in my Social Studies class today. I am watching it right now and am very excited about the opportunity to present this to my classes that are full of Idaho’s best. Thank you. I will always be willing to present good documentaries in my classes. If you ever have anything else, please keep my school on your mailing list.”

Matthew Ruth, American Government & History Teacher
 Cascade, Idaho
 September 21, 2007



New OUTDOOR IDAHO Show Travels the Middle Fork

- Airs Thursday, October 4, at 8:00/7:00 p.m. MT/PT
- Repeats Sunday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. MT/PT

A new OUTDOOR IDAHO episode travels the 100 miles of free-flowing wild river through the heart of Idaho’s wilderness -- through the heart of Idaho.

"A Middle Fork Journey," tells the story of how people have accommodated the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, its moods, its changes, its behaviors -- from early explorers and a few reclusive residents to today's 10,000 annual rafters.

Producer Bruce Reichert follows groups who travel with river guides. He explores the countryside that is part of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, finding waterfalls, historic sites and ancient pictographs. And, he makes a September journey through a rock-strewn course as waters recede -- at a time when there are fewer people on the river. With a 3,000-foot drop in elevation from start to finish, the scene constantly changes, from sub-Alpine through canyons to open country.

"Every morning you wake up and you're looking at a different terrain across the river from your tent," Reichert says. "If I had to direct a good friend of mine who had one week to experience Idaho, this is where I would point them. This is Idaho at its best."

The journey looks at the power and evolution of fire in the Salmon River country, including a dramatic logjam following heavy rains on a burned-off slope.

The final night of the late-season trip finds Reichert and his companions looking up at a group of big-horned sheep, who are returning their gaze from the top of the nearby cliff. "We're experiencing something we can't experience anywhere else," Reichert says. "To have it happen in the evening, as the light was going, on the last night on the river, was very special."



Digital Television Changeover Coming in February 2009

The federally mandated analog shut-off date of February 17, 2009, is only 16 months away. The date will end the traditional signal from station transmitters, the signal that television sets have used from the 1940s to the present.

Idaho Public Television is prepared for the changes coming to the television world:

- Five digital transmitters are in place and beaming signals for Coeur d'Alene, Moscow, Boise, Twin Falls and Pocatello.
- By the end of this year, 24 of 37 translators will be digital-ready or full digital, with others scheduled for work in 2008.
- The statewide control room, studios and camera equipment for studio and field are operating in digital and High Definition.

The first field-produced all high definition (HD) IdahoPTV production airs in November — ASSASSINATION: IDAHO'S TRIAL OF THE CENTURY. But viewers can see both analog and digital versions. IdahoPTV has been producing its studio-based programs such as DIALOGUE and D4K/DIALOGUE FOR KIDS in HD since September 2006.

PTFP Project Site Specifics:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>Purchase Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Elevation</u>
Cascade	K09LO	1980	27	4,875 ft.
Council	K05GO	1980	27	3,373 ft.
Grimes Pass/Garden Valley	K51FL	1992	15	4,387 ft.
McCall	K05FG	2000	7	7,614 ft.
Snowbank-Relay Station				8,318 ft.
Emergency Backup Power East Butte				6,381 ft.

Because of this two year federal grant, Idaho Public Television has been directed by the Legislature to apply remaining appropriated translator funds toward upgrading IdahoPTV's desktop computer systems that average approximately 6 years in age.

With this grant, IdahoPTV has completed the funding of the upgrade of all 37 rural translator sites. So far, 19 sites have been upgraded to digital ready status and 1 to full digital service. The installation work on the remaining sites will take place over the next 18 months in time for the federally mandated shutoff of the parent transmitters on February 17, 2009.

These upgrades are part of a multi-year conversion plan originally compelled by congressional and F.C.C. mandates to television broadcasters nationwide to convert to digital television technology by February 17, 2009. Under this legislation, all analog television transmitters will be required to cease operation in favor of digital transmitters. Analog translators will be allowed to continue to operate for at least two additional years but because they utilize their "parent's" analog signal, substantial modifications must be made. IdahoPTV's plan is have all of our 37 digital ready by February 17, 2009 date to minimize short term modifications in favor of permanent.



— Schedule Errors in Tribune Media Publications

On Sunday and Monday, September 21 and 22, and then again on Sunday, September 30, 2007, Tribune Media Services published incorrect schedules for IdahoPTV programming in the Mountain Time Zone. Tribune Media Services provides TV schedule information for many newspapers including the Idaho Statesman, Idaho State Journal and the Idaho Falls Post Register, and also electronic program guide information for DirecTV, DishTV and CableOne. Idaho Public Television schedule information was correct in publication and services such as IDAHO CHANNELS, AOL TV, TV Guide, Titan TV and TIVO.

These errors are especially difficult during high visibility programming such as Ken Burns' THE WAR. Last week, IdahoPTV had more than 60 phone calls and emails from viewers about these errors. We have been in contact with Tribune Media Services but have been told that "we have a lot of turn-over in our staff. Sorry."



– IdahoPTV Friends and Foundation Organizations To Unify

Just a reminder, the Friends and Foundation Boards of Idaho Public Television will meet beginning in October to decide whether to unifying under one organization entitled the Friends of Idaho Public Television (working title). Over the last 18 months, the Boards of the three regional Friends of Idaho Public Television organizations and the Idaho Public Television Foundation have been discussing how they could better serve the long term needs of IdahoPTV.

The conclusion they have reached is to unite under the banner of a single board, comprised of board leadership from across our service area of Idaho and 6 surrounding states. The resulting organization would be called the Friends of Idaho Public Television (working title). It would be the single organization that receives both annual and long term gifts (including Endowment) to IdahoPTV.

To that end, each Friends Board has scheduled a local meeting to consider this plan of merger with the Foundation. The dates and locations are as follows:

Friends of Idaho Public Television, KAID/KIPT, Inc., October 18, 2007, 1455 North Orchard Street, Boise, Idaho 83706 at 1:30 p.m.

Friends of Idaho Public Television, KISU, Inc., October 10, 2007, Building 62, ISU Campus, East Terry at 19th, Pocatello, Idaho 83209 at 5:30 p.m.

Friends of Idaho Public Television, KUID/KCDT, Inc., October 9, 2007, Radio/TV Center, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83844 at 5:00 p.m.

The boards of the four non-profit groups have been universal in their determination to play a more effective role in assisting Idaho Public Television in connecting our services with our constituents.

IDAHO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



– I would like to acknowledge Mike Rush, who has been named Interim Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Education two weeks ago. Mike has been Administrator, Professional Technical Education, State of Idaho, for the last 9 years. He succeeds Karen McGee, who will return to the Office of the Governor as Education Advisor.



– On Thursday, September 27, 2007, about 40 engineers from Idaho and three surrounding states met at Idaho Public Television in Boise for a day-long seminar on digital transmission technology. The seminar was sponsored by the Society of Broadcast Engineers/Northwest Chapter.



— Idaho Public Television’s annual audit, conducted by the Legislative Auditor, began on September 12, 2007. Last year’s audit produced no “findings of fiscal facts” or “recommendations.”

The audit is typically finished by the beginning of the calendar year. We’ll keep you posted on its progress and results.



Coming to Idaho...

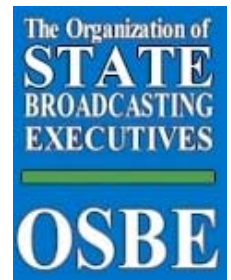


PBS



— There is still time to make reservations for Paula Kerger, President and CEO of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), who will be visiting Idaho for a series of events and media appearances on October 22 (Boise) and 23 (Coeur d’Alene). For more information, please contact Kim Philipps or me at 373-7220.

— The Organization of State Broadcast Executives (OSBE) met in Boise on September 17-19, 2007. OSBE is comprised of the chief executives from 32 states that operate statewide public television systems. OSBE members oversee more than half of the public television broadcasting stations in the United States. It began meeting on a regular basis in 1981 and formally organized in 1986. Issues discussed were the federally mandated digital transition, funding and presentations, and discussion from senior staff of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). The group also toured the Idaho Public Television Network Operations Center, saw segments from some of our upcoming programs, and toured the Boise Depot.



IdahoPTV Staff Updates and Transitions

— In early September, Kim Neilsen, Development Director/Station Manager for eastern Idaho/KISU, announced her resignation to pursue a new opportunity with Fiji Water. During her tenure of about a year, Kim was a terrific colleague. IdahoPTV wishes her the very best in her new opportunity. A search for this position was opened on September 27, 2007 and will continue during October.

— It's with deep sadness that I write of the passing on September 17, 2007 of former Development Director/KISU Station Manager Marcia Hosking. Marcia was an outstanding colleague of mine for 10 years and a friend. I've included her obituary below.

Marcia Jenne Hosking

POCATELLO - Marcia Jenne Hosking, 65, passed away peacefully Monday, September 17 at her home in Pocatello, surrounded by family after a courageous battle with pulmonary hypertension.

Marcia was born in Susanville, Calif., March 24, 1942, to Wallace and Myrl Metcalf. Marcia's travels as the daughter of a naval officer took her to places throughout the states as well as Hawaii and Guam. Marcia attended Fresno State College, graduating in 1964 with a degree in life sciences and a junior high teaching credential. While at Fresno State she met her future husband, Ronald R. Hosking, of Modesto, Calif.

Marcia and Ron married in 1965; Ron worked for FMC as project manager and Marcia worked as a social worker until her children were born: Meredith in 1970, and Ross in 1971.

After the children were grown, Marcia worked as a Girl Scout program director, YWCA director, and volunteer coordinator, development director and station manager for Idaho Public Television (KISU) before taking early retirement in 1999. Over the years, Marcia belonged to and volunteered for a number of organizations such as AAUW and Rotary. She belonged to Chapter BJ of the PEO Sisterhood and served as its president for one term. She lent her skills as a grant writer to secure funds for education for women in the community.

Among the things Marcia enjoyed most was traveling with her husband and their little dog, Riley. Her favorite travel destinations were Hawaii and Myrtle Beach, S.C. She also enjoyed spending time with family (in particular her grandson, Jude), decorating her home, listening to music, and reading.

Marcia is survived by her husband, Ron; their son, Ross (Cara) and son, Jude, of Boise; daughter, Meredith Obenchain (Phil) and stepdaughters, Kristin and Melissa, of Boise; her mother, Myrl, of San Jose, Calif.; sister, Meredith Watkins (Larry) and their son, Brett, of San Jose, Calif.; her brother, Doug Metcalf (Sylvia Rios) and their children, Magdalena and Efren, Aromas, Calif.; Ron's sister, Dorothy Williams (Gerry) of Pebble Beach, Calif.; Ron's sister, Dorothy Williams (Gerry) of Pebble Beach, Calif.; and of course, Riley, her dog.

Marcia was a very giving person and instilled in her children a positive outlook and ability to embrace change as well as a love for travel. She will be very much missed.

Private services will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, 801 Roeder Rd., Suite 400, Silver Springs, Md. 20910 (www.phassociation.org). Arrangements are under the direction of the Cornelison-Henderson Funeral Home, 431 N. 15th Ave., Pocatello.

Published in the Idaho State Journal on 9/19/2007.



On September 13, 2007, the FCC granted permission for the transfer of the Grangeville translator license that rebroadcasts the IdahoPTV signal from the Central Idaho Translator District to Idaho Public Television. Last year, CIT decided to go out of business and transfer the license for its translators to the stations that serve the area.



Our IdahoPTV Productions

Behind The Scenes

Extremely Idaho

By Jim Peck, IdahoPTV Producer

I had crawled and slithered through tight passages, through rat droppings, through bat droppings and I was sitting in a small, dark, cold spot, about a mile and a half into a cave under Idaho thinking, "This is why I got into television?"

We're working on an Outdoor Idaho program called Extremely Idaho. The idea is to check out some of the so-called "extreme" sports in Idaho. First up; spelunking.

In Twin Falls, videographer Jay Krajic and I met the guys from the Silver Sage Grotto (<http://www.caves.org/grotto/ssg/>), part of the College of Southern Idaho's Outdoor program. We followed them about an hour out of town to a hole in the middle of the sage brush. And then we followed them into the hole. And then we got down on our hands and knees and crawled after them deeper into the hole. And then we were following them on our bellies slithering through dust and the excrement of various cave-dwellers even deeper into the hole. The things I do for our viewers.



Jim Peck deep under Idaho



Videographer Jay Krajic emerging from one of many "slithers."

Once we got in a ways things opened up. They really opened up. You could have driven a train through some of the passages. But then we'd wind our way along for awhile and be back on our knees...then back on our stomachs sucking dust and...well....you know.

Chris Anderson, a die hard caver who was leading our group talked about how this cave is the second longest lava tube in the lower 48. "And see the bats? That means it's a healthy cave." The fact that bats are thriving means that people aren't wrecking the place. When too many people visit a cave the bats are disturbed, sometimes can't hibernate, and die off. So it's good to know that we were in a healthy, bat-rich environment. You should actually be able to see them in the show when it airs this winter.

It was an interesting experience, although I can't say I was bitten by the caving bug. It's a very different experience from the other crazy things I've done while working on Outdoor Idaho. For one thing, it is a true wilderness experience. I mean this in the sense that there is no evidence

of human presence. Even in the deepest jungles and forests, even on the highest mountain peaks you find trash, you see the contrails of jetliners. But here, underground, there's just dust and rock and...droppings. All things that have been here since the lava roared through and carved the tubes ages ago.

One note to potential spelunkers; do not over hydrate yourself while caving. Chris politely explained to us to do whatever we needed to do before entering the cave because all kinds of waste, especially human waste, are forbidden in the caves. Now, we were in there for over six hours. Toward the end some of our group was gettin' pretty anxious to get back out into the daylight and find a quiet place for a comfort stop. That's all I'll say.

The next shoot for this program was the Snake River, just outside of Glens Ferry. Videographer Alberto Moreno and I hooked up with the guys from Banshee Riverboards (<http://www.bansheeriverboards.com/>). You can see in the pictures that it's kinda like surfing, but on



Videographer Alberto Moreno catches the riverboarding action on the Snake

a river. The small surfboard-like boards are connected to a bungee cord. The rider moves out into the current and floats downstream. The bungee stretches as the rider is pushed downstream by the current. Then, when the bungee is stretched to its limit, he lets his board come up on top of the water. This is when the action starts. The cord means a zippy ride upstream and a chance to do some cool tricks and enjoy a fast cruise. The rider shoots along, skimming the top of the river.

This system was invented by the folks at Banshee Riverboards and they're hoping it'll catch on as a major sport. I didn't get wet for this one, but it looked pretty cool.

We've got some other great shoots coming up from around the state. I'll be keeping you up to date as we get "extreme" all over Idaho.



Shootin' the river



SCHIP Update

- Airt Thursday, October 4th, 8:30 MT / 7:30 PT
- Repeats Sunday, October 7th 5:30MT / 4:30 PT

More than 21,000 Idaho children may soon lose their health insurance. The State Children's Health Insurance Program, known as SCHIP, may end if Congress and President George Bush cannot come to a compromise over the program's reauthorization. This week on Dialogue, host

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests will look at the program's impact and what the future holds for so many Idaho's children. This week's guests include Mary Lou Kinney, Cover Idaho Kids Director, and Leslie Clement, Administrator for the Medicaid division of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Viewers are encouraged to call in with their questions.

View or listen to DIALOGUE episodes in a variety of formats:

- ◁ Traditional analog over-the-air broadcast airs Thursdays at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT, with repeats Sundays at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT, on channels 35-KUID/26-KCDT, 4-KAID/13-KIPT, and 10-KISU. Analog also is available through cable and satellite; consult local suppliers for channel numbers.
- ◁ High-definition over-the-air broadcast airs Thursdays at 9:30/8:30 p.m. MT/PT, usually with repeats on Sundays at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT, on channels KUID-12, KCDT-45, KAID-21, KIPT-22 and KISU-17. The high-definition broadcast also is available through some cable companies; consult local suppliers.
- ◁ Standard-definition over-the-air broadcast airs between 7:00/6:00 a.m. and 3:00/2:00 p.m. on Citizen-4 digital channel. The frequency, days and times may vary. The standard-definition broadcast also is available through some cable companies; consult local suppliers.
- ◁ Video streaming from idahoptv.org/dialogue is available in high-bandwidth or low-bandwidth format. Windows Media Player is required; a free download is available.
- ◁ Video download from idahoptv.org/dialogue; ultra-high bandwidth required.
- ◁ Podcasts (MP3, audio-only; and MP4, audio-video for video iPods) are available for download from idahoptv.org/dialogue.
- ◁ NPR News 91 audio-only airs in Southwest Idaho. Sundays at 11:30 a.m. MT.
- ◁ KISU FM audio-only airs in Eastern Idaho. Mondays at 6:30 p.m. MT.



Endangered Species

- Airs Thursday, October 18th, 8:30 MT / 7:30 pm PT
- Repeats Sunday, October 21st 5:30 MT / 4:30pm PT

Twenty-two Idaho species are threatened or endangered. Thousands more are at risk worldwide. What factors cause animals and plants to go extinct? What can you do to help? This week on Dialogue, Host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests, Steve Burns, Zoo Boise Director; Scott Ransom, Pocatello Zoo Director; and Eric Yensen, professor of biology from Albertson College, discuss efforts to save endangered species here in Idaho and worldwide.

This program is part of Idaho Public Television's support of Zoo Boise's Conservation Fund, an effort to create a community dialogue about conservation and to involve as many people as possible in the conservation process. Zoo Boise will be granting funds to two conservation groups to support their preservation efforts. During the Dialogue program, viewers will be able to learn more about the six organizations vying for that pool of money. People can then vote on-line to decide which group will be awarded a grant.

Viewers are encouraged to call-in during the live program with their questions.



DIALOGUE Talked With Physicians About Iraq War Injuries, Effect on Veterans, Families

- Aired Thursday, September 20 at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT
- Repeated Sunday, September 23 at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT

Two physicians, both of whom are authors of books about war wounded, appeared on DIALOGUE to discuss Iraq War injuries.

DIALOGUE host Marcia Franklin talked with Dr. Ron Glasser of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Dr. Larry Dewey, chief of psychiatry at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, in Boise. Glasser, who wrote about his experiences as an Army doctor during the Vietnam War in *365 Days*, is the author of the recently released *Wounded: Vietnam to Iraq*. Dewey's book is entitled *War and Redemption: Treatment and Recovery in Combat-Related Traumatic Stress Disorder*.

During the live call-in show on Thursday at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT, Franklin and her guests will take calls from viewers on a toll-free line. (No call-ins were accepted on the Sunday repeat or on the high-definition [HD] TV airing at 9:30/8:30 p.m. MT/PT Thursday.)

Franklin and her guests discussed the high number of wounded in this war, which now number in the tens of thousands. The ability to get medical care to the wounded quickly means more veterans return home alive but often with extreme injuries.

"We talked about traumatic brain injuries, post traumatic stress disorder and other major physical and mental injuries," Franklin says. "We discussed the toll these injuries take, not only on the soldier but also on their families, friends and society at large."

DIALOGUE, produced by IdahoPTV, is Idaho's only weekly statewide public affairs program. The program is funded by the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation.



Wildland Fires

- Aired Thursday, September 13, at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT
- Repeated Sunday, September 16, at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT

On Thursday, September 13, Idaho Public Television host Marcia Franklin welcomed three experts who answered questions about wildland fires in Idaho.

Joining Franklin in the studios were Tom Boatner, division chief of fire operations for the National Interagency Fire Center; Dick Smith, supervisor of the Boise National Forest; Jen Pierce, Ph.D, assistant professor of geosciences at Boise State University; and Rocky Barker, author of *Scorched Earth: How the Fires of Yellowstone Changed America*.

Franklin and her guests talked about fire suppression and fire fighting in Idaho's wildland areas. They also took viewer questions about methods and philosophies, and the effects of fire on the state's economy and ecosystem.

During the live call-in show on Thursday, September 13, at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT, Franklin and her guests took calls from viewers on a toll-free line: 1-800-973-9800. (No call-ins were accepted on the Sunday repeat or on the high-definition [HD] TV airing at 9:30/8:30 p.m. MT/PT Thursday.)



Endangered Species

- Airs Tuesday, October 16th 2:00 MT / 1:00 p.m. PT



Twenty-two Idaho species are threatened or endangered. Thousands more are at risk worldwide. What causes animals and plants to go extinct? Are some in more danger than others?

Idaho's zoos are trying to help save endangered species. Zoo Boise is giving grants to conservation organizations and you can vote on who gets the money. The Pocatello zoo is establishing new conservation programs. Learn what else you can do save endangered species. D4K host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guest scientists, Steve Burns, Zoo Boise Director; Scott Ransom, Pocatello Zoo Director; and Eric Yensen, professor of biology from Albertson College, will answer your questions.

Students can send their questions through e-mail to D4K@idahoptv.org <<mailto:d4k@idahoptv.org>> , fax them in before the show to (208) 373-7245 or call in live during the program to (800) 973-9800. Students who send in a question are eligible to win a DVD player and DVDs for their classroom.

The D4K Web site offers facts, links, reading lists, a glossary, pod casts of programs and special D4K web exclusive programming.

Public Television in the News

Post Register Online
-Postregister.com-

September 27, 2007

Documentary on Scouts' Honor to air

A PBS special about the Post Register's 2005 Scouts' Honor series is set to air over the next few weeks. The first part of "In a Small Town" by Expos America's Investigative Reports premieres online today at www.pbs.org/wnet/expose. The second half airs online Oct. 3.

The two-part TV broadcast will air back to back from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 5 on Idaho Public Television. The series follows the Post Register's investigation of child abuse at a local Boy Scout camp.

