

Seaside teacher made history come alive

McKirdy retiring from Broadway Middle School

By **KATHERINE LACAZE**
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SEASIDE — What could students expect when they took a class with Broadway Middle School social studies teacher Kelly McKirdy?

Mock elections, out-of-state and overseas trips, interviewing a grandparent and learning strange facts, figures and tidbits not often found in conventional history books, to name a few.

"I always try bringing in things that are sort of different," said McKirdy, who is retiring after 30 years at Broadway Middle School. "I try to, if I can, relate it to something in their life. Anything, even if it's a small thing, so they can make a connection somehow."

For instance, when teaching local history, he shared about the 1960s riots that occurred in Seaside and were, in fact, one of his first introductions to the town.

Straight out of college

McKirdy started his teaching career straight out of college — where he majored in political science — at Canyonville Christian Academy, previously Canyonville Bible Academy. He spent five years there, took a temporary job in Brookings for a year and then landed his job in Seaside. He said when he told people where he was moving, they often responded, "That's where they had the riots."

Not to be deterred, McKirdy still took the job and incorporated information about the incidents into his curriculum for students.

Using old newspaper clippings and images from the Oregon Historical Society, he put together a slideshow and collages about the riots, which involved "a bunch of college kids going crazy,



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Broadway Middle School social studies teacher Kelly McKirdy.

doing all sorts of things," McKirdy said. He also invited a former policeman who served during the riots to present for the students.

"That was really fun to hear what it was like," he said.

Teaching students little-known facts about history, or sharing with them a different perspective or twist, was one aspect of McKirdy's classes, which included seventh-grade world history, eighth-grade United States history and multiple electives.

Grandparent report

Another tradition he borrowed from a Clatskanie teacher and started at Broadway Middle School was the grandparent report. Students interviewed one of their grandparents— or another person two generations older, if no grandparent was available — and wrote a report.

McKirdy said he is happy to learn his replacement,

Daniel Floyd, agreed to keep that project in the curriculum for eighth-graders.

McKirdy also led a project during which students selected a state and gathered information such as the state capital, population and when they might want to visit. This year, he "jazzed up" the project by giving students the route he intends to follow during a 22-week road trip with his wife. The route includes New England, Tennessee, Georgia, California, Arizona and many states in between.

The students created a slide show with information about each state, such as where McKirdy can find a state park, national park, places to camp in an RV and a theme park — "because I love roller coasters and theme parks," he said.

"I think it helped add to the excitement," he said.

As for him, he has planned this trip for about a year but desired to do it his whole life.

Enjoys traveling

McKirdy enjoys traveling and, over the years, gave students opportunities to take history and culture-focused trips to Europe, Costa Rica, Australia and East Coast destinations such as Washington, D.C., New York, Boston, Florida, Baltimore and Kentucky.

He usually led students and adult chaperones or parents on trips in June. Over the years, McKirdy said, "It's been harder and harder to get people who can afford the trip," which he believes is unfortunate because of how the trips benefited students.

"We've had a lot of fun, and the cool thing is, we've gotten a lot of kids interested in traveling," he said. "You learn so much history, too. I mean, that's typically the main interest."

Informed citizens

Besides travel, McKirdy also introduced his students to the world of politics, voting and persuasive debate. Since the 1980s, McKirdy held mock elections each year that varied based on current events and what races and topics were on the ballot at the time.

Over the years, eighth-grade American history students debated about and voted on congressional races, presidential primaries, the U.S. general election and major measures, such as those regarding marijuana and gay marriage laws.

"We've had some pretty hot topics on the ballot over the years," McKirdy said.

Generally, the students' voting results mirrored the actual results from each election.

Students perused voter guides, did individual research and prepared speeches. McKirdy feels they were sufficiently able to grasp the topics.

"Sometimes I think they end up knowing more than their parents do," he said.

Managers aim for cooler water in Snake River to aid sockeye

By **KEITH RIDLER**
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Water managers have started releasing more cold water from a reservoir in northern Idaho for endangered Snake River sockeye salmon following a year where 99 percent of the run died due to lethally hot water.

The decision late last week to bump up the amount of 43-degree water released from Dworshak Reservoir on the North Fork Clearwater River should keep water temperature at Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River under 68 degrees through the summer, fisheries managers say.

The increase to about 10,000 cubic feet per second is slightly earlier than average as fisheries managers and reservoir operators seek to avoid a repeat of last year. An estimated 4,000 Snake River sockeye had entered the Columbia River in what managers expected would be one of the best-ever returns to high mountain lakes in central Idaho. But only about 1 percent survived the 900-mile journey.

"Last year wasn't any fun, and we don't want to do that again if we can avoid it," said Ritchie Graves of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Overall, about 90 percent of the 510,000 sockeye salmon that entered the Columbia River

last year died when an unusual combination of low water and an extended heat wave pushed water temperatures past 70 degrees. Those conditions had not occurred in the basin since at least the 1950s and are lethal for cold-water sockeye.

Water managers say they have little ability to influence water temperature in the Columbia River but that Dworshak can supply enough water to make a difference in the Snake River.

Also, the Columbia Basin is cooler this year and much more hospitable for salmon and steelhead, Graves said. About 285,000 sockeye have entered the Columbia River so far, 40,000 more than the 10-year average. The run is now looking like it will be about three times larger than the pre-season estimate of 100,000, Graves said.

The pre-season estimate for Snake River sockeye was about 1,000, but it appears now significantly more fish will return. A handful of those sockeye — specially marked so their progress can be tracked through the system — have already arrived at Lower Granite Dam and did so in about 10 days after entering the Columbia. That's about half the time it took the few fish that survived that far last year.

Despite the good outlook, officials appear ready to respond quickly after last year's massive die-off.

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| A | L | 6 PM | 6:30 | 7 PM | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 | 11 PM | 11:30 |
| 2 | KATU | (2) KATU News | | Jeopardy! | Wheel of Fortune | The Middle | Black-ish | Uncle Buck (N) | Uncle Buck (SF) (N) | Tell the Truth "Yvette Nicole Brown" (N) | KATU News at 11 | (:35) Jimmy Kimmel | |
| 4 | KOMO | (4) KOMO 4 News | | Jeopardy! | Wheel of Fortune | The Middle | Black-ish | Uncle Buck (N) | Uncle Buck (SF) (N) | Tell the Truth "Yvette Nicole Brown" (N) | KOMO 4 News | (:35) Jimmy Kimmel | |
| 5 | KING | (5) NBC Nightly News | KING 5 News | KING 5 News | Evening | America-Talent "Auditions" Variety acts of all types audition to win \$1 million. (N) | | Maya and Marty (N) | | KING 5 News | (:35) Tonight Show | | |
| 6 | KOIN | (6) KOIN 6 News at 6 | CBS Evening News | Extra | Ent. Tonight | NCIS "16 Years" | | Zoo "Collision Point" (N) | | NCIS: New Orleans "Confluence" | KOIN 6 News @ 11 | (:35) S. Colbert | |
| 7 | KIRO | (7) KIRO 7 News | CBS Evening News | The Insider | Ent. Tonight | NCIS "16 Years" | | Zoo "Collision Point" (N) | | NCIS: New Orleans "Confluence" | KIRO 7 News | (:35) S. Colbert | |
| 8 | KGW | (8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. | | Live at Seven | Inside Edition | America-Talent "Auditions" Variety acts of all types audition to win \$1 million. (N) | | Maya and Marty (N) | | KGW News at 11 | (:35) Tonight Show | | |
| 9 | KRCW | (9) KRCW | Seinfeld Pt. 2 of 2 | Seinfeld | Modern Family | The Flash "Enter Zoom" | | Contain "Nothing Gold Can Stay" (N) | | KGW News at 10 | (:35) Two 1/2 Men | (:05) Two 1/2 Men | (:35) King of Hill |
| 10 | KOPB | (10) KOPB | Ask-Old House | Business (N) | PBS NewsHour | Genealogy "St. Louis: Union Station" | | The Greeks "Chasing Greatness" (N) | | Frontline "The Secret History of ISIS" | The Test | | |
| 12 | KPTV | (12) KPTV | 6 O'Clock News | Family Feud | Family Feud | Hotel Hell "Angler's Lodge" | | Coupled "Chemistry 101" | | 10 O'Clock News | 11 O'Clock News | Loves Ray | |
| 13 | KPDx | (13) KPDx | Mike & Molly | Mike & Molly | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV | FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV | | The Walking Dead "Them" | The Walking Dead | "The Distance" | |
| 13 | KCPQ | (13) KCPQ | Name Game | Modern Family | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Hotel Hell "Angler's Lodge" | Coupled "Chemistry 101" | | Q13 News at 10 | Q13 News | Modern Family | |
| 20 | TBS | (20) TBS | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Family Guy | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Wrecked (N) | Big Bang Theory | Conan (N) | |
| 22 | KZJZ | (22) KZJZ | Two and a Half | Two and a Half | Pre-match | Soccer Friendly West | Ham United vs. Seattle Sounders FC (L) | Post-match | | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Friends | Friends |
| 29 | ESPN | (29) ESPN | (5:00) MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at St. Louis Cardinals (L) | | | SportsCenter | | SportsCenter | | SportsCenter | | SportsCenter | |
| 30 | ESPN2 | (30) ESPN2 | (5:00) WNBA Basketball Chi./Min. (L) | Streetball City Slam | | Entertainers | ESPN FC | Baseball Tonight (L) | | Jalen & Jacoby (N) | NBA: The Jump | NFL Live | |
| 31 | NICK | (31) NICK | Henry Danger "Danger and Thunder" | Crashletes (P) (N) | The Thundermans | NickyRickyDicky | School of Rock | Full House | Full House | Full House | Full House | Friends | Friends |
| 32 | DISN | (32) DISN | K.C. Undercover | Girl Meets World | Stuck in Middle | Li and Maddie | K.C. Undercover | Bunk'd | Friends Whenever | Friends Whenever | Friends Whenever | K.C. Undercover | Austin & Ally |
| 34 | FAM | (34) FAM | Dead of Summer "Patience" | Pretty Little Liars "Bedlam" | | Liar "The Talented Mr. Rollins" (N) | | DeadSum. "Barney Rubble Eyes" (N) | | Guilt "Exit Wounds" | | The 700 Club | |
| 35 | FMC | (35) FMC | Movie (:40) ★★ What's Your Number? (11, Comedy) Chris Evans, An | | | Graynor, Anna Farris. (:50) FXM Presents | | ★★★ Across the Universe (2007, Drama) Jim Sturgess, Evan Rachel Wood. | | | | (:40) FXM Presents | |
| 36 | LIFE | (36) LIFE | Dance Moms | Dance Moms | | Dance Moms: Dance and Chat | | Gold Families "The Countdown Begins" | | Gold Medal Families | | Dance Moms | |
| 38 | ROOT | (38) ROOT | (5:00) MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Houston Astros (L) | | | Post-game | MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Houston Astros Site: Minute Maid Park -- Houston, Texas | | | | | Post-game | |
| 39 | F51 | (39) F51 | Drive to the U.S. Women's Open (N) | UFC Main "Cormier vs. Gustafsson" (N) | | Fox Sports Live | TMZ Sports (N) | Speak for Yourself | | Fox Sports Live | Best I Heard (N) | Fox Sports Live | TMZ Sports |
| 43 | SPIKE | (43) SPIKE | ★★ My Cousin Vinny (1992, Comedy) Marisa Tomei, Ralph Macchio, Joe Pesci. | | | | | ★★★ The Longest Yard (2005, Comedy) Chris Rock, Burt Reynolds, Adam Sandler. | | | | Grandma's Boy | |
| 44 | COM | (44) COM | (:20) Futurama (:50) Futurama | (:20) Futurama (:50) Tosh.0 | | | (:25) Tosh.0 "Taxi Dave" | | | (:55) Tosh.0 | Tosh.0 | The Daily Show (N) | Nightly Show (N) |
| 45 | HIST | (45) HIST | To Be Announced | To Be Announced | | | Counting Cars | Counting Cars | Counting Cars | (:05) Motors (P) (N) | (:35) Motors (N) | (:05) Counting Cars "Count's Car Show" | |
| 46 | A&E | (46) A&E | First 48 "Stolen Lives/ Family Bonds" | The First 48 "Deadly Morning" | | | Cleveland Abduction "15, Dra) Raymond Cruz, Samantha Droke, Taryn Manning. | | | ByondHeadline "Cleveland Abduction" | | (:05) First 48 "Abandoned by the Bayou" | |
| 47 | TLC | (47) TLC | My Giant Life | Little People "Little People, Big Goals" | | | Little People "Big Island or Bust!" (N) | | | Little People, Big World (N) | | Little People, Big World | |
| 48 | DISC | (48) DISC | Deadliest Catch "Settling the Score" | Deadliest Catch "Fire at Sea Part 1" 1/2 | | | Deadliest Catch "Ablaze at Sea" (N) | | | Dark Woods Justice "Bones" (N) | | Deadly Catch "Fire at Sea: Part Two" 2/2 | |
| 49 | NGEO | (49) NGEO | Inside Combat "Into the Hot Zone" | Locked Up Abroad "Kuwait" | | | No Man Left "Columbia Vice" (N) | | | Locked up (N) | Locked up (N) | No Man Left Behind "Columbia Vice" | |
| 50 | TNT | (50) TNT | (4:00) Wanted "08" ★★ Now You See Me (2013, Crime Story) Common, Mark Ruffalo, Jesse Eisenberg. | | | | Animal Kingdom "Flesh Is Weak" (N) | | | Animal Kingdom "Flesh Is Weak" (N) | | Law & Order "Zero" | |
| 51 | AMC | (51) AMC | ★★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007, Adventure) Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Johnny Depp. | | | | | | | Feed the Beast "The Wild West" (N) | | Feed the Beast "The Wild West" | |
| 52 | USA | (52) USA | Law & Order: S.V.U. "Savant" | Law & Order: S.V.U. "Harm" | | | Law & Order: S.V.U. "Svengali" | | | Modern Family | Modern Family | Modern Family | Modern Family |
| 53 | FOOD | (53) FOOD | Chopped "Grill Masters: Part Four" | Chopped "Grill Masters: Finale" | | | Chopped Junior "Summer Sizzle" (N) | | | Chopped "Summer Heat" | | Chopped After (N) | Chopped After |
| 54 | HGTV | (54) HGTV | Fixer Upper | Fixer Upper | | | Fixer Upper | | | House Hunters | House Hunters | Fixer Upper | |
| 56 | FX | (56) FX | (4:30) Non-Stop (14, Thrill) Liam Neeson. | ★★★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio. | | | | | | | | The Wolf of Wall Street | |
| 57 | CNN | (57) CNN | Anderson Cooper 360 | CNN Tonight With Don Lemon | | | Anderson Cooper 360 | | | CNN Tonight With Don Lemon | | CNN Newsroom | |
| 58 | FNC | (58) FNC | The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly | Hannity | | | The O'Reilly Factor | | | Hannity | | On the Record | |
| 61 | CNBC | (61) CNBC | Shark Tank | West Texas "Some Don't Like It Hot" (N) | | | Shark Tank | | | West Texas "Some Don't Like It Hot" | | Paid Program | Paid Program |
| 63 | BRAV | (63) BRAV | Below Deck "Who's Got Game?" | Below Deck "Charter King" | | | Below Deck "Fever Pitch" | | | Below Deck: Mediterranean (N) | | The Real Housewives | |
| 64 | TCM | (64) TCM | (5:00) Stagecoach (:45) ★★ The Searchers (1956, Western) Jeffrey Hunter, Natalie Wood, John Wayne. | | | | ★★★ Fort Apache (1948, Western) Henry Fonda, Shirley Temple, John Wayne. | | | ★★★ Tremors 3: Back to Back (2001, Action) Shawn Christian, Susan Chuang. | | (:15) She Wore a Yellow Ribbon | |
| 65 | SYFY | (65) SYFY | Movie | ★★ Tremors 2: Aftershocks (1995, Action) Helen Shaver, Michael Gross, Fred Ward. | | | | | | ★★ Tremors 3: Back to Back (2001, Action) Shawn Christian, Susan Chuang. | | Michael Gross. | Movie |
| 162 | RFD | (162) RFD | (5:30) Cattlemen | American Harvest | Downunder Horseman. | | Chris Cox | Rural Eve. News | Ag PhD | Cattlemen to Cattlemen | American Harvest | Product Showcase | |

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