**General Manager's Newsletter | September 2019**

**A Letter from the General Manager, Christina Kuzmych**

Sedaris and Stamberg! It’s pure public radio. Keep these Laramie visits in mind. David Sedaris is scheduled for October 28, while Susan Stamberg is still in the process of scheduling for November 8. Susan’s visit is in conjunction with Wyoming’s Suffrage Celebrations, and a kickoff in partnership with the University of Wyoming. Susan is one of the “founding mothers” of public radio and has plenty to share about women in media... [Continue reading.]

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**BEHIND THE SCENES**

**Graf Gets His Big Break!** Intern David Graf will be launching his radio career this fall in Montana. Missoula Broadcasting Co. created a new position based on David’s experience at Wyoming Public Media. He’ll serve as podcast coordinator and producer for Missoula Broadcasting Co.’s ESPN-affiliate station and for its AAA music station. We thank David for all his great work with us and wish him all the best in his new job!

**Share Your Event With Wyoming Listeners!** You are welcome to post upcoming activities in the free Wyoming Public Radio on-line events calendar. To post, merely click here to submit the date, title, and location of your event. Many of these events will be aired on Wyoming Public Radio as public service announcement. Please feel free to call if you have any questions (307) 766-4240.

**Remote Reporters Camp In Bighorn Canyon** Northwest Reporter Kamila Kudelska, Wind River Reservation Reporter Savannah Maher, and Northeast Reporter Catherine Wheeler went on a retreat in August joined by Kamila’s dog, Wes! This trip served as the first remote reporters retreat weekend that allowed them to live and learn in the very territory they report on. We look forward to the ideas germinating from this experience.

**Watson Starts Nieman Fellowship** Education Reporter Tennessee Watson has officially begun her tenure as a Harvard student! Watson was selected for the Abrams Nieman Fellowship for Local Investigative Journalism, which aims to bolster deeply reported local and regional news stories in underserved communities throughout the United States. Watson will use this opportunity to report on juvenile justice in Wyoming.

**Get Your David Sedaris Tickets** Get your ticket to see famed author, comedian, and This American Life contributor in Laramie! With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, Sedaris has become one of America’s pre-eminent humor writers. Sedaris is the master of satire and one of today’s most observant writers addressing the human condition. Tickets for David Sedaris’ reading and book signing on October 28 are on sale now!
Watson Documentary on APM Reports  On August 15, an hour long documentary by Tennessee Watson and APM’s Chris Julin was published online and on the Educate podcast. This APM Reports documentary focuses on two groups of kids who often change addresses — homeless kids and children of migrant farmworkers — and explores efforts to help these students do well in school. [Listen here.]


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**TOP STORIES**

Click the images below to learn more about this month’s top stories.

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**Court Terminates 401(k) Plans For Blackjewel Miners**

by Cooper McKim

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**Contura May Close Wyoming Mines Sooner Than Anticipated**

by Cooper McKim and Catherine Wheeler

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**The Rock Climbing Controversy That Could Change The Bighorns**

by Catherine Wheeler

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**White Supremacy A Growing Concern In Mountain West**

by Noah Glick

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