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A Letter from the General Manager, Christina Kuzmych

April was a winner! Four Murrow awards, a Harvard Fellowship, a Native American Journalism Fellowship, and a Pattie Layser Greater Yellowstone Creative Writing & Journalism Fellowship. You can read the details in the Behind the Scenes section below. WPM has a very creative and active staff of broadcast professionals!

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BEHIND THE SCENES



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Huzzah! The Spring Membership Drive has officially wrapped up. Thank you to everyone who made a pledge and supported all of our services. We truly have the best members in the country. Forgot to renew your membership? [Click here!](#)



Stagnar Chosen for Native American Journalist Fellowship Part-time Reporter

Taylor Stagnar was recently chosen for the Native American Journalism Fellowship class of 2019. Students come from tribal communities and colleges across the nation will be in a newsroom with selected mentors and attend the 2019 National Native Media Conference at the Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, Minnesota.



Newsroom Awarded for 4 Edward R. Murrow Awards Melodie Edwards won the Best Hard News award for her story on [opioid drug abuse in Wyoming](#). Cooper McKim won Best Feature for his story on the [lasting legacy of Matthew Shepard](#) and Excellence in Sound for a story on the [aquatic stonefly](#). Maggie Mullen won the Best Sports Reporting award for her story the [Black 14, 50 years later](#). View the press release [here](#).



HumaNature Now on Spotify Wyoming Public Media's flagship podcast is now available on Spotify. The podcast has over fifty-five episodes of tales and adventures of where humans and our habitat meet. To open the podcast on Spotify, [click here](#). To see photos of the storytellers, browse content, and more, you can visit the HumaNature website at humanaturepodcast.org.

Watson Selected As Nieman Fellow At Harvard Education Reporter Tennessee



Watson was selected as a Nieman Fellow by the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard. Following her year as a Nieman Fellow, she will have additional support as an Abrams Nieman Fellow to do an investigative project on juvenile justice in Wyoming. View the full press release [here](#).



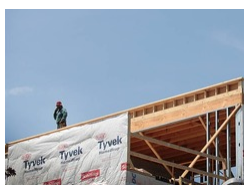
Out and About Bob Beck was honored for his 30th year at UW. Anna Rader spoke to COJO Professor Kristen Landreville's multimedia production class on news media and Instagram. Erin Jones spoke to the communications club, Lambda Pi Eta, about careers in communication. Paul Montoya spoke about engineering challenges in high mountain areas at the National Association of Broadcasters meeting in Las Vegas.



IN THE PRESS



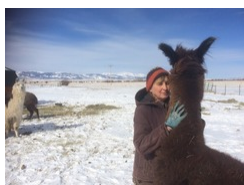
Lawmakers Aims Slow The Shift Away From Coal On April 2, a story by Cooper McKim aired on All Things Considered. The report addressed a recent [push from lawmakers to slow the reduction of coal](#) as an energy source for utility companies. The transition began years ago, but recently the push for clean energy has sped up the process, which is having an impact on rural communities across the west.



Worker's Comp Difficult for Undocumented Employees On April 8, a story from Melodie Edwards aired on Marketplace. A couple of summers back, a 25-year-old immigrant from Mexico was mowing a lawn for a landscaping company in Jackson, Wyoming and had an accident. The employee [submitted a workers' compensation claim, but it was denied](#) due to provisions in Wyoming law.



Psychological Facility Shutdowns Make National News On April 11, a report from Kamila Kudelska aired nationally on Morning Edition. Federal regulations require inpatient psychological facilities to make changes aimed at patient safety. Small units, such as a facility in PineRidge Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit in Lander, [can't justify the renovation costs and are closing](#).



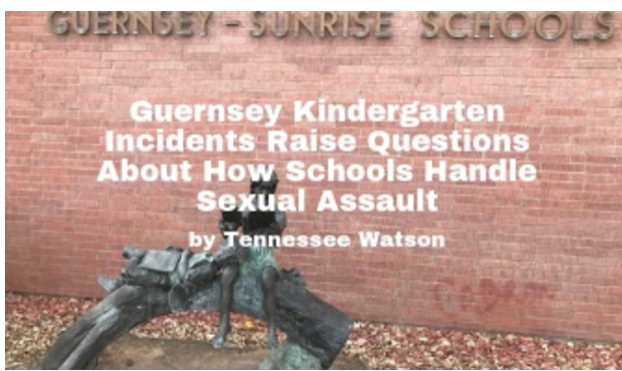
HumaNature Rebroadcast on 51% WAMC's 51% recently picked up an episode of HumaNature. [Episode 50: Witness](#), tells the story of Gayle Woodsum. Gayle finally had found a safe place in the remote Rocky Mountains, but when an oil rig moved in, she wondered how safe it was after all. 51% airs on over 100 stations nationwide and is dedicated to the woman's viewpoint on issues ranging from science to art.



TOP STORIES



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





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