

WYOMING PUBLIC MEDIA

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2018 elections are over! WPM congratulates all candidates for offices and all individuals who voted in this year's elections, thus fulfilling their civic duty. Throughout the election season, we collaborated with Wyoming PBS, the Casper Star Tribune, the Laramie Boomerang, the League of Women Voters, and the University of Wyoming, among others. A heartfelt thanks to all for helping cover a strong election year. I would also like to give a shout out to the WPM team for their media role in the 2018 elections. [Continue reading.](#)



BEHIND THE SCENES



Wyoming Public Media Meets Fundraising Goal The Wyoming Public Media Fall Fund Drive wrapped up in just under two weeks at the beginning of this month. Thank you to all of the donors, businesses, and volunteers who helped make this drive a success and keep Wyoming connected! If you didn't have a chance to make your contribution, it's not too late! Make a contribution by clicking [here](#).



University Gubernatorial Debate Airs Statewide On October 25th, the four primary candidates in the Wyoming gubernatorial race spoke to students, faculty, and local citizens in Laramie. The event was hosted in partnership with the Laramie Boomerang, The League of Women Voters, The University of Wyoming, The Political Science Club, Pokes Vote, Turning Point USA, and other university student clubs and programs.



Wyoming Public Media Gets Spooky For Halloween, the Wyoming Public Media Office was visited by the Sanderson Sisters of Hocus Pocus, ladybugs, lumberjacks, and five different versions of News Director Bob Beck! To stay up to date on all of the fun behind the scenes events and quality news and cultural programming, follow Wyoming Public Media on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)!



Weekly Newsletter Takes Off Get ready for the Wyoming Public Media weekly newsletter! Starting on Monday, November 12th, we will begin sending out a "Weekly Roundup" of the top news stories from the Wyoming Public Radio newsroom. The weekly updates will the news you need straight to your inbox every Monday. If you'd like to sign a friend up for these updates, too, simply click [here](#).



IN THE PRESS



Wyoming Methane Regulations Make National News On October 10, All Things Considered aired a story from Reporter Cooper McKim regarding the [response to President Donald Trump's methane rollbacks in the state](#). In the wake of the regulation



changes, the state is feeling the pressure to strengthen its methane emission policies to maintain air quality and improve public health in areas where the gas causes risks.



McKim's Matthew Shepard Memorium Airs Nationally On October 12, Reporter Cooper McKim's feature on the enduring legacies of the Matthew Shepard murder aired on Here and Now. In the twenty years since Shepard was murdered, there have been a wide and diverse collection of artistic responses in Wyoming and beyond. The piece was also part of an Open Spaces episode that highlighted the legacy of the incident.



Schweizer's Pick Featured on Heavy Rotation On October 27, Wyoming Sounds Host Micah Schweizer music selection was placed on NPR's October list of "10 Songs Public Radio Can't Stop Playing". The song, "Drugs No More" by Creamer, effortlessly captures and revitalizes the sounds of '70s AM radio pop, delivering a sonic balm for the world-weary listener in their retro-leaning debut, says Schweizer. See the full list here.



Beavers and Drought Make National News On October 31st, Reporter Maggie Mullen's report on beavers and their role in combatting droughts in the Western United States was featured on Here & Now. Beavers have helped maintain wetlands and ponds across the arid landscape, and as the animal makes a comeback, scientists believe they have a critical role to play.



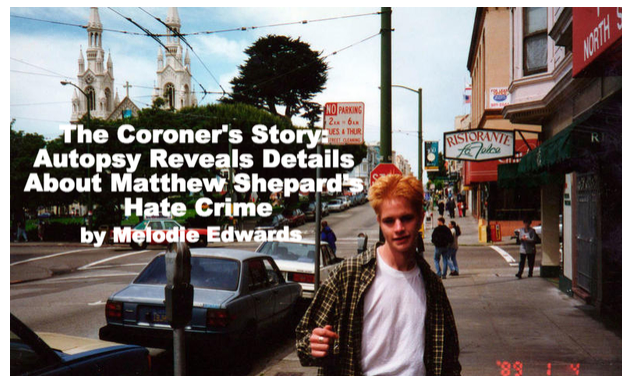
Election Coverage Keeps Wyoming Connected Wyoming Public Media kept voters around the state informed from the primary to election night. News Director Bob Beck hosted two AARP tele-town halls and emceed the Laramie gubernatorial debate, and Reporter Tennessee Watson moderated the Casper gubernatorial debate, and Reporter Cooper McKim served on the panel for the US House Debate.

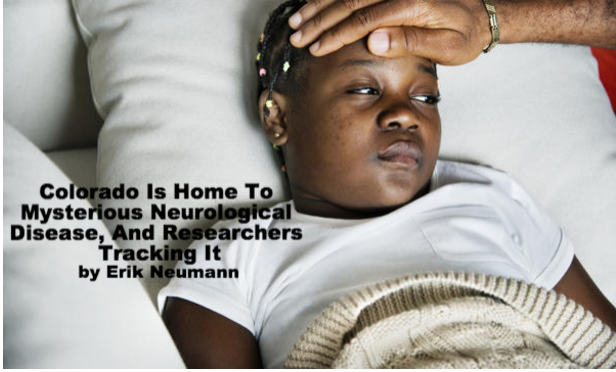


TOP STORIES



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





Colorado Is Home To Mysterious Neurological Disease, And Researchers Tracking It
by Erik Neumann



Idaho Wildlife Commissioner Resigns After Sharing Controversial Hunting Photos
by Nate Hegyi

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