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A Letter from the General Manager, Christina Kuzmych

The future of news was the topic of a recent Knight Foundation Forum. WPM streamed this online event February 26 and 27. At a time when trust in media declines and local newsrooms shrink, news becomes all the more important. Offered by Detroit Public TV, the program featured New York Times columnist David Brooks as key speaker... [Continue reading.](#)



BEHIND THE SCENES



New Reporter Covers Northeast Wyoming Wyoming Public Media provides coverage of stories that matter from all around the state, and that just got easier! Recently, Wyoming Public Media welcomed [Catherine Wheeler as Northeast Reporter.](#) She has worked at public media stations in Missouri and on the Vox podcast "Today, Explained" and moved to Wyoming from Kansas City, MO.



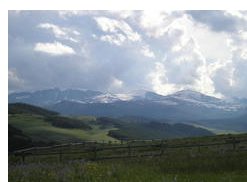
In The Field With Melodie Edwards Wyoming winters can be harsh, but they can't keep our reporters out of the field. This month, Melodie Edwards worked on a report on ice fishing that took her to a frozen lake outside of Laramie, where she met with Guy Scarpelli to discuss the popular winter activity. Listen to the story in March on Open Spaces.



Rock River High School Student Tours Station At Wyoming Public Media we connect with our listeners any way we can. This month, that meant giving Ethan Cox, a student from Rock River High School, a tour of the Wyoming Public Media facility in Laramie. Ethan was guided by Wyoming Sounds' Dr. Robert and was able to see all of the work that goes into producing stories and programs.



IN THE PRESS



Wyoming Uranium Efforts On Here & Now On February 18, Here & Now featured a report by Cooper McKim on [a uranium company in Wyoming that is bringing back an old technology.](#) Uranium is used as fuel for nuclear power plants. Wyoming is the largest source for uranium in the U.S. The weak prices have encouraged one large company to branch out to using an acid solution — a method shunned in the U.S. decades ago.

Rural School Gains National Attention On February 25, Morning Edition started off with a [quick report from Albany County.](#) Albany County School District #1 reopen an



isolated rural school to serve one kindergartener in the next school year. Cozy Hollow School is about an hour north of Laramie, and is the second school in the county that has a 1-to-1 student to teacher ratio.



HumaNature Recognized As A Top Outdoor Podcast In February, HumaNature was added to a list of The Dyrts Top Outdoor Podcasts. The Dyrts is a Portland, OR based group that serves as a resource for authentic camping info across the US. HumaNature was recognized for its complex stories and debates of humanity's role in nature and ranked #13 on the list.



Edwards Energy Story Republished On ONE On February 8, Only Natural Energy, an Italian energy magazine dedicated to educating citizens and electorate, republished a story on cloud seeding and dams. The report by Melodie Edwards focused on the efforts by the Wyoming Water Development Office to pursue the two options as drought becomes more prevalent in areas around the state.



TOP STORIES

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



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