WYOMING PUBLIC MEDIA

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A Letter from the General Manager, Christina Kuzmych

A Morning Edition era ends on WPM. For close to 5 years, we have been waking up to the voice of Caroline Ballard, our Morning Edition host, who routinely arrived at the station a bit after 5 a.m. She expertly wove her voice into the NPR live ME format so one didn't know where NPR ended and WPR began. That's a hallmark of a great live public radio host, and a level of experience that makes a public radio network sound professional... Continue reading.

BEHIND THE SCENES



David Sedaris Coming To UW Mark your calendars for October 28, because famed author, comedian, and This American Life contributor David Sedaris will be in Laramie! With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humor writers. He is the master of satire and one of today's most observant writers addressing the human condition. **Tickets go on sale August 1st.**



Wyoming Contribution To NPR Ed The NPR Ed team and member stations traveled throughout the U.S. to hear speeches from the final moments of high school. Reporter Catherine Wheeler helped highlight Taziree Smith, Valedictorian of Arvada Clearmont High School in Clearmont, WY. In her speech, Smith looked to the future, saying, "Embrace [obstacles]. Dive into them headfirst because you have nothing to lose."



Newsroom At The Native American Summer Institute Reporters Melodie Edwards, Taylar Stagner, and Tennessee Watson gave a crash course in audio reporting at UW's Native American Summer Institute. They played sample stories, discussed the value of journalism, and sent students on a treasure hunt around campus with audio recorders to encourage students to intern at Wyoming Public Media during their time at UW.



Watson Features University Of Wyoming In NPR Ed Report The NPR Ed team recently published a profile on non-traditional students in the US. Reporter Tennessee Watson helped the project by highlighting Bailey Nowak, a first-generation college student from Cheyenne who works double time to pay for her education at UW. Despite all the challenges she faces, Nowak says, "I'm right where I need to be."



HumaNature To Be Promoted On International Stage Wyoming Public Media's HumaNature podcast has been invited to cross-promote a new podcast from Australian Geographic magazine. Talking Australia launched at the beginning of June, and the two shows will be promoting one another over the summer. Keep an ear out for the cross-promotion while you listen to this summer's episodes!

IN THE PRESS



Wyoming Public Media Wins Four National PRNDI Awards Wyoming Public Radio and Media won four national awards at the annual Public Radio News Directors conference in Washington D.C. Cooper McKim won first place for Best Use of Sound and second place for Best Arts Feature. Open Spaces won first place for Best News and Public Affairs. HumanNature won second place for Division B Podcast.



McKim Wins Murrow For Stonefly Story The newsroom was awarded a 2019 National Edward R. Murrow award in the small market category for Best Use of Sound for Cooper McKim's story, Scientists Race To Research Stonefly Species Threatened By Climate Change. The National Murrow Award winners will be honored at a black-tie event this fall in New York City.



Coyote Report On All Things Considered On June 10, NPR's All Things Considered aired a report by Melodie Edwards. The report addressed a recent study on the taking of coyotes. The federal government kills thousands of coyotes every year to keep them from preying on livestock and big game. But some wildlife biologists from the University of Wyoming say killing coyotes isn't the best way to control them.



Blundered Abuse Handling Gains National Attention On June 10, a report by Melodie Edwards aired on WBUR's Here & Now. The report centered around the mishandling of a sexual assault report in a Guernsey school. The incident raised questions about how schools in the district and across Wyoming address reports and how policies can be reformed to address students of all ages.

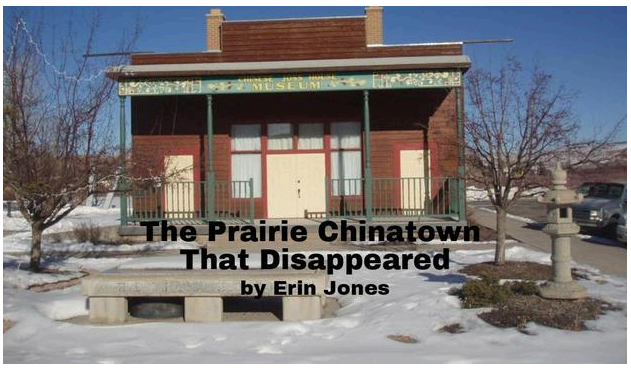
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Wyoming Health Program On All Things Considered On June 18, a report by Maggie Mullen aired on NPR's All Things Considered. The report focused on a program called Healthy U. Healthy U is a volunteer-led training program that teaches individuals about pain management and encourages them to go back into their communities to teach patients living with chronic conditions how to better manage their health.

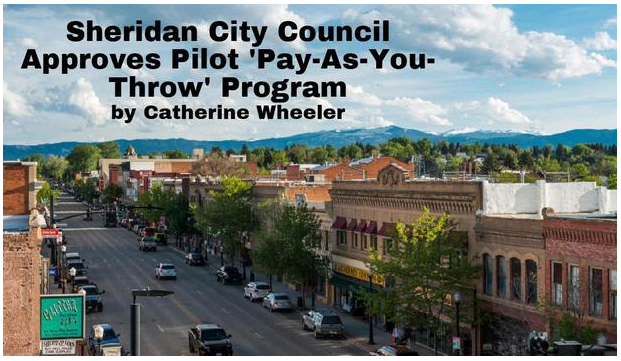
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