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A Letter from the General Manager, Christina Kuzmych

Locusts in December! Those listening to Classical Wyoming on Saturday, December 29 at 10 a.m. were treated to an unusual event – A Wyoming opera about locusts. Locust: The Opera – An Environmental Murder Mystery premiered in Jackson on September 28, and on radio on Classical Wyoming in December.... *Continue reading.*

BEHIND THE SCENES



Holiday Open House Brings Listeners To The Studio Wyoming Public Media's Holiday Open House was a success! Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed live music and station tours. Visitors were treated to a front row seat to a festive Christmas performance by Laramie band The Woodpile, as well as refreshments and meetings with staff and management.



Wyoming Sounds Listeners Pick The Best Music Of 2018 Each year, Wyoming Sounds listeners vote on their favorite albums released in the past 365 days, with options for Best Album and Best Wyoming Album. For 2018, John Prine, Gregory Alan Isakov, and Brandi Carlile ranked top in the Best Album category, and Sarah Sample, Prairie Wildfire, and Freda Felcher ranked highest in Best Wyoming Album.



Gordon Discusses Entering Office On *Open Spaces* With the State of the State Address on January 9, Bob Beck spoke with incoming Governor Mark Gordon about his plans for office and his transition from the State Treasurer position. This *Open Spaces* program also featured interviews about sexual violence investigations in Cheyenne and the digital driver's license being tested in Wyoming. Listen to these stories here.



***Mixtape* Comes To Wyoming Sounds** When people made mixtapes for each other, it was a creative endeavor, and a gift. It was capturing a moment or mood in song, and sharing it with someone. Now there's a radio version of that. Join Erin Jones for *Mixtape* on Saturday mornings from 9 to 10, starting January 5th on the Wyoming Sounds channel.

IN THE PRESS

Beck's Health Care Bill Report On National Briefing On December 5th, Bob Beck's report on a proposed series of health care bills in the Wyoming Legislature was featured on Kaiser Health News, a website that provides summaries of health care policies for news agencies. The bills look at the high cost of health care in the state as well as making health care more accessible. Read the full report here.

***HumaNature* Named Best Podcast Series Of 2018** In December, *HumaNature* was featured on Audible Feast's list of Best Podcast Series of 2018 in the Storytelling category. “These are stories about our connection with the outdoors,” Audible Feast says. “They’re sound-rich, beautifully told in first person, and edited to just the right length with perfect pacing. Junk and The Hunt were standout episodes this year.”

The Modern West* And *Open Spaces* Honored By *High Country News In December, Wyoming Public Media was highlighted in a *High Country News* article about podcasts on stories and analysis of the West. HCN recognized *The Modern West* for news, cultural stories, interviews, and oral history, and *Open Spaces* for news and public affairs topics that are important to the entire West.

Wind Power Rise Featured On *Here & Now* On December 27th, Cooper McKim's report on the recent change in wind energy in a coal dominated state was featured on WBUR's *Here & Now*. Wyoming, the largest coal producing state, has a project underway that will double its capacity to generate electricity from wind power. The surge comes after years of stagnation in the state's wind power capability.

Wyoming Conservation Efforts Highlighted In A Year In Review On December 28th, an interview with Maggie Mullen was featured in the 2018 Year In Review Episode of *Science Friday.* Mullen spoke with *SciFri* Host Ira Flatow about conservation projects happening across the state of Wyoming concerning beavers, wildfires, and public lands as a part of the "State of Science" segment. Listen here.

#AgTwitter Support Receives National Attention On December 31st, *Here & Now* featured a report from Maggie Mullen on social media and mental health of American farmers. Farming can be a difficult profession, vulnerable to the weather, fluctuating crop prices and trade wars. Depression and suicide rates are high among farmers and ranchers. But now there's a place to go for support: the hashtag #AgTwitter.

TOP STORIES

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