A Letter from the General Manager, Christina Kuzmych

It’s all in the timing! After a long hard winter with lots of snow, we are resuming our move to Red Grade Mountain west of Sheridan. The tower base was completed last fall and the tower ready to be erected, but activity was stopped, pending new UW regulations affecting construction.

Wyoming Public Media Welcomes Three Members to the Team

The newsroom recently welcomed Savannah Maher as the new Wind River Reservation Reporter. Savannah will be covering the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapahoe tribes through a grant from Report for America. Additionally, Jeff Victor and Ivy Engel joined the team as science reporting interns and will be in residence in the newsroom the summer.

Guest Speaking Abroad

Wyoming Public Media’s Diana Denison briefed students on Wyoming's politics and media at an International Studies class at the University of Bonn in Bonn, Germany. Denison spoke to the university’s “Future of the Transatlantic Partnership” course about Wyoming politics and the role of public media in providing news coverage.

SAFE Project Trainings Gain National Attention

On May 7th, a story by Maggie Mullen aired on Here & Now. The report, produced by the Mountain West News Bureau, discusses how Albany County SAFE Project in Laramie is aiming to help men address gender-based violence. The victim's advocacy group is offering trainings to prevent sexual violence and abuse.

Craft Alcohols Compete For Audience

On May 9th, Maggie Mullen was featured on Marketplace for her report on craft brewing and distilling. Mullen spoke with Mike Moser, executive director of the Wyoming State Liquor Association, about the drop in premium beer sales and the growing competition in new markets. As fewer people opt for traditional brands like Budweiser and Coors, new and unique offerings are growing.

NPR Airs Two Spots From Wyoming

NPR newscasts featured two familiar voices in May. On May 4, NPR’s newscast aired a spot by Catherine Wheeler on the retirement
of Senator Enzi. Enzi has been serving Wyoming since 1996. On May 10th, Cooper McKim spoke on NPR’s newscast about the Cloud Peak Energy bankruptcy. With proximity to the company, McKim was able to report on the bankruptcy on the day it was declared.

**Wyoming Perspective in Rural Journalism**  Wyoming Public Media’s General Manager Christina Kuzmych contributed Wyoming’s perspective to an article about growing foundation interest in rural journalism. The article, distributed by the Nieman Lab, explores why local foundations are putting their money behind a rural journalism collaborative. Read the full article [here](#).

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