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A Letter from the General Manager, Christina Kuzmych

Cokie Roberts passed away. It's a simple news fact, anticipated by those near her and in the industry, but deeply saddening nonetheless. Cokie was one of the three NPR "founding mothers," along with Linda Wertheimer and Susan Stamberg. Their courage, spunk, and insistence were legendary. Cokie was a giant among public radio reporters and commercial television announcers, and an inspiration to many women in public radio today... Continue reading.

BEHIND THE SCENES



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Live Broadcast From Pilot Hill On September 7th, a crew from Wyoming Public Media went up to Jacoby Ridge in Laramie for a live broadcast from the Pilot Hill Community Access Day. The Pilot Hill Project is working to establish a new recreation and aquifer protection area east of Laramie. Staff interviewed volunteers, organizers, and local musician J Shogren about the project and its impact on the community.



Downtown Mashup Highlights WPM On September 27, Corporate Development Manager Dianne Burner represented Wyoming Public Media at the Downtown Mashup in Laramie. In addition to Dianne's presence at the event, we also had a few students stop by the station. Hailey and Malakai (pictured here) came into the station to record testimonials for the week-long Mashup Scavenger Hunt!



Out and About With Hearts Of Glass Three Wyoming Public Media staff members are participating in a statewide tour of the award-winning documentary film Hearts of Glass. Catherine Wheeler will moderate a screening and panel at Sheridan College on October 8; Kamila Kudelska will moderate at Northwest College in Powell on October 9; and Micah Schweizer moderated at the University of Wyoming in Laramie in September.

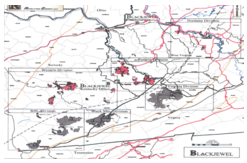


The Relaunch of The Modern West After serving as a digest of stories from our newsroom from 2015-2019, The Modern West has been completely revamped, with a new host (Melodie Edwards), new theme music (by Wyoming's own Screen Door Porch), and brand new stories, just for the podcast. Stream episodes from Season on the website or subscribe to the show wherever you get your podcasts.



Get Your David Sedaris Tickets Get your ticket to see famed author, comedian, and This American Life contributor in Laramie! With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humor writers. Sedaris is the master of satire and one of today's most observant writers addressing the human condition. Tickets for David Sedaris' reading and book signing on October 28 are on sale now!

IN THE PRESS



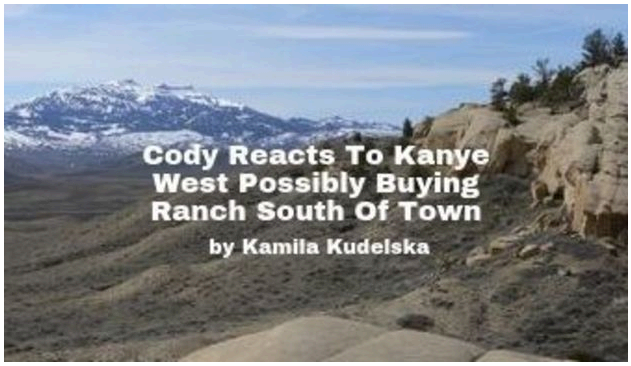
Blackjewel Report On All Things Considered On September 4, NPR's All Things Considered aired a story by Cooper McKim about Blackjewel's bankruptcy. Two months ago, coal company Blackjewel declared bankruptcy, putting hundreds of miners in Wyoming and across Appalachia out of work. Miners affected by the bankruptcy in Kentucky have been camping out on a train track for six weeks in protest.



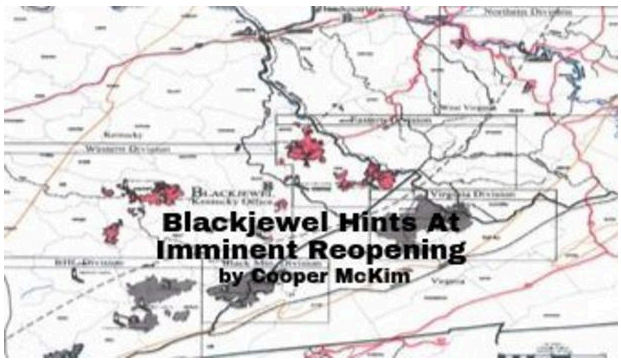
What Can We Learn About Frogs? On September 24, a story from Cooper McKim about filling in some of the gaps in Wyoming's frog knowledge aired on WBUR's Here & Now. Scientists in Wyoming have organized a two-season project to survey where frogs live and how many are out there. One of the goals is to have a database for land managers to make informed decisions about habitat.

TOP STORIES

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









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