

# WYOMING PUBLIC MEDIA

General Manager's Newsletter | October 2020

### Updates from Wyoming Public Media General Manager, Christina Kuzmych



*Morning Edition* loses a star! David Greene is leaving after 8 years of thoughtful, reasoned reporting and a number of award-winning books and articles. "Listeners frequently tell me that David Greene is their favorite NPR host and that's because of his warm and reassuring presence every morning," says WPM news director Bob Beck. "He's an excellent host and terrific interviewer who has brought excellence to everything he has done. He will certainly be missed." You can read the full news release in *NPR's Extra*: "[A New Chapter for David Greene.](#)"

- More debates are around the corner, as well as the Supreme Court confirmation hearings for Judge Amy Coney Barrett. Here's the schedule:
- Wyoming Congressional debates October 8 at 7 pm and 8 pm on radio and online at [wyomingpublicmedia.org](http://wyomingpublicmedia.org).
- Presidential debates scheduled –on radio and online. As of the morning of October 6, scheduled for October 15 and 22.
- Vice Presidential debate— Wednesday, October 7 at 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the radio and online
- Confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justice—full gavel-to-gavel hearings online; morning sessions on radio. Scheduled to begin October 12.

If you're looking for a break from political punditry, join us for our fall fund drive and make a pledge in support of public radio serving Wyoming! This fall again, we're conducting a scaled down version of fund drive with short reminder messages. This cuts our ability to put forth the case for support, but it leaves more time for October's hectic news cycles. Help us bridge that gap with a pledge [online](#). Thank you to everyone who pledged in the spring drive, as well as all our sustaining members. As always, pet pledges are a joy. You make WPM happen!

The Metropolitan Opera cancelled the complete 2020-2021 season. The Met news release says, "Rest assured that while we may not be live at the opera house, [our complete 2020-21 Saturday matinee radio broadcast season will proceed as scheduled, running December 5, 2020 through June 5, 2021 with special encore broadcasts.](#) These encore broadcasts will feature new commentary and intermission content from host Mary Jo Heath, commentator Ira Siff and the Met radio team." So it seems we have a plot twist, and those of you who relish a good drama will not be disappointed. Afterall, the opera gives us all a unique opportunity to remember that politics, greed, lust, and chaos are not just 21<sup>st</sup>-century phenomena!

You might want to catch Kamila Kudelska's new kid's podcast, *Kids Ask Why*. Kamila produced these wonderful gems for the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, but they were too good to pass up. WPM included them in our podcast offerings. Kamila Kudelska is the *Hal R. and Naoma J. Tate Foundation* journalist covering northwest Wyoming, and serving both Wyoming Public Media and the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody. (Listen to *Kids Ask Why* [here](#).)

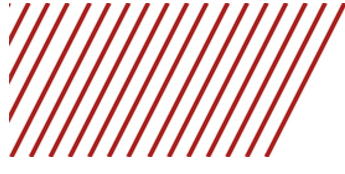
Thank you for supporting WPM! We know you're out there listening, and we can feel the loyalty and camaraderie.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments at [ckuzmych@uwyo.edu](mailto:ckuzmych@uwyo.edu).

As always, stay safe and be well,

Christina Kuzmych,

WPM General Manager



## BEHIND THE SCENES



### Savannah Maher Wins 4 National Native American Journalists Association

Savannah received [NAJA](#) awards for the following categories: **Best Feature Story First Place: [After Decades-Long Struggle, Buffalo Return To Northern Arapaho Land](#); Best News Story First Place: [Police Shooting Stirs Long-Simmering Tensions In Riverton](#); Second Place: [What CWC's Proposed Four-Year Degree Could Mean For The Wind River Reservation](#) Best Multimedia Third Place: [Bringing The Buffalo Home](#). (Savannah Maher, Melodie Edwards, Micah Schweizer, Erin Jones, & Anna Rader)**



### Monthly People's Review: Live! Online Series Panelist Tennessee Watson

The Equality State Policy Center hosted a panel of Wyoming journalists and editors to discuss how the nationwide decline in local journalism is impacting democracy. Wyoming Public Radio's Tennessee Watson was a panelist on the September 17 roundtable discussion, "Keeping It Local: Why Small-Town Journalism Matters to Democracy", hosted by Chris Merrill, ESPC's executive director, via Zoom. Watch video [here](#).



### Meet Wyoming Public Media Production Assistant Eda Uzunlar

Eda is a junior at Yale majoring in Global Affairs and an Education Studies Scholar. Her focuses are education equality in conflict zones, education as diplomacy, and radio and education journalism. She is the Station Manager and Vice President of the Yale Broadcasting Company (WYBC) and Vice President of the Yale International Relations Association. When not attached to her computer doing work for the above, she works at her local greenhouse and helps friends with their audio adventures.



### Wyoming Through Listeners' Eyes - Wyoming Public Media 2020 Photo Contest

Congratulations to this year's Wyoming Public Media Photo Contest winners! We were lucky to receive many beautiful entries from all over Wyoming, and it was difficult to choose the best. The winners were chosen by listeners who voted for their favorite in each category, Wyoming's Nature, Wyoming's People, and Wyoming's History. View the [top winners in each category here](#).



### Wyoming 2020 US Congressional Candidate Debates and Election Coverage

Wyoming Public Media will partner with Wyoming PBS to broadcast US Congressional Debates on October 8 at 7pm and 8pm. Follow Wyoming Public Radio as we cover Wyoming's elections online and on-air. Find out [how to listen to our coverage here](#). Visit the [WY Vote](#) page for election updates. Follow WPM reporters during the election on Twitter and Facebook. Use the hashtag #wyvote and join in on the coverage.



## NATIONAL STORIES



### Wyoming Doubles Down On Its Long Support For Carbon Capture

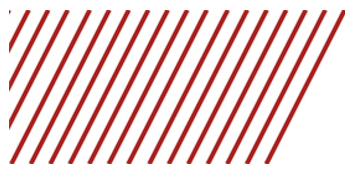
Cooper McKim's feature story about carbon capture in Wyoming aired on *National Public Radio's Morning Edition* on September 15, 2020.

### Youth Were Abused Here: Most vulnerable kids sent to facilities run by a for-profit company.

Tennessee Watson contributed to a feature story about for-profit juvenile detention centers published by *American Public Media's APM Reports* on September 28, 2020.

### Peabody/Arch Joint Venture Falls Through

Cooper McKim's story about the proposed Peabody/Arch merger aired on *National Public Radio's Newscast* on September 29, 2020.



## MUST LISTEN



### Kids Ask WhY Podcast Launches October 6

Produced by Wyoming Public Media and the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, *Kids Ask WhY* features young journalists from Wyoming, who explore topics that connect them to their home-- the modern American West. Diving into questions about Wyoming's history, wildlife, and culture, their thoughtful conclusions help people of all ages see Wyoming through a new lens. (Click image below)



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