

## WYOMING PUBLIC MEDIA

### General Manager's Newsletter | February 2023



*I Love WPR* is our annual campaign for new testimonials. If you would like to add your words to those of many Wyomingites, [go here](#) and follow the easy instructions. Here's a testimonial sample:

*"Like most Wyoming people who live in the country, I usually get up early in the morning when the eastern sky starts to glow. I stumble blurry-eyed into the kitchen, make a pot of strong coffee, and listen to the news on Wyoming Public Radio while planning my day. Listening to the news is important to me. It keeps me informed about international, national, and Wyoming events and issues. And this is real, old fashioned news, not this newfangled "fake news" currently causing a buzz. I want facts. Wyoming Public Radio provides the accurate information I need in order to be a better citizen. That's why I love Wyoming Public Radio."* Tory Taylor

We add these testimonials to our collection of voices, available on our website for all to see. It's a great way to support your public radio station!

WPM coverage of the state legislature continues. Check out our [legislative page](#). In addition, listen to our weekly *Cheyenne Roundup* on radio podcast produced in partnership with WyoFile. It airs 4:45 pm Mondays and 8:45 am Tuesdays. You can hear it [online here](#).

WPM's *The Modern West* announces *Season 6* in our podcast storytelling program. *Mending the Hoop* is a series of stories emanating from the Sand Creek Massacre when Colorado's governor ordered troops to attack a village of Cheyenne and Arapaho on the eastern plains, and started a series of battles between the U.S. Army and Plains Tribes during the 1800's. Indigenous historians note that a straight line can be drawn from Sand Creek to decades of war afterwards. But they also trace it to problems we are witnessing to this day in Indian Country. Host Melodie Edwards travels the region, speaking with history keepers, activists and leaders, working alongside story editor and Ojibwe playwright Marty Stenczewik. With guidance from Ogalala Lakota historian Dr. Jeff Means, you will learn how, for tribes, this history isn't distant or forgotten. In fact, it's history in the making. *Season 6* debuts February 8th and will be released bi-weekly on [TheModernWest.org](#). *Mending the Hoop* is sponsored in part by Wyoming Humanities.

If you happen to be in the Riverton area on the evening of February 17, drop by the launch reception for *Mending the Hoop*. Producer/host Melodie Edwards will be available to mingle and chat with you. Ry Woody and Tina McGee, along with musician Christian Wallowing Bull and photographer Ana Castro will be available, and I hope to see you there! The reception will be held at the Wind River Hotel and Casino from 5 pm to 7 pm.

*National Native News* airs weekdays on *All Things Considered* at 6:30 p.m., as part of WPM's regional news coverage. We have added another edition weekdays at 1 p.m. on Wyoming Public Radio during *Here and Now*.

After six years as co-host of *Morning Edition*, Rachel Martin is trading her early mornings and daily headlines to develop an NPR project in the realms of religion, spirituality, and meaning. She is stepping away from daily hosting, but she will continue to be heard on the NPR newsmagazines as the project takes shape. She will also continue to host *Up First Sunday*. Rachel is an essential part of the lives of millions of people who wake up to her journalism every week.

The *Grand Teton Music Festival* is back Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. on Wyoming Public Radio. The series includes excerpts from the first staged opera presentation at the festival, *La Bohème*, with Nicole Cabell and Jose Simerilla Romero in the title roles. WPM is honored to air this series, as so many of our listeners and supporters live in the Greater Teton area of Wyoming and Idaho. Remember that the 24-hour Classical Wyoming can be heard in many locations in and around Jackson, though we caution that those pesky mountains tend to obstruct the signal in some areas. If you have a mountain-challenged radio signal, check out our *Classical Wyoming* stream on the [Classical Wyoming page](#). (Click "All Streams" link on top right corner, then choose "Classical Wyoming".)

How a journalist frames a story can be a point of contention. A recent post on the *NPR Editor* bore this out. It focused on high school football coach Joseph Kennedy and his right to pray on the football field after games, a case that was recently adjudicated by the Supreme Court. For the news consumer, this post reveals many considerations that go into a journalist's decision on how to frame a story. It's an interesting glimpse into the way stories come together, and the excruciating back-and-forth discussions about wording nuance. See if you agree. (See [NPR story here](#).)

And lastly, on February 24th, *The Metropolitan Opera* commemorates the first year anniversary of Russia's attack on Ukraine. From the news release: "In announcing the special concert...Peter Gelb, the *Met's* Maria Manetti Shrem General Manager, said, "Mozart's Requiem is to remember the innocent victims of the war, and Beethoven's Fifth is in anticipation of the victory to come." Mr. Gelb noted that during World War II, the symphony's celebrated opening chords became a symbol of victory for the Allied cause, especially when frequently repeated by the BBC during broadcasts. And Beethoven himself, he noted, was a champion of "liberty and resistance to oppression." (See [full news release here](#).) WPM will carry this commemorative concert on its *Classical* channel heard in the following Wyoming locations: Green River (88.5), Jackson (95.9), Lander (91.9), Laramie (88.5), Riverton (91.9), Rock Springs (88.5), and Saratoga (88.9). It will also be streamed live on the [Classical Wyoming homepage](#). (Find information on [how to listen here](#).)

Thank you for your loyalty and support. Take the opportunity to encourage public radio listeners in your circle of family and friends to become first-time members, if they're not already members of WPM. It's our 2023 "capital campaign" to gain 500 new members by December 31, 2023. And for those who are counting, we now stand at ten new members and 5212 members who have contributed in the past 12 months.

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

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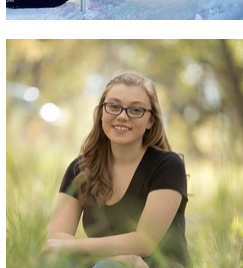


## BEHIND THE SCENES



### Wyoming Public Media's Ry Woody Attends Jackson Nordic Event

Ry attended JH Nordic Alliance's Fifth Annual Free Ski, Fat Bike and Snowshoe Day at Turpin Meadow Ranch Sunday, January 8th. The event returned this year after a two winter hiatus due to COVID-19. Approximately 600 attendees, including guests ages 1-86 and 26 Sponsors enjoyed the community gathering. *January 8, 2023.*



### Welcome Wyoming Public Media's New Science Reporting Intern!

Sage Davis is from Parker, CO but has been residing in Laramie for the past 5 years while attending UW. She is pursuing a dual degree in chemistry and communication with a minor in professional writing. After graduating in the spring, Sage plans to attend graduate school to earn a doctorate in analytical chemistry. She has had an internship in biochemical journalism in the past and is excited to continue working in science news.



### Welcome Wyoming Public Media's News Reporting Intern!

Nicole Dillon was born in Montana, raised in Sheridan, Wy, and currently resides in Laramie to attend UW. She is pursuing a concurrent degree in Communication and Journalism. After graduating this spring, Nicole hopes to teach English abroad before attending graduate school. She has written feature stories for the Sheridan Press in the past, and is eager to broaden her journalism and communication skills at WPM.



### New Logo, New Site, New Live Playlist! Same Wyoming Sounds!

Visit the new [Wyoming Sounds](#) website for studio sessions, concert events around the state, or to find that song you heard this morning. Tune in 24/7 for an eclectic mix of music new and old, interviews, and live performances. Find out how to listen wherever you are. Requests welcome: [e-mail](#) or call (307) 766-4255. Check it out [here](#)

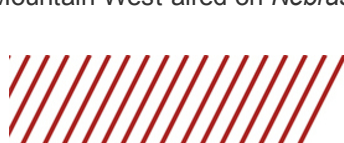


## BEYOND WYOMING



### Report aids ranchers in warding off pesky parasite as warming helps it thrive

Will Walkey's story about the impacts of horn flies on the cattle industry throughout the Cowboy State and Mountain West aired on *Nebraska Public Media*. [Listen to the story](#). *January 23, 2022.*



## MUST LISTEN



### Musician and Artist Christian Wallowing Bull Interviewed on Wyoming Sounds

Grady Kirkpatrick aired an interview with Northern Arapaho musician and artist Christian Wallowing Bull about his new video titled Wallowing Bull. Wallowing Bull explores the cultural significance of the American Bison and was filmed on the Wind River Reservation. [Listen to the Interview here](#). *January 27, 2023.*



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