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-Beth Severn-Johnson, Membership Manager

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# The Guide

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## SPR News is Growing

Spokane Public Radio's commitment to growing our news team and expanding our local news coverage is sincere. This summer, you'll hear more local news from more sources.

First, we're excited to add a new member. Eliza Billingham has joined Owen Henderson, Monica Carrillo-Casas and me in the news office. Eliza comes from *The Inlander*, where she reported on the Spokane City Council and city government, among other things. She's a Chicago-area native who has lived in Vietnam, Boston and a few other places. She has a master's degree in journalism. Her undergraduate work was in theology and ancient languages. She had previous public radio experience as a production and research assistant for *APM Reports*, an education podcast series from American Public Media. Eliza's transition to public radio has gone smoothly. You can hear her voice in newscast reports and *Inland Journal*.

Speaking of Monica Carrillo-Casas, we're pleased that she will continue with us for one more year. Monica is a WSU Murrow Fellow, part of a group of 16 state-funded early career reporters who are assigned to local media outlets around Washington. The goal of the program is to bolster struggling newsrooms. The state pays her salary. SPR shares Monica's employment with *The Spokesman-Review*. She covers rural issues with an emphasis on the five northeast counties, though she also covers stories in Spokane. Her fellowship is for two years. With the threat of state budget cuts, there were worries that her time with us would be cut short by a year. Fortunately, that did not happen.

We have added another distribution option for people to find our local news stories. They are now available on Apple News, which means you can read them on your phone or tablet.



Eliza Billingham

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Coming Up with Spokane Public Radio



**Meet Us at the Market!**  
**Through September at Farmer’s Markets across the region**  
Meet SPR at a farmer’s market near you this summer! SPR staff and volunteers can be found at regional farmer’s markets from June through September. Visit SpokanePublicRadio.org to see where we’ll be.



**Fall Fund Drive**  
**September on KPBX, KSFC, & KPBZ**  
Support your favorite stations by donating during our fall fund drive. We need your support, now more than ever! Donate by calling (509) 328-5729 or by visiting SpokanePublicRadio.org.

Check out our Community Calendar for local event information at SpokanePublicRadio.org

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We’re excited to make our work available to a broader range of people looking for news from the Inland Northwest.

Our *Inland Journal* programs in July will introduce you to the seven people running this year for three seats on the Spokane City Council. On July 10th, we’ll introduce you to the candidates from District 3: Zack Zappone, Cody Arguelles and Christopher Savage. On July 17th, we’ll hear from the candidates in District 1: Jonathan Bingle and Sarah Dixit. On July 24th, the two candidates from District 2 will join us: Kate Telis and Alejandro Barrientos. The July 3rd *Inland Journal* will look at medical innovation in Spokane. We’ll hear speakers at a recent Greater Spokane health care forum.

With more ways to listen, SPR News will keep you connected throughout the Inland Northwest, wherever your summer plans take you.

-Doug Nadvornick, News Director

Local Shows On-Demand

We’re making it easier than ever to enjoy SPR’s local shows when it works for you! Check out our on-demand streaming for our locally produced programs. Here is a sample of the shows you will find:



**From the Studio**  
**Various Hosts**  
Interviews and performances from the Spokane Public Radio studios, live on-air and online, spanning a wide range of arts-related topics.



**Front Porch Bluegrass**  
**Hosted by Kevin Brown**  
Each week you will hear selections spanning the wide spectrum of traditional and progressive bluegrass, from the early sounds of Bill Monroe, The Stanley Brothers and Hazel Dickens to the modern sounds of Tony Rice, David Grisman and Sarah Jarosz.



**Johnson’s Improbable History of Pop**  
**Hosted by John Johnson**  
Johnson conducts a tour of the obscure world of early rock and pop music. The 95% of records that never got commercial airtime have a home, as the show features those artists who fell through the commercial cracks.



**Movies 101**  
**Hosted by Nathan Weinbender, Dan Webster, and Mary Pat Treuthart**  
A weekly round-up of all things film, including what’s out on streaming, in theatres, and the occasional trip down memory lane.



**Poetry Moment**  
**Hosted by Jim Tevenan**  
This program showcases myriad poems as read by poets and poetry lovers from across the Inland Northwest — and occasionally beyond!



**Rocket to the Future, Part 2: Mission to Pluto**  
**Hosted by Kevin Decker and Tony Flinn**  
In this weekly adventure serial, we soar off to the space age future, 1993, with the officers and crew of the Earth Space Force! It’s humanity’s first mission to Pluto, but what with budget cuts and all, it’s seriously underfunded!



**Soundspace**  
**Hosted by Zan Agzigian**  
Zan pushes the parameters of our space here on earth with a weekly eclectic dreamscape of music, spoken word, local sounds, and perspectives.

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