

2018 3rd Quarter Issues Report for Wyoming Public Media

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Issue: Energy

Topic: It will soon be impossible to get oil and gas leases on 24,000 acres of the Wyoming Range. Conservation non-profit The Trust for Public Land bought out existing leases within the Wyoming Range to maintain the area for wildlife and recreation. It's the second time the groups have done this in the southeast part of the state – bringing the total number of retired acres by the trust to 80 thousand. Wyoming Public Radio's Cooper McKim has more.

Time: 6 min

Date: 7-13-18 at 3pm and 7-15-18 at noon on WPR. 7-15-18 at 9am on WPM

Topic: Wyoming's energy resources are famous in the U.S., but they also play a role internationally. Coal markets are doing better now than in the past several years partially thanks to increasing exports and international prices. Dr. Robert Ichord helps give a broad view on the future of coal, renewable energy and carbon capture technology. He speaks with WPR's Cooper McKim

Time: 5 min

Date: 7-20-18 at 3pm and 7-22-18 at noon on WPR. 7-22-18 at 9am on WPM

Topic: Wyoming's lawmakers in Washington are looking for ways to decrease Russia's influence in Europe, and they think they may be able to do it with good ole fashioned Wyoming natural resources. Matt Laslo has more.

Time: 5 min

Date: 7-27-18 at 3pm and 7-29-18 at noon on WPR. 7-29-18 at 9am on WPM

Topic: The Trump administration's rollback of coal plant regulations had renewed hope that some plants might stay open a little longer. The share of coal in the country's energy mix has dropped dramatically over the past decade. But even with the industry-supported policy, there's concern this latest lifeline isn't enough to stop that decline. Cooper McKim reports.

Time: 5 min

Date: 8-24-18 at 3pm and 8-26-18 at noon on WPR. 8-26-18 at 9am on WPM

Topic: Wyoming has a lot of wind energy but conservation biologists warn Wyomingites need to pay attention to how turbines can be harmful to wildlife. Biologists are figuring out ways to protect wildlife while still producing wind energy. Wyoming Public Radio's Kamila Kudelska spoke with Holly Copeland, the director of science for the Nature Conservancy in Wyoming, on which animals are in danger

Time: 5 min

Date: 9-14-18 at 3pm and 9-16-18 at noon on WPR. 9-16-18 at 9am on WPM

Topic: Two major Obama-era rules that aim to reduce methane from oil and gas operations are in the process of being weakened and rolled back. Many are worried about what it means for air quality. But in Wyoming, one of the top ten oil and gas producers in the country, it may not mean much — the state is looking at implementing its own similar guidance. Wyoming Public Radio's Cooper McKim reports.

Time: 5 min

Date: 9-28-18 at 3pm and 9-30-18 at noon on WPR. 9-30-18 at 9am on WPM

Issue: Politics

Topic: Wyoming Senator John Barrasso has been a leading player in his party's years-long effort to Repeal and Replace so-called Obamacare, but the GOP has failed to deliver. Matt Laslo caught up with him in Washington and has this story on what the GOP's Plan B or maybe even C or D is.

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Date: 7-13-18 at 3pm and 7-15-18 at noon on WPR. 7-15-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: Doctor Taylor Haynes is running for governor as a conservative and a constitutionalist. He's a Cheyenne urologist, a rancher, and has served on a number of boards and commissions including several years as a University of Wyoming Trustee. Recently his residency in Wyoming has been challenged. He joins Bob Beck to discuss that and other issues.

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Date: 7-13-18 at 3pm and 7-15-18 at noon on WPR. 7-15-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: A Jackson Republican is running a campaign on putting Wyoming first as he tries to upset incumbent U.S. Senator John Barrasso. [Dave Dodson](#) had intended to run as an Independent, because of his concerns about the current state of Republican Party. But he decided to stick with his roots and run as a Republican.

Time: 12 min

Date: 7-20-18 at 3pm and 7-22-18 at noon on WPR. 7-22-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: Sheridan's [Bill Dahlin](#) is a long time distance runner who's competed in two Boston Marathons and who's completed several ultra-marathons. He's hoping to use that mental toughness he's developed over the years and put it towards running the state as Wyoming's next governor. The Republican tells Bob Beck that his goal is to diversify the state economy and one of his ideas surrounds hemp.

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Date: 7-20-18 at 3pm and 7-22-18 at noon on WPR. 7-22-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: Democrat [Greg Hunter](#) is a geologist who's based in Laramie and he's running for the U.S. House of Representatives. Hunter has worked in the energy industry and as a consultant for the federal government on a range of environmental issues and he's very concerned about Wyoming's natural resources. He joins Wyoming Public Radio's Bob Beck.

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Date: 7-27-18 at 3pm and 7-29-18 at noon on WPR. 7-29-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: Longtime political candidate Charlie Hardy is taking another run at public office. Hardy, who's run as an independent and a Democrat is now running against Senator John Barrasso as a Republican. Hardy is someone who says he doesn't believe in political parties, but he always considered himself an Eisenhower Republican and that's why he says he's suited for this race. He speaks with Wyoming Public Radio's Bob Beck.

Time: 12 min

Date: 8-3-18 at 3pm and 8-5-18 at noon on WPR. 8-5-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: The primary election takes place Aug. 21 and candidates are hitting the home stretch of campaigning. If you're a Republican, you are probably aware of the election due to the countless mailers you've been getting. Wyoming Public Radio's Bob Beck has been following the campaign for governor and joins Caroline Ballard for an overview of the primary race.

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Date: 8-3-18 at 3pm and 8-5-18 at noon on WPR. 8-5-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: State Treasurer Mark Gordon won the Wyoming Republican Primary Election by seven percent of the vote. Some in the GOP who favored other candidates want to blame that on the possibility that Gordon attracted some Democrats who switched party affiliation the day of the primary. The other theory was that a large number of more conservative candidates split votes, which allowed Gordon to win. However, there's also the chance that Gordon, who came in as the favorite, was the preferred candidate. Bob Beck has more.

Time: 5 min

Date: 8-24-18 at 3pm and 8-26-18 at noon on WPR. 8-24-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: This week Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh faced a grilling in his Senate confirmations hearings, but those hearings haven't garnered many national headlines about his knowledge of western issues.

Time: 4 min

Date: 9-7-18 at 3pm and 9-9-18 at noon on WPR. 9-9-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: The University of Wyoming's Haub School and the Ruckelshaus Institute's recently celebrated 25 years of collaboration in solving problems concerning the environment, natural resources and energy issues. As part of the festivities, the school hosted a panel on civility with some of Wyoming's most respected political figures: U.S. Senator Al Simpson, former Supreme Court Chief Justice Marilyn Kite, former U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director and State Senator John Turner and former Democratic Governor Mike Sullivan.

Time: 15 min

Date: 9-7-18 at 3pm and 9-9-18 at noon on WPR. 9-9-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: [Democrat Mary Throne](#) is hoping to become Wyoming's next governor. Throne was born and raised in Campbell County, growing up on a ranch on Wild Horse Creek. She's currently a Cheyenne attorney and for many years worked with the Department of Environmental Quality. Throne is a former State Representative and Minority floor leader. She is facing Republican opponent Mark Gordon and others in the general election.

Time: 12 min

Date: 9-14-18 at 3pm and 9-16-18 at noon on WPR. 9-16-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: Rock Springs Veterinarian Rex Rammell is running for governor as a member of the Constitution Party. Rammell, who is not a fan of Republican Candidate Mark Gordon, decided to enter the race as a third party candidate to give conservative voters another option. Rammell had considered running as a Republican but initially decided to stay out of the race.

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Date: 9-28-18 at 3pm and 9-30-18 at noon on WPR. 9-28-18 at 9am on WPM.

Issue: Wildlife

Topic: [Steve Mattheis](#) is a Jackson native and a wildlife photographer. A couple of years ago, he fell in love with photographing great gray owls. It turns out, they aren't that easy to find. But he got a hang of it. And this year, one of his striking photos of the owl won the Audubon Society, Grand Prize award. Mattheis speaks with Wyoming Public Radio's Kamila Kudelska on how he's learned to spot great gray owls. But first Kudelska asks about the story behind the winning photo.

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Date: 7-13-18 at 3pm and 7-15-18 at noon on WPR. 7-15-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: The Trump administration is proposing sweeping changes to the Endangered Species Act, but they're actually late to the party - Wyoming Senator John Barrasso has been leading the GOP effort within Congress to revamp the decades-old legislation that was set up to protect animals on the brink of extinction back in 1973. It hasn't been reauthorized since 1992 and Barrasso wants to overhaul it.

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Date: 7-20-18 at 3pm and 7-22-18 at noon on WPR. 7-22-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: A deadly fungus is fast wiping out bats in the eastern U.S. The Northern long eared is even facing extinction. But the Black Hills in Wyoming and South Dakota have been a kind of oasis of safety for the species. Or it was...now the fungus is headed this way. Wyoming Public Radio's Melodie Edwards went out with researchers who are trying to protect the bat to learn more.

Time: 6 min

Date: 7-27-18 at 3pm and 7-29-18 at noon on WPR. 7-29-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: University of Wyoming anthropologists are putting out a call out for help looking for a lost mammoth. How do you lose a six-ton extinct animal that lived 13,000 years ago? Well, you find a few of its bones but lose track over the decades of exactly where they were found. But now some clues have come to the surface. Wyoming Public Radio's Melodie Edwards sat down with the University of Wyoming anthropology professor [Todd Surovell](#), the detective trying to put all the clues together.

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Date: 8-24-18 at 3pm and 8-26-18 at noon on WPR. 8-26-18 at 9am on WPM

Topic: It's no secret that water is a problem in the West. Historically, the humble beaver helped maintain wetlands and ponds across the arid landscape but their populations were decimated during the fur trade and their numbers dropped dramatically from 400 million to just 100,000 by the turn of the twentieth century. But Canada's national animal is making a comeback and scientists think they have an important role to play as our region fights drought.

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Date: 8-24-18 at 3pm and 8-26-18 at noon on WPR. 8-26-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: A federal district court judge recently heard both sides in a hearing debating whether to put the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem grizzly bear back under federal protection. No decision has been made yet but the judge stalled Wyoming and Idaho's grizzly hunt for a couple of weeks while he decides the case.

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Date: 9-7-18 at 3pm and 9-9-18 at noon on WPR. 9-9-18 at 9am on WPM.

Issue: Environment

Topic: In the last few years, researchers have discovered the earth is literally filled with microbes, those little single-celled critters we sometimes call germs. They've even been found living as deep as the earth's core. And they say these microbes could help us gain access to thousands of years of knowledge. Now scientists at the University of Wyoming want to use those layers of ancient history to help us recover from wildfires as the climate warms up.

Time: 4 min

Date: 7-20-18 at 3pm and 7-22-18 at noon on WPR. 7-22-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: The federal government says there are too many wild horses in the U.S. So they are upping the number of captured horses people can buy. But as the Mountain West News Bureau's Nate Hegyi explains, critics feel that's a slippery slope to the slaughterhouse.

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Date: 7-27-18 at 3pm and 7-29-18 at noon on WPR. 7-29-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: Fires continue to burn in many parts of the west and officials are bracing for a long, grueling and even deadlier fire season than they're used to. Wyoming Senator John Barrasso chairs the Environment Committee where he oversees the nation's forests.

Time: 5 min

Date: 8-3-18 at 3pm and 8-5-18 at noon on WPR. 8-5-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: The Colorado River is running low on water. The lifeline that slakes the thirst of 40 million southwestern residents is projected to hit a historic low mark within two years, forcing mandatory cuts to water deliveries in Arizona, Nevada and Mexico.

Facing exceptional drought conditions, cities throughout the watershed this summer have imposed mandatory water restrictions, ranchers have begun selling off cows they're unable to feed, and the river's reservoirs are [headed toward levels](#) not seen since they filled decades ago. Luke Runyon has more.

Time: 5 min

Date: 8-24-18 at 3pm and 8-26-18 at noon on WPR. 8-26-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: Scientists know very little about a species of stonefly that can only be found in the Grand Teton's alpine streams: the *Lednia Tetonica* was discovered in 2012. But as climate change slowly melts glaciers and threatens the aquatic insect's habitat, researchers are trying to learn as much as they can about the species, before it disappears. Wyoming Public Radio's Cooper McKim has more.

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Date: 9-7-18 at 3pm and 9-9-18 at noon on WPR. 9-9-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: With rising global temperatures, glaciers are shrinking. Garrett Fisher is a pilot and photographer, and he recently set out to capture all of the glaciers in the Rocky Mountains while flying his plane, a two-seater built in 1949. His new book [Glaciers of the Rockies](#) is the result of the effort, and he told Wyoming Public Radio's Caroline Ballard that there is something different about seeing the world from above.

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Date: 9-7-18 at 3pm and 9-9-18 at noon on WPR. 9-9-18 at 9am on WPM.

Issue: Education

Topic: Over the last year, Wyoming Public Radio's education reporter Tennessee Watson put together an award-winning series on sexual assault at the University of Wyoming. Watson's conversations with students revealed confusion about the reporting process and uncertainty about the university's willingness to take action. This spring UW conducted a campus climate survey to get a better handle on the prevalence of sexual violence and what happens in its aftermath. She sat down with UW President Laurie Nichols at her office to discuss the survey, the results and what's next.

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Date: 7-20-18 at 3pm and 7-22-18 at noon on WPR. 7-22-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: One of the main goals of the University of Wyoming's strategic plan is to positively impact Wyoming communities through learning outreach programs, and through collaborations that make academic expertise relevant in our daily lives. UW's Biodiversity Institute is emblematic of this vision. But an administrative decision to close it down has raised doubts about the university's commitment to its own goals.

Time: 6 min

Date: 8-3-18 at 3pm and 8-5-18 at noon on WPR. 8-5-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: Last year education reporter Tennessee Watson discovered that Wyoming would no longer run the federally funded Migrant Education Program, which provides academic support to children who move from school to school because their parents do seasonal farm and fisheries work. That got Tennessee wondering . . . what's school like for migrant students in other states. With support from the Solutions Journalism Network Tennessee has been working on a project called [School on the Move](#). That reporting is the focus of the following episode of the Educate podcast from APM reports.

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Date: 8-17-18 at 3pm and 8-19-18 at noon on WPR. 8-19-18 at 9am on WPM

Topic: Earlier this summer, the [Governor's Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice](#) gave Albany County the Neal D. Madson Award for its groundbreaking work with juvenile offenders. Since 2014, Albany County says it's reduced the number of young people who end up in secure detention by 34 percent. That's when the county formed a Community Juvenile Service Board and started a diversion program, which advocates say has been good for kids and the state's bottom-line.

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Date: 8-24-18 at 3pm and 8-26-18 at noon on WPR. 8-26-18 at 9am on WPM

Topic: Back in 2005, the Wyoming legislature set up the Hathaway Scholarship to help make higher education more accessible to Wyoming high school graduates, but data requested by Wyoming Public Radio indicates low-income students aren't reaping the same benefits from the program as their higher income peers. Our education reporter Tennessee Watson takes a look.

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Date: 9-28-18 at 3pm and 9-30-18 at noon on WPR. 9-30-18 at 9am on WPM.

Issue: Native Americans

Topic: A controversy over the names of two landmarks in Yellowstone National Park highlight a forgotten genocide in the U.S. and how historical awareness, conflicting narratives and misinformation help muddy the waters.

5 min

Date: 7-13-18 at 3pm and 7-15-18 at noon on WPR. 7-15-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: For years, Wind River reservation tribal advocates have suggested that Wyoming students lack access to authentic education about the state's Native American heritage. Some said that has led to insensitive or even racist encounters when tribal sports teams travel to other school districts. But last year, lawmakers passed a bill called Indian Education For All that will require schools to teach the history and culture of the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone as part of the social studies curriculum statewide. To help do that, the Wyoming Humanities Council has now developed exhibits to be placed in all Wyoming's school districts and library systems. Wyoming Public Radio's Melodie Edwards sat down with Humanities Council Director Shannon Smith to learn more.

Time: 7 min

Date: 8-17-18 at 3pm and 8-19-18 at noon on WPR. 8-17-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: Orientation is a common activity for freshmen at any university. While there are students who don't want to go, some relish the chance to meet new people and well... orient themselves. University of Wyoming President Laurie Nichols set a goal of increasing the number of Native Americans attending UW, especially since enrollment of tribal members recently reached an all-time low. Wyoming Public Radio's Taylor Stagner participated in the Native American Research Center's first-ever orientation. The goal is to make students comfortable from day one.

Time: 5 min

Date: 9-7-18 at 3pm and 9-9-18 at noon on WPR. 9-9-18 at 9am on WPM.

Issue: Agriculture

Topic: Farmworkers feed us, and to do so they travel around the country following the harvest. For their kids, that means moving from school to school. Wyoming Public Radio's education reporter Tennessee Watson found there's a system in place to help these students, and brought us a story from North Dakota.

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Date: 7-13-18 at 3pm and 7-15-18 at noon on WPR. 7-15-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: The University of Wyoming (UW) is embarking on a new age by increasing its focus on economic development and entrepreneurship. One new project is taking this vision even further by trying to develop a new niche agricultural market for the state by producing first-grains, and the key to this innovation is actually ancient.

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Date: 7-20-18 at 3pm and 7-22-18 at noon on WPR. 7-22-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: Wyoming's agriculture industry is trying its hand at blockchain technology. Beefchain.io, a private company, is one of those businesses that started after Wyoming passed a number of pro-blockchain laws. The goal is to use blockchain technology to track data points about cattle and share the information with consumers: pasture to plate.

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Topic: Hay prices are spiking this year, driven up by a drought-induced shortage of the crop. It's affecting ranchers across the board, but horse owners in particular are feeling the pinch. Horses eat higher quality hay, so it's harder to get. It's forcing horse owners in Colorado to buy more hay from neighboring states like Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana and that's driving the cost up even more.

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Date: 7-27-18 at 3pm and 7-29-18 at noon on WPR. 7-29-18 at 9am on WPM

Topic: When you hear the word entrepreneur, you might think of someone in their garage building Facebook, Apple, or some new world-changing app. But right here in a tiny corner of southeast Wyoming, in a twenty-six-mile radius, three women are taking entrepreneurship back to its roots... using local sensibilities and old-fashioned techniques to sell products.

Time: 5 min

Date: 8-3-18 at 3pm and 8-5-18 at noon on WPR. 8-5-18 at 9am on WPM.

Issue: Business

Topic: Trade disputes, flattening yield curves, higher inflation... these all have economists worried a recession may soon be coming. A report from Goldman Sachs put the likelihood

at [17.6 percent](#) in the next two years. As Wyoming recovers from a recent energy downturn, we ask whether the state is ready to handle another economic slowdown. Wyoming Public Radio's Cooper McKim has more.

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Date: 7-27-18 at 3pm and 7-29-18 at noon on WPR. 7-29-18 at 9am on WPM

Topic: Counties and cities across Wyoming are removing funds from Bank of the West following a statement it will no longer finance any coal, oil or gas activities unless its clean-energy focused. The amount divested is already totaling in the tens of millions. But one city has definitively said it wants to KEEP its funds right where they are: Rawlins. A city *surrounded* by oil and gas. Wyoming Public Radio's Cooper McKim has the story.

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Date: 9-14-18 at 3pm and 9-16-18 at noon on WPR. 9-16-18 at 9am on WPM

Topic: Wyoming lawmakers are sticking by President Trump as he escalates his global trade war even as fear is growing that it will soon be felt from the state's oil fields all the way down to the electronics you rely on. Washington Correspondent Matt Laslo reports that other Republicans from across the nation aren't as patient as our lawmakers.

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Date: 9-28-18 at 3pm and 9-30-18 at noon on WPR. 9-30-18 at 9am on WPM

Issue: Social Issues

Topic: Football season kicks off soon with the sport still mired in controversy over whether players should stand for the national anthem. A new NFL policy that would force them to do that is now in limbo while the league negotiates with its players. But the underlying debate over whether political protest belongs on the football field is a familiar story to the University of Wyoming.

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Date: 7-27-18 at 3pm and 7-29-18 at noon on WPR. 7-29-18 at 9am on WPM

Topic: A Pennsylvania Grand Jury report found that leaders in the Roman Catholic Church there persuaded victims not to report sexual abuse and convinced law enforcement not to

investigate it either. News of the cover up, which protected over 300 abusive clergy, has sparked a call for increased accountability nationwide. Catholics in Wyoming are also reckoning with allegations of clergy abuse. Tennessee Watson reports.

Time: 6 min

Date: 9-7-18 at 3pm and 9-9-18 at noon on WPR. 9-9-18 at noon on WPM

Topic: It's painful to watch the small town you love shrink as the young people move to bigger cities in search of jobs and a more urban lifestyle. But in Wyoming and around the West, some towns that would be shuttering are actually starting to see a resurgence of young families moving in...young *Latino* families. As Wyoming Public Radio's Melodie Edwards reports, that kind of growth is *really* happening in Rawlins.

Time: 5 min

Date: 9-14-18 at 3pm and 9-16-18 at noon on WPR. 9-16-18 at noon on WPM

Topic: Wyoming's prisons are overcrowded to the point that the state has had to ship some inmates out of state. An analysis of the state prison system shows that over 50 percent of those behind bars are there due to probation or parole violations. Lawmakers were told that they could save millions if they found a way to not return those people to prison and to help substance abusers at a young age. Wyoming Public Radio's Bob Beck reports.

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Issue: ARTS

Topic: Over the next week, dance students from around the state will come to the University of Wyoming to learn from renowned performers as part of the [Snowy Range Summer Dance Festival](#). This year's event will feature dancers from the [Limón Dance Company](#) based in New York City. They will teach throughout the week, then dance a performance at the festival's gala. [Logan Frances Kruger](#) is a member of and the rehearsal director for the Limón Dance Company. She told Wyoming Public Radio's Caroline Ballard that her history with the company started when she was very young.

Time: 7 min

Date: 7-20-18 at 3pm and 7-22-18 at noon on WPR. 7-22-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: A documentary and book explores what happened to the barracks at Heart Mountain detention camp for Japanese Americans after World War Two. The film released in December 2017, "Moving Walls: The Barracks of America's Concentration Camps," tells the little-known story of how hundreds of the barracks were sold to veterans to homestead in Northwest Wyoming. Sharon Yamato, the filmmaker, wanted to explore the connection between these two different communities in an effort to create a dialogue. She speaks with Wyoming Public Radio's Kamila Kudelska.

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Date: 8-3-18 at 3pm and 8-5-18 at noon on WPR. 8-5-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: If you've know this ... *A Taste of Honey* ... then you know Herb Alpert. 50-some odd years later and the jazz musician is still going strong, with new albums and a tour. And his art isn't confined to just music – Alpert is also a visual artist, creating sculptures and abstract expressionist paintings that have shown in museums around the world. Over the next couple of months, both his music and his art will come to Wyoming, with an exhibition at a gallery in Jackson, and performances in Jackson and Sheridan. He joined Wyoming Public Radio's Caroline Ballard to talk about how he started creating visual art in the first place.

Time: 10 min

Date: 8-17-18 at 3pm and 8-19-18 at noon on WPR. 8-19-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: Two professors from the University of Wyoming have created an original opera about the story of an unusual subject; the rocky mountain locust. The show will premiere at the end of the month in Jackson. Wyoming Public Radio's London Homer-Wambeam has more.

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Date: 9-14-18 at 3pm and 9-16-18 at noon on WPR. 9-16-18 at 9am on WPM.

Topic: The Worlds of Music program has brought folk music traditions and musicians from around the world to Wyoming for 23 years. The nonprofit's next big program is a four-day event in Buffalo this October, featuring the music of Quebec. Writer and musician David Romtvedt is the group's founder. He spoke with Wyoming Public Radio's Caroline Ballard about how making music can bring communities together.

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