

It's debate season! Several debates are scheduled and found on the [WPM WY Vote page](#). Throughout the election season, we collaborated with *Wyoming PBS*, the *Casper Star Tribune*, the *Laramie Boomerang*, and the League of Women Voters, among others.

October 6th marks the 20th anniversary of the death of UW student, Matthew Shepard. WPM produced several pieces on the topic that can be found on our website at wyomingpublicmedia.org. You might want to check out Open Spaces on October 5 at 3 p.m., and Sunday, October 7 at 12 p.m. The feature will include audio from 20 years ago as well as a story with those who were part of the trial. Contemporary viewpoints will be explored with current Laramie students, as well as challenges LGBTQ students still face coming out. The impact of Shepard's death on arts, music, and theatre will be part of this feature. If you miss the program, you can find it at on the [Open Spaces site](#).

A story you may have missed is [Episode 46: Sanctuary](#) from the podcast *HumaNature*. This is about the W.O.L.F Sanctuary, which is run by UW retiree, Susan Weidel. It's a heartwarming story about wolves and wolf-dogs, and their travails during a massive wildfire. Another story you may have missed is Melodie Edwards' ["Tune In, Get Informed, Get involved": Four Wyoming Political Greats Talk Civility](#). This story focuses on a panel on civility, with 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. The program celebrated 25 years of collaboration of the University of Wyoming's Haub School and the Ruckelshaus Institute.

As a lead to our upcoming Fall Fund Drive, here's a statistic that I think you will agree with: As per the Pew Research Center, the audience for nearly every major sector of the U.S. media fell in 2017, with the only exception being radio! The audience for programming from NPR held steady in 2017, at 30 million.

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All best—

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