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WyomingPBS Awarded a Regional Emmy® Award

WyomingPBS is proud to announce the receipt of a Rocky Mountain Regional Emmy® award for its "Farm to Fork Wyoming: School Lunch" episode, which was recognized during the 2015 Rocky Mountain Regional Emmy® Awards in October 2015. The program, which was written and produced by Stefani Smith, was submitted under the "Public/Current/Community Affairs" category. Matthew Wright served as the lead videographer/editor for the project.

About the program: Sheridan County School District 1 took a bold step in getting local foods into the 2014-15 school lunch program. After years of deliberation over budgets, federal nutrition guidelines and a jigsaw puzzle of ill-fitted standards, SCSD1 ultimately abandoned the entire federal lunch program on the belief that they could feed their students more flavorful and nourishing meals, better suited to their 4-day school week, without the federal 'one size fits all' mandate. Smith and Wright spent several days in the Sheridan community visiting with school officials, students, parents, and local farmers.

"What a wonderful privilege to be at a station where we have the opportunity to work together for the state we love," said Smith. "It is quite an honor to receive the peer recognition that the Regional Emmy® represents, and to receive this in the good company of Matt Wright, who also helped bring this episode to fruition."

"One of WyomingPBS's highest goals is to create programs for Wyoming, about Wyoming," said General Manager Terry Dugas. "Through the talents of Stefani and Matt, Farm to Fork is an important series helping us fulfill that mission. I congratulate them on this well-deserved honor."

The program first aired on WyomingPBS in October 2014 and has been one of the more popular programs available online.

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