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KMUW Remembers the WSU Plane Crash

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On Oct. 2, 1970, a plane carrying 40 people -- coaches, staff, fans and members of the Wichita State football team -- crashed into a Colorado mountainside. The site is still littered with pieces of wreckage from the plane crash. It is an eerie and permanent reminder of the heartbreaking loss of 31 members of the Shocker community. This Friday, Oct. 2, on the 45th anniversary of the crash, Wichita Public Radio will present the documentary “The Pieces that Remain: Remembering the WSU Plane Crash,” from KMUW News.

KMUW reporter Abigail Wilson’s uncle was the quarterback for the Shockers that year. He and eight others survived the accident. Tune in as Wilson hikes up the mountain with survivors and family members, to recall the tragedy and attempt to understand the way it shaped the lives of so many people.

“The Pieces that Remain: Remembering the WSU Plane Crash,” will air at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, on 89.1 FM.

Wichita's NPR station, which was named the 2015 Large Market Station of the Year by the Kansas Association of Broadcasters for the second year in a row, has garnered dozens of awards for its local news over the last two years. KMUW will soon broadcast from its new location in Old Town.

