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New Exhibits Open at Fort Caspar Museum ***Let's Ride: Celebrating the Pony Express*** **and *An Eye on Wyoming: William Henry Jackson***

Casper, Wyoming – Fort Caspar Museum opens two new exhibits on Saturday, December 12th: “Let’s Ride: Celebrating the Pony Express” and “An Eye on Wyoming: William Henry Jackson”.

“Let’s Ride: Celebrating the Pony Express” features artifacts commemorating the Pony Express during the 20th century. 2010 is the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Pony Express. The exhibit highlights include a torch and mochila used during the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay by the National Pony Express Association, archaeological artifacts as well as collectibles. Take a trip down memory lane with the collectibles including movie posters, a record, ornaments, stamps, postcards, toys, a lunchbox, puzzles, books, a tea set and a box of Pony Express Peanut Clusters! This exhibit is fun for kids too! A special hands-on section allows kids to dress up like a rider and imagine they are on the trail. Several people and organizations have helped make this exhibit possible, including the Wyoming State Museum, Quackgrass Sally, Les Bennington and Jay Jensen.



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“An Eye on Wyoming: William Henry Jackson” focuses on artist Jackson’s time in Wyoming with the Hayden Survey in 1870 through the 1930s. Photographs and paintings of events illustrate Jackson’s strong connections to the region. Did you know he made paintings of the Battle of Red Buttes and the Battle of Platte Bridge? Have you ever seen the photograph from the Historical Society picnic at Jackson Canyon (west of Casper) from September 1927? Jackson’s impressions of Wyoming cover seventy years of exploration, changes, community and preservation. Don’t miss the chance to lay your eyes on Wyoming’s past!



For more information call the museum at 235-8462 or check our website at www.fortcasparwyoming.com. The museum is open Tuesday – Saturday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm in the winter. Admission fees are: Children 12 & Under are Free, Youth 13-18 are \$1.00 and Adults 19 & Over are \$1.50. Fort Caspar Museum is located at 4001 Fort Caspar Road, Casper, WY 82604.



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