



*Past to Present – Discover Central Wyoming*

## **Museum Adopts New Look**

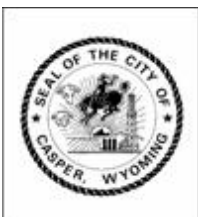
Casper, Wyoming – Fort Caspar Museum is undergoing a major expansion of the current museum building. The additional space will allow the museum staff to more thoroughly fulfill their mission of collecting, preserving, and exhibiting material related to the history of the Fort Caspar, the City of Casper, Natrona County, and central Wyoming. To coincide with the expansion, the museum has adopted a new logo that better reflects the mission of the museum. The covered wagon, mountain, oil derrick, and cityscape accompanied by the tag line 'Past and Present - Discover Central Wyoming' was the logo chosen to best represent the Museum's mission.

The museum expansion project will add additional museum gallery space for exhibits that feature prehistoric central Wyoming, fort history that compliments the outdoor exhibits, agricultural and oil & gas development in central Wyoming, and community histories in Natrona County. In addition, the expansion will provide a classroom for up to 30 students, and a multi-use room that can be used for traveling exhibits, films or lectures, or used by community groups.

Funding for the expansion project has come from national, regional, and local foundations, the City of Casper, individuals, and area businesses. Funding of \$1,550,000 for building construction and the exhibit design and fabrication has already been secured. The Fort Caspar Museum Association, an IRS recognized non-profit friends group, is conducting an Anniversary Campaign to secure the remaining funds needed for exhibit installation as well as furnishings and equipment for the museum expansion project.

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