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Impressions on Wyoming: A Summer Lecture Series

Casper, Wyoming – Fort Caspar Museum is pleased to announce a six-week summer lecture series on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm from July 9th to August 13th. Lectures are free of charge and will take place in the Multi-Use Room at Fort Caspar Museum. Each lecture will focus on a different “impression on Wyoming” from past to present and from east to west. These impressions could be people, places, or events. We may be able to experience these impressions today or they may be memories from times past.

The lecture on July 9th will feature Dr. Phil Roberts, Associate Professor of History at the University of Wyoming. Dr. Roberts will discuss the role of the railroad in the development of the American West and specifically its impact in southern Wyoming. He will explore how the railroad is central to the establishment of many places in Wyoming.

Michael McClure will lecture on July 16th on his book, *Artifact: A Cultural Geography of Wyoming* and the corresponding traveling exhibit available through the Wyoming State Museum, which will be featured at Fort Caspar Museum at that time. Mr. McClure will focus on Wyoming's prehistoric and historic landscape.

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On July 23rd, Chavawn Kelley will focus on the Wyoming highway system and specifically the Lincoln Highway. Kelley's lecture will place in context how the automobile and the highway system transformed American life and created Wyoming's tourist industry.

John D. McDermott will lecture on the frontier army in the Upper Platte Region on July 30th. He will focus on the frontier army as "arbiters of white civilization," taking into consideration their social endeavors and values that had a lasting impression on the American experience.

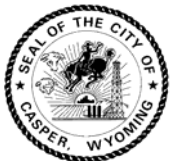
McDermott is the former Chief Historian of Fort Laramie National Historic Site. In 1997, he published *Frontier Crossroads: The History of Fort Caspar and the Upper Platte Crossing*.

On August 6th, Julie Francis, an Archaeologist with the Wyoming Department of Transportation, will focus on the cultural contexts in which Native American Rock Art in the Bighorn Basin was made and used, including information from the Legend Rock and Medicine Lodge Creek sites.

Erik Molvar will lecture on the Red Desert in Wyoming on August 13th. He will explore this remarkable regional landscape that has captured the interest of conservationists, hunters, ranchers and the minerals industry. These interest groups have had a historic impact and impression on the land in Wyoming. Molvar currently lectures through the Humanities Forum, a program available through the Wyoming Humanities Council.

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