



OCTOBER 2009

*Fostering curiosity and creativity through a variety of hands-on learning experiences and interactive exhibits.*

## ***Micah Whiting chooses LCM for Eagle Scout Project***

As the Museum nears its one year anniversary in its new location, expansion continues with the addition of safe and usable outdoor space thanks to the efforts of Micah Whiting and Boy Scout Troop number 83.

Micah asked to build a better and safer fence for the outdoor exhibits at the Museum. The previous fence had consisted of barrels and orange plastic construction fence, not really a safe environment for children.

On September 5, Micah and his troop along with volunteers from the Museum Board of Directors and parents of the Little Curious Minds program spent a full day building the fence. In addition, Micah designed the fence, secured a large in-kind donation of synthetic lumber, and worked with local lumber yards for other materials.



### **Special Thanks to:**

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### **Upcoming Events!**

#### **October 31**

Fall Fest!  
10am—3pm

#### **November 6**

Family Fun Night  
5:30—7:30

#### **November 21st**

**Holiday Gala**  
**Lander Community Center**  
6pm-10pm

#### **December 4**

Family Fun Night  
5:30 - 7:30

#### **December 19th**

Holidays Around the World!  
10 - 3

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## Fall Festival on October 31st

The Museum will hold its 6th annual Fall Fun Festival on **October 31st from 10 am—3 pm.**

Highlights will include fun

activities and games for the kids, Halloween science demos, make it/take its and more.

Costumes are encouraged, but not too scary—please! Lunch

and bake sale items will be available.

Admission will be \$3.00 per person, members are Free!

## Holiday Gala and Fundraiser set for November 21st

The annual Holiday Gala Fundraiser is set for November 21st from 6pm—10pm at the Community Center. Tickets are \$25 per person, and corporate tables are available..

The event consists of a silent auction of decorated trees and wreaths, themed gift baskets, and more as well as table games and live entertainment.

Heavy appetizers and cash bar are available.

Proceeds from the Gala will be used to create new exhibits, host special events and support museum operations.



Join us for an evening of fun to benefit the Museum and the children of our community!

For more information, please contact Sarah Sweeney or Jennifer O'Connor at 332-1341.

## Family Fun Nights sponsored by the Pamida Foundation

The Museum is pleased to announce that First Friday Family Fun Nights will be held from October through April with support from the Pamida Foundation and in collaboration with the Wyoming's First Lady Family Night Initiative.

Each month, the Museum will open its doors from 5:30 to

7:30 so that families can enjoy a light dinner and spend time playing together. First Fridays will offer a reduced admission rate of \$5.00 per family. Dinner will be \$2.00 per plate.

Families are encouraged to bring a canned/dry food item to donate to the Care and Share Food Bank.

### Dates for these events:

November 6  
December 4  
January - none  
February 5  
March 5  
April 2

## Holidays Around the World - Dember 19th

Mark your calendars for our annual Holidays Around the World celebration on

**December 19th from 10 am—3 pm.**

Join us as we celebrate a

variety of holidays and traditions, sample traditional foods, and a visit from Jolly St. Nick!

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## Daniels Fund helps launch new pilot program

The Little Curious Minds kindergarten prep program is going strong thanks to a generous grant from the Daniels Fund.

The foundation awarded the Lander Children's Museum/Little Curious Minds program with a \$7,500 grant to purchase curricu-

lum, supplies, and equipment for the initial pilot year.

Currently the Little Curious Minds program has nine participants and meets in the Museum from 8–12noon, Tuesday through Friday.

This program focuses on developing skills that promote

kindergarten readiness.

In addition, creative movement classes at Rummel Dance Studio, fieldtrips, and twice monthly visits to the Fremont County Library provide these children with additional community-based experiences.

## Tonkin Foundation Supports Outreach Program

The Tom and Helen Tonkin Foundation recently awarded the Lander Children's Museum with a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for its Outreach Program.

Funds will enable Museum staff to travel to area

schools promoting inquiry-based, hands-on science and social studies related activities that meet state standards and augment the curriculum and topics being explored in schools from grades K—12.

The Museum has outreach trunks available that teachers

can check out for a nominal fee. In addition, the Museum offers in-service workshops and classroom demonstrations.

Please contact Jennifer or Martha at 332-1341 for more information.

## Wyoming Community Foundation awards \$5,000 grant to LCM

The Lander Children's Museum has been awarded \$5,000 toward general operations of the Museum and more specifically to offset payroll expenses for programs and outreach events.

The grant was made possible through

the Flying V Donor Advised Fund held by the Wyoming Community Foundation.

The Wyoming Community Foundation is a charitable organization that builds and preserves funds established by individuals, families, corporations, agencies and private foundations. The

foundation uses the earnings from these gifts to benefit community needs across the state of Wyoming.

For information call (307) 721-8300 or visit their Web site at [wycf.org](http://wycf.org).

## Afterschool Program focuses on Science Fair!

Students in grades 5-8 have the opportunity to learn and prepare for Science Fair during the Museum's afterschool program which is held on Wednesdays from

2:30—4:00.

Not only are kids learning about the scientific method but they will develop their science fair projects from start to finish during the eight-week course, culminating with the Lander District Science Fair on December 15th.

The next sessions of Afterschool Science will be:

Grades 3-4: Jan. 6th - Feb 10th;

Topic: TBA

Grades K-2: Feb. 17th - March 24th;

Topic: Dinosaurs and more!

Please call the Museum at 332-1341 for more information and to register.

**Coats for Kids!** The Museum will be collecting winter outerwear to donate to the Kiwanis Coats for Kids program through December. Please bring in your unneeded coats, hats, mittens, snowpants, etc. for this worthy cause!



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