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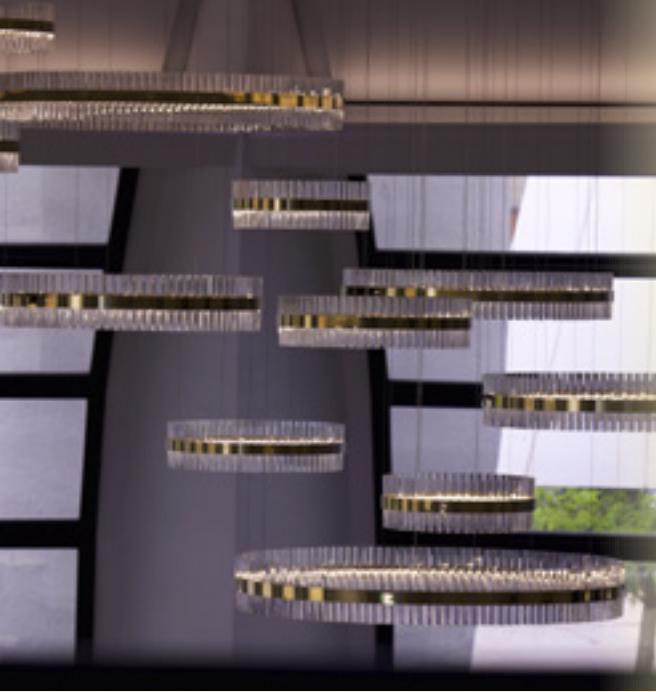
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# EVENTS AT THE M CASPER

If you're a longtime Wyoming resident, you're familiar with Casper. A traditional hub for sporting events, conferences, appointments and shopping, Casper's iconic structures often feel like ALL Wyomingites' iconic structures. And there is one iconic structure everyone knows – the historic Wyoming National Bank building, now the home of The McGinley Clinic and Events at The M.

Located at 234 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Downtown Casper and designed in 1964 by Denver architect Charles Deaton, the mid-century modern structure has an avant-garde flair that created a conversation piece originally and stunning wedding memories today. Deaton's saying, "People are not rectangular; buildings shouldn't be either," is definitely on display in this creative structure. The showcase of the building is the 86 foot diameter rotunda, a white, domed two-story structure created by 17 leaf-like blades. The rotunda was designed to celebrate Wyoming National Bank's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and originally housed the bank lobby. Today it is home to a stunning event center complete with a one-of-a-kind, custom-designed chandelier featuring over 1500 individual crystals, fountains and even ambient lighting that can be changed to suit the event. The event space has a capacity of 350 and utilizes a creative mixture of upscale tables and chairs, high top tables and designer seating areas perfect for pictures.





Dr. Joseph and Diane McGinley utilized the 40,000 square foot building adjacent to the rotunda for The McGinley Clinic, specializing in sports medicine and orthopedics. The clinic utilizes cutting-edge services and cultivates a clientele throughout the United States and beyond. Seeing a need to share the creative architecture with more people, Diane decided to expand upon their vision and turn the rotunda into a stunning events center. She based her design goals on specific tents: first, to restore whenever possible; second, to renovate in the original spirit of the building; third, to reestablish the facility with local talent as much as possible; and fourth, to reinvent mission, purpose and use. Diane is proud to report that of the 33 vendors and subcontractors utilized, 30 were from Natrona County. While certain period elements were easy to reproduce (such as the shade of white that exactly matches the original building's hue), the original fluorescent lighting was given an upgrade to customizable colored ambient lighting. "For example, a recent Christmas party was red and green, while the wedding that followed it used beautiful shades of pink and purple which then changed to multicolor for their dance party," Diane says. The ambient lighting and unique chandelier combine to make stunning portraits of a couple's first wedding dance.






While the extraordinary décor is certainly the star of the show, another perk of the center is their event service. 3D technology gives the bride and groom the ability to see and manipulate a model of the space while they lay out their event; event staff provides set up and tear down services so the couple can relax and enjoy their day; and a list of preferred vendors is always ready and able to help couples find wedding professionals. “While we welcome all vendors, the preferred vendors list consists of individuals we’ve worked with who share our vision and passion for the space and work synergistically with our staff,” Diane says. The team is always excited to hear a couple’s hopes and dreams for their wedding and will do as much as they can to make those a reality. “We love to be a YES whenever we can,” Diane adds. Amenities include linens, centerpieces, speaker with microphone, stage, podium, wifi and projector.





The facility, while new to Wyoming's wedding scene, has already made a splash. Not only has the center featured many gorgeous weddings, the team has hosted numerous conferences, non-profit and other group events. Couples throughout Wyoming and out-of-state are finding their way to Events at the M – the beauty of the structure, ease of planning and number of amenities that exist within Casper make it an attractive, affordable destination location. If you're looking for a state-of-the-art, elegant indoor wedding venue in Wyoming, check out Events at the M. Information can be found online at [eventsatthem.com](http://eventsatthem.com), and the team is happy to answer your questions at 307.439.4812 or [info@eventsatthem.com](mailto:info@eventsatthem.com). 





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