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Bell Center gym half finished

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JOSHUA TREE — Construction on Copper Mountain College's Bell Center sports complex is more than half complete.

College officials say the Bell Center represents a milestone in the history of the college as it nears the final facilities requirement in becoming a "complete campus" while celebrating its 25th anniversary.

The Bell Center, at 40,000 square feet, may host theatrical, musical and other live performance events on a scale currently unavailable in the Morongo Basin, press releases note.

"We are excited about the prospects for the entire community, and look forward to the opportunities and economic benefits that hosting exhibitions and large scale events can provide," said Dr. Roger Wagner, the college's superintendent and president.

Dan Cain, the school's facilities director, said construction is progressing quickly, and major changes to the building can be viewed from Twentynine Palms Highway.

"The project will be a tremendous asset to the college and the Morongo Basin," Cain added.

Day Construction, general contractor for the project, is on schedule to complete the facility next spring.

Sports fields are planned for the site within the next three or four years.

Fittings for the Bell Center and completion of the sports fields will be paid for by a capital campaign now under way.

Donations for the sports fields and Bell Center can be made to the CMC Foundation in a number of ways, including by pledge over several years, through planned giving, by monthly or quarterly installments or by direct cash contributions.

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