

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Activities for All Ages at Fort Caspar Museum on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Casper, Wyoming – Fort Caspar Museum has activities for all ages planned for Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. From kids to seniors, activities will engage the public in learning about history and community. Don't forget to see the *Farm Life* exhibit or walk through the fort buildings.

### **10:00 -10:30 am      A Day in the Life of Katie Keith**

Families are invited to join Katie Keith for an informal presentation about life on a working ranch. During the 30-minute program, she will talk about her duties on the family ranch and share photographs from these activities. Katie is a thirteen-year old student who is active in 4-H. She will be joined by her grandmother, Jo Keith.

### **12:00 – 1:30 pm      The Black-Footed Ferret, Made in Wyoming**

Stop by the open-house to see a live black-footed ferret, learn its story and celebrate this Wyoming native! Fort Caspar Museum is honored to have this special guest from the Black-Footed Ferret Recovery Program in Wellington, CO. The museum's youth mascot, Fremont, was inspired by the black-footed ferret. This program is traveling to Meeteetse and Casper for Endangered Species Day. The black-footed ferret is one of the most endangered animals in North America. Once thought to be extinct, the last known population of black-footed ferrets was found in Meeteetse on September 26, 1981. That population dwindled to 18 animals but today a captive breeding program, new treatments for plague and distemper, and the commitment of hundreds have produced enough black-footed ferrets to reintroduce them to 19 sites on the Great Plains.



**2:00 -3:00 pm            From Pioneer Homesteads to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Energy Conservation**

Have you thought about planting trees at home but don't know where to start? Join Donna Cuin, Horticulture Specialist with the Natrona County Agricultural Extension Office, for a one-hour overview of the importance of windbreaks, both historically and today. Learn how to properly plant and care for a tree and participate in planting on the museum grounds.

**Through May 25<sup>th</sup>**

***Farm Life: A Century of Change for Farm Families and Their Neighbors***

What does it mean for a family to live and work on the land? Catch a glimpse into life on a working farm. This exhibit offers visitors a view into life on a working farm through photographs, artifacts and hands-on materials. The 20<sup>th</sup>-century brought profound changes for farm families and their neighbors. In 1900, 42% of the U.S. population worked in agriculture, but by 2000, less than 2% of the population was involved in farm production. Still, through generations of dramatic economic and social change, some families have maintained their connections to farming, their land, and the rural communities in which they live and work.

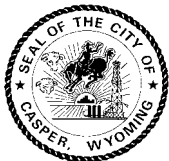


This exhibit has been made possible by a special initiative by the National Endowment for the Humanities, "NEH on the Road." The exhibit was originally developed by the Chippewa Valley Museum in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and is based on a larger exhibition permanently installed in their galleries. It is brought to you by the Mid-America Arts Alliance. Local sponsorship is provided by the Natrona County School District Discover Program and Fort Caspar Museum Association. A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities supports the public programs.

For more information about these activities, call Fort Caspar Museum at 307-235-8462 or check our website at [www.fortcasparwyoming.com](http://www.fortcasparwyoming.com).

The museum is open daily from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. All activities are FREE with museum admission. Admission fees are: Children 12 & Under are FREE, Youth 13-18 are \$2.00 and Adults are \$3.00.

Fort Caspar Museum is located at 4001 Fort Caspar Road, Casper, WY 82604.



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