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Native American Programs at Fort Caspar Museum

Casper, Wyoming – Fort Caspar Museum is hosting special Native American programs in conjunction with *The Bison: American Icon* traveling exhibit. These programs are funded by a “We the People” grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Saturday programs, which will be held on April 24th and May 1st, are free with museum admission.

On Saturday, April 24th join Reba Teran for a children’s story time at 10:30 or 11:30 am. Teran will share her book about a true story from her family about “Elka,” their pet elk. The story highlights funny situations Teran and her siblings found themselves in because of Elka. At 2:00 pm, join Teran as she discusses traditional uses of the bison by the Eastern Shoshone. During the presentation, Teran will use Shoshone terms. She is a member of the Eastern Shoshone tribe and works as a cultural and technological consultant for the Wind River Native Science Field Center in Fort Washakie, WY. In her spare time, she is working with several elders to create a Shoshone language dictionary. Through this work, she has become fluent again and dreams in the Shoshone language. Teran is also an accomplished bead worker and saddle maker of the old- style Shoshone Women’s Parade saddle.

On Saturday, May 1st, join Annin Soldier Wolf and his children at 11:00 am, 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm as they share their family history; buffalo hide artwork; Northern Arapaho traditional dress, song, and dance; and their tribe’s historic use of the bison. The Soldier Wolf family is from St. Stephens, WY. Annin Soldier Wolf is an accomplished traditional artist and is part of

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the Folk Arts Mentoring Program offered by the Wyoming Arts Council, teaching beading and hide work to an apprentice.

The Bison: American Icon is open at Fort Caspar Museum through May 25, 2010. Casper is the first stop for the exhibit on its five-year tour throughout the United States. The exhibit explores the meaning and significance of the bison from the Plains Indian cultures of the 1800s through the commercial and national symbol of the present. *The Bison: American Icon* has been made possible by NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities and is toured by the Mid-America Arts Alliance. First Interstate Bank is the local sponsor for the exhibit.

For more information about this exhibit and its programs, call Fort Caspar Museum at 307-235-8462 or check our website at www.fortcasparwyoming.com. In April, the museum is open Tuesday – Saturday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission fees are: Children 12 & Under FREE, Youth 13-18 are \$1.00 and Adults 19 & Over are \$1.50. Starting in May, the museum is open daily from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. The fort buildings open May 1st and the admission fees are: Children 12 & Under are FREE, Youth 13-18 are \$2.00 and Adults 19 & Over are \$3.00. Fort Caspar Museum is located at 4001 Fort Caspar Road, Casper, WY 82604.



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