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## CASPER COLLEGE STUDENTS CURATE NEW EXHIBIT AT FORT CASPAR MUSEUM

A new exhibit, curated by the students of Valerie Innella's museum studies class at Casper College, is set to open at the Fort Caspar Museum on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

The exhibit, "Hollywood in Wyoming" will contain many of the elements needed for a good Western film. Items on display will include the saddle presented to Tim McCoy by the Arapahoe tribe, a costume from Starship Troopers, a costume worn by Casper native Laurie Anders in "The Marshall's Daughter," a costume worn by Kenny Rogers in the film "Wild Horses," and much more.

According to Innella, Casper College art history instructor, students designed the show and educational offerings related to it during the 2008 fall semester class. "'Museum Studies' (ART 1300) provided an understanding of the basic operations of a museum or gallery and included exhibit design, education, collections management, marketing, and an overview of the history and changing role of these facilities in society. The course also involved travel to Casper museums to explore their missions, services and collections," she noted.

Casper College students from the museum studies class who participated in the exhibition include Jessica Barnes, Carolyn Christie, Zhanna Gallegos, John Goss, Lisa Janpol, Amy Keyser, Laura Lucero, Stevie Patton, Will Royer, Jamie Smith, Ben Stagg, Wendy Walker, Janet Waterman, Johanna Wickman, and Jane Young.

The Casper College museum studies students curated the Hollywood in Wyoming exhibition, with further support from Fort Caspar, the Western History Archives, the Jackson Hole Historical Museum, Boyd and Dona Magers, and the American Heritage Center. A Casper College Innovation Grant funded the exhibition.

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Fort Caspar Museum is located at 4001 Fort Caspar Rd. Operating hours through April are Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for youth aged 13 to 18 and free for children 12 and under. When fort buildings are open, May through September, admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for youth aged 13 to 18 and free for children 12 and under. The exhibit is expected to be on display through November 2009.

Look for upcoming listings of events related to the show this spring from Fort Caspar.