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“Lunch and Learn” at Fort Caspar Museum **“Buffalo Bill: A Life in the Wild West”**

Casper, Wyoming – Fort Caspar Museum and its support group, the Fort Caspar Museum Association are hosting a “Lunch and Learn” on Saturday, October 2nd. Steve Friesen will present “Buffalo Bill: A Life in the Wild West.” He will discuss the life of Buffalo Bill Cody and some of the controversies associated with it, including the conflict between Colorado and Wyoming over his final resting place. The sale and a book-signing of Friesen’s *Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary* (Fulcrum Press, 2010) will follow the Lunch and Learn Program.

Steve Friesen has been director of the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave in Golden, CO since 1995. During his time as director, he has given numerous lectures about Buffalo Bill and the West. The Midwest Book Review characterizes the *Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary* as "a captivating, reader-friendly biography of William F. ‘Buffalo Bill’ Cody." Like Buffalo Bill, Friesen was raised in Kansas. He attended Bethel College in Newton, Kansas, once characterized by Buffalo Bill as the “wildest and wickedest town in the West.” Friesen received his MA in American Folk Culture in 1976 and has worked at a variety of museums throughout his 35-year career, including Denver’s Molly Brown House. His abiding historical interest is in the American frontier, beginning with colonization of the eastern seaboard and continuing through Buffalo Bill’s period. His first book, *A Modest Mennonite Home*, dealt with the German settlement of Pennsylvania in the early 18th century.

The luncheon begins at 12:00 pm in the Multi-Use Room at Fort Caspar Museum. Fees for the meat lasagna lunch, which includes green salad, bread, dessert, tea and lemonade - is

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payable at the door with RSVP. The lunch is \$5 for museum members and \$8 for non-members. The special lecture begins at 1:00 pm and is free with paid lunch or with museum admission (\$1.50). Please call 235-8462 to RSVP for both the luncheon and/or the lecture by Wednesday, September 30th.

For more information call the museum at 235-8462 or check our website at www.fortcasparwyoming.com. The museum is open daily in September from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission fees are: Children 12 & Under FREE, Youth 13-18 are \$2.00 and Adults 19 & Over are \$3.00. Please note: Beginning October 1st and through April 30th the museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. The fort buildings are closed in the winter and admission is half-price. Fort Caspar Museum is located at 4001 Fort Caspar Road, Casper, WY 82604.



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