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HOW TIME FLIES...

Monthly News & Events

HIGH PLAINS WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER SPEARFISH, SD



Join us for Christmas at the High Plains 2023

*Christmas shopper's village,
live music, book signings
and more!*

We cordially invite you to make plans to join us once again during the month of December for our Christmas at the High Plains 2023 celebration!

We will kick things off December 1st with one of the more popular events we host all year long - our Christmas Shopper's Village. We will feature 16 local vendors who will display their arts and crafts skills and talents by displaying their unique Christmas gift offerings in our Founder's Hall. Feel free to browse the various booths with a wide selection of locally crafted items that you won't find anywhere else gathered in one place. You'll find local artwork, leather work, woodwork, locally grown and produced goods, hand-made pottery, quilted items and much more!

There is no admission charge during the month of December so feel free to visit during our hours of operation. We'll be open from 9am - 4pm Tuesday through Saturday with a special opening on Sunday afternoon December 17 during High Plains Live! The shopper's village will be open until December 20th. And remember, our vendors have once again generously agreed to give a portion of every purchase to the HPWHC to help with our operating expenses. Please join us in thanking them!

During the month we are so pleased to host Paul Horstead on Sat. Dec. 16th at 1pm as he unveils the latest edition of the very popular "Exploring with Custer" book, which he co-authored with Ernest Grafe. The new edition has more than



30 new pages and several new photographs, after the pair revisited some of the sites they chronicled in their original 2002 book.

To add to the fun be sure to get your tickets for a rare performance of the entire Potter Family as they present "A Potter Family Christmas!" The family will be reunited for their beautiful presentation of classic and contemporary Christmas selections. We thank Spearfish Economic Development for their generous sponsorship to help make this event possible. Tickets are \$15 general / \$20 for reserved.

We'll cap things off with our High Plains Live! on Sunday, Dec. 17th at 2pm with Paul Larson and Friends with Christmas on the High Plains. He'll be joined by Jami Lynn, Katie Sprage and Leanne Carl. This is always a wonderful way to get us into the holiday spirit with their traditional Christmas music, with a cowboy flair. Tickets are \$15 general / \$20 reserved. We want to thank Pioneer Bank and the SD Arts Council for their sponsorship. We hope to see you during Christmas at the High Plains 2023!

Veteran's Event Helps Spearfish Monument

Because of your support for our annual "Honoring Our Veterans" event we were able to present a \$520 check to go toward the expansion of the Spearfish Veterans Monument at Indian Springs Park, across from the Spearfish City Park. We wish to thank our sponsors and the many community organizations who came together to make it a very special day for our veterans.

Thank you to the Spearfish Veterans Honor Guard, the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, the Black Hills Chapter of the American Legion Riders, our Emcee Fred Nelson, keynote speaker Col. Jeff Merchant, USMC Ret., and to the Shrine of Democracy Chorus for a beautiful performance. And thanks to our volunteers to all of you who attended to honor our veterans. What a day!



HPWHC volunteer Skip Johnson (left) presents a check for \$520 to Doug Henwood (right), Treasurer of the Spearfish Veterans Monument Committee. Through your generosity the HPWHC has been able to donate more than \$6,700 to the monument since 2016.

"Newest" Sheep Wagon Gets New Home



Our refurbished sheep wagon (left) has a new home! We've moved it from the west patio outside into our transportation room. It will be available for our guests to climb inside and get a feel for how it was to be a mobile shepherd a century ago. We want to thank the members of the BHSU football team along with volunteers Marvin Friedt and Don Peterson for helping with the move.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Christmas at the High Plains All Month

Christmas Shopper's Village
Around 20 local vendors with handmade craft items and works of art. Perfect for unique Christmas gifts. Opens Dec. 1st and continues through Wednesday Dec. 20th



Saturday Dec. 9 2:00 PM
"A Potter Family Christmas"
with the entire Potter Family!
Tickets: \$15 Reserved: \$20
Sponsored by SEDC & Perkins



Saturday Dec. 16 1:00 PM
"Revisiting the 1874 Custer Expedition,
20 Years Later"

The revised 4th edition of their popular book features 36 pages of new material and new photos. Join us for a book presentation by author Paul Horsted and a book signing to following.

Sunday Dec. 17 2:00 PM
High Plains Live!
"Christmas on the High Plains"
with Paul Larson & Company
(Jami Lynn, Katie Sprage & Leanne Carl)
Join us for this classic and popular Christmas concert with a cowboy flair.
Reserved: \$20 | General: \$15

For additional event information visit
www.WesternHeritageCenter.com



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New Flag Presented



On behalf of the HPWHC Karla Scovell (left) receives a new American flag from a representative of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Cathy Lessly (right). The DAR donates a new flag every four months. This flag comes courtesy the Black Hills Chapter in Rapid City. Thank you DAR!

School Groups Visit



We were thrilled to host a pair of school groups last month. We had student visits from the Alzada, MT, country school on the 17th and the Black Hills Christian Academy on the 15th. Our volunteers graciously provided the tours. School groups are always welcome as we are here to share our area history with the next generation.



During December take 25% off most items in our bookstore and gift shop!

Seasonal Closure

The High Plains Western Heritage Center will have it's annual seasonal closure during January through March. We will reopen on April 1st. During this time we will be available for group tours or private family tours. Call us to make arrangements.

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