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Monthly News & Events

HIGH PLAINS WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER  SPEARFISH, SD



Honoring Our Veterans Nov. 12

Shrine of Democracy Chorus to perform.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, the High Plains Western Heritage Center invites you to our annual "Honoring Our Veterans" event. The annual tribute to those who are serving or have served our nation in the armed services begins at 2pm and raises funds to be donated toward the Spearfish Veterans Memorial.

The Black Hills Chapter of the American Legion Riders will present a flag line in our front hall prior to the program. Once everyone is seated the Spearfish Veterans Honor Guard will provide a ceremonial three-gun volley followed by taps. The Cadets of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will do the Posting of the Colors and Retreat.

The emcee for the event will be Fred Nelson, SD American Legion Alternate National Executive Committeeman. Our keynote speaker will be Colonel Jeff Merchant, US Marine Corps (Retired).

Entertainment will be provided by the "Shrine of Democracy Chorus" from Rapid City. Their barbershop-style music with tight harmonies will fill the air in the Bruce Miller Theater as they present a patriotic tribute.

A donation of \$10 is suggested at the door with proceeds going toward the completion of the Spearfish Veterans Memorial. We want to thank our sponsors for the event: First Interstate Bank, with their generous donation; and Safeway who is providing refreshments.

Join us in recognizing and honoring all those who have served our country on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 12, at 2pm.

Unique Western Figurines Find a Home at HPWHC

by Larry Miller

An exquisite collection of Old West Figurines has been accepted by the High Plains Western Heritage Center in Spearfish, South Dakota and will soon go on display.

Designed and crafted by Michigan artist Danny Campbell, the set of figurines was donated by Danny and Tammy Campbell and Toyota Boshoku of America, his long-time employer, which has supported Campbell's latest initiative of donating more than 150 pieces of his artwork to some 32 museums in more than a dozen states. Spearfish was the latest stop on a western donation trip that included Wisconsin, Minnesota, and South Dakota.

"We are honored to receive these incredible works by Danny Campbell," said High Plains Western Heritage Center Executive Director Karla Scovell. "It's a superb addition to our collection - one that will certainly gain the attention of museum visitors!"

Campbell, who was born and raised outside of Pontiac, Michigan, says he's always been interested in art. "As a kid I had Army models - and it contin-



HPWHC Executive Director Karla Scovell (center) welcomes artist Danny Campbell (right) and his wife Tammy (left) to the museum. Karla's granddaughter Skylar closely examines the figurines donated by the Campbells and Toyota Boshoku of America, from which Danny Campbell recently retired.

ued through the years when we moved north to around Cadillac, Michigan." That's where he met his wife, Tammy, who was a year behind him at Pine River Area High School. After graduating from high school in 1980, Danny enlisted in the U.S. Army.

The following year, Tammy graduated from high school - they married - and soon found themselves in Germany, where Danny had been assigned as an Army artillery forward observer. After he was discharged in 1987, the Campbells returned to Michigan, where Danny enrolled at Ferris State University in Big Rapids. Two years later, Danny received Bachelor degrees in both Mechanical Engineering and Graphic Arts and then spent several years working in auto industry design studios for Prince Corporation and Magma. He joined Toyota Boshoku of America about 15 years ago and recently retired as Senior Manager in Program Management, working in the Novi and Ann Arbor region. He speaks fondly of Toyota Boshoku.

"I love Toyota Boshoku because they support and



A huge thank you to First Interstate Bank for their generous \$750 donation to our annual "Honoring Our Veterans" event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Sunday Nov. 12 2:00 PM

Honoring our Veterans

“Shrine of Democracy Chorus”

Formed in 1969, and back by popular demand, the barbershop-style chorus and quartets return to the HPWHC for a patriotic concert in honor of our Veterans. Suggested \$10 donation at the door.

Sponsored by First Interstate Bank. Proceeds benefit the Spearfish Veterans Monument.



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

Saturday Dec. 16 1:00 PM
“Revisiting the 1874 Custer Expedition”
Presentation and book signing with
Paul Horsted

Sunday Dec. 17 2:00 PM
“Christmas on the High Plains”
with Paul Larson & Company”
Reserved seating: \$20
General Admission: \$15

For additional event
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give back to local communities. They've supported my initiative to donate selected figurines to museums all across the country - from Michigan and Pennsylvania to Mississippi and now South Dakota. Our next trip will be to museums in Oklahoma and Texas.”

Over the years, Campbell has created more than 800 figurines with themes ranging from military, women, and western to Native American – even pirates on display at the Pirate Museum in St. Augustine, Florida!

Campbell readily admits that Tammy - his wife of 42 years - is not only his partner - but has been his staunch champion.

Tammy smiles and observes, “I'm his worst critic!” Not skipping a beat, Danny chuckles and responds, “If she doesn't like

one of the figurines, it goes into the scrap pile!”

Their complementary efforts appear to nurture every aspect of Danny's artistic endeavors. After a brief pause, Tammy puts a verbal ribbon on their exchange: “He's got other things to worry about besides finances. He was always home with his family... not out at bars and running around! He's always home... a great husband and a great dad!”

Clearly, the Danny and Tammy Campbell/Toyota Boshoku collaboration has been a winner - not just for their respective entities - but for the communities and people they serve and support.

The High Plains Western Heritage is proud to display this terrific collection of Western Figurines, thanks to Danny and Tammy Campbell - and Toyota Boshoku!

Winter Hours

Our Winter Hours are now in effect.
We are open Tues. - Sat. 9am - 4pm
Closed Sunday & Monday
(Except for special events)
The HPWHC will observe a seasonal closure from January through March.
We will open by appointment during that time and our facility will be available to host your event (weather permitting).

During November take 20% off most items in our bookstore and gift shop!

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