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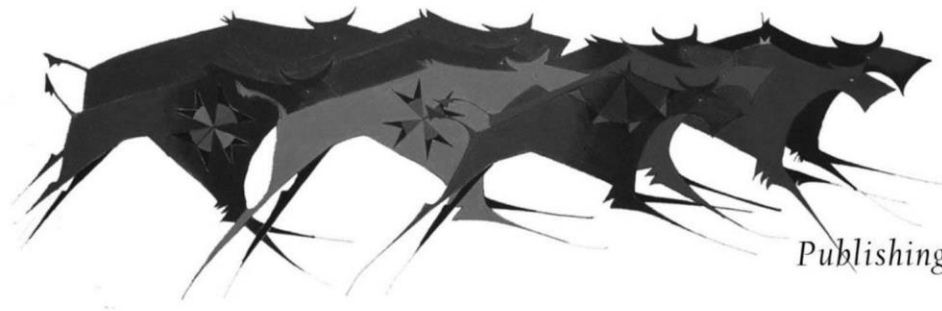
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Dear Kevin,

It is my pleasure to send you the FY2022 Deadwood Publications Fund report (which tracks the accounts on an annual basis, January 1 through December 31). Our “Deadwood books,” as we lovingly refer to them, are doing splendidly. David Wolff’s *The Savior of Deadwood* is a finalist for the Will Rogers Medallion Award. The winner of that award will be announced at the organization’s annual award banquet on Oct. 29, 2022. David is also giving the keynote address based on his book for the Wild West History Association’s annual Round Up in Rapid City on July 20. Sandy Barnard’s *George Armstrong Custer: A Military Life* has received excellent reviews, of which we are quite proud.

In April 2022, we published the children’s illustrated book *A Place for Harvest: The Story of Kenny Higashi*, by Lauren R. Harris, with illustrations by Felicia Hoshino. This book sheds light on the integrity that characterizes Black Hills residents, who refused to allow the U.S. government to intern the Higashi family during World War II. The book was a centerpiece of the SDSHS 2022 History Conference, with both author and illustrator as speakers. We also held a book release event in Spearfish and speaking engagements for both Harris and Hoshino at the Rapid City Public Library and at Riggs High School in Pierre. *A Place for Harvest* will be a featured book at the SDHC Festival of Books in Brookings this fall. Both author and illustrator will be speaking at several schools as part of their Festival appearances.

Just a quick staff update: Mary Andino left us in March for her dream job as managing editor of a Midwestern food magazine and Jennifer McIntyre needed a new challenge after nine years with SDHS Press. She is now the marketing and membership director at the South Dakota Discovery Center, though she is continuing on with us for a few hours each week, maintaining basic marketing tasks. Abby Wright joined us in January as production coordinator and associate editor. We just added associate editor Slater Sabo to our ranks on July 5. Cody Ewert continues as managing editor, albeit mostly remotely from Bozeman, MT, where his wife took a job as an archivist at Montana State University in March. Sarah Dozier handles each book as it enters and leaves our facility, and the paperwork that accompanies those transactions.



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The entire Press staff is extremely grateful to the City of Deadwood for the ongoing opportunity to provide our growing readership with excellent books about the Black Hills and the West River region. We greatly value our partnership with you and look forward to our continued collaboration.

All the best,

Dedra McDonald Birzer
Director and Editor-in-Chief, SDHS Press