

A photograph of a small, clear stream flowing through a dense forest. The water is captured with a long exposure, creating a soft, white, misty effect as it cascades over several large, moss-covered rocks. The surrounding vegetation is vibrant green, featuring various ferns, grasses, and other forest plants. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

Mingle Monday

Met with Dick Kahler at Westhills Village.

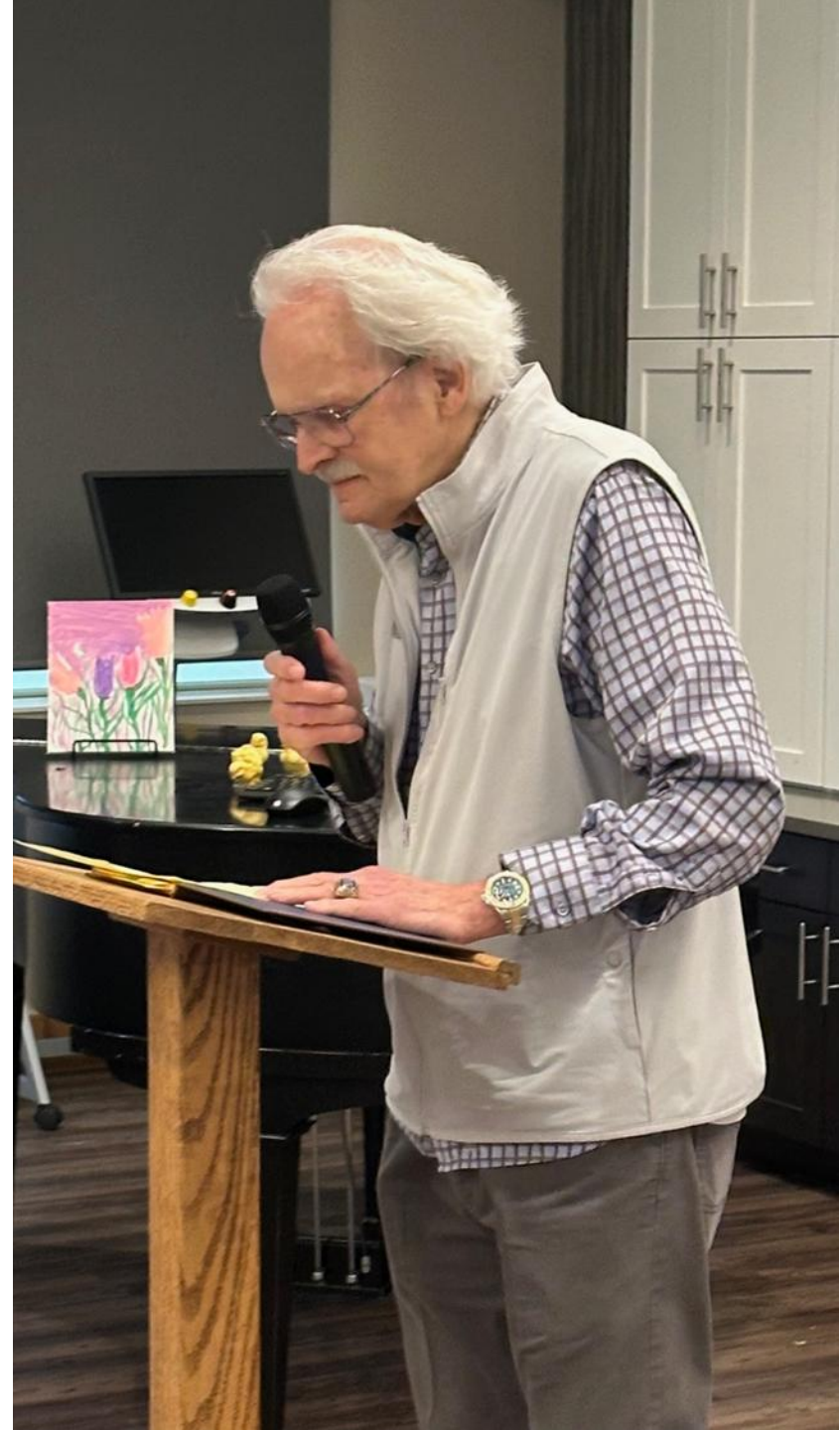
Norm McKie Speaker



Met with Dick Kahler at Westhills Village. Dick has been a member of the Rapid City Cosmopolitan Club for 67 years. He was instrumental in the way the Club raises money.

**Jim Schuh introduced
Norm Mc Kie.**





Mr. McKie started by talking about The Wizard Of Oz, and its Yellow Brick Road. This he said pretty much was the Road he took in getting the Native American woman named “Dignity” to the Banks of the Missouri River at Chamberlin SD.





Norm McKie wrote this book about his work on Dignity.

The book is little so it will be read and remembered

He lived in South Dakota most of his life.

His family came here in late 1800's

He worked with these people in designing and building "Dignity".

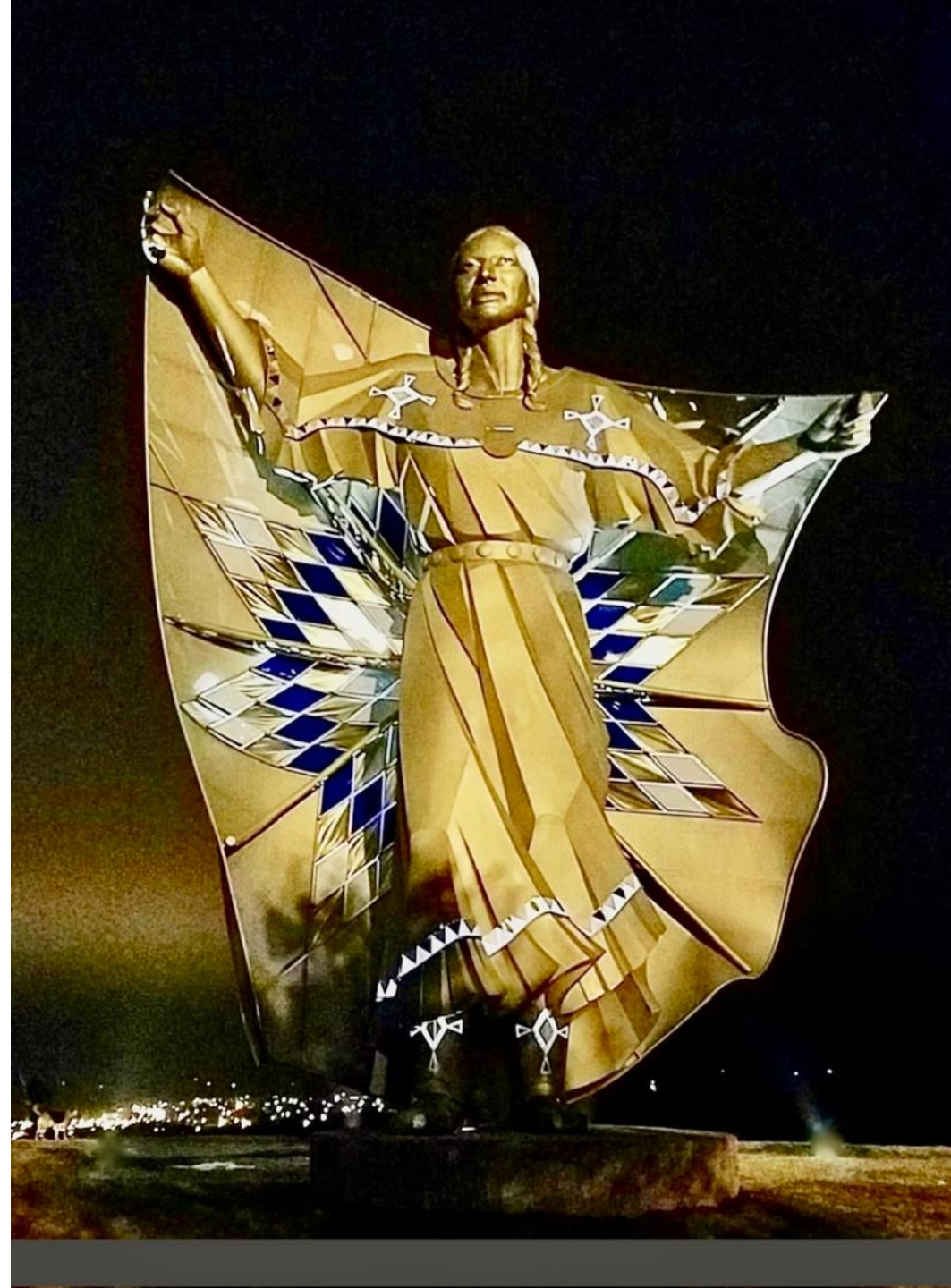
Pat West, Sturgis South Dakota

Dr Corwin, South Dakota School of Mines President

Dale Lamphere designer and builder of the Statue "Dignity".

Norm McKie donated \$1 million to create a 45-foot-tall stainless steel statue of a Native American woman with a sweeping star quilt for the state of South Dakota.

The statue entitled “Dignity” will help commemorate South Dakota’s 125th year as a state. It will be located off of U.S. Interstate 90 at the Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center and rest stop by Chamberlain, S.D. atop the Missouri river bluffs.



The Dignity Statue was built in 2016 with a \$1 million donation given by Norm and McKie. The project was given to a local sculptor, Dale Lamphere, to complete.

The statue took Lamphere and his team from the summer of 2015 to September 17, 2016 to finish the sculpture. The final product ended up being 50 feet tall, towering over the highway in Chamberlain, South Dakota.



DALE LAMPHERE ARTIST STATEMENT

Dignity of Earth and Sky is a soaring sculpture of a native woman standing high on a bluff above the Missouri River.

The starquilt is made of 128 diamonds in the colors of the water and sky that surround her. Dignity is 50' tall, weighs 12 tons, and is made of hundreds of pieces of stainless steel. Dignity honors the Native Nations of the Great Plains.

"My intent is for the sculpture to stand as an enduring symbol of our shared belief that all here are sacred and in a sacred place."

- Dale Claude Lamphere

Dignity of Earth and Sky began in 2015 and was dedicated September 17, 2016.



The sculpture seems to depict a woman of the Lakota tribe holding up a star quilt behind her back. The star on the quilt represents what is the morning star to the Lakota, and this symbolizes "the direction from which spirits travel to Earth and is a link between the living and the dead (in extension), thus symbolizing immortality" (Owinja par. 5). Norm McKie was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame for his generosity in donations to an altitude of places, including the Oglala Sioux Tribe, which is the same tribe that Dignity resembles being from.

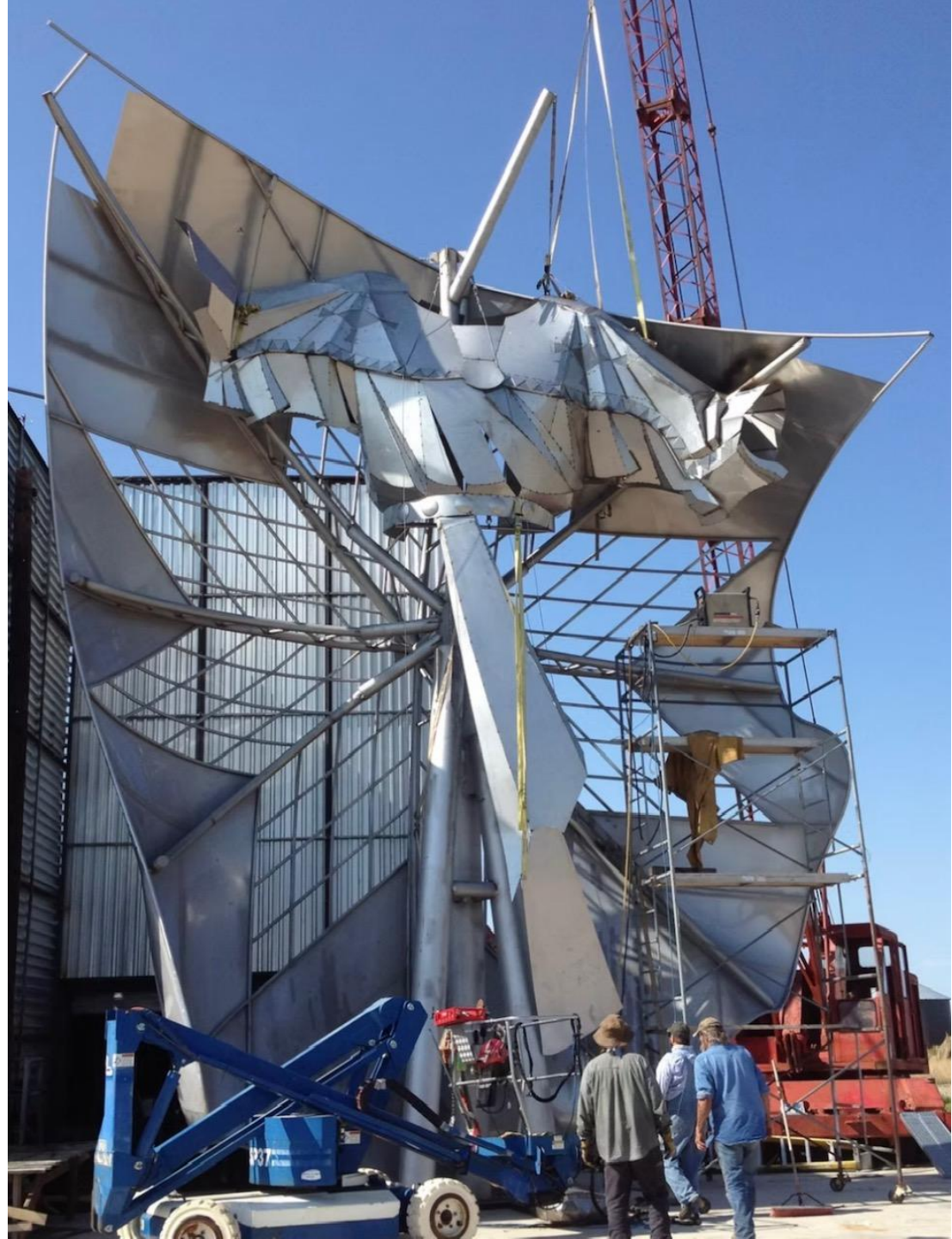




More than 100 blue diamond shapes flutter with the wind "like an aspen leaf," Lamphere says.















SINGS IN THE TIMBER



Dignity, a 50-foot-tall stainless-steel tribute to indigenous culture, stands on a Missouri River bluff near Chamberlain. Photo by Chad Coppess











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