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Sarpy County Museum Hosts Author Lawson McDowell

Join the Sarpy County Museum on Sunday, January 3rd at 2 p.m. as author Lawson McDowell presents on his book *Ginny Cooper's War*. For a four year period, there existed a huge aircraft assembly plant near Omaha, Nebraska where 14,000 workers came together to assemble bombers for World War II. The airplanes they built included the Enola Gay and Bocksar, the B-29 bombers that delivered the war-ending atomic bombs.

McDowell explores the short-lived, largely forgotten plant and its role in events leading to the Enola Gay. Based on three years' research, McDowell has released an historical fiction narrative filled with drama, intrigue, and love set in a time when America's survival was uncertain. This free event, at the Sarpy County Museum, is open to the public.

Lawson McDowell attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, where he graduated near the top of his class. After graduation, Lawson went to work for Southern Pacific Railroad eventually serving as Terminal Superintendent in Los Angeles and Division Superintendent in Tucson and Kansas City. Now serving with Union Pacific Railroad, Lawson is Director of Network Operations where he helps meet the nation's demands for premium transportation services. Lawson is in his 43rd year of railroading. Working with trains is still a passion. He and his wife live in Omaha, Nebraska.

About the Sarpy County Museum

The Sarpy County Museum, incorporated in 1953, is committed to protecting, preserving and promoting Sarpy County's rich history. It does this by hosting a variety of free programs, archiving local records and assisting with genealogy research. The museum is generously funded by Sarpy County and continues to rely on donations from members, volunteers and community supporters. The museum is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. For more information, contact the Sarpy County Museum, 402-292-1880 or museum@sarpcountymuseum.org.

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