

Custer County Historical Society Monthly Program

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“As Good as Remington and Russell”

Mr. Ed McGaa Eagle Man – October 3, 2015

Following the refreshment period, Cynthia introduced Ed McGaa (Eagle Man), author and former Marine pilot. His talk was on the superiority of the firepower of the Sioux. This is based on the Sioux having Winchesters. He felt that the Winchester rifles were superb over others at that time. The US army had gone with Springfields during the Civil War but somehow the Indians got Winchesters. He talked about how Native Americans were not interviewed regarding the Battle of the Little Bighorn but the Jesuit priest, Father McBride, had interviewed them and Ed had received all his notes on these interviews. He talked about the Mongolian riding style and the use of the knees while riding freeing the hands to shoot. He felt it took only a half an hour to win the Battle of the Little Big Horn. He talked about Crazy Horse and his leadership ability. He also praised Red Cloud as a diplomat. He showed a few slides on the use of Winchesters. Discussion turned to other topics during the question and answer period.