

The DOCKET

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CUSTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SIZZLING SUMMER UNDERWAY

OLD TIME COUNTRY FAIR SUCCESSFUL

Sue Knudtson, Chair of the OTCF this year, says everything worked well and resulted in outstanding event. Vendors served up excellent food, handicrafts, souvenirs, unique gifts, quilt displays and everything that made this summer holiday festive

Nearly 100 children signed up to participate in the Patriotic Parade on July 4th. This year's parade will featured an ice sculpture of the American Flag, leading the way, followed by 11 year old Remington and 9 year old Rachel Miklos of Custer carrying the U.S. Flag and the official Custer City Flag. The kids on their bicycles, decorated in red, white & blue, and ten foot tall Bob Morgan dressed as *Uncle Sam* all leading the patriotic parade.

The Museum volunteer staff handled a big crowd this year, greeting the hundreds of visitors who came to see the museum and visit the vendor booths outside.

Chairperson Knudtson pointed out that the

CUSTER HOSPITALITY REWARDS MUSEUM



Three members of the 1881 Courthouse Museum Trustees received a \$1,000 check from *Custer Hospitality* recently. Receiving the check were Ralph Sowder, Chair, Rachel Nepper Secretary, and Cynthia Ramold, Preservation Department (on right of photo).

Steve Olson, Exec. Dir. of *Custer Hospitality*, led the group of local motel managers including Candace Atkinson, Comfort Inn - Tanya Ekeren, Super 8 – Kim Budschneider, Holiday Inn – Susan Beesley, Best Western – and Glenda Kittinger, EconoLodge, all of Custer, SD.

The check was a reward to the Museum and its volunteers for outstanding service promoting local motels to the tourism industry.

THANK YOU *Custer Hospitality!*

BOOKSTORE MAKEOVER

Denny Hickok, Wanda Wheeler, and Diane Geeting have put their heads together and made some significant changes in the Museum Bookstore.

New display shelving both inside the bookstore and in the main floor hallway, is providing customers with easy access.

The foundation of the Museum Bookstore is the excellent selection of books for all ages which are available at reasonable prices.

ULTRA VIOLET DAMAGE PREVENTION

Two grants received by the 1881 Courthouse Museum are funding the installation of new ultra-violet film on the building's windows.

A grant in the amount of \$1,000 from First Interstate Bank and another grant in the amount of just under \$2,400 from the Outside Deadwood Historic Preservation fund, make the "U-V" project possible.

Successful bid was accepted by the Museum's Building and Grounds Committee from Top Hat Tinting of Rapid City, according to chairman Charlie Myers.

The Ultra-Violet film is installed directly on the East, South, and West windows of the upper two floors of the Museum building in order to help preserve the historical artifacts and documents displayed.



Ultra-Violet Prevention Installation

TWO JR-HIGH VOLUNTEERS HONORED



Mackenzie Miller and Lexi Mcquarrie receive award from Museum Director Gary Enright

Museum Director Gary Enright presented Certificates of Appreciation Awards to two Custer Junior High School students Mackenzie Miller and Lexi Mcquarrie in recognition of their volunteer service to the 1881 Courthouse Museum.

The young ladies have assisted Mr. Enright in implementing the YMCA Kidstop Program as other tasks in the museum's office.

MUSEUM ACTIVITIES EXTENSIVE

Opening the 1881 Courthouse Museum for the 2016 year featured installation of new and improved displays including the "Frontier Justice" display and improvements in the Community Room.

A biographical history of all thirty people who have served as Custer County Sheriff is now on display along with 'tools of the trade' for law enforcement officers.

A summary of legal and illegal justice events is displayed as a part of the county's law enforcement history.

Custer County Sheriff Rick Wheeler contributed extensively to the development of the "Justice" display and assisted in the historical research.

The museum's Community Room now features information on the history of "Gold Discovery Days" and local individuals who make up the history of Custer County from its inception 141 years ago.

