



1881 COURTHOUSE MUSEUM

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Dear Fair Exhibitor,

I took over as the Director of the 1881 Courthouse Museum in Custer late last summer and I am excited about the Custer County Historical Society's decision to hold the Old Time Country Fair once again this year. We've formed a Fair Committee and have begun the planning process for the event. We hope you'll join us this year.

The Fair will take place Friday, July 4th and Saturday, July 5th on the Museum grounds in downtown Custer. Set up will occur on Thursday, July 3rd and you are welcome to open your booth on that day. Otherwise, the official hours for the Fair will be 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday and 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday. The Museum will coordinate security for Thursday and Friday nights.

We already have two musical acts booked for the Fair, as well as two local authors. Other planned activities include story tellers, demonstrations, and friendly competitions. The Chamber of Commerce is coordinating the other holiday events: the Independence Day Parade, and games and activities for kids in Way Park across from the Museum. And in the evening, the Custer Volunteer Fire Department will light up the skies with a spectacular fireworks display on Pageant Hill. We are looking forward to the hundreds of visitors from across the country who will help us celebrate the holiday.

The Museum will pay city fees, provide electric hook-ups, provide trash service and porta-potties. We'll also have free coffee and drinking water for vendors each day. Our fees are the same as they were in 2023.

The application is enclosed. Please return your application along with registration fees by March 1, 2025. We will confirm booth placements as payments are received. We're looking forward to your participation. Please contact me if you have questions. I can be reached at 605-673-2443 or 1881courthousemuseum@gwtc.net.

Sincerely,

Deborah Hanagan, Ph.D.
Colonel, U.S. Army (retired)
Museum Director

Application for Space at the Old Time Country Fair
July 4th and 5th, 2025 at the 1881 Courthouse Museum, Custer, SD

Name of organization or individual: _____

Name of contact person: _____

Address, including city, state, zip code: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Describe the handcrafted items you will offer for sale: _____

Describe your physical set-up (10x10 tent canopy, trailer, food truck, seating, etc):

If you use a portable tent canopy, can you anchor it to concrete or pavement? _____

Any special needs or requests for your space: _____

Sales Tax:

_____ Yes, I have a South Dakota sales tax license. It is # _____

_____ No, I do not have a South Dakota sales tax license and will use the form provided at the fair.

Registration Fees:

_____ \$130.00 per 10 foot x 10 foot non-electric space.

_____ \$150.00 for 10 foot x 10 foot space with electricity. Power cords provided by vendor.

_____ \$200.00 for food vendor using own power source. Outdoor water spigot available for filling portable receptacles only.

Payment must be submitted with the application form.

Mail to: 1881 Courthouse Museum
Old Time Country Fair Committee
P.O. Box 826
Custer, SD 57730

Exhibitor hereby releases Custer County Historical Society and the 1881 Courthouse Museum and agrees to save and hold harmless said Museum from liability of any nature whatsoever incurred during, or as a result of, the exhibitor's occupation of, and operation from, said Museum property.

I agree to the terms of participation in the 2025 Old Time Country Fair.

Signature: _____ Date: _____