

SHERIDAN MUSEUM OF HISTORY

MAKING HISTORY MATTER

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter!

What's New at the Museum

PAST EVENTS - CURRENT EVENTS

HOLIDAY BAZAAR. If you missed the holiday bazaar, you missed a good one! For the third year, our volunteer ladies prepared the items and organized an outstanding bazaar. It was a phenomenal success. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time and talents to make this happen. Don't miss next year's Holiday Bazaar!

2024 CALENDARS. Need a calendar? You are in luck. We have a few 2024 calendars available at a discounted price of \$10 each. This year, the calendar features photos from the 1949, 1950 and 1951 Phil Sheridan Days parades from the Frances Bradley collection. Get your calendar now!

AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT. To protect our valuable artifacts, we have determined it is necessary to install an air conditioner for our current heating system. When the building renovation was done, we installed an enormous amount of insulation. Unfortunately, it is not adequate. This will be a \$10,000 project. We are already doing some fundraising and grant writing. If you would like to help us with this effort, please let us know.

HEADS UP - FIRST FEDERAL COMMUNITY BALLOT. Many of you have a First Federal account and we thank you for your support. This year, the community ballot will not be mailed, and is available only online. However, you will still be able to cast a ballot at your local branch. The program will run from February 1 to February 28. Please consider voting for the Sheridan Museum of History. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

JANUARY 20 - GUEST SPEAKER. Join us to hear our guest speaker, Mike Full, talk about 50,000 years of history in our backyard. Mike is a member of the Yamhill River Pleistocene Project, and he will be sharing some information about dinosaur fossils. The presentation will be from 1-2 pm. Attendees may bring fossils/rocks. From 2-3pm, Mike will share his knowledge about what you bring.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Volunteer of the Year 2023

Congratulations to JOHN HEBERT for being selected as the Sheridan Museum of History volunteer of the year for 2023.

John serves as President of the Sheridan Museum of History - and goes above and beyond his presidential duties. Every Saturday, you will find John preparing coffee and getting cookies ready for our museum visitors and guests.

John greets several community groups that use the museum for their monthly meetings. You won't find a weed in our back parking area thanks to John.

When he is not at the museum, John delivers Meals on Wheels every Friday morning.

Thanks, John, for your extra effort and dedication that makes the museum a huge success. You greatly deserve the recognition as Volunteer of the Year. Thank you from all of us!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please welcome our newest members to the museum family:

- Charlyn Pranger - Sheridan, OR
- JoAnna & Aaron McElroy - Bellingham, WA

VENUE SUPPORTERS

A special thank you to the following businesses & families for their sponsorship and support.

- American Market
- Art Hebert Family
- In Memory of Lloyd Ballantyne
- Bill & Marcia Chapman



- Bucknell Family
- Cliff Bride Family
- Darlene Brown
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- Joan & Ray Yoder
- John & Susan Brandt



- Signs by Spike
- United Methodist Church
- Watson Family
- WV Bulletin Board
- West Valley Veterinary
- Western Valley Medical



THE MUSEUM. IT STARTED WITH JANE.

The Sheridan Museum of History has come a long way since its inception in 2005. It all began with **Jane Hensley's** vision to provide a museum for the community. With the help of enthusiastic volunteers, displays were set up at all events throughout the year. This continued until 2012, when **Lucy Hebert** offered a vacant building to operate a museum. The doors were officially opened during Phil Sheridan Days that year, and the museum has been growing ever since. In 2017, a significant renovation project was started on a 1914 building situated on S. Bridge Street, and the museum was moved to this new location in January 2018. We are incredibly grateful to Jane for bringing her idea to fruition and for her unwavering dedication to the museum. Without her drive and innovation, we would not be where we are today. Thanks, Jane. It started with you!

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HISTORICAL TIDBIT

SHERIDAN POST OFFICE

To establish a post office, the town needed a name. The founder, A.B. Faulconer, named the town Sheridan in honor of General Philip Henry Sheridan, who had gained notoriety during the Civil War. The first official post office was in the home of Thomas J. Faulconer on East Main Street, where Thomas became the first postmaster. However, the post office changed locations numerous times throughout its lifetime.

From 1875-1887: It was situated in the Alfred Saylor Drug Store, where people had assigned pockets on the back wall of the store to receive their mail.

From 1890-1893: It was located in Henry Graves's store.

From 1893-1902: It was moved to the George Bibee department store on S. Bridge Street.

From 1913-1950: It was located in the Scroggin building on S. Bridge Street, next to the First National Bank.

From 1950-1999: It was situated in a new facility on Harney Street next to the Sheridan Sun office, where it served the community for 49 years.



In 1999-current: It moved to its current building at 137 SE Sheridan Road.

Today, the postmaster of Sheridan is Steve Siemers.

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