

SHERIDAN MUSEUM OF HISTORY

MAKING HISTORY MATTER

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter!

Celebrate Hometown Days at the Museum

BED TURNING - Saturday, June 17 at 2pm

Come learn about the history of many quilts. How they were made, what is the pattern and who did they belong to. This event will be presented by our quilt historian, Donna Hulett. If you have a quilt that you would like to share, let us know.

ALL SCHOOL REUNION - Saturday, June 17, 10am-5pm

The Sheridan Museum of History will be hosting the All School Reunion. Meet up with friends from your time at SHS. Take a walk down memory lane. Find a Sheridan Sun that has information about your class.

What else is happening during Hometown Days?

Each year, our Hometown Days gets better and better - thanks to our supportive community and dedicated volunteers. This year the parade begins at 5:00 pm. Here are a few happenings to enjoy:

- All School Reunion
- American Legion Breakfast
- Art Show
- Bed Turning
- Beer Garden
- Bike Rodeo
- Car Show
- Hay Rides
- Helicopter Rides
- Horseshoe Tourney
- Live Music All Day
- Motorcycle Event
- Parade
- Skateboard Competition
- Vendors
- and....Food, Food, and more Food!!

You will find something to do from 9am to 9pm for all-day events.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

DONNA HULETT has lived in Sheridan all her life. She graduated from Sheridan High School in 1952. Donna married Robert (Bob) Hulett on July 3, 1956. They raised 5 children: Debbi, Ken, Pat, Geri and Mike -- all Sheridan High School graduates.

Donna did babysitting, worked at Knutson's bean yard, and was a teacher's aide who became "famous" for her whistle. She retired in 1993. The family always enjoyed their camping trips to Diamond and Crescent lakes for a little fishing.

In the late 1960's and early 1970's, Donna and her girls operated a concession stand for the little league teams, where Bob coached the boys' teams. She would voluntarily purchase the candy, make the popcorn, and freeze the Dixie cup popsicles that they sold to raise money for uniforms.

Following her retirement, Donna became interested in quilting. Over the years, she has made special quilts for her family and many others.

Donna has been involved with the Sheridan Museum of History since its inception. She is our membership chairman, and always eager to do a "bed turning" which our museum has become famous for.

Donna, thank you for all that you do for the museum!

HISTORICAL TIDBIT

AGEE'S MARKET

Isaac Agee and his wife Cordelia arrived in Sheridan in 1852. They settled in Gopher Valley near Sheridan. They raised 14 children. They married and raised their families here.

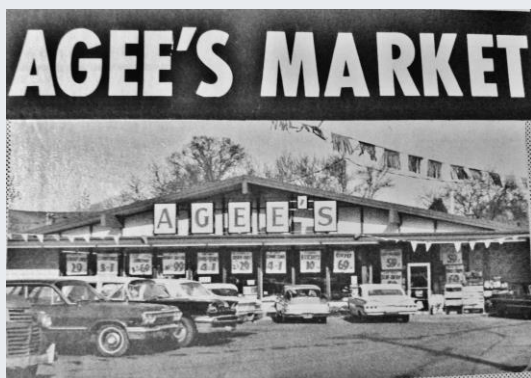
In 1958, following the death of Harl Wood, his wife, Ella, asked the brothers to purchase Wood's Market. The brothers and their wives operated the little grocery on the corner of Harney and S. Bridge Street until 1965 when they decided to build a bigger store.

The old Masonic building near the bridge was for sale but it had been condemned so there wasn't much interest. They offered \$600 and the offer was accepted but now there was an adjoining property owned by Ralph Waugaman and he wanted \$10,000 and the brothers didn't have that much money. Norman came up with an idea to sell shares to other businesses on the street with the idea of making a parking lot that everyone could use. This idea was a success.

Over the years, the Agee brothers bought back all of the shares in the parking lot. The next hurdle they encountered was an old feed store on Harney Street that was straddling a ravine. They were able to purchase the property for \$300. About this time, the old Sheridan High School was being demolished to make way for a new school. The brothers made a deal to have them put all the bricks and concrete debris into the ditch. This was a good deal for both parties.

In 1964-1965, Bob Squire of McMinnville built the new Agee's Market. Since Norman, Dorothy, Mel, and Rita all attended Sheridan High School, they said it was special that their new store was built on the remains of their school.

Norman Agee was killed in a tragic automobile accident in 1973. Dorothy and Mel continued to operate the market until 1974 when they sold it to Wendle Glick. In 1979, Bob and Mike Gilliam purchased the store and changed the name to AG Market. Today, the Sheridan IGA Market is owned and operated by Paul Johal.



MUSEUM MOMENTS

RAFFLE. THANK YOU, BILL.

We have received a new flatbed truck and matching tractor to be raffled off. The set was made by the American Toy Co. in Salem and has a value of at least \$500. We are selling tickets now for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Don't miss your chance to own a real treasure. A special thank you to BILL CHAPMAN, class of 1958, for this amazing donation. It's on display in the museum's front window!



THANK YOU, GARY.

A big thank you to GARY BROOKS who did an amazing presentation on how he builds the dioramas that you see at many museums in the west valley. We are lucky to have several of his masterpieces.

HELLO, TRAVIS.

TRAVIS DOW from Grand Ronde is our newest volunteer. Travis is a great asset to the museum.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Thank you to the CITY OF SHERIDAN for becoming a museum member.

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