

# SHERIDAN MUSEUM OF HISTORY

MAKING HISTORY MATTER

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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter!

## What's New at the Museum

### A NOTE FROM JOHN HEBERT, PRESIDENT

I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation to our new members and to extend well wishes and thoughts about our museum and our plans for the future. The Sheridan Museum of History has come a long way since it was formed in 2005. We are fortunate to still have several of the original committee as active volunteers. We have the privilege of a strong board and organizational officers where we have a perfect mix of talent and ambition with experience and leadership.

To be honest with you, we are a non-profit organization, and our goal is to make enough money to cover our operating expenses and maintain our building. We are committed to reinvesting in our museum and giving back to our community. We offer the building for other groups to use at no cost, entertain elementary students, and offer high school students an opportunity to gain community experience.

As you are aware, our fundraising plans have been relegated to our memberships since public functions have been cancelled since 2020. We are looking forward to returning to a more normal time with a speaker this fall.

I want to leave you with one thought. If you are "older" and are the keeper of your family history, write it down and share it with your family. Using a pencil, write the names on the back of the photos. Your kids may think they are not interested but the time will come when they will be. Unless you take the time now, they will be guessing later on. Thank you for believing in the Sheridan Museum of History and for your ongoing support.  
- John

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Bob & Rita Burr
- John & Janell Fuhrer
- Brad & Lucia Myer
- Leslie & Cal Thompson
- Dori Vickery
- John & Linda Vollman

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

MARGE GUTBROD was born in Albany near Camp Adair. She attended a small one room school for all 8 grades. The room was heated by a "potbelly" wood stove. Their desks were large enough for two students. There were 4 students at Marge's grade level. She graduated from Albany High School in 1957.

Marge met her husband, Rocky Gutbrod, at her Aunt Louise Arndt's house just south of Sheridan. They were married in November 1957. Marge and Rocky raised two children, Cindy and Peter, and they have 6 grandsons. Rocky passed away in January 2022.

Marge and Rocky operated a dairy and farm just south of Sheridan. Marge went to work for United Telephone Company in 1969 and became an operator. She retired from the telephone company in 1997.

Marge has been active in the Yamhill County Women for Agriculture for many years. She has served as treasurer for the Sheridan Museum of History since its inception in 2005. Marge is an active quilter and makes many items for the museum gift shop. She represents the museum at the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce meetings. Marge is an active volunteer for the museum and is always eager to make the museum something very special.

Thank you, Marge, for all that you do!

## SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 8, 2022

### October 8th at 1:30 pm at the Sheridan Museum of History

Doug Decker, retired Oregon State Forester will present “Tillamook Burn: Legacy of Fire”. Come witness how the Tillamook Burn fires and other past events have shaped the landscape of today’s Tillamook State Forests. The Tillamook Burn fires took place between 1933-1946 at 6-year intervals.

#### WHAT HAPPENED WHEN

- 1901 President McKinley is assassinated  
JP Morgan founded US Steel
- 1902 First Rose Bowl game was played
- 1903 Ford Motor Co. founded by Henry Ford  
First World Series game played  
Wright Brothers first flight at Kitty Hawk
- 1904 US acquired Panama Canal Zone  
Theodore Roosevelt elected President
- 1905 Albert Einstein publishes his “Theory of Relativity”
- 1906 Susan B Anthony dies  
FDA is established  
San Francisco earthquake
- 1907 Oklahoma becomes a state
- 1908 Model T appears on the market  
William Taft elected President
- 1909 US penny changed to Abraham Lincoln design  
NAACP founded by W.E.B DuBois
- 1910 Jacques Cousteau is born
- 1911 Supreme Court breaks up Standard Oil Co.
- 1912 RMS Titanic sinks  
New Mexico and Arizona become states  
Girl Scouts started by Juliette Gordon Low  
Woodrow Wilson elected President
- 1913 16th Amendment established income tax  
17th Amendment established direct election of senators  
Henry Ford develops modern assembly line
- 1914 Federal Trade Commission established Clayton Antitrust  
World War I begins - US holds back
- 1915 RMS Lusitania sunk by Germans  
Transcontinental telephone established
- 1916 US acquires Virgin Islands
- 1917 US enters World War I  
US Virgin Islands purchased by Denmark
- 1918 Daylight savings time begins  
Spanish Flu Pandemic begins

## HISTORICAL TIDBIT

### History of E.W. Haas Drugstore

On May 1, 1907, Ernest Haas and his brother John purchased the Arthur Caine Pharmacy which was located near the bridge on S. Bridge Street. Ernest married Letitia Jackson on November 25, 1909 and made their home above the store. Both brothers spoke German extremely well - which helped serve the Sheridan community where many residents spoke German.

The Haas brothers operated the store together until early 1913 when Ernest bought out his brother. On July 18, 1913, tragedy struck when the largest fire in Sheridan’s history burned the entire business district on South Bridge Street. Everything between the bridge and the railroad tracks was destroyed. For the young Haas family, they also lost their home. Ernest only saved one thing from burning -- his old cash register which is now on display at the museum.

Following the fire, Ernest opened a temporary pharmacy on East Main and had it running in just 5 days. Fred Sackett was putting up a building at 226 S Bridge, but he decided that he wanted his mercantile closer to the bridge, so Ernest purchased the building from him, and it was completed in 1914. Ernest moved all the merchandise from his temporary store across the bridge to the new location using a wheelbarrow. The new facility had two business spaces on the ground floor. EW Haas Drug Co occupied one and J.O. Yocom Confectionery the other. The second floor had office space and several apartments.

Ernest and Letitia had two daughters, Loisel (Bride) and Lola (Meyers) who both became pharmacists. Ernest passed away in October 1943. Letitia and Loisel continue to operate the drug store until 1945 when Lola and Harold Meyers assumed operation of the drug store. The family continued operation under the name of Meyers Rexall Drug.

Following the death of Lola and Harold, Loisel operated the drug store until 1977. The business had been in the Haas family for 70 years.

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