

# Sheridan Public Library

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## TIME CAPSULE MYSTERY CONTINUES

To say that Bud Barrick knows everyone in Sheridan would probably be an understatement. As the proprietor of Bud's Barber Shop on Sheridan's Main Street for well over 50 years, Bud has pretty much seen it all, and knows everything there is to know about Sheridan. Well...he almost knows it all. Bud is fairly certain, although not absolutely certain, that Sheridan did not bury a time capsule on the occasion of the town's centennial anniversary in 1960. Bud was 28 years young at the time and while not overly active in the planning of the town's centennial celebration, he does not have a recollection of a time capsule ever being put together.

He does, however, remember the burial of the Dullest Dan Rayzor, contained in a small wooden casket and buried in front of his barber shop on the east side of Main Street at the site of the present Chamber of Commerce office. The plot had its own headstone, was cordoned off by a chain fence and was beneath a poured concrete slab.

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As so often happens, however, over the years things change. Bud and his barber shop moved across the street, the old building was torn down and replaced by the Sheridan News building. The casket was retrieved and Bud is fairly certain that the Dullest Dan Razor was entombed in the foundation of the building that replaced his old barber shop—the Sheridan News office. If you know the present red building which houses the Chamber of Commerce, you will see the location.

So what is the Dullest Dan Rayzor? According to Bud, it is a piece of metal in the shape of an old fashion barber's razor, about 18 inches long and having some sort of carved wooden handle. It was made to commemorate the beard contest that took place in 1960. It was placed inside a small wooden box made up to resemble a casket and was buried with all due respect and ceremony with the idea that it would be dug up in the year 2010 for the sesquicentennial.

To be honest, though, there is some speculation that the Rayzor box contains other items and thus could possibly qualify as somewhat of a time capsule, but that is pure speculation and nobody is really sure about that at this point. There is also a persistent rumor that there is a time capsule buried on the grounds of the old Carnegie Library on Main Street. According to library director Steve Martin, questioning of the past staff members, including some who worked there 30 or 40 years ago, did not reveal any knowledge of a time capsule planted beneath the library lawn. In the mean time, the Sesquicentennial Committee will continue in its efforts to track down a 1960 time capsule. The committee urges

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anyone with any information about a time capsule and its location to please come forward.

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## **PHOTO CAPTION**

Life long Sheridan resident and Main Street barber shop owner Bud Barrick

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