

Book honors Sheridan County veterans

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Workers at the Sheridan County Historical Society have compiled a book to honor 43 veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their nation.

The first of several books to be created, Marilyn Carder, Norma Jean Lewis and Irene Cressler have finished "Some Gave All," as a tribute to Sheridan County men.

"These are vets that died in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam," Carder said.

As director of the historical society, Carder oversaw collection of data and photos in "Some Gave All." She said the veterans included in the book are the same ones whose names are listed on a memorial on the east side of the Sheridan County Courthouse.

"They are the ones who either enlisted or were inducted in Sheridan County during the wars," Carder said. "They died during service. A lot of them didn't die from wounds, but died from things like influenza or surgical complications before going to war."

The 91-page, soft cover book includes information about the veterans, service, biographical details, newspaper articles, obituaries and photos.

In order to compile the book, Carder advertised locally asking family members having information about the veterans share it for the book.

"We also have American Legion records and information from local historical books," Carder said. "I think we used every resource available to us."

Through the volunteer efforts of the historical staff and board members, as well as grant money to purchase a copy machine large enough to handle producing books, "Some Gave All" is the first of several books to honor veterans.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," Carder said.

Plans are for future books about Sheridan County veterans. The books will include stories about men and women who



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Sheridan County Historical Society Director Marilyn Carder read "Some Gave All," a 91-page soft cover book produced as a tribute to Sheridan County soldiers who died serving America during World War I, WWII, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. On sale for \$20 per copy at the historical society, Carder said the project was a labor of love by staff and board members of the historical society.

served in wars dating back to the Civil War. Unlike the first book, the later ones will tell stories about soldiers who made it home from war.

Carder said creating the books has become a labor of love for her, fellow historical society staff members and board members.

"The thing I hear most in here is the sadness of these veterans," she said. "They think they took care of things so future generations would be safe and they are finding out it's not done."

Lewis said the veterans she's interviewed, as well as those who died during service to America, did not serve for their own glorification.

"They did it for America," she said.

Carder said family members who have helped find the information about their loved ones have also gained much in the process.

"We've got one man that has scrapbooks his mom made and he

never knew about them," she said. "The veterans often didn't talk about their service because they did it for the country. Now we've got people getting out medals and learning about family members' stories. The history of the family goes along with the history of the veteran."

Carder said she and her staff members have compiled more information than can be used in producing the books. She said anyone wanting information about a family member or veteran of interest can contact her.

On sale at the Sheridan County Historical Society office located at 1224 Oak Ave., "Some Gave All" retails for \$20 per copy. Located adjacent to Mickey Museum, the historical society hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Tuesday through Friday.

For more information about the activities of the Sheridan County Historical Society, call (785) 675-3501.

Drought damages peanuts

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — The Georgia Peanut Commission has appealed to Congress for emergency funds to help growers survive a drought disaster and record-high energy costs.

The U.S. Agriculture Department has already designated 155 of Georgia's 159 counties and 48 of Alabama's 67 counties as agricultural disaster areas because of the drought, making farmers eligible for low-interest loans.

But the commission's board said in a letter to Georgia's congressional delegation and to key lawmakers from other states that low-interest loans are not a solution because many farmers already are strapped with bills.

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