

Green House project real chance to help local seniors

Editor:

In your June 2 edition, a reader objected to the city's paying some of the costs of building and operating the Green House® nursing home project in Sheridan.

This project is a community-sponsored effort to light the way for a new nursing home model which will transform the way people think about nursing homes in our state.

It will provide elder-centered care for those who require skilled-nursing-level care and do it in a home environment where each elder is treated as an individual and a part of a small community of people who are still growing and involved.

The success of this model has been well-demonstrated in other states over the last six years.

In 2007 the state of Wyoming recognized the need for the development of new approaches to nursing home care and awarded a pilot project to Sheridan because of the community interest and the giving and supporting nature of the people here.

A small group of volunteers has formed a nonprofit corporation and received Internal Revenue Service nonprofit status and begun development of the project. We have contracted with the national Green House organization for support and guidance to assure that we get it right.

We have contracted with local architects to design the facility and the cottages, based on evolved designs from other states. The dedicated and motivated volunteers have invested thousands of hours in the effort and have been given encouragement from many, many folks in the community.

The hardest part of this task is building equity so that the facilities will cash-flow when operational. We have a plan to do that and are heavily into fundraising now. Local foundations have been wonderfully supportive, as have the city and county of Sheridan.

This is another project that will contribute to the quality of life in our community and keep Sheridan one of the best places in the country to live and enjoy life.

Here is an opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of the seniors who need care, their families who are responsible for their well-being, and the caregivers who are called to their service.

I salute the folks on the City Council and the County Commission who are supporting Green House® Living for Sheridan project and all those who have given so much time, talent and treasure to the betterment of our elders.

**Doug Osborn, President
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Thanks Main Street merchants for helping find eyeglasses

Editor:

I am writing to express my appreciation to Miriam and the Sheridan Main Street merchants who helped me locate the eyeglasses I lost while shopping in downtown Sheridan on May 10.

The eyeglasses were in an outside pocket of my fanny pack (used as a camera case) and inched their way out of the pocket while I walked Main Street.

Each of the merchants I contacted on May 12 willingly took my name and cell phone number and agreed to contact me should the eyeglasses be returned.

Early on May 12, I learned that Miriam found the eyeglasses and reported their loss to the Sheridan Police Department. By 1 p.m. I had my glasses.

Thank you, citizens of Sheridan! I very much appreciate your willingness to help a total stranger visiting your city.

**Hope Manross
Chandler, Ariz.**