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The early 1800s brought attention to the richness of the Willamette Valley, when the Wilson Price Hunt Expeditions of 1811, and employees of the Hudson Bay Company embarked on their westward exploration. Towns began emerging in this area when Congress passed the Donation Land Claims Act in the 1850's, and with the arrival of the railroad in 1870, business began to boom. Stagecoach and horseback were main resources of travel.

Sam Brown, a pioneer, founded the City of Gervais, building their family home in 1858. The family farm and home remains on highway 99 E. The City of Gervais pronounced Jer vi' received its name from Joseph Gervais, a French Canadian pioneer and employee of the Hudson Bay Company who traveled with the Wilson Price Hunt Expedition in 1811. He like many people in this beautiful heart of the Valley, was a farmer. Gervais was incorporated in 1878.

History is a continuum of events, with people migrating and settling. Gervais is an amazing small community, ideally located between our State Capitol, Salem and large metropolitan area of Portland. For those who settle here now, they may not have those seeds of remembrance of when the city burned to the ground, and resurrected more than once, but they have the energy of those who came before, and left their footprints in the soil. Forward, we move on.

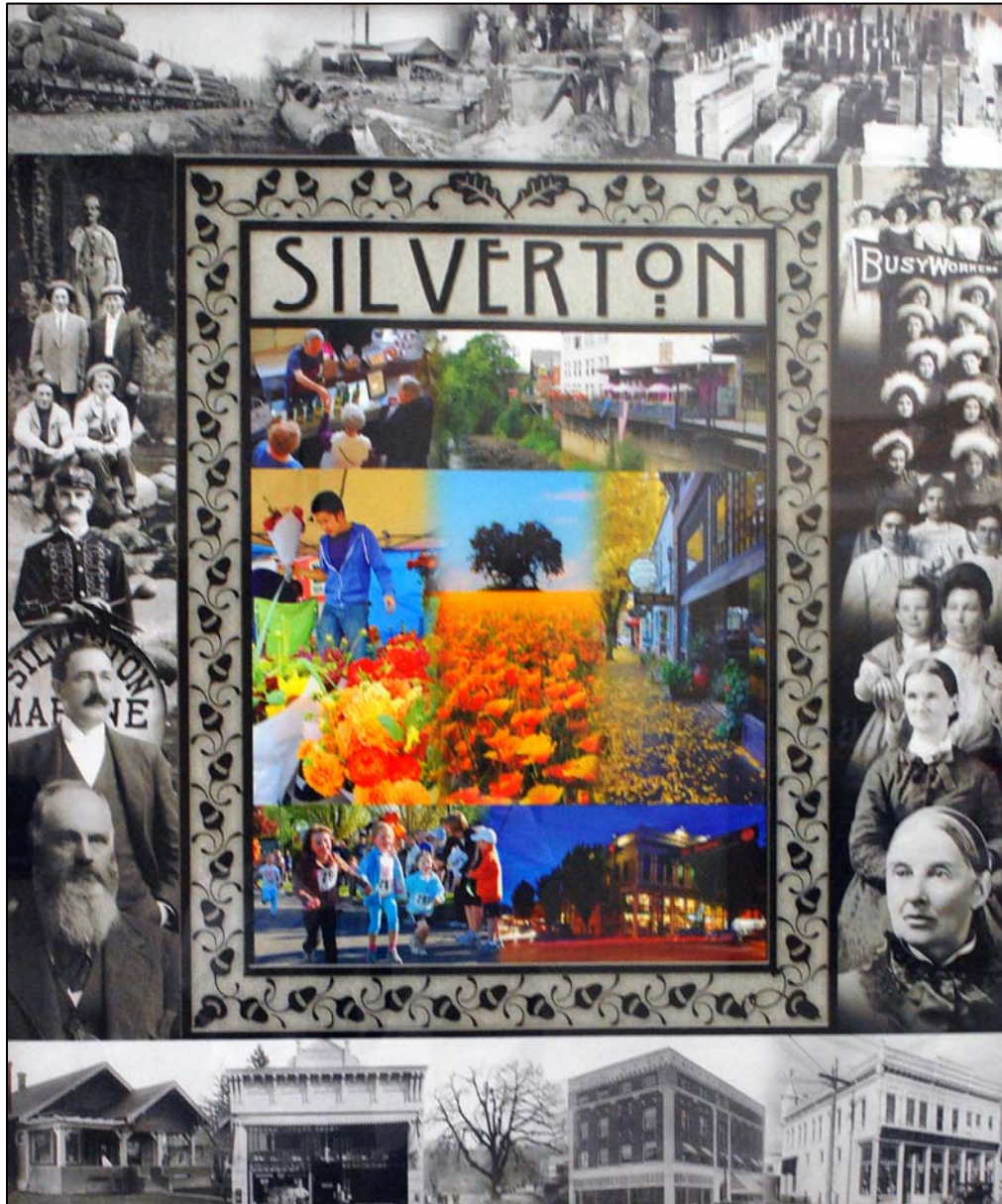
Here we are today, some of us with remnants of the past, and all of us with promise of the future. We cherish our community, the importance of family, the young and the seasoned, each having something to contribute to the chapters of History.

A population of 2300 people, we are a people of many walks of life and diverse ethnic expressions, merged to connect one another to a common goal. We strive to provide sustainability, livability, and a safe and healthy environment for our families.

With Mount Hood, a visual view to the northeast, our new city hall, city logo, trees representing our Tree City USA designation in recognition of the importance of preservation, and a blend of citizen activities sponsored by our local businesses, churches, schools, and volunteers, we hope you enjoy this depiction of some of the things that are important to us... families, education, faith, fun, art, food and a good life!

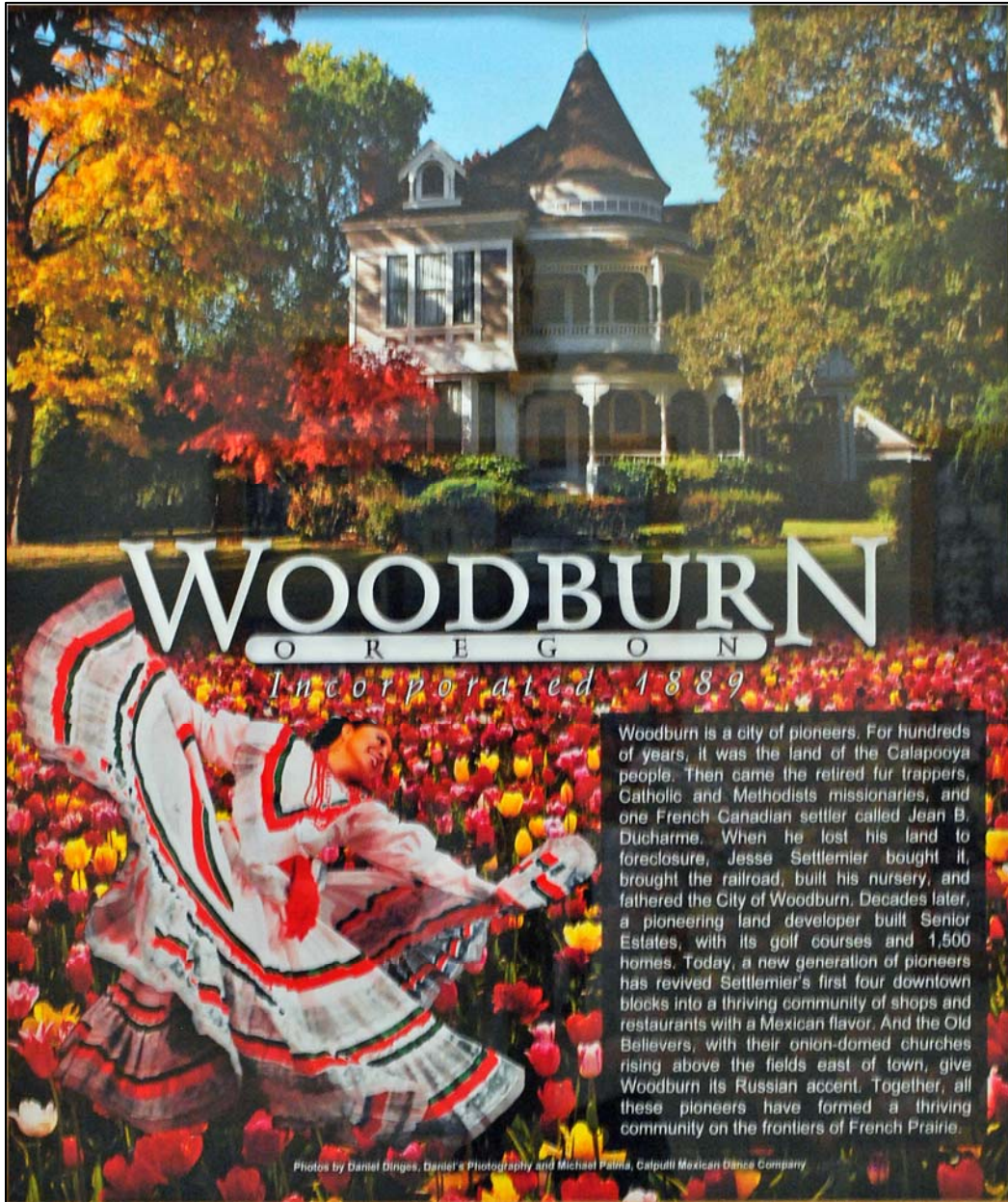
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