



Sheridan, Indiana Sesquicentennial 2010

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SHERIDAN SESQUICENTENNIAL BOOK COMPLETED; AVAILABLE AFTER APR. 1

SHERIDAN, IND.--After nine months of data collection, photo donations and compilation, the 88-page, limited edition Sheridan Sesquicentennial Commemorative book will soon be available for purchase for \$25 beginning in April. Those wishing to be placed on a reserve book list or wanting to order a copy to be mailed at \$4 extra per book for postage and handling should contact the Sheridan Historical Society, 308 S. Main St., Sheridan, IN 46069, or (317) 758-5845. Books will also be available at the Sheridan Public Library and the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce in early April.

"The presses are rolling and the full-color edition celebrating the community's 150th birthday will provide the striking visual evidence of change and development tracking Sheridan's humble beginnings to present day renewal initiatives," overviewed Brenda Bush, Sheridan Historical Society, who edited this special publication. "The content speaks of Millwood, Sheridan's first name, and yet zooms into the present day.

"Once word traveled through families in Sheridan about the work underway, we began to receive photographs that had never been seen since the early times," Bush added. "The book relies heavily on pictures that portray the special spirit of a small town and commentary about new potential that can express new hopes and dreams for its role as an anchor in northwestern Hamilton County. The photo collection captures the last 50 years and provides an archive featuring local society and industry as Sheridan reshaped itself from the short-lived gas boom that had once triggered industrial development.

"Another theme that anchored business and industry was the Monon Railroad which connected Sheridan into a nation-wide commerce corridor until 1988 when it went out of business. The pictures allow readers to see the vitality that influenced the active nature of the Sheridan community and its many families engaged in heritage, plays, sports and community-building. Many will discover that Sheridan was once the second largest industrial center in Hamilton County," Bush shared.

According to Connie Pearson, president, Sheridan Town Council and Sheridan Sesquicentennial co-chair, "This is one of the first elements to be produced for the celebration, set for June 25 – July 4. We believe the book, a limited printing publication of 1,900, will represent why we consider our community to be "The Countryside of Hamilton County" and a town that still preserves family values. We asked the Sheridan Historical Society to produce the book since they are actively engaged in developing heritage programming and archived some of the older photos from the former "Sheridan News," which halted publication in the early 1990s."

Those involved in book production include: Ann Stone, Jim Pickett, Donna Jessup, Donna Pickett, Wilma Bush and Robin Morris. Other contributors were: Kent Harris, Ann Compton, Anna & Wilbur Rudd, Julie Dunlavey, Betty Lee Gundersen Cooper, Bill Stone, Katie Bush, Jan Rader, Jim Godby, Brian Myers, Jim Land, Linda Stephenson and Barbara Arnold. Special photography was donated by Brad Sauter, Brenda Bush, Marty Hudson, Steve Martin and Phillip Pearson. Ryan Shepherd assisted with graphic design and Steve Golden developed advertising.

For information about upcoming Sheridan celebrations, check websites: www.Sheridan150.org and www.MySheridan.com.

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