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Pickett's Point Gas Station



A recent painting donation was made by Larry McClay.
This painting by Jean English was done in 1973.

Pickett's Point Gas Station was a well known landmark of the Sheridan community for many decades. Larry's father, Paul McClay, and Herman Grey worked there and all the local kids know that if they needed a tire fixed, these two guys would gladly help. I am sure there are many people in the Sheridan community who could add many tales about the station.

A few memories from others:

Mike Laughlin

Remember it well. I lived here 70 years ago and hit a home run off the roof in Babe Ruth baseball

Dianne Teegarden

I remember Picketts Point. When I was a little girl I would take pop bottles in my wagon with my Papaw, Billy Greathouse, to redeem for the deposit, while he chatted and caught up on the town news

John English

Jean is my sister-in-law, Tom's widow. She did awesome work. Tom likely made the frame.



Why is the museum called the Stephenson Heritage Center?

Richard Stephenson grew up in Sheridan and has always considered this place home. He has been a great supporter of the museum and has made it possible for us to own our museum and continue to save the history of the Sheridan Community.

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Hello Everyone: Welcome to the March edition of Touchstones in History. Be sure to check out our upcoming events.

The Sheridan Historical Society appreciates your support! Ron Stone

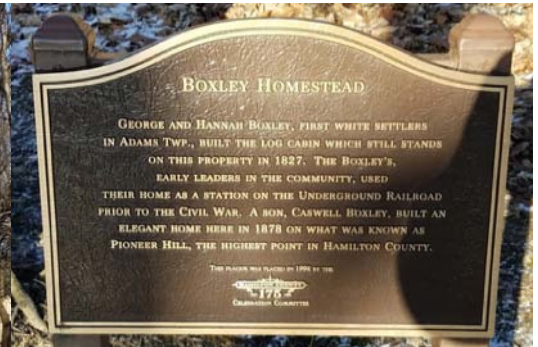
Veteran's Monument Restored

The Historical Society took on the project of getting a new foundation for the Veteran's Monument and to get the monument sitting straight. The foundation was not strong enough and the monument was leaning.

With a lot of help from the community, this was accomplished. Work was also done on the lighting. Thank you to the following people who made this restoration possible.

- Jack Godby
- Kim & Marna Hollingsworth
- Mary & Robert Tansy
- Jerry Stone
- Ron Stone
- Phil & Connie Pearson
- James Godby
- Donna Jessup
- Sheridan Healthy Snack Club in memory of Ben Drayer

The Historical Society appreciates our past and present veterans!



Sheridan's Veterans Park is located at 103 W 1st St, Sheridan, IN 46069. This local community park honors veterans and often serves as a focal point for remembrance, featuring a memorial for fallen soldiers.

On the hilltop of Sheridan Veteran's Park stands Boxley Cabin. It was built in 1828 by a Virginia-born abolitionist, George Boxley. The Boxley Cabin and Veteran's Park was dedicated April 24, 2008. The cabin is open to the public during summer hours upon request.

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Player Piano- a New Hit at the Museum

A recently donated piano player has been restored and is playing at the museum. This piano is at least 100 years old and has been put back into its original condition by the Northside Music Company of Lafayette. This piano has been donated to the museum by Gloria DelGreco. This was her mother's piano, and Gloria is so happy to see it playing again. Gloria worked for Purdue and was a Community Wellness Coordinator. She served as a partner with Sheridan Main Street to get the Monon Trail extended through Sheridan. She has worked in many areas with Sheridan to help improve the quality of life here. Thank you, Gloria!



The History of Player Pianos



Player pianos, invented in 1895, are acoustic pianos equipped with pneumatic, perforated paper roll mechanisms that allow them to play automatically. At their peak in the early 1920s, player pianos were considered a staple of modern, affluent homes, often featuring jazz and ragtime rolls. Sales dropped rapidly after 1925 as radio and phonographs became more popular, and the 1929 stock market crash effectively ended mass production.

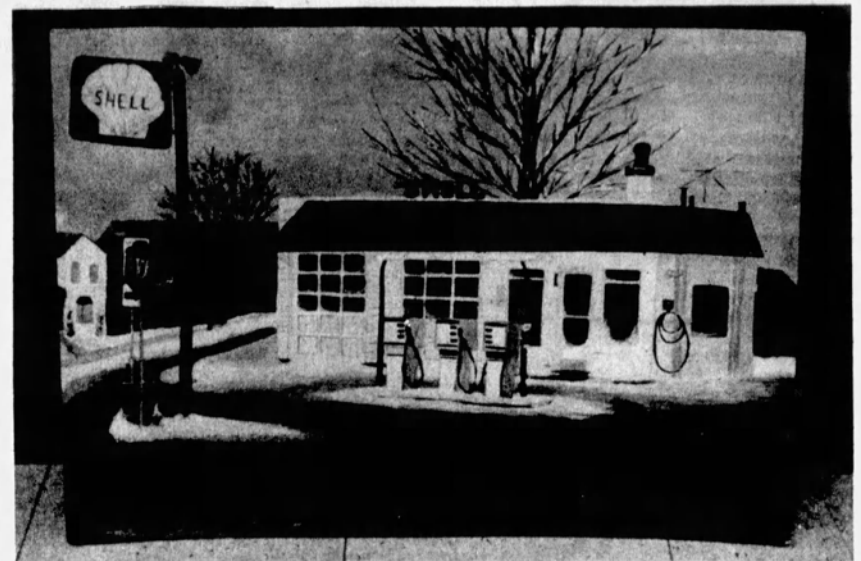


Griffin's Shell Station



Randy Price donated this air pressure station that was on Griffin's Shell Station on Main Street. Randy remodeled this station. Grover Waitt worked there for 40 years.

The station closed in 1987. It is certain that many bicycle tires were fixed here!



Upcoming Events: Bluegrass Music on the First Fridays of the month from 5:30 - 8:00pm. Snacks are provided.

Civil War Quilt



OWNED BY MRS. WALTER CORNELL

The original quilt is a prized possession of the Cornell household since each stitch was put there by Jeanne Cornell's paternal great-grandmother. It has been generously donated to the Sheridan Historical Museum.

This Civil War Quilt tells a story of Civil War Tragedy. The bloodiest and most tragic of all American wars was supposed to have come to an end in 1864. Actually, no war has ever ended as long as a memory, a memento, or a legend exists to recall the heartbreaks, the marked graves, the ruined lives.

This is particularly true in a war where brothers fought brothers and fathers and sons stood on opposite sides of a battle line, as happened so often in the Civil War.

One tragic aftermath of the war of the north against the south was what historians call The Sultana Disaster.

The guns were already silenced when the Union commissioned the steamboat Sultana to transfer Union soldiers in the south back to their northern homes.

Overloaded with freed prisoners, the sick and the wounded, most of whom were from Indiana, the old ship never made port. North of Memphis the boiler blew up and the fire that started destroyed men and boat. Many drowned and their bodies were recovered and sent back to their homes in new uniforms.

Two brothers, victims of the Sultana sinking, were from Waymensville, Indiana in Bartholomew County. The mother of the dead youths removed the sashes from their uniforms and gave them to a neighbor.

That neighbor was Mrs. Mary Hughes, the great-grandmother of Jeanne Cornell. formerly of Sheridan, Indiana.

Mrs. Hughes took the vari-colored sashes and from them designed a large interlocking star motif which was made into the central design for a quilt.

Membership Application —2026

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McCoskey, Morgan, Bowen Join County's All-Time Point Greats

The Noblesville Ledger - Fri, Mar 12, 1971

The days of the fabulous Shepherd era have ended, but Hamilton County, continues to grind out "super stars" in basketball. Less than 20 years ago Joe Hobbs led the all-time list of local scoring greats with 1,334 points. In fact, only the brilliant sharp-shooter from Sheridan had scored more than 1,000 points during a high school career in this area.

Today, well it's a different story.

Billy Shepherd, of course, almost doubled Hobbs' career total, and now all members of the county's greatest all-time scoring list collected more than 1,000 points during their careers.

Three seniors who finished their high school eligibility this past season have joined the select group.

Hamilton Heights' Rick McCoskey now ranks fourth with 1,747 points during a four-year career. McCoskey played in 77 varsity games for the Huskies and finished with a 22.7 career average. That bettered Kent Carson's 22.3 average, but Carson played in more games (85) and still ranks third on the all-time list with 1,894 points.

Another Husky, Don Morgan, concluded his career with 1,132 points to rank 10th in the "top 15", while Bill Bowen of Sheridan notched 1,040 points for the Blackhawks and currently stands in 14th place. Morgan performed in 62 games during a three-year career. Bowen, who played four games but didn't score a point as a freshman, was in 68 varsity battles.

A recent visitor to the museum was Don Morgan. Don graduated from Hamilton Heights in 1971. Don was a star in basketball and football. He came because he heard about our basketball display and wanted to see it. He is also involved in the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame.

Don was greeted here with some past Sheridan Stars, David Kinkead (far left), Don, Rex Pitts, and museum president, Ron Stone.

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Wood Carvings by Clifford "Pokey" Pickett

Clifford "Pokey" Pickett was a life long resident and business owner in Sheridan. He was a very talented man. These carvings are just a few of the many he did. In addition to wood carvings he painted pictures, did stained glass and he and his wife Dortha "Dort" weaved many rugs. Their loom was bought by the museum and they continued to weave rugs here. The loom is along the north wall and many of their rugs are here for sale.

In addition to his many talents, Pokey also made brooms on the broom making machine that was in his family. It is located here in the museum also. There are brooms in the museum for sale also.

Pokey was never one to sit around. He was always busy with something!

* Extra note: The small white box in the picture on the left contains an ink pen created from the old Sheridan gym floor. Pokey made them and gave them to all his classmates at one of their class reunions.



Carving of Pickett's Point
(as shown in the article on page 1.)



In this month's newsletter, questions are posted below to test your memory from the 1950's in Sheridan. For the questions you can't figure out, the next newsletter will give the answers! Good luck!

1. Who was the town Marshall in 1953?
2. When was the Wilson Milk Co. sold to Kraft?
3. In 1951 who ran Pickett's Point?
4. Name the two dentists in Sheridan during the 1950's.
5. In 1951 what kind of station was at 3rd St. and Main?
Who ran it?



Mephibosheth Ministries A Developmental disabilities group from Cicero recently spent a day enjoying the museum.



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What's On The 2026 Calendar

Meeting Times: The Sheridan Historical Society meets at its museum on the second Monday on the month. Programs are open to the public. The Society meets at 6 pm and special programs will be set for 7:00 pm. Weather may delay or postpone meetings. Stay in touch! If you wish to receive a copy of the monthly agenda, contact Ron Stone.

Membership Applications: If you would like to continue your membership please renew now. We hope you will renew and also sponsor some new members! An application is in this newsletter or you can request an application for new individual, family and corporate membership. Contact Ron Stone at (317) 758-5170 or email at rmstone@ndwave.com.

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