

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

Audrey Hepburn

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BROADBAND READINESS

The Town of Amo is undertaking a study to determine the access to and use of the internet in the area. We believe that everyone should be afforded the best and most reliable internet access at an affordable price.

The purpose of this study is to help the Town of Amo gain an understanding of their current broadband conditions, needs, and gaps in order to set both a long-term vision for the community and outline future steps which will guide local broadband implementation. Fast and reliable internet at affordable rates is a critical element to Amo's future development.

By taking this short survey you can help us determine how best to help provide the best services to our community. Surveys will be mailed to Amo residents via Amo Post Office boxes. The survey will run until Friday, May 12, 2023. Surveys should be returned in the self-addressed, stamped envelope which will be provided with the survey. Limited copies will be available in the Amo Pizza & General Store by asking for a copy. There will also be a Drop-off Box for the completed surveys in the Amo Pizza & General Store.

THANK YOU!

Amo Town Council
Broadband Readiness Committee:
Dan Lake, Kieser Consulting
Donna Watson, Town Council Member
Becky Rhea, Town Communication Director
Melissa Richey
Mike Spilker
Mark Wicks

**It is of the
UTMOST IMPORTANCE
that we have a good response
to the survey so please
complete and return it.**

TOWN OF AMO ELECTED OFFICIALS

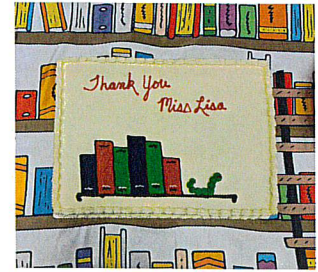
The term of the current Town of Amo elected officials is up at 12/31/2023. Therefore, the following positions will be open: Clerk/Treasurer; Town Council - 3 At-Large positions. All of these positions are considered part time. Amo will have a town convention (if necessary) and candidates can file from January 4th through August 1st at noon. Municipal elections are less about party and more about your passion for your town. (Last sentence compliments of Cindy Hohman)

THANK YOU TO...

Marshal Chris Nelson for your 17 years of service to the Amo community. You sure have served us well! Besides helping maintain the safety in our town, Chris also takes care of street signage.

Mark Belford for continuing to maintain the flag pole at the Amo Vandalia Trailhead! When the flag is supposed to fly at half staff, Mark lowers it, and when high winds are predicted or occur Mark takes the flag down to protect it.

Miss Lisa (Brown) for your over 15 years as the town's Reading Room Attendant! The Town held a reception on April 6, 2023, to honor Miss Lisa. Many of the Reading Room "regulars" attended to say thank you! Additional pictures from the reception may be found on the Town of Amo, Indiana Facebook page.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO AMO PIZZA! We are so proud of you!!**

**We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of Chris Mitchell
12/06/1953 - 03/01/2023**

Christopher Mitchell, age 69, of Clayton, passed away Wednesday night, March 1, 2023 in his residence. Born December 6, 1953 in Beech Grove; he was the son of Homer Mitchell and Mary (Magill) Hedgspeth. Christopher worked as a mechanic at Yellow Freight. He also owned a body shop in Amo for 35 years. Survivors include his mother, Mary Hedgspeth; girlfriend Margaret Caudill; grandson, Dustin Mitchell, Darion Sillery, Ethan Polly, Haylee Melton, Evan Polly, Allie Melton, Haiden Melton, Kyrstin Polly, James Caudill, Joshua Caudill, Jaxson Caudill; great grandson Klayton Dietz; brothers David, Justin and Bryan Mitchell; sister Yvonne Cady; step children Travis Melton, Ashley Polly, Ashley Caudill, Josh Caudill and Steven Melton; and several nieces and nephews. His father and 2 children, David and Donna Mitchell preceded him.

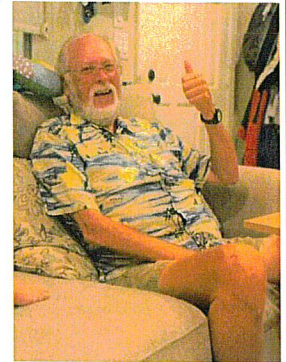
Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 11 from 11 AM to 1 PM with funeral service at 1 PM. Reverend Shelly Zook will officiate. Burial will follow in the Clayton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bousley Funeral Home.

Copied From Bousley Funeral Home Website



We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of Darrell Pugh
07/4/1946 - 1/26/2023

Darrell Alton "Papa D" Pugh, 76, passed away peacefully at his home on January 26, 2023, after a very short but courageous battle with Anaplastic thyroid cancer. He was surrounded by family and friends until his final breath. While our hearts are broken, we are comforted knowing he is no longer suffering, and was ready to be with Jesus. We know he was filled with complete joy as our Heavenly Father welcomed him home with open arms, proclaiming, "Well done, My Good and Faithful Servant." Darrell was born on the 4th of July, 1946, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Alton and Alice Pugh. When he was 6 years old, the family relocated to the tiny farm town of Amo, Indiana. Upon graduating from Amo High School in 1964, he enlisted in the Air Force, where he served 8 years as a radio mechanic. He was stationed overseas in Japan and Germany during Vietnam. After an Honorable Discharge from the service, Darrell settled in Southern California in 1976, where he met Susan Hocter while attending church. They were married later that year, and eventually had 3 beautiful children together. That same year, Darrell began working for Dimetrics as a welding engineer, servicing nuclear power plants domestically and internationally. In 1991, the company relocated to Charlotte, NC, where Darrell spent the next 25 years. He worked hard at his job, and loved the people he worked with, who became family to him. Upon learning he was going to be a grandfather in 2016, Darrell finally retired from Liburdi Dimetrics after a dedicated 40 year career, and moved back to Ventura to be with his family. In his retirement, Darrell loved his daily walks on the beach promenade in Ventura. He loved Hawaiian shirts, Mexican food, college sports, and Dodgers Baseball. He never missed a NASCAR race on TV. He was filled with all the best wisdom, dad jokes, and one-liners. If you asked how he was, he'd always humbly reply "Better than I deserve." He was affectionately known as Papa D, Big D, Uncle D, and Pops. He was a lover of music. He had the most incredible singing voice that would fill the room and give you goosebumps. He loved watching The Voice, American Idol, and Jeopardy. He enjoyed afternoon naps, reading his Bible, and Sudoku puzzles. He truly loved the simple things of life. But more than anything else in the world, his greatest love and joy were his kids and grandkids, and spending time with them. Darrell was a devout man of God, with the most incredible, unwavering faith. He enjoyed being involved with his different church homes over the years, especially singing on the worship team and teaching Sunday School. He was a friend to everyone. He loved people in the most beautiful Christ-like way, and always offered encouragement to anyone in need. His trust in God was rock solid. Even at the end of his life, amidst all the sickness and suffering, he was steadfast in proclaiming the goodness and faithfulness of God. Darrell is survived by his three children, Sarah Pugh-Galvan and husband Art of Ventura, Zachary Levi Pugh of Bastrop, TX, Shekinah McGlocklin and husband Ian of Ventura, "other daughter" niece Nicole Moore and husband Sean of Ventura, three wonderful grandsons Gryffin, Gunther, and Levan, his three sisters Maureen Jackson, Virginia "Ginny" Spillman, and Suzy Robinson, as well as an abundance of nieces and nephews and their children. He is preceded in death by his parents Alton and Alice Pugh, former wife Susan Hocter Pugh, cousin Thomas Repp, and brothers-in-law Carl Jackson and Jerry Robinson. A private celebration of life will be held for family and friends on March 18th in Ventura. Arrangements are under the direction of the BOYKO & REARDON TELEGRAPH ROAD MORTUARY & CREMATION, 15 Teloma Drive, Ventura.



Posted online on March 10, 2023
Published in Ventura County Star

When we were given the half million dollar project on the new community building, the town was asked to raise \$12,000 in 30 days in order to qualify. Zachary Levi (Pugh), Hollywood actor, who has starred in various movies and TV shows, the latest of which is "SHAZAM", heard of our challenge and wrote us a check for \$12,000.00, allowing us to pursue the new building that we were able to get funded.

KEEPING YOU IN THE

TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 20, 2023 / 8 AM — 4 PM

We have an excellent opportunity to clean up our yards and the excess garage and house items we have been meaning to dispose of. A dumpster will be located near the Stop signs in Amo. **NOTE TO SENIORS:** If you need something transported to the dumpsters, please go to the dumpsters and ask for assistance. Let's work hard to keep our little town clean. The Town of Amo pays for the dumpsters so please remember this is for Amo residents only.

The following are NOT PERMITTED in the dumpster: Hazardous waste, dirt, industrial waste, chemical products, oil filters, herbicides & pesticides, radioactive material, solvents, paint (except completely dried latex paint cans, no liquids), other flammable liquids, aerosol cans, propane tanks, motor oil, transmission oil/lubricating/hydraulic oil/oil filters, contaminated oils, (mixed with solvents, gasoline, etc.), antifreeze, appliances, petroleum-contaminated soil/lead paint chips, tires, batteries, computers, monitors, televisions, microwaves, fluorescent tubes, railroad ties, medical waste, asbestos, animals, barrels, all liquids.

THANKS TO ALL WHO ASSIST WITH THIS DAY!!

AMO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

&

CASCADE YOUTH LEAGUE

FISH FRY

June 8, 9, 10, 2023

Amo Shelter

Vendor Booth Space Please Contact:
Annette Reach @ 317.563.2927

General Questions Please Contact Chief Strahl
@ 317.442.5357

Dessert Donations Accepted & Appreciated
All 3 Days

MILL CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

May 5 — "Beautify Amo Day"
Family Book Fair

May 8-10 — Bradford Woods (5th Grade)

May 12 — Walk-a-Thon

May 19 — Field Day

May 23 — 5th Grade Honors Night

May 24 — Last Student Day

Please check the school's website for pertinent information.

VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!

Spring is here on the Vandalia Trail, including Hendricks County Parks & Recreation re-opening the Amo and Coatesville trailhead restrooms and drinking fountains on April 1. In addition, following are some activities planned by Hendricks County Parks & Recreation, the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County, or Friends of the Vandalia Trail, all starting at the Amo trailhead.

Bike Maintenance Seminar:

April 22, Saturday, 10:00 AM, free registration required
hendrickscountyparks.org calendar for info.

Group Bike Rides:

1st, 3rd, 5th Tuesday each month (except July 4), 6:30 PM, May-Sep. nrht.org/vandalia

Decorated Bike Parade:

June 8, Thursday, 4:00 PM, see SUMMER 2023 EXPLORER at hendrickscountyparks.org for info.

Summer Fun Run/Walk: June 28, Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 PM, visit www.pfohc.org for info on the weekly summer series and to register.

Enjoy the trail this summer!

For more details and for activities planned on other parts of the trail, please visit www.nrht.org/vandalia and hendrickscountyparks.org.

Greg Midgley, National Road Heritage Trail, Inc.
www.facebook.com/NRHTInc
greg@nrht.org / cell: 317-503-1101

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

SCHOOL GROUNDS SHELTER:

To reserve the Shelter located on the school grounds, please call Fire Chief Dustin Strahl @ 317.442.5357.

TOWN OF AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING



5046 Sycamore
Street Amo, IN
46103

COMMUNITY BUILDING RESERVATIONS CONTACT

For scheduling the Community Building, please call Kelsey Freeman @ 317.734.6471.

BUILDING RENTAL RATES

Residents — \$25.00

Non-Resident — \$100.00

PAYMENT: Check payable to Town of Amo or Cash

Rental Agreements must be signed and a 50% Deposit or full payment made prior to the rental date.

TOWN OF AMO COMMUNICATION RESOURCES

Quarterly Newsletter
Town of Amo Resource Guide



Keep up to date on Amo events by checking out our Facebook page.

Town of Amo, Indiana

<http://www.amoin.net>



TOWN COUNCIL

2023 Town Council Meetings

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| January 5, 2023 | July 6, 2023 |
| February 2, 2023 | August 3, 2023 |
| ** March 9, 2023 | ** September 14, 2023 |
| April 6, 2023 | October 5, 2023 |
| ** May 11, 2023 | ** November 9, 2023 |
| June 1, 2023 | December 7, 2023 |
- ** 2nd Thursday

Town Council meetings are held at the Amo Community Building @ 7:00 p.m.
(Unless otherwise posted)

Everyone is welcome at the Town Council meetings.

Town Council:

- President — James "Ronnie" Travelsted
- President Pro Tem — Rene Gay
- Council Member — Donna Watson
- Clerk-Treasurer — Barb Strahl

Town Council Board Term is
1-1-20—12-31-23

TOWN PHONE NUMBER: 539.6030

AMO JAM —

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING / 6:00—8:30 p.m.

Open Mic / Impromptu
Bring your own musical instrument or voice.
Can't play an instrument or sing?
Just come, sit back and listen!

Donations accepted, but not required,
to help offset cost of building rental. NO food.

For additional information,
Call Al Lawson @ 765.653.0590

DOG COURTESY

When walking our dogs, we should use Doggy DoDo Bags; our dogs should be kept on a leash and under control at all times.

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

(Continued)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 2, 2023:

Town Marshal, Chris Nelson, requested that the Town of Amo Clean-up Day be scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 8 AM—4:00 PM.

It was reported that February marks 17 years that Chris Nelson has served as our Town Marshal. Although Chris was unable to be at the February meeting, the Town thanked him for his service.

Handyman, Greg Burch, will repair the crack in the door at the Interurban.

MARCH 9, 2023:

Lisa Brown submitted her resignation as Reading Room Attendant effective April 1, 2023.

Communication Director, Becky Rhea, reported that an updated Town of Amo Resource Guide had gone out. Additional copies may be obtained through Becky.

Interurban Windows: It was reported that Dave Kieser is checking with JDF Contractor in Indy, that did some previous work with him. They will work to maintain the proper and original appearance of the building. Dave was pleased with their past work.

Viet Nam Proclamation: Via e-mail Rhonda Beck, Regent Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Chapter, requested the Town of Amo sign a Proclamation Request for National Vietnam War Veterans Day to be held March 29, 2023. The Proclamation would be displayed at the annual recognition program for Vietnam War veterans on March 29, 2023, in Brownsburg. The Council approved and signed the Proclamation.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS (Continued)

APRIL 6, 2023:

Capital Improvement Plan: A draft of the CIP was presented to the Town Council by Dan Lake of Kieser Consulting. The Council and Capital Improvement Plan Committee will review the draft and give appropriate feedback to Kieser Consulting.

The Broadband Readiness Committee reported from their February 16, 2023, meeting. The April/May/June Town of Amo newsletter will contain information about the Broadband Survey that will be distributed to Town of Amo residents.

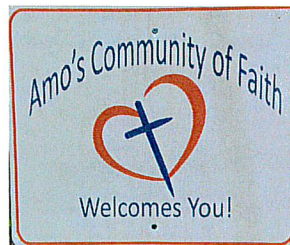
Kelsey Freeman was approved as the new Reading Room Attendant.



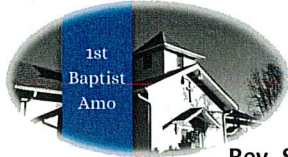
The Vietnam Proclamation was displayed by Uncle Sam in the Post Office and was also posted on the Town of Amo Facebook page.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Amo/Stilesville/Clayton/Cascade Alumni gathering Saturday, June 3, 2023, in Amo! Cascade Classes of 1965-1970 are invited to join us! If you were in one of these classes, please send your name, address, e-mail address, phone number and year attended Cascade to: Becky Rhea / rarhea23@gmail.com or 317.281.8996.



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Shaping Hearts  Changing Lives

Rev. Shelly A. Zook, Lead Pastor
 Pastor Kelli J. Tipton, Youth Pastor
 Church/Office number: 317.539.6920
 Emergency number: 317.489.2988
 PO Box 146; 4779 Pearl St., Amo, IN 46103
 EMAIL: 1stBaptistAmo@gmail.com

The Church is hosting a Benefit Fundraiser on June 24 at 6 PM for the Trinity Center/Storehouse Food Pantry. We will be featuring our own, Ginny Pugh Spillman, as Patsy Cline, at the Trinity Center at 4794 Vine Street, Amo, IN 46103. Tickets are available for purchase NOW, and we request you bring an item or two for the Storehouse Food Pantry. For ticket information or additional information, please contact the church or check the Church's Facebook page at 1stBaptistAmo for details. Come enjoy an entertaining evening and help keep the local food pantry thriving. This pantry is open to receive donations to stamp out food insecurity in our Town and the local area on every second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to Noon. We serve clients on the third Saturday of every month from 10 AM to Noon.

Opportunities to serve your Town/Community/neighbors: volunteer to help assemble backpacks for kids on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 PM at the Church, take advantage of the Amo Town clean-up day and help your neighbors dispose of items they no longer want/need while beautifying our Town, participate in the Amo Fish Fry: June 8, 9 & 10 (come purchase a ticket for the Church's raffle baskets!), volunteer to help with our COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Program on June 26 through the 30th at Amo Baptist and SEND YOUR KIDS to have FUN and learn more about Jesus!

How can you help? You need not be a member of the Church to be involved in community growth and fellowship events. Want to know more details about Church activities? You can receive the Church newsletter by emailing your mailing address to 1stbaptista-mo@gmail.com or by calling 317.539.6920.

Like and follow us at #1stbaptistamo on Facebook!



Mill Creek Fellowship (Formerly Amo United Methodist)

P.O. Box 84
 Amo, IN 46103



Worship Service - 9:30 am

Communion is celebrated
 2nd Sunday of each month

We would love for you to come worship with us! We are a non-denominational Christian church. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM, at the Amo Community Building. Our service is casual with fellowship after. We have 2 lay speakers and retired minister who deliver the messages. Hymns and prayers are also included. We are NOT perfect and our church has "history" just like every person does, but we press forward and come together to continue to worship, praise, learn, and serve the Lord.

Church contacts:

Bill Bartlett: 317.501.6676
 Phil Thomas: 317.440.5946
 Angel Chattin: 317.539.3357

Follow us on Facebook, or contact any of our leaders for more information.



Mail for Mable

Help bring some cheer to Amo's oldest resident! Mable loves getting mail and hasn't been able to get out much this winter. Let's help to brighten her day!

Cards & letters may be sent to:

Mable Dillon
 PO Box 157
 Amo, IN 46103



TOWN OF AMO
P.O. Box 15
AMO, INDIANA 46103

LOOKING AHEAD:

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- Thursday, April 6, 2023 / 7:00 p.m.) Amo
 - ** Thursday, May 11, 2023 / 7:00 p.m.) Community
 - Thursday, June 1, 2023 / 7:00 p.m.) Building
 - Thursday, July 6, 2023 / 7:00 p.m.)
- ** Second Thursday of the Month

MOTHER'S DAY: Sunday, May 14, 2023
MEMORIAL DAY: Monday, May 29, 2023
FLAG DAY: Wednesday, June 14, 2023
FATHER'S DAY: Sunday, June 18, 2023
POST OFFICE CLOSED on federal holidays

TOWN OF AMO 2023 3rd QUARTER (Jul/Aug/Sep)

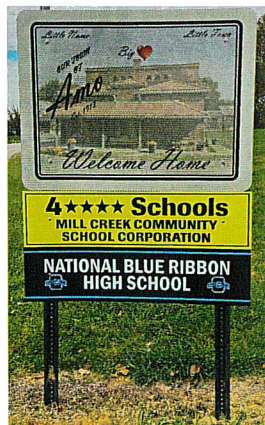
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: June 26, 2023

If you have submissions for the Newsletter, please e-mail to Becky Rhea @ rarhea23@gmail.com or call her @ 317.281.8996. All submissions are at the discretion of the Amo elected officials and the Communication Director.

Box Holder
Amo, Indiana 46103



WELCOME TO AMO



INDIANA
The Hoosier State



Hendricks County

