



“Our life is the sum total of all the decisions we make every day, and those decisions are determined by our priorities.” Myles Munroe

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A LIFE WELL LIVED — 99 YEARS on March 26, 2024!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RUTH FUSON!



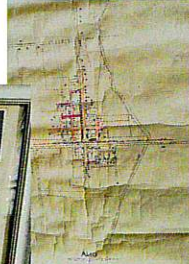
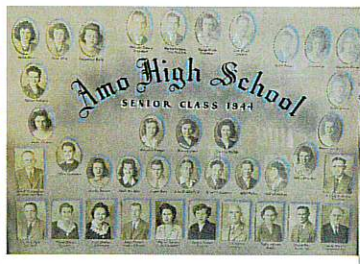
Several family members and friends from the former Amo United Methodist Church gathered to honor Ruth on her special day!



INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM

Pictured below are some of the cool memorabilia donated to the Interurban History Museum. We are accepting donations of Interurban/Railroad, Hendricks County and Town of Amo memorabilia. The Interurban History Museum Committee has been busy purchasing display cabinets, collecting items, downsizing the adult section of the Amo Reading Room and moving forward with the museum.

If you have memorabilia to donate, please contact one of the following committee members: Becky Rhea, Facilitator; Donna Watson, Amo Town Council Member; Ronnie Travelsted, Darrell Mynatt, Maureen Jackson, Town of Amo Residents; David Phillips, Darlene Miller, Rosie Burch Bell, Former Town of Amo Residents; Kelsey Freeman, Town of Amo Resident & Amo Reading Room Attendant. When donating memorabilia, we will kindly request a Custody Receipt be signed by the donor. As of this writing we do not yet have a target date for an “official” opening of the museum; we will keep you posted.



SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024 / 9:00 AM—3:00 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.

AMO FIRE DEPARTMENT
&
CASCADE YOUTH LEAGUE



For General Information:

Chief Dustin Strahl
317.442.5357

For Vendor Tent:

Annette Reach
317.563.2927

June 6, 7, 8, 2024

Fireworks @ 10:00 PM on Saturday

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND YOUTH LEAGUE! Amo Shelter**

Carry Out Available / Donations of Desserts Welcome!



AMO POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE: Chris Nelson
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE: John Vehling
PATROL OFFICER: David Gunn
PATROL OFFICER: Ben Oliphant
DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN: Rev. Shelly Zook

FOR EMERGENCIES

911

Contact Amo Police
@ 317.539.6030

**When Driving Through Town Remember To:
Dim Your Lights / Observe the Speed Zone / Watch for Kids**



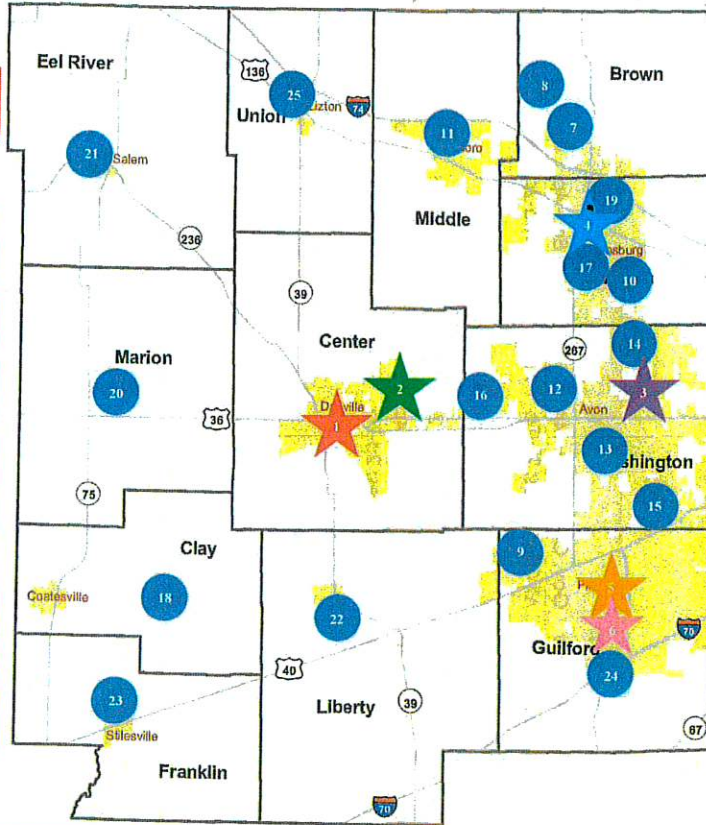
AMO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Dustin Strahl **Lieutenant:** Cory Witham
Assistant Chief: Andy Gibbs **Treasurer:** Annette Reach
Captain: Nathan Bayliss **Secretary:** Brandy Bayliss

2024 HENDRICKS COUNTY ELECTIONS



PRIMARY: MAY 7, 2024



GENERAL: NOV. 5, 2024



★ EARLY VOTING

- ★ 1. Hendricks County Government Center
- ★ 2. Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
- ★ 3. Radiant Bible Church
- ★ 4. Brownsburg Public Library
- ★ 5. Plainfield Guilford Twp Public Library
- ★ 6. Guilford Twp Community Center

ELECTION DAY

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- 7. Connection Pointe Christian Church
- 8. Parkside Bible Church
- 9. Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 3207
- 10. F.L. O'Neal Administration Center
(Brownsburg Comm School Corp)

- 11. Pittsboro Christian Church
- 12. Avon United Methodist Church
- 13. Crossroads Church Avon
- 14. Our Shepherd Lutheran Church & School
- 15. Plainfield Christian Church
- 16. Bartlett Chapel United Methodist Church
- 17. Messiah Lutheran ELCA
- 18. Amo Community Building
- 19. Brownsburg Fire Territory
- 20. Revival Community Church
- 21. North Salem Christian Church
- 22. Clayton Christian Church
- 23. Stilesville Town Hall
- 24. Souls Harbor Assembly of God
- 25. State Bank (Lizton)

*Locations as of Jan. 11, 2024. Locations may change.
 Please visit our website for the latest: <https://www.co.hendricks.in.us/Departments>Voter Registration>





The Town of Amo Extends its Sympathy and Love to the Families of:

Carl Eugene Cordray

James & Louise Strahl

Carl E. "Gene" Cordray, age 83, Greencastle, passed away Sunday evening. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 1, 1940 the son of Carl and Mary Ball Cordray. He had worked for General Motors for 30 years. He was a Veteran of the US Army. Carl was a member of the Amo Baptist Church and had been a Volunteer Fireman and EMT for the Mill Creek Fire District. He and his wife had ran Cordray U-pick Strawberries in Coatesville. He is survived by his children – Robin McEnulty, Greencastle, and Kevin (Shelli) Cordray, KS; grandchildren – Sarah (Tim) Burdine, Kelli (Will) Tipton, Kylie Cordray, and Chelcie Cordray; great-grandchildren – Dean, Derek, Dalton, and Carlee Burdine, Connor Tipton, and Liam Cordray; Sister – Sue Hackett; brother-in-law Larry (Jean) Bryant; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife – Marian Jo Bryant Cordray.

Visitation will be held at the Bousley Funeral Home in Coatesville on Thursday, February 8 from 4-8PM with funeral on Friday the 9th at 11AM. Burial at Mill Creek Cemetery will follow. (Copied from Bousley Funeral Home Website)

Gene's friendly disposition and great smile are dearly missed!



Louise Ann Strahl passed away on Friday, February 16, 2024 at Countryside Meadows. She was born on September 11, 1932 to Helen (Jones) and Maynard Stephenson in Hendricks County.

James Everett Strahl passed away on March 5, 2024 at the age of 92 at Countryside Meadows. James was born in Hancock County, Indiana, January 15, 1932 to parents, Everett & Alta (Pyle) Strahl.

James and Louise (Stephenson) graduated together from Amo High School, class of 1950. They were married on September 27, 1952 and enjoyed 71 years together. James served in the US Army from November 1952 to November 1954. He worked 30 years at Ford Motor Company, in Indianapolis, retiring in 1987.

They were the parents of Rose (Terry) Richard, Daryl (Barb) Strahl, Nina (Gary) Tatlock, and Lana (Jack) Albright. They were the proud grandparents of 8, the great grandparents of 14, and the great great grandparents of 1.

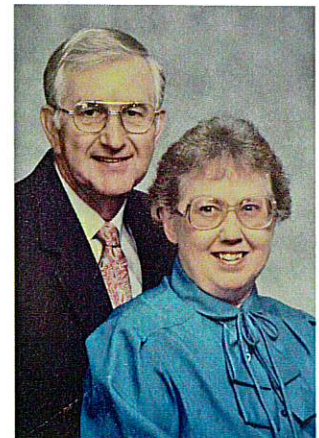
Louise was preceded in death by her parents Helen and Maynard Stephenson; son Philip Dean; brother Jack Stephenson, and sister June Cooper.

James is survived by his brother Bill Strahl. James was preceded in death by his wife Louise, parents Everett & Alta Strahl, son Philip Dean, brothers Virgle and Max Strahl, sisters Virginia Bray and Mary Jane Campbell.

Funeral services for Louise were held on Tuesday, February 20 at 2PM. Funeral services for James were held on Monday, March 11, 2024. Both services were held at the Bousley Funeral Home in Coatesville.

(Both obituaries copied from Bousley Funeral Home Website)

James & Louise were long-time and active residents of Amo. They are dearly missed!



KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!

With spring having returned, Hendricks County Parks & Recreation re-opened the Amo and Coatesville trailhead restrooms and drinking fountains on April 1 for the season. If you would like to enjoy the trail with others, following are some activities planned by Friends of the Vandalia Trail and by the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County, all starting at the Amo trailhead.

Group Bike Rides: 1st, 3rd, 5th Tuesday each month, 6:30 PM, May-Sep, nrht.org/vandalia

Summer Fun Run/Walk: August 7, Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 PM, visit www.pfohc.org for info on the weekly summer series and to register.

For more news and updates, please also visit nrht.org/vandalia.

Enjoy the trail this summer!

Greg Midgley, National Road Heritage Trail, Inc.
www.facebook.com/NRHTInc
greg@nrht.org

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.

TOWN STREET LIGHTS

Have you noticed that some of the street lights are brighter? Duke Energy has been switching our light poles to LED's which are more efficient and less costly. This is another way that the Town Council is working to improve our community!

If you notice one of the Town street lights out, please contact Donna Watson @ 317.525.3759 so that she can report for replacement.

MILL CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

RECYCLE

heart & sole



APRIL 22-26, 2024

Our student council will once again be helping to keep shoes out of the landfill and help those in need. If you have wearable shoes in your home that are no longer needed, please consider setting them aside and donating them in April.

(Copied from Cascade Middle School—Clayton, Indiana Facebook Page)

Mill Creek West Elementary's Beautify Amo Day is Thursday, May 16, 2024. The school welcomes donations of materials to help with the projects. Please watch for details on Facebook, their website or call the school.

Please check the school's website for pertinent information.



To learn more about Hendricks County Bicentennial events and county history, go to hendricks200.com

KEEPING YOU IN THE

TOWN HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2024

JANUARY

The Broadband study has been completed. Internet will be installed at the Interurban and the Community Building with a two-year agreement to see if justified. Internet is now available in these two buildings.

FEBRUARY

Town Council members Donna Watson and Mark Wicks gave a recap of their attendance at Boot Camp for newly-elected officers.

MARCH

- 3 Computers to be purchased for Reading Room.
(These have been purchased and installed.)
- Flashing School Sign at church purchased.
(Will soon be set.)
- Backsplash in Community Building has been completed and looks great!
- Duke Energy lights to be switched to LED.
- A new mower will be purchased.
(This has been completed).
- A new Flag Pole will be set at the Post Office.

APRIL

- May 4 is Town Clean-up Day.
- Cascade Youth League planning a town Christmas at ball diamond facility on December 14.
- Flashing School Sign has been installed.
- Town proposal to Hendricks County Centennial Celebration for Fish Fry Bingo. \$200 to be given each night for final game.
- Mill Creek School Corporation Beautify Amo Day is May 16.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

THANK YOU to those who returned the Parks & Recreation survey! We had some great suggestions.

Town of Amo Parks & Recreation Committee

Dan Lake, Kieser Consulting
 Brian Williams, Facilitator
 Rene Gay, Town Council Member
 Lori Burdge
 Mike Spilker
 Dustin Strahl
 Becky Rhea



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This message brought to you by:



Laura Herzog
 Hendricks County Recorder
 355 S. Washington St.
 Danville, Indiana 46122
 317-745-9200
recorder@co.hendricks.in.us

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Amo/Stilesville/Clayton/CHS 1965-1970 High School Alumni Gathering will be Saturday,

June 1, 2024 / 2:00—5:00 PM

Program — 2:30 PM

Amo Community Building

A mailing will go out to those for whom we have addresses. Details will also be on Facebook and in THE REPUBLICAN.

GREEN ALERT WILL HELP FIND MISSING, AT-RISK VETERANS

STATEHOUSE (March 15, 2024) – According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, veterans are more likely to die by suicide after going missing, and, unfortunately, Indiana's veteran suicide rate is higher than the national average. In 2021, nearly 140 Hoosier veterans died by suicide and over 6,000 nationwide.

The governor recently signed [House Enrolled Act 1021](#) into law to create a Green Alert in Indiana. It will notify the public when a veteran or military service member is reported missing and believed to be at risk of being hurt or hurting themselves. The alert will function similarly to Amber and Silver alerts for missing children and seniors.

When the new law takes effect in July, a Green Alert will be issued for veterans, active service members, Indiana National Guard Members and reservists within 48 hours of the individual being reported missing. Like other alerts, the Green Alert will provide a description and last known location of the individual and if they are considered a risk to themselves or others.

This law is an important tool as Indiana seeks to address the mental health crisis facing our veterans. Veterans in crisis can call 988 and press 1 or text 838255 for immediate, confidential help 24/7 from a trained crisis specialist.

Our community is home to many veterans who sacrificed so much to protect our freedoms. This new law sends a strong message that they have our support, and we will do everything we can to provide help and hope to those who need it most. If I or my office can be of any assistance, please reach out by email at h54@iga.in.gov or call 317-232-9600.

(Copied From House of Representatives Website)

Attorney General Todd Rokita warns Hoosiers of storm scams as severe weather sweeps across the state

As communities across the state look to rebuild after severe weather, Attorney General Todd Rokita warns Hoosiers to be cautious of storm scams.

"Our first priority is Hoosier safety and praying for those affected," Attorney General Rokita said. "To prevent additional loss, Indiana communities should be on the lookout for scammers who use weather-related disasters to scam innocent people out of their hard-earned money. If your home suffered damage, please read the tips our office has provided."

With storms like Indiana experienced, scammers will be out in full force trying to con everyday Hoosiers out of their hard-earned money.

Unfortunately, far too many dubious con artists appear on people's doorsteps, promise to make needed repairs, and then disappear with their victims' down payment in their pockets — never to return to do the work.

Attorney General Rokita is sharing the following tips to help Hoosiers avoid falling victim to storm-chasing scammers:

- Be skeptical of people promising immediate cleanup and debris removal.
- Know that FEMA doesn't charge application fees. If someone wants money to help you qualify for FEMA funds, that's probably a scam.
- Check out contractors' reputations before enlisting their services.
- Ask for IDs, licenses, and proof the contractor is both bonded and insured.
- Get more than one estimate for work.
- Don't believe any promises that aren't in writing.
- Never pay by wire transfer, gift card, cryptocurrency, or in cash.
- Don't pay the full amount for the project up front. Dealing with a disaster is never easy, but when scammers target people just trying to recover, the experience can become even more difficult.

If you ever suspect a scam of any type, file a complaint at indianaconsumer.com or call Attorney General Todd Rokita's office at 1-800-382-5516.

(Copied from Attorney General, Todd Rokita's website.)

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

THE COMMUNITY BUILDING NOW HAS Wi-Fi

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

2024 Town Council Meetings

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| ** January 11, 2024 | ** July 11, 2024 |
| February 1, 2024 | August 1, 2024 |
| ** March 14, 2024 | September 5, 2024 |
| ** April 11, 2024 | October 3, 2024 |
| May 2, 2024 | ** November 14, 2024 |
| ** June 13, 2024 | ** December 12, 2024 |

** 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 — Donna Watson
- President Pro Tem — Mark Wicks
- Council Member — Rene Gay
- Clerk-Treasurer — Barb Strahl

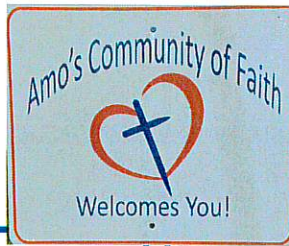
Town Council Board Term is 1-1-2024 — 12-31-2027

AMO JAM

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING
(Weather Permitting)
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



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
 YouTube and Facebook: 1st Baptist Amo

Amo First Baptist Church welcomes you to come join us ANY TIME during community projects, times of celebration and of course for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 AM.

In April, we will offer a community service project led by our Youth Pastor, Kelli Tipton and our Pantry Board of Director, Michelle Kelley. The service dates will be April 4th and 5th. If you have a project for our young people to do, please feel free to contact either leader by calling the Church or emailing us!

Starting in April, 1st Baptist Amo will be having a YOUTH NIGHT for grades 6-12. Youth Nights will be the Third Wednesday of each month from 6-7:30 PM. Teens are invited to come for an evening of games, fun, and worship time. April's theme is *Being an Influencer!* Make sure to follow #1stbaptistamo on Facebook to stay connected regarding updates, relevant news and learn themes for future Youth Nights.

In May we will celebrate our moms and will be reflecting on the blessing of the gift of resurrection as we celebrate Memorial Day/Remembrance Day. We plan to race through the summer like true Hoosiers as we celebrate the Indy 500 and contemplate our upcoming Annual Car Show in September. We hope you will plan to come out on Pearl Street and join us as we enjoy the show cars, great food, music, and a time of community connection. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 21st.

In June, you will find us in the Merchants Tent at the Amo Fish Fry supporting our local Fire Department and the Cascade Ball Association. Stop by and support local service projects by trying your luck at our annual Fish Fry Raffle Baskets. There is sure to be lots of really nice items to select from.

If you are looking to get further engaged in your community, especially in the Town of Amo, we have many opportunities for you to serve your neighbors, children, people who suffer from food insecurity, and much more... To be added to our Church newsletter/calendar mailing list for future events please; email us, call us or stop by the Church!

**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.



**1st Baptist Church of Amo
 8th Annual FALL CAR SHOW**

September 21, 2024

**4779 Pearl St
 Amo, IN 46103**

ALL VEHICLES WELCOME

Prizes: Top 20, Fan Favorite Vote, Kid's Vote, Oldest Vehicle, Club Participation, Pastor & Judges Vote, Farthest Travel, Specialty Awards, 1st 100 Entries Receive Complementary Goody Bag (Pre-register by August 15th for a special participants gift)

Questions? To pre-register...
www.1stbaptistamo@gmail.com
317.539.6920
#1stbaptistamo on FaceBook

Registration Fee \$20
 *Pre-register for \$15 and receive a premium registration bag!
 Registration from 11 AM-3 PM
 Trophy Presentation @ 4 PM
 50/50 drawing
 Raffle drawing

50/50 Draw, Raffles, Door Prizes, DJ, Food and Drinks

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- Thursday, May 2, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, June 13, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.) Amo Community
- ** Thursday, July 11, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.) Community
- Thursday, August 1, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.) Building
- Thursday, September 5, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.)
- ** Second Thursday of the Month

SOLAR ECLIPSE: April 8, 2024
MOTHER'S DAY: Sunday, May 12, 2024
FATHER'S DAY: Sunday, June 16, 2024
INDEPENDENCE DAY: Thursday, July 4, 2024
POST OFFICE CLOSED on federal holidays

TOWN OF AMO 3rd Quarter 2024 Newsletter Deadline: Friday, June 21, 2024
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.

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Amo, Indiana 46103

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WELCOME TO AMO



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