

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF



TOWN COUNCIL

2021 Town Council Meetings

January 7, 2021	July 1, 2021
February 4, 2021	August 5, 2021
March 11, 2021	September 2, 2021
April 1, 2021	October 7, 2021
May 6, 2021	November 4, 2021
June 3, 2021	December 2, 2021

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



FIRE DEPARTMENT



- CHIEF/PRESIDENT:** Dustin Strahl
- ASSISTANT CHIEF:** Kyle Johnson
- DC of EMS & SAFETY:** John Turner
- CAPTAIN:** Andy Gibbs
- PIO CAPTAIN/VICE PRESIDENT:** Jerry Johnson
- LIEUTENANT:** Tyler Ross
- TREASURER:** Annette Reach
- SECRETARY:** Judy Turner

Be sure to go to Amo Police Department and Amo Fire Department pages on Facebook and LIKE!! These pages have lots of important information to keep us informed



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

Contact Amo Police @ 317.539.6030

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

POST OFFICE

PMR (Postmaster Relief)
Angel Chattin



Amo Post Office Phone Number: 317.539.2168

Coatesville Phone Number: 1.765.386.7480

Post Office Hours:

- Monday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. — Noon
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.
- Lobby is open 24 hours

CLOSED:

- Independence Day — Sunday, July 4, 2021**
- Observed — Monday, July 5, 2021**
- Labor Day — Monday, September 6, 2021**

Each year we are told the Post Office will review our office on whether to expand hours. Please continue to patronize our post office.

BUSINESSES

- AMO PIZZA & GENERAL STORE:** 317.539.2555
- ASSURANCE MAINTENANCE - Brian Miller:** 317.650.9047
- BOW WOW WALKERS - Randall Corn:** 317.610.6009
- CARTER'S GARAGE - Chris Carter:** 317.539.4368
Or 317.750.7781
- EAGLE ENTERPRISES - Doug Wallace:** 317.223.5877
- HARPER TRUCKING - Joe Harper:** 317.539.2119
- MIKE'S GARAGE - Mike Bruce:** 317.627.9881
- MITCHELL'S MUFFLER SHOP - Justin Mitchell:** 317.539.5692
- WEST SIDE AIR-COOLED - Gene Noel:** 317.941.3293



CONTACT INFORMATION
4704 Pearl Street, Amo, IN 46103
317.539.9255

SCHOOL HOURS
8:40 a.m. — Doors Open
8:50 a.m. — 1st Bell /Report to Class
9:00 a.m. — Tardy Bell
3:30 p.m. — Car Riders Dismissed
3:40 p.m. — Buses Dismissed



Thursday, July 29: *Student Supply Drop Off* — 4 - 6 p.m.
Friday, July 30: *Student First Day*
Thursday, August 5: *Meet Your Teacher* 5 and 6 p.m.
Wednesday, August 11: School Board Meeting — 6 p.m.
Monday, September 6: NO School



PLEASE REMEMBER TO:
Watch for children crossing the street.



Don't Forget To
Recycle Your Papers

Recycle your Pop tabs!
Take them to the school.

The School Collects:



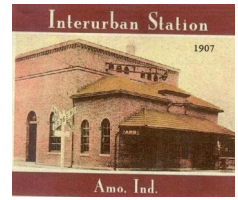
These labels are found on many products. Save Yours!

Save time and go to boxtopsforeducation.com to find out how you can sign up for the mobile app!



RAILS

RESTORE AMO INTERURBAN to LIBRARY SOCIETY



MISS LISA BROWN —
Reading Room Attendant



Reading Room Open Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6 — 8 p.m.
Wednesdays: 10 a.m. — Noon
First Saturday of Each Month: 10 a.m. — Noon
Story Hour: Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.

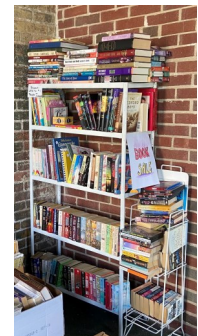
Check out our town's terrific reading room! All ages welcome! Reading Room Attendant, Miss Lisa Brown, has made the room quite comfortable and compatible for all ages! Great selection of books to choose from! These books are all bought and paid for or donated and belong to all the residents of Amo. Be proud as this is the only town library that we know of in the state.

Have a book you no longer want? Donate it to the Reading Room. Donate a book In Memory Of or In Honor Of someone.

NEW MASK REQUIREMENT

Ages 12 AND OVER that have been Vaccinated need NOT wear a mask. Those who have NOT BEEN VACCINATED MUST wear a mask. THANK YOU!

Did you know that the Reading Room has books for sale? Check out the selections?



THE TRINITY CENTER

**Storehouse Food Pantry,
Community Chapel, Youth Center**

**4794 Vine Street
P.O. Box 75
Amo, IN 46103**



**Storehouse Food Pantry DONATION DAY:
Second Saturday of Every Month 10 a.m. to Noon.**

CLIENTS SERVED:

Third Saturday Monthly 10 a.m. to Noon.

Monetary donations may be made by mailing your check to "The Storehouse Food Pantry" at PO Box 75, Amo, IN 46103. To support the TRINITY CENTER; Storehouse Food Pantry, Youth Center or Community Chapel, please contact Jeanne Bryant at 317.966.3812 or Pastor Shelly at 317.489.2988.

TRINITY CENTER BOARD:

**Jeanne Bryant: Director
Larry Bryant: Project Manager
Jean Ellen Travelsted: Treasurer
Dena Travelsted: Clerk
Dave Dumser: Board Member
Lynn Smedley: Board Member
Reverend Shelly Zook: Board Member**

**GLEANERS FOOD BANK
OF INDIANA'S MOBILE PANTRY**

**Stilesville Christian Church
8425 Morgan Street, Stilesville**

First Wednesday of Every Other Month

4:00 — 6:00 p.m.

2021

February 3	August 4
April 7	October 6
June 2	December 1

NO ID Required / Bring Your Own Bags/Box

VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!

The following activities are planned by the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County and Friends of the Vandalia Trail on Hendricks County Parks & Recreation's Vandalia Trail starting at the Amo trailhead.

Group Bike Rides: 1st, 3rd, 5th Tuesdays each month, 6:30 PM, May-Sep

Virtual Summer Fun Run: July 14-20, Wednesday (pre-register at pfohc.org)

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

To report a need for maintenance attention, such as a tree down on the trail, please contact Hendricks County Parks & Recreation at 317-718-6188 or by e-mail at hcparks@hcparks.net or message their Facebook page.

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

Please enjoy the trails!

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



deliver a difference

**Assistance is needed in delivering meals
in the Amo-Coatesville area.**

**If you can help, please call
Meals On Wheels of Hendricks County office
@ 317.745.3469. Thank you!**

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

THE TOWN OF AMO WELCOMES...

Matt Liles as the town's new Handyman. Matt is originally from the west side of Indianapolis. Matt shares that "I met my beautiful wife in January of 2005." *Marsha Baldwin Wingler* and Matt moved to Amo in May of 2005 and got married in 2007. Matt is the Maintenance Supervisor at Wayne Township Schools where he has worked for almost 22 years.

Matt has already been hard at work doing a great job of mowing, weeding, tending to our town buildings and taking care of repairs.

THANK YOU, Matt!

Butch, Connie & daughter Brianna Ashley who purchased the former Methodist Church building and are making it their home. Butch says it is going to be beautiful! They already love AMO PIZZA and attended the July 1st Town Council meeting.

TOWN OF AMO

COMMUNICATION RESOURCES

Town of Amo Newsletter is a quarterly publication.

Newsletter Deadlines for 2021:

OCT / NOV / DEC: September 29, 2021

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 Town Council and Communication Director.

CHECK OUT OUR



WEB SITE!

<http://www.amoin.net>

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

Town of Amo, Indiana



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.

TOX-AWAY DAYS

HENDRICKS COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT

Tox-Away Days

July 17 / 8:00 am—1:00 pm

Hickory Elementary—Avon

August 28 / 8 a.m. —1:00 pm

Hendricks County Fairgrounds

Hendricks County households are encouraged to properly dispose of chemicals, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, medicines, medical sharps, tires, electronics, appliances, and more at Tox-Away day! Fees are charged for the recycling of televisions, appliances and tires (over a certain number).

A couple of reminders:

- Any Hendricks County household can use any Tox-Away Day event (we can't accept wastes from businesses, non-profits, churches, etc.)
- Stay in your vehicle (we'll unload everything for you)
- Don't bring latex paint (dry it up and throw it out instead)

Here's what else you should know before you go:

<https://www.hendrickssolidwaste.com/tox-away-days-what-you-should-know/>

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

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AMO FIRE DEPARTMENT

AMO FISH FRY

What a great turnout! It was obvious people were glad to be able to get out and about! Amo Fire Department & Cascade Youth League THANKS everyone for supporting this year's Fish Fry!! THANK YOU to the Fire Department & Cascade Youth League for all of your planning, coordinating, hard work and dedication to our community!



AMO FISH FRY (Continued)



Did you notice some of the free advertising the Fish Fry received?!

THANK YOU, Amo/Coatesville Sewer Conservancy!!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED		FIRST CLASS MAIL
YZAB	0	POSTAGE PAID
	313	PERMIT NO. 3
		COATESVILLE, IN
Enclose this stub with payment		
Billing Date	Customer Number	
06/01/21	Sewer	
	45.00	
Due Date	Amount Due After Due Date	Amount Due Before Due Date
06/19/21	\$49.50	\$45.00
DON'T MISS THE AMO FISH FRY. JUNE 10, 11 & 12.		

"BEHIND THE SCENES"

Do you notice when the flags at the Cemetery, and Vandalia Trail go to half staff or are maybe even missing from the pole? Mark Belford has been so faithful about tending to these flags—if the flags are actually missing from the pole, more than likely we have had a severe storm forecast, and Mark takes them down to avoid damage. Ronnie Travelsted tends to the Community Building flag with Mark as back-up.

Have you noticed the beautiful flowers in the downtown area? Becky planted some pansies, followed by Petunias in the flower planters in front of the Post Office. Mill Creek West Elementary 5th graders blessed the area with additional beautiful flowers. Barb Strahl planted flowers at the Interurban, and Miss Lisa is maintaining those flowers. Ann Miller, Jerry Miller, Angel Chattin and Becky have been maintaining the flowers in front of the Post Office.

As with our homes, the Town buildings also need improvements and repairs. Town Council members Donna Watson and Rene Gay have been kept busy scheduling service providers for repairs inside and outside of our town buildings.



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S CHURCH!

Yes! We are a Church that is 156 years old. We are proud of our heritage, as we should be. But we want you to know that we are not your Grandma's Church. While our ancestors, as far back as 1866, are celebrated, respected, and acknowledged, we are a 21st century Church.

We take a relevant approach to faith in the World today. We are a congregation that welcomes people who are seeking the Lord, who know the Lord our God and who have known God for a very long time. Everyone is welcome to come and walk gently with us more deeply into the waters of faith.

We believe the Word of God is the voice of God to direct us, convict us and transform us. We believe that Jesus died on the Cross of Calvary to win the souls of those who would believe in Him, call upon His name, repent of sin and TRY to walk with Him in faith. We also acknowledge that we are human, and we make mistakes. We are ALL sinners in need of the Savior of mankind, Jesus Christ.

We are a community-minded group of people seeking to bless others and our community. We are willing to invest in YOU, without judgement in the same measure of GRACE that has been extended to us!

Come, visit us, give God a chance; what do you have to lose?

If you would like to receive the monthly Church calendar and event publication, please call or email us and leave your name and mailing address!

Contact us at: 317.539.6920

Email: 1stBaptistAmo@gmail.com

Visit us: 9 AM & 11 AM

4779 Pearl Street, Amo, IN 46103

10 AM Virtual message

@1st Baptist Amo on Facebook and YouTube

In His Service and yours,
Rev. Shelly A. Zook



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

God has been so good to us!

We are currently worshipping on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM at the Amo Community Building. If you are looking for a church group that feels like family, come join us! We pray for each other, mourn together, laugh together, and grow together.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Church contacts:

Bill Bartlett: 317.501.6676

Phil Thomas: 317.440.5946

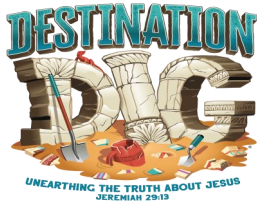
Angel Chattin: 317.539.3357

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



Although this newsletter is being received after July 4th, we always give thanks for all of our freedoms, including the freedom of worship and the many blessings of our country!

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP



AMO COMMUNITY
VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
was **FANTASTIC!!**

This year 1st Baptist Amo and Mill Creek Fellowship took kids on a journey to current day Jerusalem where they explored the archaeological proof that the Bible and Jesus Christ are true! It was an amazing five days of getting “down and dirty” exploring for the truth. We were blessed to see so many faces from our community attending and volunteering! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in making this an amazing week for the kiddos and adults!



TOWN STREET LIGHTS

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

DOG COURTESY

When walking our dogs, we should use Doggy DoDo Bags. Our dogs should be kept under control at all times.

REPLACEMENT WINDOWS @ INTERURBAN

We are in the process of applying for a Heritage Support Grant through the Indianapolis Historical Society to replace the windows at the Interurban Reading Room. This is a non-matching grant for \$4,999.00.

SOUTH SIDE DRAINAGE PROJECT

Due to circumstances beyond the Town’s control, the South Side Drainage was delayed; however, it is scheduled to begin with the next couple of weeks. The project will start at the 4-way stop to Church Street and proceeds east one block to South Street and then back to the main drainage. Also included will be a portion of street from Church Street to the Cemetery with street and sidewalk repair. At the February 25, 2021, meeting the winning bid went to DC Construction. We have received \$159,757.49 through a grant from IN-DOT Community Crossing Grant. Thanks to Dave Kieser and Kieser Consulting staff for all the help with our grants. Kieser Consulting has been involved in projects for years.

TOWN CLEAN UP DAY

The Town’s Clean-up Day on May 14, 2021, had a good turnout! “Staffing” the dumpster area was only one of the tasks of the day. Many potholes were filled as well and a street sign repaired. THANK YOU to *Marshal Chris Nelson, Town Council President Ronnie Travelsted, Mark Belford, Matt Liles, and Town Clerk-Treasurer Barb Strahl* for your time and care in coordinating this event, and being there that day!

AROUND TOWN

MILITARY BANNERS

The Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Chapter, National Society of the American Revolution, has a long history of honoring those who serve in the military. Last year the Chapter offered Hendricks County residents an opportunity to recognize and honor veterans and active military in a very special manner—banners on light poles in Danville, Avon, Brownsburg and Plainfield. This year several of the smaller towns were added. The banners were not purchased by the Town; they were personally paid for by families wanting to honor military family members. **THANK YOU TO: DAR Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Chapter and Rhonda Beck, who coordinated the banners, for your heart for our Veterans; Mark Belford & Daryl Strahl for getting the brackets and banners hung!**

THANK YOU to ALL of our VETERANS for fighting for our freedoms!



Left to Right: Anna, Thomas, & Israel Buckrop; Johnny Gerbick hugging the pole; Maureen Pugh Jackson; Randy & Karleen Luka; Ginny Pugh Spillman; Kayleigh Gerbick (in Al's security cap), holding Jackson Gerbick; Sarah Robinson Peden holding Avaleigh Gerbick, and John Gerbick



Front: Dillon Sears; Left: Terry Sears, Linda Rhea Sears, Becky Rhea. Donna is Becky's and Linda's sister.



Front Right: Riley & Delaney Bacon; From left: Bayley, George, Stephanie Watson Bacon, Donna Watson, Jaymacin Bacon



KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

AMO JAM

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

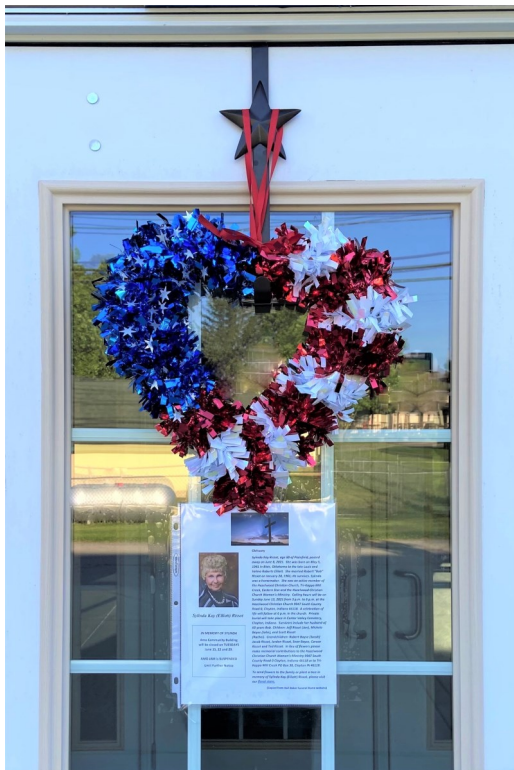
**Open Mic / Impromptu
Bring your own musical instrument or voice.**

**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.
Going forward there will be NO food.**

**For additional information,
Call Bob Rissot @ 317.742.7116**

The Town of Amo extends its sympathy and love to the family of *Sylinda Rissot*. *Sylinda* and Bob facilitated the Amo Jam for over 18 years! In Memory of *Sylinda* a wreath and copy of her obituary were placed on the Community Building doors, and the building was closed on Tuesdays in June. *Sylinda* is dearly missed!



TOWN OF AMO

COMPASSION BOX

The Amo Police Department, in partnership with your Amo Town Council, is pleased to announce a new policy to offer Compassion care to Amo Town residents.

Effective May 6, 2021, the Amo Police Department Chaplain will provide bereavement care on behalf of the Town and local police department to local residents. The Amo General Store owners have agreed to place a Compassion Box at their business to collect funds for Townspeople who lose a loved one. Those funds will be used to offer a gift of condolence to Townspeople on behalf of the Town of Amo. To initiate the Compassion Box policy for a town resident, please contact the Town Marshal, Chris Nelson (see front page of Town Newsletter) or Police Department Chaplain, Rev. Shelly Zook at 317.539.6920 or 317.489.2988.

This policy is not something new to our Town! It is a continuation of a work started by a former Postmaster whose amazing heart for the Town and for its people began this practice many years ago. It is our honor and privilege to continue his work.

In addition to the box being placed to collect donations, a sympathy card will be placed with the box for those who would like to offer their condolences.

A special "thank you" is extended to the owners of the Amo General Store and to Gina, co-owner, who named the Compassion Box and who are working in partnership with the Town to offer care for the Townspeople of Amo!



The Town of Amo extends its sympathy and prayers to the families of:

**Willis Parker
And
Willard Lydick**

Willis and Willard each contributed in so many ways to our community. They are dearly missed!

AROUND TOWN

HONORING OUR SENIORS

Sue Austin Gasper Copeland

Sue was born April 11, 1939, in Dunnville, Kentucky to Margie Garrett and Wilse Austin. After Wilse passed, Margie married Jodie Tumblin. Sue's siblings include William (who passed 4 years ago), Minnie White, Geneva Kelso, Anna Mae Ferguson, Diana Wilhoite, Linda White. Before Sue was 3 years old, the family moved to Seth Hadley's Farm.

Sue met Tom Gasper while he was milking cows for her dad on the Hadley farm. They were married on June 14, 1954. Their life was enriched with the births of Debbie and Doug. Debbie (who passed in May 22, 2020, and is dearly missed) and Mike Brown have two children—Mikey and JT. Doug's children include Toby, Jessie, Tiffany and Samantha. Mikey & Missy's children include: Lexi and Jesse. JT & Carrie are parents to Jaylynn, Michelle and Zachary Thomas. Brenleigh is Debbie & Mike's great granddaughter, making four generations!

Many of us remember Sue from her and Tom's time as Custodians at Amo school. Between her time as a Custodian and working in the Cafeteria, Sue was with the school system for a little over 25 years. Tom passed in February of 1988. Sue retired from the school in 1988.

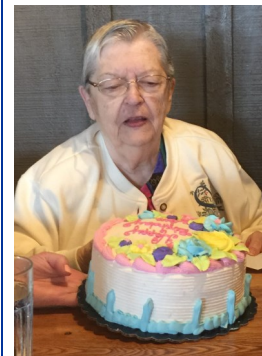
Sue always enjoyed camping with her kids and cooking out. She shared that Debbie loved and did lots of cooking out. Sue also remembers that Al Pugh taught her kids to swim at Edgewood Lake.



While working as a Correctional Officer at the Youth Center in Plainfield, Sue met Gene Copeland where he was working as a Correctional Officer as well. They married in 1995. Sue & Gene moved into the former Shorty & Marjorie Lynch home in Amo.

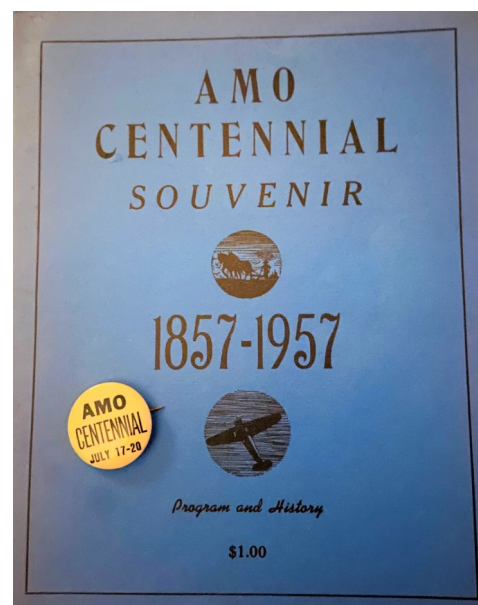
AROUND TOWN

HONORING OUR SENIORS (Continued)



Sue's sisters and sister-in-law celebrating Sue's 82nd birthday! Pictured left to right: Linda White, Diana Wilhoite, Minnie Pearl White, Sue, Geneva Kelso, Ruth Tomblin (sister-in-law), Anna Mae Ferguson.

Although Sue resides at Village of Avon due to health challenges, she is still very much a part of our community! Sue has a phone and loves talking with family and friends.



64
Years Ago!

Who
Remembers
the
Amo
Centennial?



TOWN OF AMO
9/11 DINNER
AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING
Saturday, 9/11/21
5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

We will be honoring First Responders —
 Veterans, Military, Police & Fire Department Personnel.

The public is invited to join us for the evening as we honor our heroes!
 Chili, Hot Dogs, Veggies and the best homemade desserts on the planet will be served!

Donations Accepted

MILL CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

CONGRATULATIONS To... ALL Cascade High School's Class of 2021 Graduates
Valedictorian & Salutatorian: Halle Cansdale, Valedictorian and Preston Fox, Salutatorian
WELL DONE!

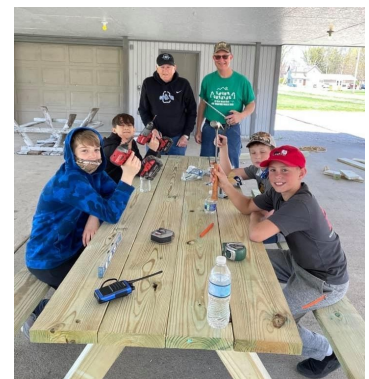
Mill Creek West's 1st Annual "Beautify Amo Day" was April 14, 2021. "The purpose was a chance to bring education to life through project based learning. Students chose, planned and executed a project that will better their community." Some of the projects included working in the Amo Cemetery, flower pots around town and picking up trash. Well done, Students & Teachers—lots of great work!

Above verbiage and photos below copied from Mill Creek West Elementary Facebook Page.

The Town of Amo is so appreciative of the Teachers' & Students' hearts and work to plant and distribute the beautiful flowers throughout the town, pick up trash, clean grave stones and weed in the cemetery! What a great way to honor our community!



Photo Above
 Courtesy of
 Becky Rhea



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

LOOKING AHEAD:

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Thursday, July 1, 2021 / 7:00 p.m.)
Thursday, August 5, 2021 / 7:00 p.m.) @ Amo Community
Thursday, September 2, 2021 / 7:00 p.m.) Building
Thursday, October 7, 2021 / 7:00 p.m.)

Independence Day — Sunday, July 4, 2021

Observed Monday, July 5, 2021

Labor Day — Monday, September 6, 2021

9/11 Dinner — Saturday, September 11, 2021

Columbus Day — Monday, October 11, 2021

TOWN OF AMO 2021 4th QUARTER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

September 29, 2021

Box Holder
Amo, Indiana 46103



WELCOME TO AMO

