

Choosing to be positive and having a grateful attitude is going to determine how you are going to live your life.

Joel Olsteen

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TOWN COUNCIL

2020 Town Council Meetings

January 9, 2020	July 2, 2020
February 6, 2020	August 6, 2020
March 12, 2020	September 3, 2020
April 9, 2020	October 1, 2020
May 7, 2020	November 5, 2020
June 4, 2020	December 3, 2020

Town Council meetings are held at the Amo Community Building @ 7:00 p.m.

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 — Open

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 and safe!!



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Marshal ... Chris Nelson

Deputies: David Gunn, Street Commissioner
Ben Oliphant Omar Mirza
John Vehling

Department Chaplain: Pastor Shelly Zook

Contact Amo Police @ 317.539.6915

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

POST OFFICE

PMR (Postmaster Relief)
Heather Godbey



Post Office Phone Number: 317.539.2168

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:

Martin Luther King Day — Monday, January 20, 2020
Presidents Day — Monday, February 17, 2020

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
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
HOOSIER TRANSMISSION REPAIR - Patrick Schmidt
317.965.9379
MIKE'S GARAGE - Mike Bruce: 317.627.9881
MITCHELL'S MUFFLER SHOP - Justin Mitchell: 317.539.5692
QUINN'S GROOM STOP - Caroline Quinn: 317.672.8058
Or 317.709.2341
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. — Breakfast
 8:50 a.m. — 1st Bell /Report to Class
 9:00 a.m. — Tardy Bell
 3:40 p.m. — Dismissal



January 17: Home Learning Day
 January 20: Martin Luther King Day
 February 14: Valentine's Day with parties in the afternoon
 February 17: President's Day
 March 7: Bradford Woods Bingo 5:00—9:00 p.m.
 March 23—April 3: Spring Break
 April 6: School Resumes

CONGRATULATIONS!

Every Student Succeeds October 2015 issues an accountability determination based on a Federal guideline system. Most of Hendricks County school received “Meets Expectations”. The only school in Mill Creek to receive “Exceeds Expectations” was Mill Creek West. Well done!

2019 Graduation rate is up for Mill Creek at 97.12%. Great statistic!

BE SURE TO: Watch for children crossing the street. Stop for the school buses when their lights warn us to do so.



Don't Forget To
 Recycle Your Papers

Recycle your
 Pop tabs!
 Take them to
 the school.

The School Collects:



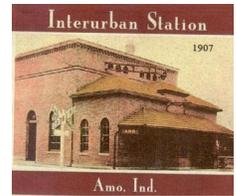
These labels are found
 on many products. Save Yours!

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 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.

Miss Lisa requests that we not leave books on her front porch. Please take books to the Reading Room during open hours.

A new sign for the Reading Room is in process!

The Reading Room received a SPECIAL GIFT of some 1st Edition “Riley” books and a nice framed photo of James Whitcomb Riley with a metal donation badge. What a wonderful addition to the Reading Room! The generous donor was *Lauren Messer* who is Miss Lisa's neighbor. **THANK YOU, Lauren!**

Miss Lisa reported that the Halloween party had lots of little ghost and goblins! The Christmas party was well-attended and was extended another day to reach several adults. **THANK YOU, Miss Lisa,** for making our Reading Room fun, interesting, festive and educational!



Celebrate Our
Freedom to Worship

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

First Baptist Church
of Amo

Shaping Hearts  Changing Lives

Pastor Shelly Zook

4779 Pearl St. / P.O. Box 146

317.539.6920

www.amo1stbaptist.org / shelly.zook@gmail.com

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

**Communion Shared First Sunday of Each Month
Everyone is Welcome!**

Welcome 2020!! It is hard to believe that we are starting a new decade!

Great things have happened in the life of our Church and Community this past year. First Baptist Amo has a **new Pastor!** YES... *Kelli Tipton* graduated from her courses through the American Baptist Churches of Indiana & Kentucky at Franklin College and completed her CLI course. She graduated in December with a Diploma of Pastor Studies and was licensed into ministry in October of 2019. Congratulations Pastor Kelli! Pastor Kelli is growing our Youth Ministry. We praise the Lord for her heart for the youth in our community.

We at First Baptist Church of Amo want to grow in our personal relationship with the Savior of mankind, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. We also want to encourage you in your personal walk with the Lord as we reflect on the whole purpose of the Christmas celebration...as we journey to the CROSS this Easter.

In January, the rhythm of the Church seems a bit slower paced than the rest of the year. We utilize this time as a time of personal growth and reflection, a time to plan our goals and dreams for 2020. We want to invite anyone who is interested in personal success in the upcoming year to come join us.

During the Lenten season we will journey together to the Cross with Christ through a special Lenten teaching and sermon series. We will conclude our journey with a wonderful celebration on Easter Sunday morning. There will be a special Easter Breakfast at the Church and will celebrate Easter with a worship filled, celebratory service. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will place Easter lilies at the Church in honor or in memory of loved ones. If you are interested in placing a lily to recognize someone, please feel free to contact the Church or let Pastor Shelly know.

We are planning our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**, let us know if you are interested in information about how you can help, donate and participate in the **COMMUNITY Easter Egg Hunt**.

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE! Pastor Shelly will be ordained this Spring. She has completed an additional six years of ministerial study, stood before the Ordination Board of ABC IN/KY and has been in ministry for over twenty-one years. The Church looks forward to celebrating God's promoting our Shepherd. Watch for more information soon!

Amo United Methodist Church

Pastor—To Be Announced

5036 Pearl Street / P.O. Box 84
Amo, IN 46103



Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:45 a.m.

For All Ages

Communion is celebrated 2nd Sunday of each month

All are invited to Worship with us at all of our services

New Bible Study for Women!

Mondays: 10-11:00 a.m. / Starting Jan. 13

(Enter basement thru side door)

Game Nights:

January 24, at 6:30p.m. - Card games, euchre, etc.

February & March dates to be determined

Family-friendly ~ All ages invited to join the fun!

We are sad to see Interim *Pastor Curtis Hurley* leave, but we are excited for the arrival of our new pastor January 5. Pastors in the UMC are appointed (or assigned) and not selected individually by the church, so we are anxious to meet who God has led to us! The District Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent have been working with us to ensure all our questions have been answered during this transition. We are excited about our future at Amo UMC! We would love for you to be part of it!

Please be in prayer for our new pastor, the church, and that we may continue to serve God and our community!

Amo UMC Contact Information:

Pastor — To Be Announced

Board Chairperson - Bill Bartlett 317.501.6676

Ministries Chairperson - Kathy Caldwell 765.386.2604

UMW President & Prayer Coordinator -

Doris Gipson-Thomas 317.539.6896

Children's Ministries & Prayer Coordinator -

Angel Chattin 317.539.3357 inachattin@tds.net

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



First Baptist Church of Amo (Continued)

There are many wonderful blessings waiting for you at First Baptist Amo. We are a group of people who are family. If you are looking for the perfect Church, we are not it. We are a group of sinners in need of our Savior, Jesus Christ. All of us are on a journey of faith, self-discovery and discipleship together.

KEEPING YOU IN THE  LOOP

THE TRINITY CENTER

**Storehouse Food
Pantry, Community
Worship Center,
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.**

The Trinity Center project continues to flourish! A special "Thank you" is extended to the Travelsted family and project manager, Larry Bryant & wife, Jeanne Bryant -Food Pantry Director. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Pastor Shelly at 317.489.2988 or Larry & Jeanne Bryant at 317.539.5163.

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.

**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.

2020

February 5	August 5
April 1	October 7
June 3	December 2

NO ID Required / Bring Your Own Bags/Box

VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!

If you would like to volunteer with Hendricks County Parks & Recreation close to home on Vandalia Trail maintenance or if you would like to help at any of the other County Parks, e-mail volunteer@hcparks.net.

Enjoy the trail this winter!

Web Site: nrht.org/vandalia

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/VandaliaTrail

Greg Midgley, greg@nrht.org

Friends of the Vandalia Trail



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

If you can help, please call Bill Nelson @ 317.539.4732.

AMO JAM

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

Amo Jam Will NOT Meet:

When Schools Are Closed Due to Inclement Weather

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 and coffee.

Feel free to bring some edible treats as well!

For additional information, Call Bob or Sylinda Rissot @ 317.742.7116

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

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TOWN OF AMO COMMUNICATION RESOURCES

Town of Amo Newsletter is a quarterly publication.

Newsletter Deadlines for 2020 are:

- JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH: December 31, 2019*
- APRIL/MAY/JUNE: March 31*
- JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER: June 20*
- OCTOBER /NOVEMBER /DECEMBER: September 19*

If you have submissions for the Newsletter, please e-mail to Becky Rhea @ rar-hea23@gmail.com or call her @ 317.281.8996. All submissions are at the discretion of the Amo Town Council and Communication Director.

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

Town of Amo, Indiana



<http://www.amoin.net>



**SUNDAY, MARCH 8,
2020
TURN YOUR
CLOCKS
AHEAD 1 HOUR**

TOWN OF AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING



**5046 Sycamore Street
Amo, IN 46103**

COMMUNITY BUILDING RESERVATIONS CONTACT

For scheduling the Community Building, please call Becky Rhea @ 317.281.8996.

BUILDING RENTAL RATES:

Monday — Friday

Residents — \$10.00 No Kitchen / \$20.00 With Kitchen
Non-Residents — \$20.00 Kitchen or No Kitchen

Saturday & Sunday

Residents — \$25.00 / Non-Resident — \$50.00

PAYMENT: Check payable to Town of Amo or Cash

Beginning in February, Rental Agreements must be signed prior to the rental date.

Motion-sensor lights have recently been installed over the exit doors.

Used Emeril Lagasse pans have been added to the building kitchen.

COMMUNITY BUILDING CUSTODIAN

WELCOME, MAGGIE RAMEY!

Maggie was selected to be our Town's new custodian. She has been working very diligently to keep the Community Building and Amo Reading Room clean and fresh.

Please remember that to keep our rates low for all of us to enjoy this great space, there are a few things to keep in mind. Please clean up the building yourself after use. This helps us to only have to do minimal clean up and restock after each use. There is a sign hanging in the building that lists cleanup tasks, and they will also be in the Rental Agreement.

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AMO FIRE DEPARTMENT

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Kyle Johnson who recently attained Fire Officer IV certification. Kyle is Amo Fire Department Assistant Chief and is a member of the Pittsboro Fire Department.

IFIA first ever Fire Officer IV certification class. December 2019. The class was taught by Chief Joel Thacker Plainfield Fire Territory. The City of Bloomington was the host, and there were fire service leaders in the class from Beech Grove, Bloomington, Brownsburg, Indianapolis, Indianapolis Inter. Airport, Martinsville, Pittsboro, Vincennes City, Vincennes Twp., Tri-Township Fire Protection District, Madison Township (Morgan), Wayne Township (Marion) and Washington Twp. / Avon (Hendricks) fire departments. (Copied From Facebook)



Danville Fire Department Division Chief *Dustin Strahl* on his 10 years of service with Danville's Fire Department.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



THANK YOU... to our Fire Department for another great



Breakfast With Santa and....



to all who came out to support this event!!

AMO POLICE DEPARTMENT



WELCOME BACK!

The Town of Amo welcomes back *John Vehling* and *Omar Mirza* to the *Amo Police Department*. Both of these officers have previously served the Town, and we are fortunate to have them return!

Please understand that our Deputies are unpaid Deputies. These fine men enjoy this community and do a great service for all of us. Thanks, guys!

When you see any of our officers, please be sure to express your gratitude!

The Amo Police Department would like to remind visitors and guests that the Amo Post Office is a federal property. Any criminal acts surrounding the office, mail, or personnel can result in federal charges.

There have been recent acts of vandalism that have caused damage. We encourage you to speak with your children about respecting the property of others. If you have any information surrounding the vandalism, please contact the Amo Police Department.

THANK YOU TO:

Our Fire Department Personnel for ensuring the Angels were once again shining from the light poles! They are so beautiful!

When we see our **Fire Department** and **Police Department** personnel and families, we need to **THANK** them for their dedication and commitment to our community and its well-being!

SAVE THE DATE:

Amo Fire Department & Cascade Youth League
Annual Fish Fry
June 11, 12, 13, 2020

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AROUND TOWN

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

With the assistance of Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting, the Town of Amo received a grant in the amount of \$82,251.00 for Sidewalks and Road Project. The project is along Pearl Street from School Street to 450 South. Work on this project is scheduled to start this spring. We are very excited about how these improvements will enhance Pearl Street!

Project bids were presented on January 9, and a selection was chosen.



Town of Amo
Town Council

Donna Watson

Rene Gay

Ronnie Travelsted

STORM WATER PROJECT

The Town Council met with Jerrell Consulting about a possible grant for the south side of town for storm water to hook into our current system.

Talks on this continue, and we will keep you updated.

AROUND TOWN



The Town of Amo
Extends its Prayers
and Sympathy to:

Ann Miller and the family and friends of *Rosemarie Stevens* who departed her earthly life on October 7, 2019.

Sylvia Gray, Ted & Kim, Kim & Jim and the family and friends of *Bill Gray* who departed his earthly life on October 18, 2019. Bill served 32 years on the Amo Fire Department.

Mike, Larry & Jon Buchanan and the family and friends of Brady (Fonzer) Buchanan, who departed his earthly life on December , 2019. Fonzer was a part of our community for many years.

Karen Robbins Hembree, Stephen Robbins and the family and friends of *Rose Robbins*, who departed her earthly life on December 23, 2019, at the home of her daughter in Marysville, Ohio. Rose & husband, Carl, were long-time residents of Amo.

Rose, Bill, Fonzer and Rose are dearly missed!

BRADFORD WOODS BINGO

March 7, 2020

5:00 — 9:00 p.m.

Mill Creek West Elementary School

Come out and help send our 5th graders
to Bradford Woods!

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

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BRIAN BURCH MEMORIAL SPORTS PARK

The pictures below were taken the first week of December, 2019, and show how amazing the sports park looks! How exciting to see this project come to fruition!



Cascade Youth League has scheduled Saturday, April 11, 2020, as Opening Day of the sports park. Activities kick off at 1:00 p.m. We hope you will be able to join us for this exciting day!!

AROUND TOWN

With much sadness the Town will bid goodbye to the Estes family. Lori has served as our Clerk for 15 years, and Dave has been maintenance man for 5 years. Lori's position is available. The Town Clerk must be a Town of Amo resident. Her daughter Morgan will serve as Interim Clerk until the Republican party can replace her. Please contact Anne Englehardt @ chairman@hendricksgop.com if interested. This job pays \$18,000/year.

Also, the maintenance job is available and requires mowing of Town property and various maintenance on the Town properties and buildings. This job pays \$10—\$13 per hour based on experience. If interested in this job, please send a resume by **January 31, 2020**, to: the Town address below or contact a Board member.

Town of Amo
Maintenance Job
P.O. Box 15
Amo, IN 46103

NEW SCHOOL SIGNS

The new schools signs at the Town limits signs look amazing! They can be found at each of the four entrances to Amo. Thanks to Cascade for the signs and for installing them!



We are proud of our school system!

COMMUNITY

HENDRICKS COUNTY
ICON

December 6, 2019

HISTORY &
ARCHITECTUREModern-day Amo roots
go back to the mid-1800s

By Ken Sebree

More than a half dozen small towns in Hendricks County are not located on a state or federal highway.

Amo, located southwest of Danville in Clay Township, is one good example. The town was originally laid out by Joseph Morris in 1850 and named Morristown. He believed that with the planned Indianapolis to Terre Haute railroad, the town would thrive. In 1855 the town's name was changed to Amo, derived from the Latin word love.

Today Amo's 500 residents are unrivaled in their strong community spirit.

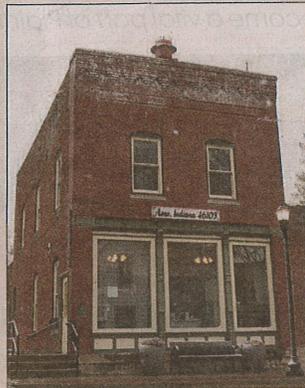
For example, the annual Amo Fish Fry Festival held each June, is sponsored jointly by the Amo Volunteer Fire Department and the Cascade Youth League. All profits from the fish fry fund these nonprofit organizations for the upcoming year.

In addition to the delicious food served throughout the three-day event, organizers recently added a 5K run/walk on Saturday morning. Bingo and live music are held each night.

On Saturday afternoon, a parade through town features young athletes from Cascade Youth League plus fire trucks, police vehicles, antique tractors and much more. Each year the festival concludes on Saturday night with a grand fireworks display.

In 1907, the Interurban electric traction line opened from Indianapolis to Terre Haute and passed right through Amo. A beautiful new Romanesque revival-style train station was constructed at the Amo stop, and it still stands today.

The interurban train ceased to operate in 1940, but the station was renovated and modernized



The Town of Amo has roots back to the 1800s with old buildings such as the post office at 4925 N. Pearl St., as well as modern additions and renovations such as trails and a community center. (Photo by Rick Myers)

into a public library and community center in 2000. It is now listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

The tracks have been removed, and the Vandalia Trail is being developed along this old rail line with 12 miles of paved trail from Amo to Greencastle completed and only a few miles of trail still to be developed to the east to link up with the Plainfield trail system. Amo now has trailhead facilities with a parking lot and restrooms.

With the Vandalia Trail, Amo Police Department, Amo Volunteer Fire Department, the new sports park, Mill Creek West Elementary School and nearby Cascade High School, the quality of life for Amo residents is better than ever.



Ken Sebree is a practicing architect and resident of Hendricks County for well over 40 years. Contact him at ken@sebreearchitects.com or (317) 272-7800.

AMAZE YOUR FRIENDS!

Super Bowl Super Facts

21 of 52 had a trace or more of rain on game day.

3 had snow (1982, 2006, 2018)

1 was played in an ice storm (2000)

Warmest temperature:

82 Degrees Fahrenheit on game day (1973, 2003)

Coldest temp:

9 Degrees Fahrenheit on game day (2018)

Coldest temp for outside game on game day:

43 degrees Fahrenheit (1973)

Wettest Super Bowl: 0.92 rain (2007)

5 outdoor games had high wind gusts (1980, 1986, 1989, 2007, 2017)

Secret Uses of Smooth Peanut Butter

- **Dab on cloth to rub off adhesive labels.**
- **Massage dab in hair to remove gum wad.**
- **Thin coat to substitute for shaving cream (hydrates and moisturizes).**
- **Polish leather and vinyl on cotton cloth (buffs, too).**
- **Hang pine cones with Peanut Butter and Cornmeal mix for winter birds.**
- **Smear on garden tools as a winter preservative.**
- **Apply to lawnmower blade as a lubricant.**
- **Put on apple or bread in mousetrap as bait.**
- **Encourage your dog to swallow a pill by putting it in center.**

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- Thursday, January 9, 2020 / 7:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, February 6, 2020 / 7:00 p.m.) @ Amo Community
- Thursday, March 12, 2020 / 7:00 p.m.) Building
- Thursday, April 9, 2020 / 7:00 p.m.)

- Martin Luther King Day* — Monday, January 20, 2020
- Valentine's Day* — Friday, February 14, 2020
- Presidents Day* — Monday, February 17, 2020
- Time Change* — Sunday, March 8, 2020 / 2 a.m.

TOWN OF AMO 2020 2nd QUARTER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
March 21, 2020

Box Holder
Amo, Indiana 46103



WELCOME TO AMO

