



The meaning of life is to find your gift.  
The purpose of life is to give it away.

Pablo Picasso

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## 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.

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 and safe!!



## 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)**  
**Stacey Edrington-WELCOME!**



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

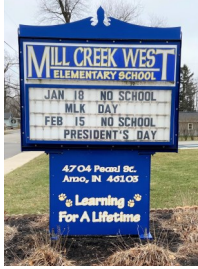
### CLOSED:

Martin Luther King Day — Monday, January 18, 2021  
President's Day — Monday, February 15, 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  
**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. — 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



Monday, January 18, 2021: *Martin Luther King Day*  
Monday, February 15, 2021: *President's Day*  
Monday, March 22— Friday, April 2, 2021: *Spring Break*  
(School Resumes Monday, April 5, 2021)



**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:



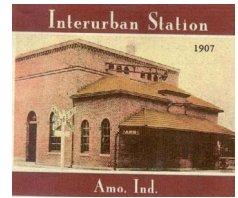
These labels are found  
on many products. Save Yours!

Save time and go to  
[boxtopsforeducation.com](http://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.

#### PLEASE NOTE NEW READING ROOM GUIDELINES

- ◇ All youth under 18 years of age must be accompanied by their father or mother only.
- ◇ Masks required upon entering; however, it may be removed while seated and reading.
- ◇ Adults welcome anytime.

**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**

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| <b>February 3</b> | <b>August 4</b>   |
| <b>April 7</b>    | <b>October 6</b>  |
| <b>June 2</b>     | <b>December 1</b> |

**NO ID Required / Bring Your Own Bags/Box**

**VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!**

**PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING  
WHEN USING THE TRAIL**

Though the Vandalia Trail trailhead restrooms are closed for the winter in Amo and Coatesville, public restrooms are still available near the trail in the Coatesville public library during their business hours and in the Amo Interurban Depot during the more limited open hours of its reading room.

**Please enjoy the trails!**

**Greg Midgley, National Road Heritage Trail, Inc.  
[www.nrht.org](http://www.nrht.org); [www.facebook.com/NRHTInc](https://www.facebook.com/NRHTInc)  
[greg@nrht.org](mailto:greg@nrht.org) / cell: 317-503-1101**

**AMO JAM**

**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**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 and coffee.**

**Feel free to bring some edible treats as well!**

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



**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

(Continued)

## TOWN OF AMO COMMUNICATION RESOURCES

Town of Amo Newsletter is a quarterly publication.

Newsletter Deadlines for 2021:

APR / MAY / JUN: March 24, 2021

JUL / AUG / SEP: June 23, 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.

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



Town of Amo, Indiana



<http://www.amoin.net>



Sunday

March 14, 2021 / 2:00 a.m.

TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR  
CHANGE YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES

### DOG COURTESY:

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

## 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.

### NEW 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 Day / Brownsburg East Middle School  
April 17, 2021 / 8:00 am—1:00 pm

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! 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/>

Many common questions are answered here: <https://www.hendrickssolidwaste.com/tox-away-day-faq/>

(Copied From Hendricks County Recycling District Website)



# KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

## AMO FIRE DEPARTMENT

THANK YOU to our Fire Department for the Santa Parade on December 20, 2020! Everyone enjoyed pictures with Jolly Old St. Nick and the candy canes he shared!



THANK YOU to the Fire Department for again ensuring that the angels were aglow from our town light poles! They are so beautiful! Please see Page 11 for the story behind the town purchasing the angels.

## AMO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our Marshal, Chris Nelson, celebrated 14 years of service in October. Great job, Chris!

The Town is purchasing a new 2020 Dodge Ram police vehicle. This purchase has been made possible through our court fee costs.

The Methodist Church made a generous donation to our Police Department. One of the Department's purchases with these funds was 52 car washes from CREW for the cars. Our officers often wash the cars from their own pockets. Other than Chris, our officers work and do not receive any pay. Please appreciate the service they provide us. Funds from this donation were also used to purchase a printer for the Police Station. We are very thankful for this generous donation and also for our wonderful officers!

### NOTICE OF AMO/COATESVILLE SEWER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

TO: Land Owners/Freeholders of Amo-Coatesville Sewer Conservancy District.

Please be advised that the annual meeting for the Amo/Coatesville Sewer Conservancy District will take place at the Amo/Coatesville Sewer Treatment Plant, on the 18th day of January, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

Elections and/or vacancies on the Board of Directors of the Conservancy District will be conducted and/or addressed at that time.

Your attendance and participation is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

AMO/COATESVILLE SEWER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
Jerry Decker, Chairman

Copied from "THE REPUBLICAN"

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



First Baptist Church  
of Amo

Shaping Hearts Changing Lives

Reverend Shelly Zook  
4779 Pearl St. / P.O. Box 146  
Amo, IN 46103  
317.539.6920  
[shelly.zook@gmail.com](mailto:shelly.zook@gmail.com)

Worship - 9 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Communion Shared First Sunday of Each Month  
Everyone is Welcome!

In a time of life where there seems to be more questions than answers; come join us for answers to life's challenges that have been proven true for thousands of years.

Amo Baptist Church is practicing a specific protocol during Covid-19 to keep you as safe as possible.

We are currently holding two worship services every Sunday. The first opportunity for worship is at 9 am and the second opportunity is a 11 am. Each service lasts approximately 30 minutes. Social distancing is being practiced. The worship center is being disinfected, and the entry way is cared for as well. We ask that you enter the Church at the ramp entrance. There is a 25 person limited attendance during each worship opportunity.

Worship is a bit different during these times. We are not singing, passing an offering plate or serving Communion in the traditional manner.

Our Pastor is structuring each worship service to take worshippers on a spiritual journey from the beginning of the service until your departure. Each song is selected to come around the central message from the Word of God that day. This is a time that God has instilled in our hearts to "be still and know that I am God". You can count on Biblical teaching Amo Baptist.

Because the atmosphere is more a teaching atmosphere, you might want to bring a notebook to take note of Scripture references and questions presented during the message to encourage the application of what you might be learning from the Lord and the presentation of His Word. WiFi is provided for Biblical apps if you choose to use a device.

Pastor Shelly is happy to speak with you any time about your personal questions or spiritual needs. Please feel free to call on her by calling the number below or emailing her through the email address provided. Please follow us on Facebook for celebratory events.

We are still encouraging children in our area by dropping treats off at their homes and thanks to YOU the community Food Pantry THRIVES!

There are lots of ways to support your community at Amo Baptist!

You can encourage further Kingdom growth through a financial gift/tithe by giving through theTithe.ly app that is found on the Church's Facebook page or by mailing gifts/offerings to PO Box 146, Amo, IN 46103.



### Former Amo United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 84  
Amo, IN 46103



Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

Communion is celebrated 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month

Isaiah 43:18-19

**"Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
19 See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland."**

The UM Conference may have closed Amo UMC and taken our building, but they cannot steal our faith in God! We continue to meet and worship together. We are no longer associated with the United Methodist denomination, but we are still a church family. We have been broken, but God is building something beautiful from the pieces!

We plan to continue to serve Amo and the surrounding areas as we begin this new journey of spiritual growth. For more info about our church or for prayer concerns, please contact us.

We ask for your ongoing prayers as we seek God's will for our church. We are so thankful to the town of Amo and all of the prayers and support we have received from everyone!

#### 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.



## KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

### **TOWN NEWS BYTES:**

Halloween was a success despite the COVID. We treated 260 little tricksters at the Community Building.

The Hearing and adoption meetings to adjust the Community Building rental rates were held during the last quarter. The rate is \$100 per day for Non-Residents and \$25 per day for Town of Amo residents. Residents pay taxes which support the building so if you wonder if you qualify for a Town rate, please understand you must live within the Town of Amo limits. The Town Council reviewed comparable buildings to determine the rental rate.

The south side Drainage project which starts 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. The cost of the project will be \$213,010.53, and we will receive \$159,757.49 through a grant from INDOT Community Crossing Grant. We have just completed a Pavement Asset Management Plan through Purdue. Thanks to Dave Kieser for all the help of our grants. Kieser Consulting has been involved in projects for years.

We are in the process of applying for a grant from Indiana Landmarks to replace the windows at the Interurban Reading Room.

The Town received a grant from Hendricks County Waste Management for \$1,734.19 for two benches and two recycling bins for the Community Building. Great job to Becky Rhea and Barb Strahl for work on submitting this grant and for the great success! Thank you to Daryl Strahl for putting together the benches and to Daryl and Barb for getting the Benches and Recycling Bins to the Community Building. The benches will be placed outside the front doors of the Community Building. Watch for details on utilizing the recycling bins.

### **TOWN NEWS BYTES (Continued):**

Kelsey Freeman is now the full-time Custodian and Community Building Scheduling Agent doing both cleaning of our town buildings and scheduling. Contact her at 317.734.6471.

The interior of the Community Building has been newly painted, and the kitchen and restrooms now match the main room. It all looks very nice. Please note that we no longer allow things to be hung on the walls.

Mill Creek West Elementary recently held their Book Fair at the Community Building. It was well attended, and as a Thank You, they donated some books to the Reading Room.

### **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.

### **MEET OUR TOWN COUNCIL & CLERK-TREASURER**

#### ***Donna Watson***

*Donna* is a life-long resident of Hendricks County. She moved to Amo in 1974. She served 12 years as the Amo Clerk Treasurer. She is now entering her 22nd year as a Town Council member. She served as President of the Council during some of her years. Her husband was Dennis Watson, the Postmaster for several years. Dennis passed in 2020. They have two children—Eric lives in San Antonio, Texas, with his wife, Heather; Stephanie Bacon who lives in Plainfield with husband George. Donna and Dennis also raised Jordan Watson who resides in Southport. They have 6 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Hobbies are doing eBay and spending time with family.

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## AROUND TOWN

### MEET OUR TOWN COUNCIL & CLERK-TREASURER (Continued)

#### RONNIE TRAVELSTED

Ronnie's family moved to Amo in 1950 from Kentucky. He graduated from Amo High School. Ronnie has served our community in a variety of ways: he served on the Fire Department for about 7 years in late 60's/early 70's, coached softball in the late 80's for 5 years, has served on the Town Council for 18 years, served on Amo/Coatesville Sewer Board for 10 years, has served on Vandalia Trail Advisory Board since 2014. Ronnie is also a member of Fall Festival Committee. He and his wife, Dena, have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grand children.

#### RENE GAY

Rene moved to Amo in 1998. She has been serving on the Town Council since 2012. Husband, Kevin, and she have 5 daughters and 11 grandkids between them. They are currently raising two grandchildren—Gage and Remi. Rene works full time for Edward Jones in Danville.

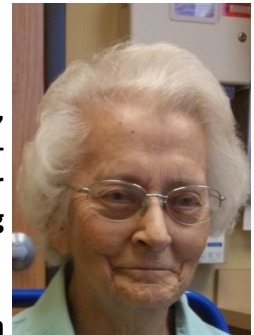
#### BARB STRAHL — Clerk-Treasurer

Barb is a lifelong resident of Amo. She has served as Clerk-Treasurer for six years. Barb and Daryl have been married for 40 years and have 3 children—Dustin (Michelle), Heather (Raymond), and Phil (Sara), eight grandchildren—Caroline, Grace, Abby, Carter, Cole, Kynslee, Lilly and James. Barb enjoys spending time with family and friends, quilting, attending grandkids' sporting events, camping, riding motorcycles with husband and going on trips. Barb works full time at NSSB in Clayton.



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

**Madge Lydick**



"Madge Wheeler Lydick, age 93, Coatesville, passed away November 20, 2020 in the comfort of her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born NW of Reno, IN on December 30, 1926 the daughter of Gilbert Wheeler and Jewell Kelly Wheeler Ludlow. She married her high school sweetheart Willard Lydick on November 8, 1947 and he survives.

She was a graduate of Amo High School, Central College, Indianapolis University, and DePauw University. She retired in 1988 as a school teacher having taught 20 years in Mill Creek Schools and 2 years at Plainfield Community Schools. She was a lifetime member of Amo United Methodist Church, ADK Teachers Sorority, Indiana Retired Teachers, and had served on the board of directors at Sycamore Rehabilitation Services. She is survived by her husband of 73 years, Willard Lydick; daughter – Sharon (Donald Wingle) Anderson; son – Dennis Lydick; grandchildren – Joshua Lydick, Erin (Ryan) Fones, Brian Anderson, and Mandy (Thomas II) Lough ; 7 great-grandchildren; and multiple nieces and nephews. She was preceded by her parents and a brother – Myron Wheeler."

(Copied from Bousley Funeral Home Obituaries)

Madge touched many lives in such a positive way. She is dearly missed!



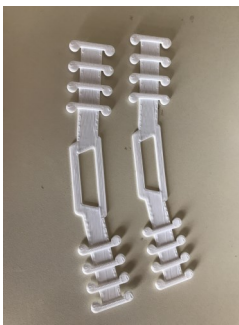
## AROUND TOWN

The following was copied from Congregation Without A Church's Facebook page linking the Indiana United Methodist Conference's "A Look Back on 2020: Our Top Stories".

### Church Members Use 3D Printing Technology to Make Masks

"In recent weeks, we've shared about how United Methodists are responding to the spread of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic by equipping communities with protective gear, such as face masks. Some church members are taking things to the next level by implementing emerging technologies to make an even more significant impact.

14-year old Zach Benter, a member at Amo UMC and an 8th grader at Cascade Middle School in Clayton, Indiana, has created and donated nearly 800 'mask straps' to people who use personal protective equipment. He's been using a 3D printer to make durable straps that help to keep masks secured to one's face.



"He has made close to 800 on his 3D printers," shared Teresa Benter, Zach's mother. "We have mailed out 740 so far. He continues to make them, and we have about another dozen going out tomorrow in the mail."

A young person in Canada had shared about the "mask straps." When Teresa asked Zach if he'd be interested in making them for people in the U.S., he grew curious and began working on specifications.

Teresa said, "I reached out to a few friends. Their spouses are nurses, and we found out that people's ears are killing them. That's how this all started."

So far, they've donated straps to people around the country including Florida, Massachusetts, and California, and parts of southern and central Indiana. Recipients include grocery store employees, medical professionals, and even a family friend who works at NAPA Automotive Parts who is required to wear a mask for long periods at a time.

At the height of the Coronavirus, photos emerged online of medical professionals with scars caused by wearing face masks for extended periods of time. It's a small price they paid to keep families safe while caring for those suffering from COVID-19.

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## AROUND TOWN

### *Church Members Use 3D Printing Technology to Make Masks (Continued)*

Zach said that the 'straps' he created are compatible with any mask with an elastic strap that "can hook onto them and holds it up off of your ear."

Teresa believes that God was involved from the very beginning of the process. She and her husband had ordered a new custom printer for Zach and were told that, due to recent lockdowns, it would take nearly two weeks to build and ship the printer from California. Miraculously, the printer arrived at their home in just one week, just in time for Zack to start producing the straps, several at a time. Each strap takes approximately 20 minutes to print.

"Most of the things I made are just little trinkets," Zach said about his use of the printer. "But this is the only thing I've made that's actually useful. It's pretty cool. "

When asked about her reason for going on this journey to help others, Teresa shared, "That's just what you do. When God gives you something, you should share it. It's like feeding people who aren't able to feed themselves. He gives you that capability, and you should share it, not keep it and hoard it."

*Since this article was written by the Indiana United Methodist Conference, Zach surpassed 900 mask straps. Kudos to the Benter family for this mission and ministry of love; the family gives the glory to God as He provided for this ministry through donations of materials, stamps and financial contributions!! If you have a need for one of these masks, please free to call the Benter family at 317.539.4757.*

## MILL CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

### State Champions! CHS Spell Bowl Team

Congratulations to the Mighty Spelling Cadets of "The" Cascade High School! This year they reclaimed their State title by winning at the first ever virtual State Spell Bowl championship match.

The Cadets won in Class 3, beating out former State Champions Reitz Memorial High School.

The team was led by an amazing crew of seniors, some of which have been on the team since their freshman year.

### Student Clubs Highlight: Running Club

Did you know that MCCSC offers a variety of club options for elementary students? Many clubs are run independently at both elementary schools, but our Junior Cadets Running Club is a true partnership between the two buildings. Miss Burch, PE Teacher at both elementaries, has led our Junior Cadets Running Club to successful meets this year where our students have participated in a variety of races with multiple top 3 finishes! We can't wait to see how this strengthens our programming at the middle and high school levels.

**ANGELS AGLOW — Did you notice the Lighted Angels on the town light poles? Do you remember the story behind the Town purchasing the Angels? Below was copied from the Jan-Feb-Mar 2014 Edition of our newsletter. Even if you are familiar with the story, may you be blessed again!**

As Christmas is fast approaching, the Town of Amo and Amo Police Department would like you to remember the true meaning of Christmas. As you may have noticed, there are new decorations lining the streets of Amo. However, there is a very special story behind this! Please take time to read the special story that Amo Town Marshal Chris Nelson drafted on behalf of the Amo Town Council. This story will truly warm your heart and make this Christmas extra special. Please also check your local newspaper for their print. From our home to yours, Merry Christmas!

(STORY--)

The Town of Amo is doing something special this holiday season to remember the precious lives that were lost last year in Newtown Connecticut. On December 14, 2012 just days before Christmas, many lives were torn apart when a gunman entered Sandy Hook Elementary and opened fire. On this devastating day, twenty-six (26) lives were suddenly taken. Twenty (20) innocent children perished, while six (6) adults hovered over them and fought for their protection. These six (6) individuals sacrificed their lives in an effort to save our children. The selfless acts of these hero's will never be forgotten.

For years now, the Christmas decorations that illuminate and line the streets in Amo have begun to deteriorate. Therefore, 2013 was the year to start anew. While town council member Donna Watson was taking inventory of needed replacements, her heart sank when she realized it was exactly twenty (20). She felt it was no coincidence, and her heart was immediately drawn to those twenty (20) children who perished.

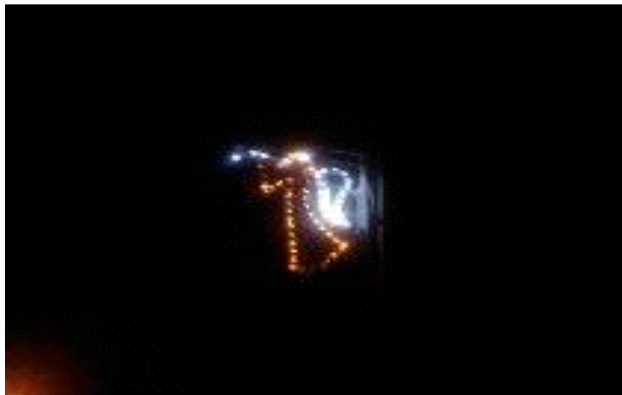
After receiving unanimous approval, twenty (20) angels were purchased to represent each child who lost their life on this horrific day. The angels would also be the shining new light upon town, while reminding us never to forget. Council member Ron Travelstead, Rene Gay, and Donna Watson all concurred that every Christmas the children in Newtown will never be forgotten. They vowed to remember, cherish, and honor the twenty (20) precious lives which were taken too soon.

If you have the opportunity to pass through Amo this holiday season, take time to reflect the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to the Mill Creek Fire Department and Tim Wicker "Electric Plus" (Danville) for making this vision a reality!

In Loving Memory of:

*CHARLOTTE BACON, 6*  
*JESSICA REKOS, 6*  
*JESSE LEWIS, 6*  
*DANIEL BARDEN, 7*  
*AVIELLE RICHMAN, 6*  
*ANA MARQUEZ-GREENE, 6*  
*OLIVIA ENGEL, 6*  
*BENJAMIN WHEELER, 6*  
*JAMES MATTIOLI, 6*  
*JOSEPHINE GAY, 7*  
*ALLISON WYATT, 6*  
*GRACE AUDREY McDONNELL, 7*  
*DYLAN HOCKLEY, 6*  
*EMILIE PARKER, 6*  
*JACK PINTO, 6*  
*MADELEINE HSU, 6*  
*NOAH POZNER, 6*

*RACHEL D'AVINO, 29, therapist*  
*DAWN HOCHSPRUNG, 47, principal*  
*ANNE MARIE MURPHY, 52, teacher*  
*LAUREN GABRIELLE ROUSSEAU, 30, teacher*  
*MARY SHERLACH, 56, school psychologist*  
*VICTORIA SOTO, 27, teacher*



After sending our heartfelt letter to the Newtown Police Department, we received a very nice Thank You note from them.

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**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

Thursday, January 7, 2021 / 7:00 p.m. )  
Thursday, February 4, 2021 / 7:00 p.m. ) @ Amo Community  
Thursday, March 11, 2021 / 7:00 p.m. ) Building  
Thursday, April 1, 2021 / 7:00 p.m. )

*Martin Luther King Day* — Monday, January 18, 2021  
*President's Day* — Monday, February 15, 2021  
*Time Change* — Sunday, March 14, 2021 / 2:00 a.m.

**TOWN OF AMO 2021 2nd QUARTER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
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