

*"Some men see things as they are and ask why. I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?"*

**Robert Kennedy**

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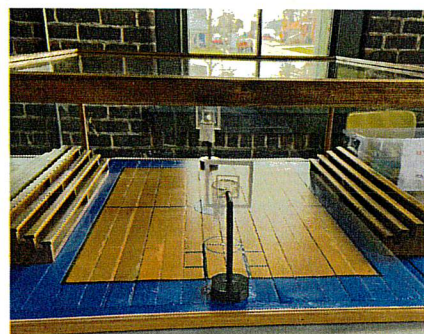
**CONGRATULATIONS TO ....**

**Paul Williams!**



**CHECK THIS OUT!**

**Darrell Mynatt** took a piece of the old Amo School gym floor and with the help of **Greg Burch** made this cool "replica". This is on display at the Amo Reading Room and can be viewed during open hours of Tuesdays & Thursdays 6–8 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m.—noon and the first Saturday of each month 10 a.m.—Noon.



**TOWN OF AMO ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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

**THANK YOU TO...**

**Marshal Chris Nelson and Chris Carter** for setting the new town signs! New NO PARKING signs and a NO OUTLET sign were set.

**Greg Burch** for the great job you continue to do for the Town—our well-kept properties during the summer, cleaning out drains, all the little behind-the-scenes that many do not see!

**Amo Police Department** for their continuing education. Officer Oliphant attended a 40-hour class covering crisis intervention training, and Officer Vehling attended the fall law enforcement conference. The officers continue to train year-round to meet state-mandated requirements along with additional specialized training. The Indiana Law Enforcement Academy has approved stated required minimum policies covering vehicle pursuits and use of force. Our policies already appear to be in compliance but will undergo additional review.

**Amo Fire Department Personnel** for continuing to hang and take down the American flags throughout our town, along with the Angels for the Christmas holidays! As always, we appreciate the Breakfast With Santa! Donations from the breakfast helped local families for Christmas. The Storehouse Food Pantry appreciated the food donations made at the breakfast!



**Jason & Melissa Richey** for assisting Santa with letters! A total of 131 Letters to Santa were received in the “North Pole Express Mail” box located at the front of their property. 86 of those letters had return addresses; 26 were hand delivered to local kids within a 2-mile radius on Christmas Eve. We know Santa was so grateful for the assistance!

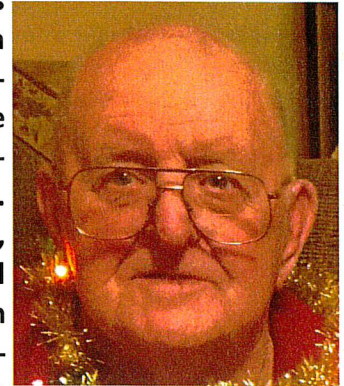
Jason said “Melissa and I had so much fun this year with this.”

Keep an eye on that big rooster—he will be “seasonal”!



We extend our sympathy to the friends and families of Eugene Copeland  
05/09/1929 - 10/30/2022

Copeland, age 93, Amo, passed away Sunday at his residence. He was born in Martinsville, Indiana on May 9, 1929 the son Oscar Lee and Mildred Josephine Keller Copeland. He was a veteran of the National Guard and worked various places including the Indiana Correction Facility in Plainfield and delivering flowers for Bud and Bloom Florist. He is survived by his children - Lorris Lee Copeland, Donna Brizendine, Russel Eugene Copeland, Allan T. Copeland, and Cherri L. Sellars; several grandchildren; Sister - Phyllis Smith; Brother - Dwayne Copeland; Step-son - Doug Casper and wife, Taunya; Son-in-law - Mike Brown; Step-grandchildren - Michael Jason "Mikey" Brown and wife, Missy, John Thomas "JT" Brown and wife, Carrie, Toby Rupe and husband, Joe, Jesse Gasper and wife, Cory, Tiffany Whitaker and husband, Joe, and Samantha Hedrick and husband, Logan; Step-great grandchildren - Zack Brown and wife, Alexia, Lexie Morris and husband, Michael, Jaylynn Brown, Zayne Brown, Jessie Gilmore, Kylie Rupe, AJ Gasper, Bradlee Gasper, Gracie Gasper, Hunter Gasper, Kyleigh Gasper, Emma Gasper, Madeline Whitaker, Sophie Hedrick, and Lainie Hedrick; Step great-great grandchildren - Brenleigh Jo Brown and Ryleigh Brown. He was preceded in death by his parents and wives - Joan Copeland and Anna Sue Gasper Copeland. Graveside services will be held on Thursday at 1:00 PM at the White Lick Cemetery, Mooresville with Rev. Shelly Zook officiating. There will be no public visitation. (Copied from Bousley Funeral Home Website)



Sunday / March 12, 2023 / 2:00 AM

Turn your clocks AHEAD

1 HOUR

#### **DID YOU KNOW ?**

*The COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), offers up to \$9,000 to cover the cost of a funeral for someone who passed away due to COVID-19 as far back as January 2020. Weekly news stories on legion.org provide information on everything from living wills to estate planning to claiming forgotten assets. Each story includes a link to The American Legion's planned giving process and how members can establish a legacy of support for the organization while providing for current financial needs. Go online to learn how to make an impact on future generations through the Legion's charitable programs, including the Child Welfare Foundation, American Legion Charities, the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, Operation Comfort Warriors, the National Emergency Fund and more. Legion.org/plannedgiving*

(Copied from THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine)

### **CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB**

In 2017, Natalee Hessler (Nat), a graduate of Cascade High School, had the idea to bring the drama club back to Cascade. Their first show was *Café Murder* with a small cast of 6. Over time, the drama club has grown tremendously with the most recent show *You Can't Take It With You* having a cast of 28.

The drama club is currently run by three amazing people: Natalee Hessler, Allison Paradise, and Preston Shafer. This year, Nat had the idea to bring back officers so that the students were more involved within the club. The drama club members elected Laney Starbuck (senior) as President, Ethan Davis (senior) as Vice President, Shaelyn Skidmore (sophomore) as Public Relations Officer, and Mady Hawkins (sophomore) as Secretary.

This spring, "The" Cascade High School Performing Arts will be presenting *The Addams Family* musical on April 13th at 7PM, 14th at 7PM and 15th at 2PM and 7PM. Watch for ticket details on Cascade's or Town of Amo, Indiana Facebook pages.



(Article & Picture compliments of *John Reach*)

Editor's Note: I have attended many of their presentations, and they are top notch! Please consider supporting the Cascade High School Drama Club!

### **MILL CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**January 20, 2023: Book Fair Family Night**  
4:00—7:00 p.m.

**March 20 — March 31, 2023: Spring Break**  
**School Resumes Monday, April 3, 2023**

Please check the school's website for pertinent information.

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

The Hendricks County Parks & Recreation maintenance team has well-prepared the Vandalia Trail for winter. However, if you come across a need for maintenance on the trail in the Amo-Coatesville area, please call their office phone, 317-718-6188, to report it.

Enjoy the trail this winter, also on to Fillmore and Greencastle in Putnam County! The terrain and wildlife are easier to see with the leaves down. Note that during the winter, the only nearby public restrooms are in the Coatesville Public Library, just 2 blocks north on Milton Street.

Enjoy the trail this winter!

For more details and for activities planned on other parts of the trail, please visit [www.nrht.org/vandalia](http://www.nrht.org/vandalia) and [hendrickscountyparks.org](http://hendrickscountyparks.org).

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

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

***Amo-Stilesville-Clayton Alumni gathering Saturday, June 3, 2023! Watch for details on Facebook, THE REPUBLICAN and the Town of Amo 2nd Quarter Newsletter!***

**KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP**

**SCHOOL GROUNDS SHELTER:**

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

**TOWN OF AMO  
COMMUNITY BUILDING**



5046 Sycamore Street Amo, IN 46103

**COMMUNITY BUILDING RESERVATIONS CONTACT**

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

**BUILDING RENTAL RATES**

Residents — \$25.00

Non-Resident — \$100.00

**PAYMENT:** Check payable to Town of Amo or Cash

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

**TOWN OF AMO  
COMMUNICATION RESOURCES**

Quarterly Newsletter  
Town of Amo Resource Guide



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

Town of Amo, Indiana

<http://www.amoin.net>



**TOWN COUNCIL**

2023 Town Council Meetings

- |                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| January 5, 2023  | July 6, 2023        |
| February 2, 2023 | August 3, 2023      |
| ** March 9, 2023 | September 14, 2023  |
| April 6, 2023    | October 5, 2023     |
| ** May 11, 2023  | ** November 9, 2023 |
| June 1, 2022     | December 7, 2023    |
- \*\* 2nd Thursday

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

Everyone is welcome at the Town Council meetings.

**Town Council:**

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

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

TOWN PHONE NUMBER: 539.6030

**AMO JAM —**

**CLOSED FOR THE WINTER —  
Scheduled to Resume in March**

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

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

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

For additional information,  
Call Al Lawson @ 765.653.0590

**DOG COURTESY**

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

**KEEPING YOU IN THE  LOOP**

(Continued)

**TOWN HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS  
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, 2022**

**OCTOBER**

**New Signs: No Parking / No Outlet**

The Town received a \$3,000 window grant for the Interurban Station from Efroymsen Fund from Central Indiana Community Foundation.

THE REPUBLICAN newspaper covered Town Council meetings and special articles about our town included in their paper. We encourage everyone to subscribe to THE REPUBLICAN!

**HALLOWEEN:** Was a huge success! We had over 350 individuals at the Community Building!

**DAR MILITARY BANNERS:** Spots for the 2023-2024 banners are sold.

**NOVEMBER**

The American Rescue Act money was in an ongoing discussion on how to finish the year. The county is upgrading the severe weather siren with a larger coverage area. The Town will be responsible for the installation when ready to go in.

Donna Watson attended the AIM conference for the Town. There quite a few items reviewed with the Board on this year’s conference.

Grant money seems to be leaning towards broadband advancement. The Board plans on seeing what can be done about this.

**DECEMBER**

The Town received approval for their 2022 Pavement Asset Management Plan from Purdue.

**TOWN HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS  
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2022  
(December Continued)**

The Board did enter into an agreement with Kieser Consulting for preparation of a Broadband Readiness Plan. We would like to improve and also to seek out grants for this.

The Town made a donation from the American Rescue Act money to:

Trinity Center for Storehouse Food Pantry and for heating of the building during COVID—\$3,801.08.

Amo Fire Department for lost revenue of Fish Fry & Boot Drives during COVID—\$7,747.90.

The purchase of two picnic tables for the Shelter House—\$622.16.

The Town will be purchasing more flags to replace ones that have been damaged and to have extras on hand. The high winds tore up many of our flags.

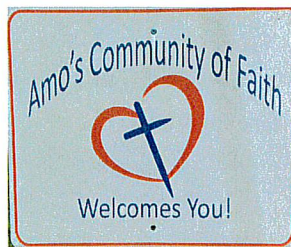
The 2023 Town Council meeting schedule was decided.

Ron Travelsted was elected President, and Rene Gay was elected President Pro Tem for the year 2023.

**JANUARY 2023**

The Broadband Readiness Committee consists of: Dave Kieser, Kieser Consulting; Donna Watson, Town Council Member; Becky Rhea, Town Communication Director; Melissa Richey; Mike Spilker; Mark Wicks

Thank you to all of these individuals for stepping up to assist with what will be an important asset to our Town!



## 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](mailto:1stBaptistAmo@gmail.com)

January, February & March at Amo 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church promises to be an active time for the Kingdom of God in the community of Amo and the surrounding area.

We will be holding an ESTATE SALE at the Amo Community Building on January 20-21 to benefit the Church and its ministry here in Amo. Plan to come check out some treasures, antiques, and useful items for a GREAT cause!

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. We celebrate the Lenten season as a time of personal refinement and discipleship. The Lenten season is a time for focusing on God and strengthening our relationship with Him as we celebrate the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. We will also be hosting our ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT this spring!

The Church plans to host a Fundraiser Benefit on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. We will be featuring our own, Ginny Pugh Spillman, as Patsy Cline, at the Amo Community Building. Watch the Church's Facebook page at 1stBaptistAmo for details and to purchase tickets for the event.

Amo 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist owns and sponsors the local Storehouse Food Pantry. This pantry is open to receive donations to stamp out food insecurity in our Town and the local area on every second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to Noon. We serve clients on the third Saturday of every month from 10 AM to Noon.

How can you help? You need not be a member of the Church to be involved in community growth and fellowship events. You can also support community efforts by simply participating whenever your heart desires or by sending a financial contribution to the Church by at Amo 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church at PO Box 146, Amo, IN 46103. If you prefer to give electronically you can give by utilizing the Tithe.ly app. In Tithe.ly just select Amo Baptist Church and be sure to designate where you would like your and be

### Mill Creek Fellowship (Formerly Amo United Methodist)

P.O. Box 84  
 Amo, IN 46103



Worship Service - 9:30 am

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May God bless you in 2023!

Isaiah 43:18-19

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

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 Amo (Continued)

sure to designate where you would like your funds applied. (i.e. general operating fund, Storehouse Food Pantry, Backpack Ministry, etc...)

Want to know more details about Church activities? You can receive the Church newsletter by emailing your mailing address to [1stbaptistamo@gmail.com](mailto:1stbaptistamo@gmail.com) or by calling 317.539.6920.

YouTube and Facebook: 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Amo



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

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

- Thursday, January 5, 2023 / 7:00 p.m. ) Amo
- Thursday, February 2, 2023 / 7:00 p.m. ) Community
- \*\* Thursday, March 9, 2023 / 7:00 p.m. ) Building
- Thursday, April 6, 2023 / 7:00 p.m. )

\*\* Second Thursday of the Month

**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY:** Monday, January 16, 2023  
**PRESIDENTS' DAY:** Monday, February 20, 2023  
**POST OFFICE CLOSED** on federal holidays

**TOWN OF AMO 2023 2nd QUARTER (April/May/June)**

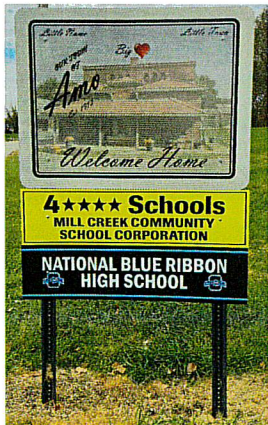
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** March 29, 2023

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

**Box Holder**  
**Amo, Indiana 46103**



**WELCOME TO AMO**



**INDIANA**  
The Hoosier State



**Hendricks County**

