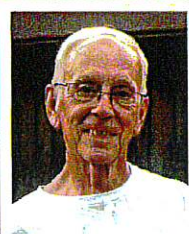




“To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity.”
Douglas Adams

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The Town of Amo THANKS *Ronnie Travelsted* for his 18 years of service to our community! At the December Town Council meeting Ronnie said it had been his pleasure to serve the Town and thanked everyone for working with him. Ronnie, you will be missed!

Our Town Council members for the next term of 1/1/2024—12/31/2027, have been sworn in, and along with the Clerk-Treasurer and the other Town employees, are ready to serve the Town of Amo.

We also THANK our Marshal, *Chris Nelson*, for his 18 years of serving our community!

Town Council Members:

President: *Donna Watson* / President Pro Tem: *Mark Wicks* / Council Member: *Rene Gay*

Clerk-Treasurer: *Barb Strahl*

Marshal: *Chris Nelson*

Handyman: *Greg Burch*

Reading Room Attendant/Community Building Scheduler/Town Buildings Custodian:
Kelsey Freeman

Communication Director: *Becky Rhea*

Attorney: *Matt Burkert*

Fire Chief Under Contract: *Dustin Strahl*

Newly elected officials' Boot Camp was held in Indianapolis January 16-18, 2024. Mark attended his first as well as Donna for a refresher course.

Although *Angel Chattin* is not a Town of Amo employee, we appreciate her and the great service she provides at our Post Office.



THANK YOU TO...



AMO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Contact Amo Police
@ 317.539.6030

FOR EMERGENCIES
911

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



AMO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

AMO FIRE DEPARTMENT
&
CASCADE YOUTH LEAGUE



June 6, 7, 8, 2024
For More Information:
Chief Dustin Strahl
317.442.5357



CONGRATULATIONS TO
DUSTIN STRAHL
on his Promotion to
Deputy Chief of the
Danville Fire Department

Other Amo Fire Department Firefighters who are full time on the Danville Fire Department are:

- Andy Gibbs
- Evan Moore
- Corey Waters

The Town of Amo is proud of your service to our town and all of the surrounding communities!

THANK YOU TO...

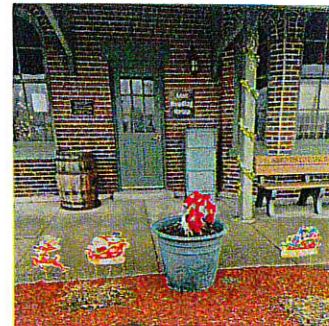
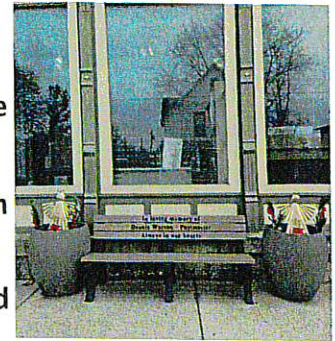
There are always many behind-the-scenes happenings!

Dustin Strahl for the great job of snow removal on our town streets!

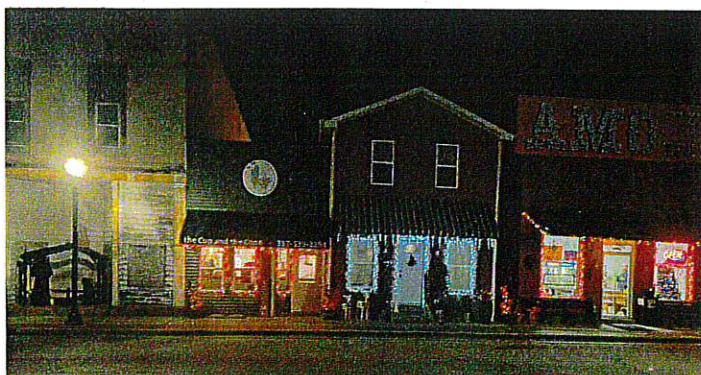
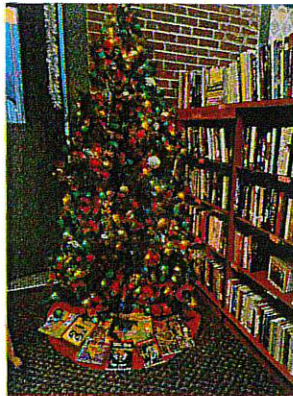
Donna Watson adorned the flower pots in front of the Post Office with these beautiful gold angels and greenery!

Becky Rhea decorated outside the Interurban Station / Amo Reading Room with these cute and festive items.

Darrell Mynatt wrapped the Interurban columns in the pretty and shiny gold garland!



Kelsey Freeman had the Amo Reading Room decorated with lots of fun and colorful seasonal items. For the Reading Room Christmas party, Kelsey had lots of delicious snacks



Mark & Gina Wicks, owners of the Cup and the Cone and Amo Pizza and General store, had their businesses and home decorated with beautiful shining lights, reindeer, a Nativity and Christmas trees!

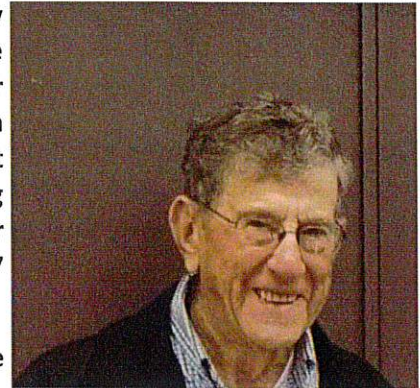
All of these decorations were festive and added so much flair to our downtown area!



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

Jim Carter

James H. Carter, age 93, Coatesville, passed away Tuesday morning in the comfort of his home. He was born in Allen County, Kentucky on December 26, 1929 the son of James Clifton Carter and Alma Cline Carter. He worked at Chevy Truck and Bus for 33 years and also at A.H. Stanley Implements. He was also a farmer. He loved golfing, fishing and Della's cooking. He was especially fond of having his feet under her table. He was a member of the Amo Baptist Church for many years and 17 year member of the Amo Volunteer Fire Department.

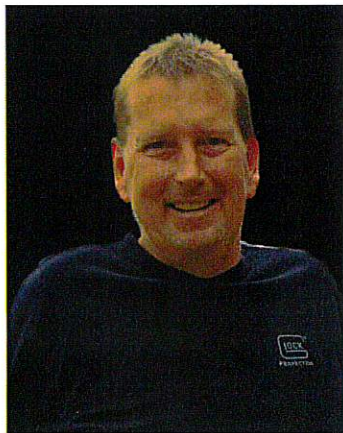


He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Della Carter; his children – Jackie Carter, Debbie Shepherd, Kevin (Julia) Carter, Susan Carter, and Tracey (Ronnie) Robinson; grandchildren – Jeremy, Martin, Chris, Ashley, Adam, and Amy; great-grandchildren – Jada, Wyatt, Kingston, Piper, Ella, Chloe, and Mia; and his sister – Carol (Raymond) Sheets. He was preceded by his parents, son – Doug Carter, and brother – Jerry Carter.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11:00 AM at the Bousley Funeral Home, Coatesville with burial to follow in the Amo Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 4 until 8 PM.

(Copied from Bousley Funeral Home Website)

Jim is dearly missed by his family, friends and our community!



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

Michael Pierce

Michael Todd Pierce, 52, of Amo, passed peacefully leaving the struggles of failing health at his home on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 with family by his side. He was born on February 7, 1971 in Danville, Indiana to George Franklin Pierce and Bonnie Louise (Tracy) Pierce.

He was truly a jack of all trades and a master at tinkering. He had worked as an electrician, a construction worker, and had worked for Freije Auctioneers. He found joy in dirt-bikes, four-wheelers, boating, the dragstrip, collector cars, and spending time at Daytona Beach. Above all, family was his greatest joy.

Michael will be missed greatly by his family and friends including his other half, Kari Pierce of Amo; mother, Bonnie Pierce of Clayton; daughters, Tiana (husband, Dallas) Wise of Danville and Kenzie Pierce of Amo; brothers, Tony (wife, Michelle) Pierce of Martinsville and Dave Pierce of Clayton; sisters, Teresa (husband, Terry) Richey of Martinsville and Kimberly (husband, David) McKinney of Fillmore; grandchildren, Adalyn and Hayden; mother-in-law, Tina Patterson of Amo; and sister-in-law, Bobbie (husband, Mike) Johnson of Clayton. He was preceded in death by his father, George Pierce.

Family and friends are invited to visit on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the chapel at Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory in Mooresville. Michael's Life Celebration® Service will begin at 11:00 am on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at the funeral home. There will be an hour of visiting prior to the service. He will be laid to rest in Amo Cemetery.

(Copied from Carlisle-Branson Funeral Home Website)

Michael's family, friends and our community miss him dearly!

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

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.

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

Enjoy the trail this fall!

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

DOG COURTESY

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



SUNDAY,
March 10, 2024
2:00 AM

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR

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.

MILL CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

Monday, February 19, 2024:
School Out for Presidents' Day

March 25 — April 5, 2024: Spring Break
School Resumes Monday, April 8, 2024

RECYCLE

heart & sole



APRIL 22-26, 2024

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

Copied from Cascade Middle School—Clayton, Indiana Facebook Page

Please check the school's website for pertinent information.



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

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

**TOWN HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, 2023
and JANUARY 2024**

OCTOBER

1st Baptist Car Show is 9-21-2024—See bottom of next column for detailed information.

Halloween was a huge success even though it was cold. Over 300 and close to 350.

The 2024 Budget was adopted.

NOVEMBER

Parks & Recreation Planning Committee was organized, and they will be holding a meeting. They will be sending out to citizens a survey at first part of the year to see what they would like to see.

History Museum Committee is currently accepting donations of memorabilia. If you have Amo memorabilia you would like to donate to the Town, please contact Becky Rhea @ 317.281.8996.

DECEMBER

Santa will be at the Reading Room on 12-21-2023.

A new hand radar gun was approved for purchased for the Amo Police Department.

A park plan has been submitted to the DNR.

The Broadband Readiness Plan suggested internet for the Community Building and Reading Room, and the town is moving forward on these. (In January Wi-Fi was installed in both the Community Building and Interurban.)

**TOWN HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2023 and
JANUARY 2024**

DECEMBER (Continued)

30 new flags from the American Legion were purchased to replace and replenish the current flags that the Fire Department hangs on the town light poles.

THANKS to Ronnie Travelsted for his many years of service to the Town of Amo.

The Town donated to the Backpack Ministry for donations to the kids who attend Mill Creek Elementary.

JANUARY, 2024

Election of Officers:

President — Donna Watson

President Pro Tem — Mark Wicks

Town Council Meeting dates for 2024 were set; the schedule can be found on page 8.

The Town has completed their 2024 Pavement Asset Management Plan.

The Town will complete their ADA Transmission Plan for grants.



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

September 21, 2024
4779 Pearl St
Amo, IN 46103




ALL VEHICLES WELCOME




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

Registration Fee \$20
*Pre-register for \$15
and receive a premium
registration bag!

Registration from 11 AM-3 PM
Trophy Presentation @ 4 PM
50/50 drawing
Raffle drawing

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

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

KEEPING YOU IN THE

PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

The Town of Amo is currently developing a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Since the Town currently has no park or recreation facilities, this Plan will help to determine the interest and/or needs for residents. The primary goal of this survey is to identify the level of interest in developing parks and/or recreational amenities for the community and what you would like that to look like.

We need to hear from you! Your opinions and ideas are crucial in driving this Plan forward. We will also hold a public meeting (Date To Be Determined) to listen to what you have to say about this new endeavour.

The survey along with a self addressed stamped envelope will be coming your way in the next few weeks. Please take a few minutes and fill out this survey to the best of your abilities. The information we receive will help the Town to investigate how to best serve its citizens and improve the quality of life in Amo.

Town of Amo Parks & Recreation Committee

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

CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, March 2, 2024
9 AM—1:00 PM
Amo Community Building

HISTORY MUSEUM COMMITTEE

The original plan for the Interurban upon its renovation was to have a History Museum in the building. At that time it did not work out. The Town of Amo is in the process of exploring utilizing some of the building to preserve Interurban History. The town has already had several cool items, yearbooks, newspaper articles, and pictures donated to this project. If you have Amo memorabilia that you would like to donate, please contact Becky Rhea @ 317.281.8996.

Town of Amo History Museum
Committee Members

Becky Rhea, Facilitator	David Phillips
Donna Watson, Town Council Member	Darlene Miller
Ronnie Travelsted	Maureen Jackson
Darrell Mynatt	Rosie Bell

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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

June 1, 2024 / 2:00—5:00 PM
Program — 2:30 PM
Amo Community Building

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

INDIANA FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (FSSA)

On My Way Pre-K awards grants to 4-year-olds from low-income families so they may have access to high-quality pre-K the year before they begin Kindergarten. Contact Information: 1.877.511.1144 or go to the FSSA website, On My Way Pre-K for additional information and registration.

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

SCHOOL GROUNDS SHELTER:

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

TOWN OF AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING



5046 Sycamore Street Amo, IN 46103

THE COMMUNITY BUILDING NOW HAS Wi-Fi

COMMUNITY BUILDING RESERVATIONS CONTACT

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

BUILDING RENTAL RATES

Residents — \$25.00

Non-Resident — \$100.00

PAYMENT: Check payable to Town of Amo or Cash

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

TOWN OF AMO COMMUNICATION RESOURCES

Quarterly Newsletter
Town of Amo Resource Guide



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

Town of Amo, Indiana

<http://www.amoin.net>



TOWN COUNCIL

2024 Town Council Meetings

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

** 2nd Thursday

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

Everyone is welcome at the Town Council meetings.

Town Council:

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

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

AMO JAM —

RESUMES: TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING
(Weather Permitting)
6:00—8:30 p.m.

Open Mic / Impromptu

Bring your own musical instrument or voice.

Can't play an instrument or sing?

Just come, sit back and listen!

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

For additional information,
Call Al Lawson @ 765.653.0590



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Shaping Hearts  Changing Lives

Rev. Shelly A. Zook, Lead Pastor
 Pastor Kelli J. Tipton, Youth Pastor
 Church/Office number: 317.539.6920
 Emergency number: 317.489.2988
 PO Box 146; 4779 Pearl St., Amo, IN 46103
 EMAIL: 1stBaptistAmo@gmail.com
 YouTube and Facebook: 1st Baptist Amo

COME GROW WITH US!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2024 promises to be an exciting year for the Amo Baptist fellowship. The Church was given a professional building assessment, and we will be making plans to refresh/renew our facilities to help meet the needs of the community of Amo! We are filled with joyful anticipation about what the future holds regarding this very generous gift to the Church.

We are a community of people who are on a spiritual journey together, seeking to grow in our faith while serving the Lord by serving one another and our community. If this seems inviting to you, we welcome ALL people to join us for fun, fellowship, community, and worship. We gather for praise and worship on Sunday mornings at 10 AM. We have something just for youth during worship with Youth Pastor, Kelli Tipton. On Wednesdays we pack backpacks for kids in our community who can use just a little extra help with food and some encouragement. We are currently serving 40 children in the Mill Creek/Cascade school system. Our Team Leader for the Backpack Project is Carla Trowbridge.

We also support our community through the gift of the Trinity Center (the former Amo Friends Church 4794 Vine Street). The Trinity Center houses the Storehouse Food Pantry. There are many ways to serve your neighbor through this community service project. You can be as involved as you wish. Service opportunities include everything from once a year to weekly commitments. Our Team Leader for the Storehouse Food Pantry is Michelle Kelley.

The Church plans to reschedule a Fundraiser Benefit this spring featuring our own, Ginny Pugh Spillman, as Tammy Wynette, at the TRINITY CENTER. All proceeds will benefit the Trinity Center/Storehouse Food Pantry.

We are simply a group of people seeking personal growth to become better people every day as we learn to apply the goodness of the Word of God through our own personal relationship with Jesus. We welcome you to join us on YOUR OWN personal journey.

Mill Creek Fellowship (Formerly Amo United Methodist)

P.O. Box 84
 Amo, IN 46103



Worship Service - 9:30 am

Communion is celebrated
 2nd Sunday of each month

We would love for you to come worship with us! We are a non-denominational Christian church. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM, at the Amo Community Building. Our service is casual with fellowship after. We have 2 lay speakers and retired minister who deliver the messages. Hymns and prayers are also included. We are NOT perfect and our church has "history" just like every person does, but we press forward and come together to continue to worship, praise, learn, and serve the Lord.

Church contacts:

Bill Bartlett: 317.501.6676
 Phil Thomas: 317.440.5946
 Angel Chattin: 317.539.3357

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



TRINITY CENTER

Storehouse Food Pantry Board

Michelle Kelly, Director/Team Leader
 Carolyn Porter, Interim Treasurer
 Jeanne Bryant
 David Dumser
 Maureen Jackson
 Lynn Smedley
 Pastor Shelly Zook

1st Baptist Amo (Continued)

Want to get involved? Can we serve you in some way? Feel free to reach out to us, we will respect your own personal boundaries. May 2024 be an amazing year for you and yours!

In His service and yours,
 Rev. Shelly A. Zook, Lead Pastor

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- ** Thursday, January 11, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.) Amo
- Thursday, February 1, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.) Community
- ** Thursday, March 14, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.) Building
- ** Thursday, April 11, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.
- ** Second Thursday of the Month

- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY:** Monday, January 15, 2024
- VALENTINE'S DAY:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024
- PRESIDENTS' DAY:** Monday, February 19, 2024
- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:** Sunday, March 10, 2024
- PALM SUNDAY:** March 24, 2024
- EASTER:** Sunday, March 31, 2024
- SOLAR ECLIPSE:** April 8, 2024

POST OFFICE CLOSED on federal holidays

TOWN OF AMO 2nd Quarter 2024 Newsletter Deadline: Saturday, March 30, 2024

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

Box Holder
Amo, Indiana 46103

The Town of Amo
Dumpster is NOT for
Town Residents' Use
TOWN'S DUMPING ONLY



WELCOME TO AMO



INDIANA
The Hoosier State



Hendricks County