



Even when things look anything but divinely ordered, He is still there.

Elisabeth Elliot

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TOWN OF AMO

9/11 DINNER

AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING

Sunday, 9/11/23 / 5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

We will be honoring Veterans & First Responders — Military, Police, Fire Department Personnel, EMT's

The public is invited to join us for the evening as we honor our heroes!
Chili, Hot Dogs, Veggies and Desserts will be served! / Donations Accepted

PLEASE NOTE: On Saturday, September 16, 2023, Pearl Street between School & Railroad Streets will be closed for most of the day for the Amo 1st Baptist Annual Car Show.

TOWN OF AMO ELECTED OFFICIALS: The term of the current Town of Amo elected officials is up 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. Annual Salaries: Town Council — \$3,600 / Clerk-Treasurer — \$18,000

**REGISTERED FOR
CLERK-TREASURER**



Barb Strahl



Melissa Richey

**NOON
Tuesday,
August 1, 2023
is the DEAD-
LINE to FILE or
WITHDRAW a
declaration of
candidacy for
nomination by
a town
convention in a
town having a
population of
less than 3,500.**

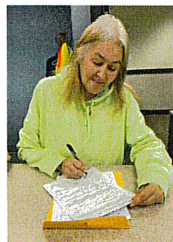


Lori Burge



Gina Wicks

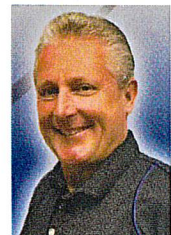
**REGISTERED FOR TOWN COUNCIL, AT LARGE
(3 To Be Elected)**



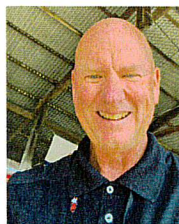
Donna Watson



Rene Gay



Mark Wicks



Kerry Kiefer



Chris Carter



Michelle Kelly



Ron Travelsted

THANK YOU TO...

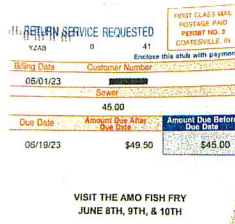
There are always many behind-the-scenes happenings!

Just before Mill Creek West's Beautify Amo Day *Angel Chattin* cleaned out the 4 big planters in the downtown area of Amo to get them ready for new flowers! *Angel* has also been helping maintain the flowerpots.

A tree that was at risk to the school bus and those using one of the town streets needed immediate attention. *Doug Wallace* volunteered to go to work on it, did some cutting and cleaned it up!



Kim Freeman-Lynch, Kelsey Freeman's mom, donated this beautiful cabinet to the Amo Reading Room. It is not only beautiful; it has lots of storage space!



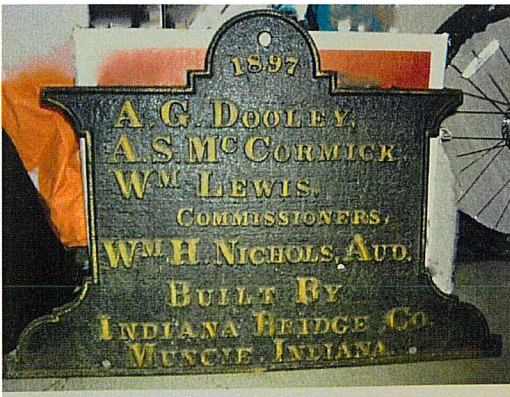
Amo/Coatesville Sewer for promoting the Amo Fire Department & Cascade Youth League Fish Fry.

A high wall fixture lightbulb in the Amo Reading Room has been out for a long time. *Chad Wilson* climbed a VERY HIGH ladder to pull a lightbulb from the wall fixture so that we could match the bulb. Chad is a roofer and also climbed an even higher ladder to complete repairs to the Amo Reading Room roof.



Phil Strahl of Kase Electric is working with us to improve the lighting in the Amo Reading Room.

DONATED To The Town of Amo



"Hi Donna (Watson), Attached is a photo of the 1897 cast iron sign from the old Crittenden Creek railroad bridge. That's great that it can be used in the planned museum in Amo. As background, Rodney & Linda Trout of north of Coatesville had rescued it from the bridge area back in the 1990s after the railroad was abandoned and stuff was being taken. They had mentioned to an Amo resident that they had it and thought it would be a nice historic item for display on or along the trail. That resident then contacted me. They gave it to me back in 2006. Thanks, Greg"

(Greg Midgley of National Road Heritage Trail)

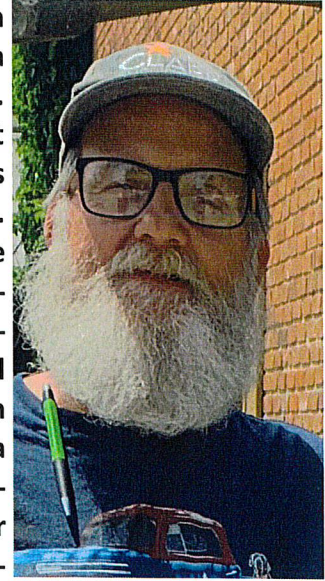
Greg also donated the items below!





We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of
Lawrence Foncannon
November 27, 1960—April 18, 2023

“Larry Foncannon, age 62, of Amo, passed away April 18, 2023 in his residence. Born November 27, 1960 in Indianapolis, he was the son of George and Patricia (Mandabach) Foncannon. He married Linda McClarnon and she survives. Larry had worked in maintenance for Quaker Laundrymat, formerly at Bud's Junkyard, and Ribble Maytag. He was a jack of all trades, loved his grandkids, never met a stranger and would give you the shirt off his back. Other survivors includes his children Cassandra Foncannon, Amo, Brigette Foncannon, Amo, Ryan Foncannon (Katelyn), Amo, and Tyler Foncannon (companion Deborah Welch), Greencastle, Heather Vonburg, Indianapolis, and and Candis Ramsey, IL; a sister, Cindy Chandler; 1 special granddaughter Paisley Foncannon; 11 grandchildren; siblings, Keith Foncannon, James Foncannon, Latricia Ebbing, Susan Foncannon, Paula Foncannon, and Merry Foncannon; and many nieces and nephews. His parents, brothers Billy Foncannon and George Foncannon Jr, and daughter Katrina Foncannon all preceded him. Cremation is scheduled and a memorial service will be Tuesday the 25th from 1 to 4 pm and services at 4 pm in the Amo Baptist Church with Reverend Shelly Zook officiating.”
(Copied from Bousley Funeral Home Website)



Larry is dearly missed by the Town of Amo. When talking with Larry he always ended the conversation by saying “I love ya. Call me if you need anything.” We loved you, too, Larry!

AMO/STILESVILLE/CLAYTON/CASCADE 1965-1970 ALUMNI GATHERING



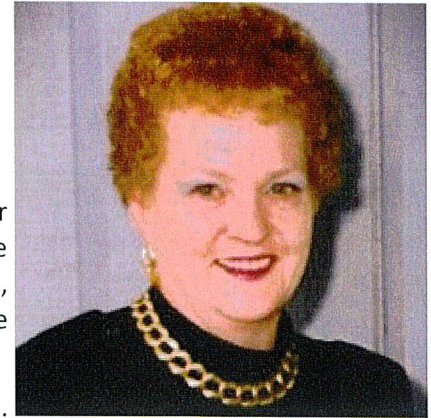
On Saturday, June 3, 2023, many alumni of Amo, Stilesville, Clayton, and Cascade Classes of 1965-1970 gathered at the Amo Community Building. There was lots of fun, sharing stories of yesteryear and making new memories! THANK YOU to all who attended and those who helped make the day so special! Two extra special pictures! Left: Agnes Phillips Buroff, a 1935 graduate of Amo High School. Agnes is 105 years of age—106 in September! Pictured with Agnes is one of her nieces, Ronda Phillips Heckel, and Debbie Hart Hill who presented Agnes flowers from the Alumni Committee. Right: Ted Vontress with wife Linda. Ted is a 1961 graduate of Amo High School—look at the cool letter sweater he is wearing!





**We extend our sympathy to the
families and friends of
Loretta (Brown) May Neal
February 2, 1932—May 11, 2023**

"Loretta May Neal, 91, of Mooresville and former resident of Amo, gained peace after passing in the comfort of her own home on Thursday, May 11, 2023. She was born on February 2, 1932, in Richmond, Indiana, to the late John Mitchell and Jessie (Griffith) Dismore.



Loretta's young life journey required her to possess a great deal of strength. Frequently forced to feel the unfamiliarity of life's changes, Loretta was raised by a single mother who specialized in travel nursing, keeping them on the go. Living like a gypsy and building up resilience, Loretta's childhood was filled with continuously switching to different schools, which prepared her for the twists and turns life would throw at her in the years to come. Entering the union of marriage at the tender age of fifteen with a gentleman named Herman Cletis Brown on November 7, 1947, the pair established a home together and had four wonderful children. After his unexpected passing in 1968, Loretta found herself following in her mother's footsteps as a single and devoted mother. Then in November of 1971, she married Harold Neal who greatly loved her children. When her second husband passed, she found companionship with Richard Roddy. The snowbirds headed south to Punta Gorda, Florida spending winters in their trailer where they enjoyed good company with mutual friends and attended the VFW in Charlotte County. A natural nurturer, Loretta was a talented cook, known for her mouth-watering fried chicken. A strict matriarch, she spoke her mind freely and without regret. She will be deeply and forever missed by all who were blessed to know her.

A past member of the Mooresville Eagles Loretta was employed with RCA, worked at the store in the TA Truck Stop, and when her children were young, she worked at the Amo Cafeteria. Small yet mighty, she was the life of the party and a cougar on the dance floor. With red hair and a hint of evil in her eye, she had an extraordinary way of slipping profanity into her game. Blessed with a green thumb, she enjoyed gardening, packing a picnic and going fishing, crocheting, crafting, as well as feeding the birds and other wildlife critters. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, David Lee Brown; first husband and father of her children, Herman Cletis Brown; former husband, Harold Robert Neal; loving companion of 18 years, Richard Roddy; half-siblings, Mildred Duell and George Mitchell; and daughter in law, Debbie Brown. Left to mourn her passing include her children, Laverne Hoffman (Terry) of Monrovia, Mike Brown of Amo, Patricia McCubbins (Perry) of Monrovia; ten grandchildren, David McCubbins (Jessi) of Noblesville, Mikey Brown (Missy) of Amo, JT Brown (Carrie) of Danville, Brian Travelsted (Melissa) of Camby, Stacey Harris (Dave) of Monrovia, Lisa Theissen (Eric) of Clayton, Jessica Elliott of Monrovia, Amy Parsons (Tracy) of Mooresville, Steve Hoffman (Dawn) of Mooresville, Brandy Hammans (Phil) of Martinsville; along with 36 adored great-grandchildren; 10 beloved great-great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family members and friends. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. A Graveside Service will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 2:00 pm., and Pastor Shelly Zook will officiate. Family and friends are invited to line up at the funeral home at 1:15 and follow in the funeral procession; departing from Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia at 1:30 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the Desert Rose Foundation, P.O. Box 1754, Martinsville, IN 46151, or donate online at www.lightmemorial.com" (Copied from Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel)

Loretta played a vital role in the life of Amo, and we missed her when she moved out of town. We know she is dearly missed by her family and friends.

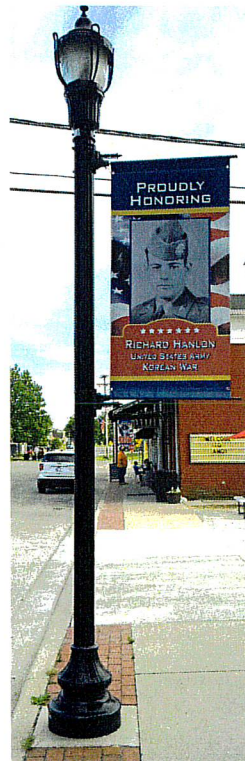
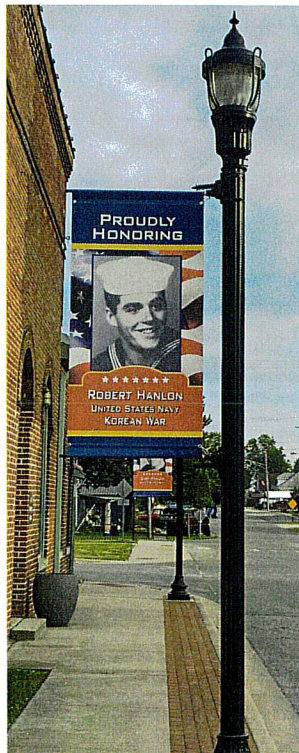
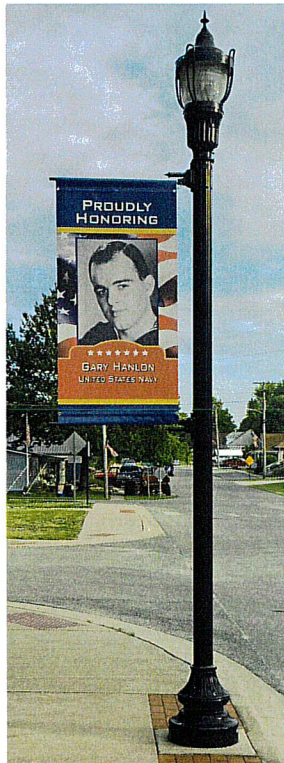
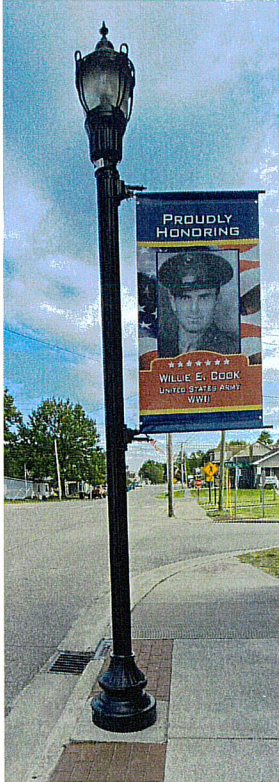
KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

2023-2024 MILITARY BANNERS

The Town of Amo is again honored to partner with the *Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution* to display Veteran Military Banners. These pictures are for the 2023-2024 year. The Town of Amo is grateful to the families and friends who purchase these banners to be proudly displayed.

THANK YOU to *Rhonda Kindred Meli Beck of the Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Chapter* for your time, dedication care and love for our Veterans and this project! THANK YOU to *Ronnie Travelsted, Amo Town Council President*, and his brother, John, for taking down last year's banners and hanging this year's banners!

If you would like to purchase a banner for the 2024-2025 year, please contact Rhonda Beck @ 1.815.953.2101. The deadline for next year's banners will be announced later this year; however, Rhonda already has a list for next year so do not wait too long!

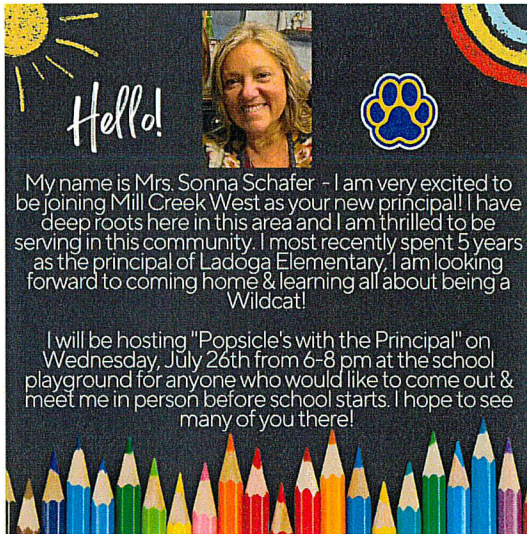


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MILL CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

The Town of Amo WELCOMES

Mrs. Sonna Schafer



Copied From Mill Creek West Elementary Facebook Page

Please check the school's website for pertinent information!

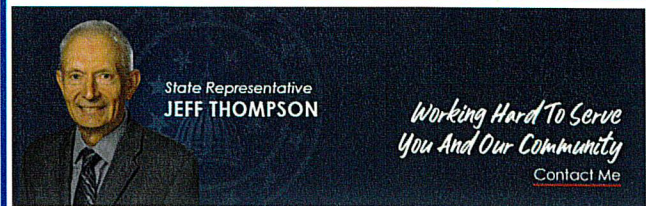
VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!

Please enjoy Hendricks County Parks & Recreation's Vandalia Trail this summer by bicycle on the paved trail, on horseback on the separated natural trail, or on foot on either. If you would like to share a bike ride with others, consider joining in on the group rides by Friends of the Vandalia Trail on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays each month, departing the Amo trailhead at 6:30 PM. Ride lengths are usually 8 miles and 16 miles.

Enjoy the trail this summer!

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

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



Apply for help with tutoring costs

While Indiana is making great strides in boosting student reading and math scores, more work needs to be done to get scores back to pre-pandemic levels. To support students in reaching their goals, Indiana Learns is providing grants to help families pay for after-school tutoring.

To be eligible, a student must qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program and have scored below proficiency in either mathematics or English/language arts on ILEARN in 2022. To find out if your student qualifies, click [here](#).



This is a great opportunity to help students improve their reading and math skills, and I hope more families consider applying for an Indiana Learns grant. Eligible students must use the funding before June 30, 2024. To learn more and apply, click [here](#).

(Article courtesy Representative Thompson's office. The "click here" tabs go to www.IndianaLearns.org so for additional information, please go to that website. Thank you to Donna Watson for bringing this information to the attention of the Town.)

Hendricks County Comprehensive Plan

Future Meetings:

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 / 4:00 — 6:00 PM
Government Center — Danville

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 / 4:00 — 6:00 PM
Washington Township Pavilion Center — Avon

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TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY — May 20, 2023

Thank you to the Town for sponsoring this day! We are so appreciative of JACK'S TRASH for providing the dumpsters! Special THANKS to Marshal [Chris Nelson](#), Clerk-Treasurer [Barb Strahl](#), Handyman [Greg Burch](#), Matt Liles, Michelle Kelly, Chris Carter, John & Cricket Moore and anyone inadvertently missed for coordinating and helping out. Many THANKS to Mark & Gina Wicks of Amo General Store and Pizza for providing lunch! Beautiful weather and safe day!



4 Dumpsters were utilized!



THANKS TO ALL WHO ASSISTED WITH THIS DAY!!

JACK'S TRASH SERVICE



FREE MONTH'S SERVICE With New Sign Up!

Free Month's Service with new sign up and mention this newsletter.

Expires 12/31/23

For Residential Toter Service Only

765.653.2838

www.jackstrashservice



Pictures are from Town of Amo Clean-up Day May 2023

AMO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & CASCADE YOUTH LEAGUE

Thanks You For Another Great Fish Fry!!

The Town THANKS the Fire Department, Cascade Youth League, Amo Police, the vendors, those who donated desserts and all those who came out and supported the Fish Fry!!



Levi Bray Winner of Peddle Tractor Pull Son of Greg & Hope and Grandson of Cheri

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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

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| January 5, 2023 | ** July 12, 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, 2023 | 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: 317.539.6030

AMO JAM —

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

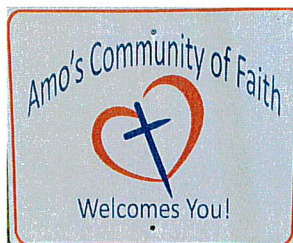
Open Mic / Impromptu
Bring your own musical instrument or voice.
Can't play an instrument or sing?
Just come, sit back and listen!

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

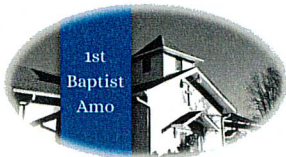
For additional information,
Call Al Lawson @ 765.653.0590

DOG COURTESY

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



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Shaping Hearts Changing Lives

Church/Office number: 317.539.6920
 PO Box 146; 4779 Pearl St., Amo, IN 46103
 EMAIL: 1stBaptistAmo@gmail.com
 YouTube and Facebook: 1st Baptist Amo
 Bible study & Coffee at 9 AM on Sundays

Hello Amo Residents!

We just wanted to take a moment to say **THANK YOU** for your generous hearts in giving to the Amo **Storehouse Food Pantry** and keeping our Community Service Center, **The Trinity Center**, 4794 Vine Street in Amo open and operational. Your gifts of change at the Amo General Store in the Storehouse Pantry jar and gifts of products have been helping to stamp food insecurity out for 12-15 families a month right here in Amo and the immediate surrounding area! **THANK YOU.**

Through concentrated giving throughout the Mill Creek area, we have been able to supplement food for nearly 50 children in Mill Creek West and East Elementary schools through the **BACKPACK Ministry**. **There have been five churches involved in donations and assembling backpacks for kids.** Churches represented have been: Amo 1st Baptist, Clayton, Hazelwood, and Stilesville Christian Churches and St. Suzanne's Catholic Church of Plainfield. Everyone is welcome to volunteer to assemble or donate products to help local children and their family's.

Financial contributions for the Storehouse Food Pantry or the Backpack ministry can be mailed to the Amo 1st Baptist Church at PO Box 146, Amo, IN 46103.

Have a group or organization that would like to do some community service? Please contact Pastor Shelly at 317.539.6920

ATTENTION PEARL STREET RESIDENTS! The Church has obtained permission from the Amo Town Council to host its 7th ANNUAL CAR SHOW. The street will be closed on Saturday, September 16th (between School & Railroad Streets) most of the day. Please prepare to avoid using the street during the day that day. **THANK YOU** in advance for supporting your local Church and its ministry.

The Church is in the process of evaluating our current facilities and vision casting regarding ideas to help meet your family's needs better in the future. Watch for exciting things to come from Amo 1st Baptist soon!

Everyone is welcome to come and join us with any project or activity that appeals to your hearts.

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

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.



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

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- ** Wednesday, July 12, 2023 / 7:00 p.m.) Amo
- Thursday, August 3, 2023 / 7:00 p.m.) Community
- *** Thursday, September 14, 2023 / 7:00 p.m.) Building
- Thursday, October 5, 2023 / 7:00 p.m.)

- ** Wednesday
- *** Second Thursday of the Month

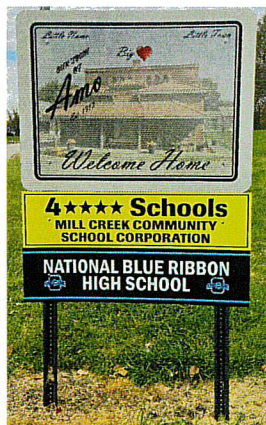
INDEPENDENCE DAY: Tuesday, July 4, 2023
LABOR DAY: Monday, September 4, 2023
9/11 DINNER: Monday, September 11, 2023
POST OFFICE CLOSED on federal holidays

TOWN OF AMO 2023 4th QUARTER (Oct/Nov/Dec)
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: September 27, 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

