



April 10, 2017

Dear Residents:

What a great run the PW Girls basketball team had – going all the way to the state championship game at MSU’s Breslin Center! The girls played a very tall and talented Detroit Edison team in the championship game. It almost seemed like a “David and Goliath” scenario. But the PW girls didn’t back down and battled literally to the last second, losing by just 2 points. I would like to compliment the players and coaches on the great example of sportsmanship they showed throughout the hard-fought contest as well as the entire season. They represented our communities with class and we can all be very proud of them.

The support shown to the girls basketball team by our local communities during their tournament run was amazing. I believe once again PW fans outnumbered the opponent’s fans at every game. At the conclusion of the championship game, our large and loyal PW fan base gave the girls a well-deserved standing ovation for their tremendous effort and then stayed to watch the girls receive their state runner-up medals and trophy. But our PW fans didn’t stop there... they also watched and applauded as the Detroit Edison team received their state championship medals and trophy. Now that is a real class act!

The girls were met as they exited the highway by emergency vehicles from Pewamo and Westphalia and were then escorted through both communities on their way back to the high school. The team was able to get off the bus for a few minutes in Westphalia where there were lots of cheers and hugs from many very appreciative fans. Congratulations to the girls, coaches and communities on showing how to handle success, and maybe a bit of disappointment, with class and dignity.

On March 27th, the annual all-area meeting of local villages was hosted by the Village of Muir. Represented at the meeting were the villages of Fowler, Muir, Lyons, Maple Rapids, Pewamo and Westphalia. This forum provides a great opportunity to share information and concerns that affect small villages in our area. Much information was exchanged and new ideas developed. Overall it seems that due to the improved economy, most of the local villages are doing better than previous years. Westphalia will be hosting the 2018 annual meeting. A special thank you to the Village of Muir for hosting this year’s meeting.

April is here, so we know spring and warmer weather must be close!

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia