

July 2, 2018

Dear Residents:

The Westphalia Cruise-In car show was once again a great event. With near perfect weather, the official car count came in at 1,312. The cars, food, entertainment, camaraderie and especially the hospitality of our local residents all help to make this a very special day for the Village of Westphalia. Our goal is to have a good, safe and fun event that provides exposure to our wonderful Village and its great local businesses – that goal was once again accomplished in great fashion.

As always, Dave and Karen Boswell deserve much thanks for all the work they put into making this event such a success. The Planning Commission, DPW and all the people who volunteer their services also deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication. Our local businesses, those that directly benefit from the event and especially those that sacrifice their normal business routine for the success of the event, we thank as well. Thank you to the Clinton County Sheriff's Department for providing excellent security. Last but certainly not least, thank you to our local residents and many visitors who came out to support this event. We look forward to the 15th year of the Westphalia Cruise-In 2019!

The St. Mary Parish 4th of July Festival was again a great family event. The food was sensational (as always) as was the entertainment. Many local residents volunteer their time to make this day such a success. To all those involved, especially those in leadership and chair positions, great job and thank you for your efforts.

More accolades for the Pewamo-Westphalia school system! PW was ranked 4th in the entire state for the highest percentage of students graduating from college and post-secondary programs in a timely fashion. Also, the most recent study by U.S News and World Report ranked PW the 34th best school in Michigan. Congratulations to the students, teachers, administration and all that help to make our schools so outstanding.

Many changes are coming to our downtown area. Infrastructure improvements such as new gas lines, sidewalks, lighting, curbing, and streets will happen over the next few months. Some of our local businesses will also be improving their parking lots while the paving company is in town. Although there will be some inconveniences to our residents and businesses during the construction phase, the end result should be well worth it. Your patience during this time is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President Village of Westphalia