



August 5, 2013

Dear Residents:

What a wonderful 4th of July celebration at St. Mary Parish again this year! It's always great to see everyone come together and enjoy each other's company while supporting St. Mary Parish. The weather was perfect and it was great to see so many old friends; and make a few new ones. The amount of time and effort that goes into an event like this is amazing. To the festival chairs, thank you for the leadership provided to make this a special day for our local residents and out-of-town visitors to enjoy. Thanks also to all those that volunteer and make this such a great event. The St. Mary Parish festival is yet another reason calling Westphalia "home" is so special.

You may have noticed the Westphalia Historical Society's floats in the parade and their booth at the festival. The Society used the Westphalia Cruise-In and Parish festival to get information out about their goal to raise money to purchase the Plannescapes building for a historical center/museum and kickoff the pledge drive campaign. Members will now begin soliciting donations towards this very worthy cause. A brochure with information on the Society and this project, along with a donation card, is available at most local businesses. The brochure is also available on the Village Web site (www.WestphaliaMi.com). We have already received a generous donation from Ted and Lou Anna Simon. Lou Anna is the President of Michigan State University and Ted was originally from Westphalia. Dr. Gadille has also made a generous donation and we thank her and the Simons' for their contributions. The Society would appreciate your help in identifying individuals that may have moved away from the area but might be willing to contribute to this cause. Please contact Margie Wirth with your contact ideas (989-640-4437 or wirthj2003@yahoo.com). The Westphalia Historical Society very much appreciates your help.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia