



September 2, 2014

Dear Residents:

Labor Day having come and gone certainly means summer is winding down. It also means school is back in session and children will be crossing the streets more often. With this in mind, please drive with extra caution, especially during the times when the children are most present. I have asked the Clinton County Sheriff's Office to place a radar speed sign on the outskirts of town to make drivers more aware of their speed as they come into the Village. Hopefully this will be an effective tool to remind people to slow down.

The Westphalia Historical Society is having a Cemetery Walk on September 21<sup>st</sup> (rain date is September 28<sup>th</sup>) starting at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Cemetery. Local citizens in vintage clothing will represent some of our most memorable ancestors. Admission is free (donations will be accepted) and refreshments will be served. This promises to be an interesting, informative and fun event.

The new Historical Center will be a great addition to our community when it opens in the near future. I had a chance to preview the renovations and things are really taking shape. Be sure to check out all the interesting information available on their web site – [www.westphaliahistory.weebly.com](http://www.westphaliahistory.weebly.com). You can also connect through a link on the Village web site – [www.westphaliaini.com](http://www.westphaliaini.com).

You may have noticed that the fund raising thermometer for the new Historical Center has reached the \$60,000 mark – that is 80% of the target goal and it has been achieved in just a little over one year. What a wonderful reflection on the generosity of so many people who feel that our rich heritage is worth preserving. The contributions of many have made what was once just a dream now a reality. The hard work of the Society members has not gone unnoticed and they deserve much more recognition than I can possibly give them here. Be sure to thank them when you have the opportunity. Better yet – become a member!

On August 21, Jane Miller celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. We congratulate her and wish her well, but that is not what I found to be the most interesting part of the story. August 21<sup>st</sup> happens to be Jane's daughter Connie's birthday too. And it gets better... Connie's daughter Taylor was also born on August 21<sup>st</sup>. I've heard of a parent and child sharing the same birth date, but the odds of three generations of mother and daughter sharing the same birth date have to be astronomical. We wish them all well and recognize August 21<sup>st</sup> as a big day in the Miller family.

Please remember to drive safely, watch for the school children, and enjoy the fall season!

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President  
Village of Westphalia