



May 6, 2019

Dear Residents:

The annual all-area meeting of local villages was held on March 25th in Maple Rapids. Representatives from Westphalia, Pewamo, Fowler, Maple Rapids, Muir, Hubbardston and Perrington gathered to share information about their communities. This event was initiated several years ago to provide a forum for local villages to communicate directly with each other, share experiences, brainstorm on potential solutions to common problems and just get to know each other better. This networking opportunity has provided benefits to all the participants. We thank Maple Rapids for hosting this year and Pewamo for volunteering to host the event next year.

I would like to once again remind everyone to include their box number on all mail order packages being shipped to them. Post Office personnel cannot always identify the proper recipient for items that do not have a box number on them. If the proper recipient cannot be identified, no yellow claim slip can be put in their box and these packages are supposed to be returned to the sender. The Post Office personnel have volunteered to hold these items for a short period of time. If you think you should be receiving a package but don't find a yellow claim slip in your box, you may inquire about it at the service desk. Again, please have the sender include your box number on all mail and packages you receive. We appreciate the extra effort put forth by the Post Office personnel to address this issue.

Acclimates continue to roll in for our PW State Championship athletic teams. The All-State Teams were announced for competitive cheer as well as boys and girls basketball and the Pirates were well represented. In Competitive Cheer, Kelsey Russell, Lindsey Pohl, Isabelle Droste, Olivia Ferguson, Cierra Van Ells and Laura Thelen were all named to the first team. Rachel Kent, Elise Pohl and Esmeralda Nava-Gonzalez earned second team honors. Halie Myers, Ella Smith and Olivia Richards were given honorable mention recognition and coach Staci Myers was named Coach of the Year. In girls basketball, Hannah Spitzley and Ellie Droste were named to the first team with Hannah also being Player of the Year. Coach Steve Eklund was named Coach of the Year. In boys basketball, Andre Smith was named to the first team and coach Luke Pohl was named Coach of the Year, Congratulations to the athletes and coaches on their well-deserved honors.

I had the distinct pleasure of once again attending the annual St. Mary's sixth-grade shadow presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. For those who may not be aware, a "shadow presentation" is a production that is done behind a curtain and the actors are illuminated by a light behind them so you see only their shadows. The re-enactment is set to music, narrated and completely done by the sixth-grade students. This outstanding program is one of the most amazing, moving and inspirational performances that I've had the pleasure of witnessing. If you haven't seen it, do yourself a favor and do so next year. Thank you to all those involved in this marvelous production, especially the sixth-grade students.

The PW Middle School, High School and Jazz bands will be performing a spring concert at Droste Park on May 29th at 7:00 pm. Bring your portable chairs or spread a blanket on the lawn and take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy music from hit TV shows and movies performed by the award-winning PW bands.

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President
Village of Westphalia