Tuesday afternoon weather was perfect for a ride on the wall. An escort of veterans and other riders led the tractor trailer carrying a 3/4-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. to the grounds of the Randolph County High School, where it will be on display 24 hours a day from Muncie to the grounds of Fountain Park Cemetery traveling down Main Street. The parade will take place on Saturday at 1:00 PM followed by the Wick’s Car Show. The Council members were excited by the planned proposal. With the other facade improvement project that has been proposed, the school looks much better and be attractive for other new businesses, stated Council Member John Boyd. “We want to do something that is in line with what we’ve done with other similar requests,” stated Council Member Tom Sells. The Council decided to grant Malak and Welch $12,000 to assist with the project. It was also suggested that perhaps the City should set aside a certain amount of money each year to assist with facade improvement projects, such as the one that was proposed on the wall. The next item on the agenda was the need to make repairs on the roof of the Parks Department Building (the old White Rose on Meade Street). The building has several leaks and is in need of repair. Parks Department Head Shawn Bosworth had approached a few more contractors to get estimates and asked about a warranty from one of the estimates that had been received. As this is a pressing need, and they had dropped from the top of the list to third on the list, it was decided to go with the offer to repair the entire roof with a metal roof and repair around the edges. Bosworth also stated that the new swimming pool should be open by Memorial Day.

Veterans and locals who attended “The Wall That Heals” as it arrived in Winchester on Tuesday afternoon pose for the parade on the tractor trailer that is used to transport the 3/4-scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. Photo by Scott Shaffer.

While there will also be a parade on Saturday at 1:00 PM beginning at Fountain Park Cemetery traveling down Main Street. The parade will include the Wick’s Car Show, the annual alumni banquet, and the Memorial Day ceremony at Fountain Park Cemetery, and the Wall Show were all mentioned. Another topic that was brought up was advertising many of the services and traditions, and other things that are offered throughout the year, most of which have not been advertised during the show prior to the movies at the Towne Square Cinema. It was mentioned that this show helps the money spent on this advertising could be better spent for other needs. As there is not much on the agenda, the Council decided that they may have to go to the next regularly scheduled meeting in June.