



# Villa Grove News

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## Side Tracks

your express route to upcoming VG events

VG Chamber of Commerce Meeting 03/21 noon @ Monicals

VGH BB @ Sullivan 3/21 at 4:30 pm

VG SB @ Southern Warrior Classic at Murfreesboro, TN 3/22-3/24

VGH BB vs BH 3/23 at 4:30 pm

VGH JV BB @ Salt Fork 3/23 at 4:30 pm

Palm Sunday Services at Sacred Heart Catholic Church 3/25

VG FCC Easter Egg Hunt 3/25

VGH JV BB @ Okaw Valley (Bethany) 3/26 at 4:30 pm

VGH T&F at Arcola 3/27 at 4 pm

VGH BB vs Judah 3/27 @ 4:30 pm

VG SB @ GRF 3/27 at 4:30 pm

EARLY DISMISSAL VG Schools 3/28 @ 1:30 pm

NO SCHOOL VG Schools 3/29-4/2

Good Friday Service at Camargo United Methodist Church 3/30 at 7 pm

Easter Service at CUMC 4/1 @ 10 AM

If you have an upcoming event that you would like to see featured in side tracks, email us at [vgnews@mchsi.com](mailto:vgnews@mchsi.com) or call us at 832-4201

## Picture This; New business opens on Main Street

By Tony Hooker Staff Writer

There has been a flurry of business activity on Main Street in Villa Grove recently. Main Street Treasures is settling into their new facility in the old Collom Shoe Store location. Sam Laws has purchased the old Slender You location for an as yet undisclosed purpose, and Picture It Sold, which specializes in online consignment sales and other services, has opened its doors in the space formerly occupied by MST. I recently caught up with Jamie of Picture It Sold to learn more about the latest venture to come to Villa Grove.

1. What is the name of your new venture?

The name of the store is Picture It Sold, my son actually came up with the name after days of brainstorming! The reason for the name is that we take pictures of items and sell them online and in the store. We are located at 6 N. Main Street in Villa Grove.

2. What services do you offer?

We specialize in consignment both in store but especially online consignment. We take in items, photograph them and list them on eBay. Once the item sells we ship it to the buyer. We are also doing professional printing services, specializing in high quality invitations, flyers, business cards etc. all of the design work and printing

is done right in the store! If you're in need of Vape supplies, for example electronic cigarettes and the liquid that goes into them "juice", coils and glass, we have an entire section of the store dedicated to that.

3. Have you seen a demand for these services?

There is a high demand for online consignment. A lot of people have valuable items that they no longer want but do not have the time or know how to sell them online themselves. Selling on eBay can be very time consuming and there is quite a learning curve involved not to mention the multiple accounts that need to be set up in order to get started. We take all of the work out of it for our customers. Just come in and drop the items off and we'll take care of the rest.

As for the Vape supplies, there is a demand, as it has become a popular alternative to smoking and we are one of the only places within a 30 minute drive to get high quality supplies.

There is always a need for design and printing services, specializing in wedding invitations, bridal shower and baby announcements, business services etc., we have obtained a high end printer and plan on keeping it busy!

4. What are some of the unique features of your services?

Picture It Sold is the only



Picture It Sold, 6 N. Main Street in Villa Grove recently opened the door for business

consignment shop in town and the only online consignment shop in the immediate area. We have been able to get our consigners so much more money for their items than they would be able to get say from a garage sale or local "for sale" page or site. With eBay you have so many more opportunities to make the sale because of the large number of people shopping the site. We are offering some pretty unique items and have a lot of fun researching the various treasures people are bringing us and setting up the showroom - arranging and rearranging is something we do a lot of! The items people bring us are listed on eBay but are also in our store for sale for people who want to come in and shop.

5. Do you see future expansion opportunities?

Yes, we will eventually open our back room up for larger local consignment items such as furniture, heavy equipment and such. We are doing holiday and seasonal themed items in the store to give our customers a chance to shop here in town. For example we are obtaining gently used Prom dresses for the upcoming prom season. We are asking people to bring in their dresses and we will showcase them in our store. We will also have an area set up so that you can try the dress on. We have been promoting this on our Facebook site. Picture It Sold and Twitter: PictureItSold. For Halloween we will have unique costumes and of course we will be going all

out for Christmas at the store!

6. Will you be adding services in the future? If so, what are they?

We have thrown a couple of ideas out there, there is always room for change and we plan on evolving as we get new ideas and requests from our customers!

7. Is there anything that you would like to add?

We are proud to have another business open on Main Street here in Villa Grove. It seems to be becoming quite a trend that I would like to see continue. We are officially open now and will be having a huge celebration for our Grand Opening on Saturday, March 31. There will be a lot of giveaways and food. We hope to see you there!

## Council hires TIF consultant, sets cleanup days dates

By Tony Hooker Staff Writer

The Villa Grove city council met on March 12, 2018 for their regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting.

Mayor Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm, with Clerk Osborne calling the role. All were in attendance save alderman Stipp.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the council moved to go to executive session for personnel, and remained in closed session until 6:30 pm.

When the meeting reopened, the minutes from the 2/8 public works committee meeting, the 2/12 closed session, and the 2/26 regular and closed session meetings were approved.

Next, the council approved payment of claims in the amount of \$176,690.15, with all voting yes.

The council then moved to approve financial reports and after finding no public comments, moved on to the Engineering report. In the engi-

neer's absence, Mayor Gunter reported that at the Public Works committee meeting held earlier, Andy Kieser had stated that the loans for water plant construction were set to be approved in the next two weeks, and that construction was still scheduled to begin in April, with a target completion date of December.

The council then moved to regular business.

First, a vote to approve the hiring of a TIF consultant was tabled pending background checks. It was later reported at the Admin committee meeting, held on 3/15, that the firm under consideration, Moran Economic Development of Edwardsville, IL, had been fully vetted and would be hired, pending board approval.

The council then voted to approve changing office hours at city hall from 7-4 to 8-4. The move was made in order to allow the office staff an hour of uninterrupted work time each day, and

passed unanimously.

Next, the council noted that the Fire Department had been able to make early loan payoff to the State Bank for the recent purchase of the brush truck, thanks to generous donations from area residents and businesses.

Payment of claims in the amount of \$108.38 to Bud's Auto was then approved, with all voting yes save Alderman Allen, who recused himself.

The council then moved to committee reports. Alderman Blaney reported that the administrative and risk management committee was looking to draft five and ten year plans for the city and that the project to update job descriptions was ongoing. She also mentioned that plans were in the making for the first "Harvest Wine Festival", to be held in October at the Main Street Tennis court.

Alderman Allen, chair of the Community Development committee, then made

his report. He noted that plans were still in the offing for a Fishing tournament to be held at John Leon Park at the Reservoir. He also noted that Main Street had seen one business re-locate, one had moved in, and another was in the process of doing so.

Alderman Leon then opened his Emergency Services committee report by noting that the fire department was fully staffed for the first time in recent memory. He also noted that it was time to renew registration for golf carts. Chief Gire, who was in attendance as he normally is, noted that he would inspect vehicles at the owners' residence for those who have no way of transporting them to the station because of the restrictions that Route 130 presents.

Alderman Cheely then reported that the Franchise Development committee had set community cleanup days for June 22 and 23, and that residents should watch for

further information and developments.

There was no senior center report in Alderman Stipp's absence.

Mayor Gunter then opened her report by reminding citizens that dogs must remain on a leash at all times, per ordinance. A community member had contacted her concerning people letting their dogs run free on the Richman Park ball fields, and subsequently not cleaning up after them. She also noted that someone had told her that someone had voiced concerns about noise violations emanating from the skate park after dark, and that City Police would monitor the situation to ensure that all rules and laws were being followed. She also noted that the city hall renovation had been completed, and that the drop box was open in its former location. Finding no further business, the council moved to adjourn shortly after 7 pm.

## Camargo Township Library Mystery Play coming soon "Dinner at 8 Dead by 9"

Friends of the Camargo Township District Library 2nd annual Peggy Kramer Memorial Mystery Play "Dinner at 8 Dead by 9" will be held in the Villa Grove School cafeteria Saturday April 14th at 400 N Sycamore St Villa Grove, IL.

Although this is the second annual Peggy Kramer memorial mystery play, the friends of the Camargo Township District Library have been putting on a mystery play for many years under the direction of Peggy Kramer until her passing in 2016.

It was Peggy's passion for the library and community to do the mystery play, not only to raise funds for the friends of the library but also to provide some fun and entertainment for the community.

This year's cast under the direction of Dana Craig, Peggy's niece, will present "Dinner at Eight, Dead by Nine." This year will be a little different as we have moved to the Villa Grove School Cafeteria (for more

seating) and there will be a matinee show at 2pm. Our dinner and show will still be offered in the evening with the dinner being served from 5 to 6:30 with the play starting at 7 pm.

Ticket donations will be \$5.00 for the matinee show, snacks will be served

Ticket donations will be \$10.00 for the evening show with dinner included. Our dinner menu includes pulled pork, hotdogs, baked beans, cole slaw, chips and dessert with tea and lemonade provided.

You may also purchase a family 4 pack of tickets which includes the play and dinner for \$30.00

The all-star cast with some fun members of our community include:

Nick Quartermaine-Lon Tay  
Maggie-Cecile Cassida  
Ramon-Mel Rauckman  
Eleanor VanHeusen-Jane Cahan  
Nora DuMond-Sherri Reifsteck



"Dinner at 8 Dead By 9" Cast Members for the annual Camargo Township District Library Mystery Play and Dinner. Photo courtesy Camargo Township District Library.

Darby-Marie Kingery  
Tommy-Carter Smith  
Hadley-Bridget Schott  
Desmond-Brian Frick  
Detective Bungler-Tony Hooker

Dr. Rank-Kyle McColgan  
We also will have a raffle and auction on many items donated by business and folks from our community. Look next week for a list of those items which are on display at the library.



Tony and Peggy Kramer

