

Mayor Gunter and VG Senior Center Host Inter-Generational Groups and Agencies

By Bill Price, Staff Writer
Mayor Cassandra Eversole-Gunter welcomed the Inter-Generational Groups and Agencies to the Villa Grove Senior Center February 12. Intergenerational is people of different ages working together to learn about and from each other to build stronger organizations and communities.

Today's guest include Nita Skeels, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, Regional Supervisor, Shelly Tolly, Sarah Bush Lincoln Home Delivered Meal Coordinator, Darrell Griffith, Alderman Ward 2 and Chairperson of the Senior Center Committee, Robin Cowman, Peace Meal Program Site Director, Sara Jones, Villa Grove 302 High School Principal, Tish Gulick, Chix In Training, Rebekah Hopkins,

Chix In Training, Jane Ann Faust, Retired Teacher, Jackie Wells, Camargo Township District Library, Amanda Minor, Douglas County Health Department, Jacki Athey, Villa Grove City Administrator, and Bill Duey, Fit-2-Serve

Mayor Gunter had meetings over the previous months with some of the attendees here today. She and Amanda Minor, Douglas County Health Department, also met with Superintendent Norm Tracy and School Board President Jim Clark from the Villa Grove Community Unit School District# 302. Topics of discussion included the available space that will be created when the Mayor and Council offices move to the Water Treatment Plant in May and the needs of the Senior Center.

Nita Skeels, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, Regional Supervisor and Shelly Tolly, Sarah Bush Lincoln Home Delivered Meal Coordinator use Outreach to contact all ages and bring attention to the things that we do.

- Reconnecting with those that one time were part of the program

- Rebranding of the name Senior Center and to bring into focus what the purpose and function of the Center will be to the community.

- Use the resources that are available through Sarah Bush Lincoln to reach the goals that are set.

- Peace Meal requests a donation of \$3.50 per meal. No one will be refused meals due to the inability to donate.

Jackie Wells Camargo Township District Library stressed the importance of senior center leaders to be creative and market programs that will appeal to seniors. Some of the programs she mentioned were exercise, health needs, social activities and entertainment. These are the things that will promote attendance and retention of members.

Amanda Minor, Douglas County Health Department related the programs the Health Department has for everyone. Some of these are income based however many or not.

Bill Duey, Fit-2-Serve and the Inter-Generational Learning IGL, talked about the many things these organizations do in the schools and community with all age groups.

Robin Cowman, Villa Grove Peace Meal came on board January 22 as the new Site Director. The resources available to her from the group here today will be a tool she will use in the growing of the Villa Grove Senior Center.

Holding It All Together

by Amy McCollom



Why Didn't I Think Of That

I could have been a millionaire. I had pet rocks WAY before anyone decided to make it a salable product. I also saw a cabbage patch doll on a toy store shelf long before they became famous. I thought to myself then, "Those are really different, I bet those will be very popular." But I was too young and poor to buy stock in the company. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles; same thing. I knew from the get-go that they were going to be a big hit too.

I have thought of a lot of inventions that I could have made, but you have to have a lot of money and a team of people who believe in your dream to make inventions happen. I have neither. That is what makes it even more frustrating when a clever new product comes out and someone near me says, "Why didn't I think of that!" And under my breath I say to myself, "I did."

Then last night, I was watching a show on Netflix, about an airport in New Zealand and I saw this product that I didn't know existed. Snake gaiters. They are heavy-duty bite-proof sleeves that you put on your legs to keep from getting snakebit on your legs. They also have snake sleeves for your arms too. Why didn't I know about these?

It was late, but I didn't care. I had to know more about these. There are all kinds of them available. Some are even made of kevlar. Some aren't very expensive either. They have sleeves to prevent cuts on your hands and arms when working with metal too. I thought back to all the times I went blackberry pick-

ing and came home looking like I had been armwrestling with Edward Scissorhands.

I could think of so many ways that sleeves and gaiters like that would come in handy. The possibilities are endless. Think of all of the target markets they are missing: gardeners, dog trainers or walkers or groomers, mail carriers and other delivery services, pest control services, animal control officers, forest rangers, child-care workers, or anyone else who might get bit or scratched by something. They need better advertising, that is for sure.

If I had owned a set of these when I was younger, there would have been no stopping me. I would have been fearless. The world would have been mine!

Necessity is truly the mother of invention. The other day I was complaining that there wasn't an app for my phone that would do a certain thing I wanted it to do, and my brother said, "So create one." I smiled to myself. Now why didn't I think of that.

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