

# It's Piatt County Fair Time

May is almost over, and when June comes, it's time for the Piatt County Fair! The Fair Board has been working on some activities that we hope will draw people to our grounds. This year we have more events during the day on Saturday.

The Fair kicks off Thursday night with the Beer Barn opening and Go-Kart races. Vendors will be open for eating, shopping, and games.

Friday evening's main event is the ITPA tractor pull, always entertaining and exciting. We will have inflatables from Action Inflatables Mega Events on the grounds Friday, starting at 5:00, for the enjoyment of the young and the young-at-heart. The non-livestock entries (juniors and adults) come in Friday evening, and the Dairy show is Friday morning. If you haven't entered yet, and want to, get your entries in NOW. Later in the evening Antics will be in the Beer Barn. If you have paid for tractor

pull admittance, there is no additional cover charge for the Beer Barn; otherwise, it is \$2, and no one under 21 is allowed in after 9:00 p.m.

Saturday morning starts off with the Judging of all non-livestock exhibits—juniors and adults—and the Swine Show. Breakfast items will be sold by at least one of our vendors. Available all day will be the Inflatables. Also in the morning will be registration and start of the Capital City Cornhole bags tournament. Check their facebook page for more information. Then at 10:00 is the finale of the Cheerleading Clinic, led by the CGHS cheerleaders. At 11:00 we continue the activities for the young ones with Celebrate Our Youth where we feature different age levels and "interview" each child. The kids are on stage, each one receiving something for their efforts. This year we have a Parade of Babies! The different age groups of babies will

be judged. Older children get a chance to be on stage too but they will not be judged—just have fun. Tina Bolsen (217-620-8185) can be contacted for further information and registration. Next up is the Cerro Gordo PreSchool Kickball Tournament. Contact Brittany (217-972-9005) for more information and to register your team. We also expect to have talks/demonstrations by Master Gardeners & Naturalists in the afternoon. At night we will have Wreckless Whiskey playing in the Beer Barn. There is a \$2 cover charge and no one under 21 will be allowed in after 9:00 p.m.

Sunday's events begin with the Beef show and then the Piatt County Outlaw Hookers antique tractor pull. If you like antique tractors, you will want to see the ones that show up for this pull. The pullers and their families have a great time; antique tractor lovers will too. There is no admittance charge for this pull.

As always, the Fair Board is all volunteers, and we can use more. If you are interested in helping us out, let us know. You can contact Tina (number above) or message us via our Piatt County Fair facebook page. We also have a web page: [www.piattcountyfair.com](http://www.piattcountyfair.com)

See you at the Fair!

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 29, 2019, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Douglas County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Homer Chix in Training, located at 14 Nightingale Circle, Camargo, Illinois, which certificate sets forth the owners as follows: Audra Cisna.

Dated May 29, 2019.

Judi L. Pollock  
County Clerk

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# Holding It All Together

by Amy McCollom



Take Me Home  
It might be many years from now, but all of the recent graduates of Villa Grove High School will someday realize they are homesick. The world awaits them, and roads and pathways are pointing a thousand different directions, beckoning for their first step. What choices our young people have! What an age of information that we never had the privilege utilizing when we started out on our own! Oh, the opportunities that are afforded to the next generation are astounding! Still, the seed remains from where they grew, no matter how far they soar, their roots will always remind them of home.

Uncle Jim McCollom, who passed away this past January, never forgot his roots. Even though life's business took him and his family clear to Texas, he loved Villa Grove and he and his family came back to visit many, many times. He always looked forward to family reunions, or any reason, to come back home to Villa Grove.

Villa Grove held a lot of memories for Jim. His childhood explorations down by the river, his school years playing every sport possible and excelling in them, starting his family, and watching his 10 older siblings do all of the same things. Jim understood the value in the simple things.

Though later when he and his family had moved to Houston, and Dallas, Texas, they enjoyed those places and his travels led to Jim's journey to becoming a very successful man of the ministry of Christ, there was that seed left in his heart that kept calling him back to his roots. This past weekend Jim came home to

Villa Grove one last time, this time brought by his widow, Wilma, and attended by his 5 children, family and friends. Beautiful words were spoken about Jim, of devotion, love, kindness, work ethic, humor, and grace. And I couldn't help but think that just maybe he got a little bit of all those good things from his roots, good ole Villa Grove.

Villa Grove is not glamorous or glitzy. It is not on the top 100 places to visit in Illinois. As far as I know, there is not any historical sites or points of interest in town. Villa Grove is prone to flooding, long trains, stinky water, and bad press due to most of the aforementioned reasons. There is no McDonald's or Burger King, no Walmart, and no mall.

So what is so great about Villa Grove? I can sit in my house with the windows open and listen to the birds sing in the morning and not worry that someone is going to cut my screen and steal my TV and stereo. I can sit on the front porch in my rocking chair with my grandchildren and not worry about a stray bullet coming from a car driving by my house. My kids can walk up town and get a Polar Pop with their friends, stop at Harrison park and sit on the picnic tables and talk, and still get home safely. The school system did a wonderful job working with my autistic daughter, and I proudly watched her graduate with her class a week ago. My other 2 kids love going to school here. Everybody looks out for everybody else.

We have a great library just 3 blocks away with computer access and tons of public programs all summer long. The local grocery store has some of the best meat around and the meat guy is very friendly and helpful. If you need something from Walmart but don't want to go that far, there is a Dollar General that probably has about the same thing. If you are hungry, there is Monicals, the mexican restaurant, SubWay, Casey's pizza, and the grocery store deli. You will not starve. As far as waiting on trains, the graffiti alone can keep you entertained, and waiting on a train is one of the best places to go talk to people you haven't seen in a while. Turn off your car first. We're all in this together, why not just make the best of it.

Yes, Villa Grove is a nice place to live. It is just far enough out of the bigger cities to provide a safe haven, yet close enough for a short commute to work. You can still get a gallon of milk, a hot hamburger, or a package of underwear here. There are 3 nice parks, baseball fields, walking paths, a skate park, and a great public library. We are soon to have better water too! So next time you think of John Denver and his famous song, Country Roads, think of Villa Grove. Because that is where they take me home.

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Monday  
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Monday—Friday  
Ladies Prayer Group—9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday  
Youth Service—7:00-8:00 p.m.  
Thursday  
Bible Study—7:30 p.m.  
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Minister—Mike Zylstra  
e-mail: [fccvgmin@frontier.com](mailto:fccvgmin@frontier.com)  
Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Celebration 9:30a.m.  
Age 4-5th Grade  
Sunday Morning Celebration Leaders:  
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Sunday School—10:45 a.m.  
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Email: [secretary.vgumc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.vgumc@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.vgumcweb.org](http://www.vgumcweb.org)  
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9:15 am Sunday School For All Ages  
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Church—832-9388  
e-mail: [umccamargo@gmail.com](mailto:umccamargo@gmail.com)  
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Sunday 10:00am  
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Wed Eve 1st - 8th grade 6:30 - 7:20  
and 9th - 12th 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

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Service Times  
**Sunday**  
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Soul Cafe- 9am-9:45  
Worship & Service—10:00 a.m.  
RUSH Youth Group  
1st & 3rd Sunday 5-7pm  
Celebrate Recovery 7:15pm  
**Wednesday**  
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**Thursday**  
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