



Village of Philo

News from the Best Little Town in Illinois

Spring - 2019

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

By: Larry Franks

It is with very heavy heart we said good-bye to our long time village Trustee and close personal friend John Mumma on Friday, February 22, 2019 at a memorial service held in the R. E. Franks Meeting Center/Thelma Melohn gymnasium. John was a lifelong resident of the area and an active member of the community from being on the fire department to coaching softball. He was passionate about the Village of Philo and making it the best community for ALL of our citizens. Personally, and speaking for the Board of Trustees he will be greatly missed in the community. Please share with me in extending our heartfelt sympathies to his wife Brenda, and daughters Misty, Robin and Kristen and all of his grandchildren.

IN OTHER VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

From the meeting minutes:

December- The annual Tax Levy and 2019 Meeting dates ordinances were passed.

January- After the Planning Commission on the variance for the St. Thomas parking area the Board voted unanimously to approve. Heaters in the R.E. Franks Center are in need of replacing. Work continues on a village employee policy manual. The sheriff's office contract was presented for approval.

February-- Minutes will be approved at the March board meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in the Eileen Painter Room of the R. E. Franks Meeting Center. Meeting minutes are posted on the Village web site www.villageofphilo.com under the Village Board tab after they are approved at the following monthly meeting.

BRUSH PICK-UP RESUMES

The 2019 seasonal brush pick-up will begin on April 1 weather permitting. Pick-ups are done on the 1st and 15th of each month through December 1. If those dates fall on a weekend, the pick-up will be the following Monday.

Use paper bags for plant material 12 inches or smaller.

Stack limbs that are 12 to 60 inches in length.

Cut items that are longer than 60 inches.

Cut wood limbs that are greater than 6 inches in diameter into 3 foot or less length pieces and separate.

If you have questions, please contact Dave Traxler at 684-2674.

Community Clean-Up Day Scheduled

Mark your calendars for the spring clean-up and recycling day on Saturday, May 4 from 7:00 am - Noon at the corner of Washington St. and Adams on the Premier Cooperative lot. Reminder: this event is open to Philo residents only.

Summer Ball Sign-Ups

Sign-ups were held in February. Check out the Park District web page for more information or if you missed the sign-up dates. www.philosports.com.

Burning Regulations

Residents may burn leaves, sticks and other plants grown or generated in the Village of Philo in a safe manner during daylight hours. Do not burn wet leaves. Keep culverts and drains clear of debris.

Pool Fence Ordinance (2005-523)

The Village of Philo has an ordinance requiring anyone with an above ground swimming pool to have a fence that extends at least 2' above the exterior of the pool and have a locking gate. For in ground pools the fence must be at least 4' in height from the ground.

Transient/Solicitation/Peddlers Permits

The Village has an ordinance for door-to-door sales. Persons wishing to go door-to-door for solicitation are required to obtain a permit from the village office. This does not apply to schools, Scouts and other local fundraising groups. Solicitation hours are 8:00am to 8:00pm and the permit is \$10 per person per day. Solicitors are issued a permit that they must carry with them while in the village.

Exercise with Safety in Mind

It's that time of year when the weather warms up, people start getting out and walking, running or riding bikes. Please consider wearing a safety vest, carrying a light and wearing light colored or high visibility clothing. Drivers, be alert and share the road.

Local Election to fill Three Trustee Seats

Elections for three village Trustee seats will be held on Tuesday, April 2. Current Village Trustees up for re-election are Paul Brady, Rachael Garrett and Steve Messman.

Trustees serve a four year term. As the election approaches, the ballot sample and candidate listing will be available on the Champaign County Clerk website, ChampaignCountyClerk.com.



Support the Philo Fire Department

O'Philo Fest -- The Philo Fire Department is hosting their annual Corn Beef & Cabbage lunch on Sunday, March 17 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at the Philo Tavern. They are also holding a cash raffle. Contact one of the firemen for more details.

Friday Night Fish Fry

Beginning Friday, March 12 the Philo Knights of Columbus will be serving fried fish sandwiches, coleslaw and baked beans after Stations of the Cross. Food service will begin at approximately 6:30 each Friday night of Lent with the last Friday being April 12. The event is open to the public.

Annual Philo Area Easter Egg Hunt --

Location Change

Philo 4-H Friends will be hosting the annual Easter egg hunt at 1:00pm (sharp) on Saturday, April 20 outside on the grounds of the **R. E. FRANKS MEETING CENTER**. The Easter bunny will be on hand for pictures and there will be face painting. The event is free to children pre-school through 4th grade. Bring a basket or other container for collecting eggs. Please do not bring your pets.

Unity Music Booster Events

Thursday, March 7 is the **Fine Arts Festival** at Unity High School. The Festival show cases the talents of the students in everything from wood working, art, flower design to shows by musical groups in the auditorium.

April 11 - 13 Unity High School presents All Shook Up musical as their **spring play** in the high school auditorium.

Unity Music Boosters will be hosting **Jazz & Java** on Thursday, May 16 @ 6:00pm. Coffee and desserts will be available for a minimal fee during performances by Unity High School and Jr. High Music groups. The performances are free and open to the public.

Check out the web site at www.unitymusicboosters.org for full details and other Jr. High and High School events.

Philo America Legion Sets Meeting Dates

The Philo American Legion has set their 2019 meeting dates. They will meet on March 19, May 21, May 27 Memorial Day*, July 16, September 17 and November 19. All regular meetings begin at 6:30pm. The legion is looking for new members.

Philo Kids Festival - SAVE THE DATE- August 17



John Mumma

PHILO — John Mumma, 67, of Philo passed away Wednesday (Feb. 13, 2019) in Seymour, Ind.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2019, at Franks Center, 127 Washington St., Philo, with the Rev. Jeff Stahl officiating. Burial will be in Locust Grove Cemetery, Philo. There will be an informal celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019, at Misty and Jeremy's house, 1170 County Road 1900 East, Sidney. Freese Funeral Home, Sidney, is assisting with arrangements.

John was born Oct. 30, 1951, in Champaign. He married Brenda Dallas on Jan. 17, 1976, in Tuscola. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Misty (Jeremy) Nelson of Sidney, Robin (Cory) Duitsman of Philo and Kristin Stratton of Philo; seven grandchildren, Kayla Nelson, Bradey Duitsman, Chloey Duitsman, Tanner Nelson, Kinzey Duitsman, Michelle Stratton and Faith Stratton; father and mother-in-law, Jim and Helen Dallas; a cousin, Bob Stahl; and several brothers- and sisters-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was a lifelong farmer in the Philo and Sidney area. He worked with the Philo Fire Department, was a Philo village trustee, president of the Philo Park Board and Bill Huss Chapel Cemetery, on the Locust Grove Cemetery board and a member of the Unity Alumni Athletic Association (UAAA). He was also on the Illinois Tractor Pulling Association Board before becoming vice president. He was also a flagman and a tech official for the ITPA. He served on the U.S. Association of Pullers Board. He became a competing member of the ITPA and USAP in 2009. He was a two-time Pro Pulling League Champion and multitime ITPA Champion.

He enjoyed wintering in Florida near Fort Myers Beach. He coached his daughters in softball. He loved his grandchildren and going to their sporting events.

He enjoyed the St. Louis Cardinals, Illini Sports, Unity Rockets and NASCAR. He loved truck and tractor pulling and drag racing.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be made to Mills Breast Cancer Center or UAAA.

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