

# Bismarck Village News

February 2020



# 2020

## Calendar

- **Wednesday**  
February 12th-  
Water Board  
Meeting  
7:00pm-8:30pm
- **Tuesday February**  
18th- Village of  
Bismarck Meeting  
6:30pm

## HOLIDAYS

February 2-  
Groundhog  
day/SuperBowl

February 14-  
Valentines Day

February 17-  
Presidents  
Day

February 29-  
Leap Day



## Upcoming Events/News

★ **Bismarck Girl Scouts Troop 2042- Drive Through Girl Scout Cookies!!** Yes, you read that correctly!! On Saturday, February 8th, 2020 from 9am-12noon, Drive by the

## February 2020 Welcome

Happy February Bismarck residents!! The Village of Bismarck President, Trustees, Clerk and Treasurer hope you are having a great start to the year so far. As you know we rolled out a newsletter last month and this is our 2nd one of the year!! The newsletter will be intended to bring you information in an additional source and to allow our village residents to also participate by submitting news and events they would like to let our community know about. Thank you all for those who have liked our facebook page and those that have enjoyed the January Newsletter. Please remember to follow us on our facebook page @bismarckvillage and our website villageofbismarck.org.

## Message from President/Mayor Mike Brown-

Hello Residents of Bismarck. For those that do not know me, my name is Mike Brown and I am the current Village of Bismarck President/Mayor. I was born and raised on South St in this great Village of Bismarck. In 1972, I moved to Henning, IL and then to Danville in early 1990. In 2015, my wife Robin and I decided to move back to my hometown of Bismarck. I retired from Hyster-Yale Group in 2016 after a little over 45 years of service in Computer Management. My wife, Robin (Our first lady) and I have five children and 8 grandchildren between us ranging in age from 43 years old to 1 year. Talk about staying busy! We enjoy spending our time with family, friends and grandkids. We enjoy fishing, I am a lover of all sports... I am an avid U of I fan and have been to several Hockey games. The Village of Bismarck is my home and I am honored to be able to serve as your President/ Mayor. When I decided to take on this position as your President/Mayor, I did so with the belief that with all of us as a community, we can make positive changes and improvements to the current infrastructure of our Village. One of the most important tasks that is on my priority list is to examine the storm water concern that the village has had and continues to have and find a solution that is best for our community as a whole. The importance of this infrastructure, as prior Mayors have said, is a priority for the Village. This remains a priority for me as your President/Mayor. I believe that we can make the necessary changes with the support and collaboration of the community, as we work together as one. We have such a strong community with our residents and I am amazed daily on what our community does for those around us. I can only imagine what we can do together when we put our minds to something. I welcome any resident to stop by the Village office and/or attend our Board meetings, held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. We would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions.

## Bismarck Village News and Updates

The Village of Bismarck Trustees would like to introduce the newest member of our Board, Mr. Adam Muehl. Mr. Muehl is the new Village of Bismarck Treasurer and has been appointed to replace outgoing Treasurer Ms. Valerie Moss. The Village Board is grateful for all the hard work and time that Valerie put in for the residents of Bismarck during her tenure at the Village office in her capacity as Clerk and most recently as Treasurer. The Village Board is extremely excited to

Bismarck Elementary School and pick up Girl Scout Cookies without getting out of your car!! So many varieties and \$5.00 a box.

★ **Bismarck Rec League-** It's that time of year again! Sign-ups for Bismarck Little League tee ball, baseball, and softball will be on Saturday February 22, 2020 and Saturday February 29, 2020 from 9am-1pm in the BHRA high school commons area. Those interested in coaching should come sign up those days as well. Online sign-ups will be available in addition to in-person sign-ups. See the Bismarck Rec League FB page: @youthbaseballandsoftball for more information.

★ **Free Tax Preparation from The Volunteering Income Tax Preparation Program (VITA)** is accepting appointments for families with income up to \$55,000 and Seniors 65 and older:

The program will begin February 3rd, 2020 and run through April 9th, 2020. Sites are at East Central Illinois Community Action Agency, Danville Public Library and Georgetown High School. Please call 217-554-9137 for appointment.

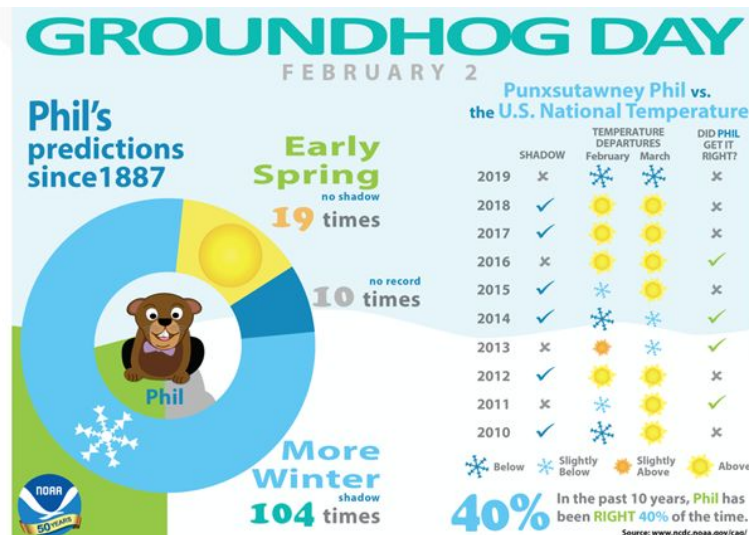
have Adam join the Village of Bismarck and in being a part of the future of Bismarck. WELCOME MR. ADAM MUEHL!!



Mr. Adam Muehl (middle) shown with President Brown and Trustee Mrs. Mary Potter.

Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow Sunday morning, meaning it's an early Spring for all of us here in Bismarck. I mean he can't be wrong, right?? This is science we are talking about here! So it got me wondering how accurate he has been over the years and if I am wondering, I bet many of you are too!!

How Accurate has Punxsutawney Phil been over the years? Here you go!



For just the 20th time in 124 years of recorded history, Phil was unable to find his shadow during the festive annual ceremony held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. He has a whopping record of being accurate 40% of the time in the last 9 years, BUT, I am not going to let this get me down.... SPRING is on the WAY!!



**February is American Heart Month:** A time dedicated to raising awareness of heart disease, the nation's leading cause of death. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both American men and women. So it's good news that February is National Heart Month, since it inspires us to examine one of the most pressing health concerns in the United States and to make positive changes to

## Bismarck Sports

### Girls Basketball (BHRA)

2/6/20- Armstrong-Potomac  
JV/VAR Away 6pm

2/10/20- Regional VAR TBA  
2/17/20- Sectional VAR TBA  
2/25/20- Super Sectional VAR  
TBA  
2/27/20- State VAR TBA

### Boys Basketball (BHRA)

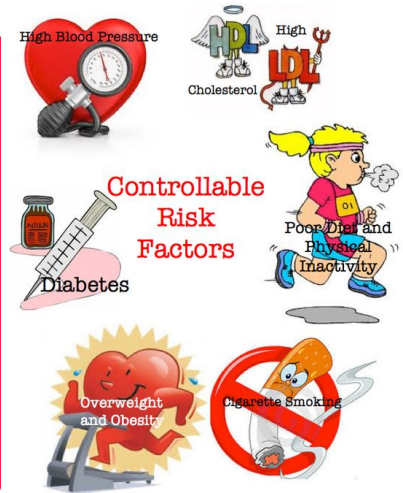
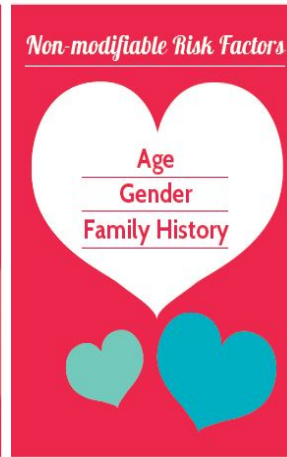
2/4/20- GRF- JV/VAR H 6pm  
2/7/20- Schlarman JV/VAR A  
6pm  
2/11/20- Hoopston JV/VAR A  
6pm  
2/14/20- Milford JV/VAR H  
6pm  
2/15/20- DHS Shootout VAR A  
11a  
2/18/20- Salt Fork JV/VAR H  
6pm  
2/21/20- Armstrong-Potomac  
JV/VAR A 6pm  
2/24/20- Regional VAR TBA

### Wrestling (BHRA)

2/8/20- Regional TBA  
2/14/20- Sectional TBA  
2/20/20- State TBA  
2/26/20- Team Sectional  
TBA  
2/29/20- Team State TBA

our lifestyles. February also hosts Valentine's Day, so it's a good match.

We've Got This! Uncontrolled high blood pressure, or hypertension, is dangerous and far too common. In fact, 1 of 3 adults in the United States has the condition. High blood pressure usually has no signs or symptoms, but it does have consequences. Schedule your check-up this month.



## Free NEW CPR App Available in Vermilion County



A free cell phone app that alerts users to active cardiac arrest incidents in their area has launched in Vermilion County. OSF HealthCare started the PulsePoint app service in the area Friday morning.

PulsePoint uses emergency dispatch to send notifications to cell phones. Anyone can then head to the location where they can help the person in need. Nathan Gorman is the EMS coordinator with OSF.

Gorman said PulsePoint will only show cardiac arrests in an outside location so that people are not entering houses. Anyone can download PulsePoint. It is free and is relatively easy to use, according to Gorman. Users will see a map and reports of active heart attacks along with inactive ones. OSF medical director Dr. Kurt Bloomstrand said getting the word out about the app will help save lives. PulsePoint launched in Champaign County two years ago, and Gorman said at least two people have been saved by CPR based on the app.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE THIS APP ON YOUR PHONE AND NEED HELP DOWNLOADING PLEASE STOP BY THE VILLAGE OFFICE DURING CLERK HOURS AND WE WILL SEE IF WE CAN ASSIST YOU!

### Links:

[https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/american\\_heart\\_month.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/american_heart_month.htm)

<https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/education-and-awareness/heart-truth/listen-to-our-heart>

# February is Earthquake Preparedness Month in Illinois

**\*New- Village Clerk  
Office Hours:  
(January 6th-April  
30th, 2020)**

**Every  
Tuesday:  
6:30pm-8:30p**

**Every  
Friday:  
3:30pm-4:30p**

**Every Other  
Saturday:  
9am-11am**

- **January 18th**
- **February 1st**
- **February 15th**
- **February 29th**
- **March 14th**  
(will not be in)
- **March 28th**
- **April 11th**
- **April 25th**

## Village Needs

We would LOVE to hear from you!! Please forward any praises, concerns or suggestions to any Board member. If your business or organization has an upcoming event and you would like it to be listed in an upcoming newsletter and on facebook, please email Village Clerk, Brandye Kizer, at [bismarckclerk@gmail.com](mailto:bismarckclerk@gmail.com) or bring to Village Office.

SPRINGFIELD, IL – While some hazards such as storms, tornadoes and floods can be forecasted in order to provide advance notice to residents in an area of danger, other hazards such as earthquakes cannot be predicted. Records indicate Illinois, and several other states in the central United States, experienced some of the largest earthquakes ever measured in North America. In recognition of the earthquake risk still posed today by the New Madrid and Wabash Valley seismic zones, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and local emergency management agencies will promote earthquake preparedness throughout February.

Each year the Illinois Emergency Management Agency leads an initiative to register homes, businesses, schools and organizations in the world's largest earthquake drill. This year's earthquake drill will take place on Thursday, October 15 at 10:15 a.m. It's never too early to register your participation in this potentially life-saving event. Register today at [www.shakeout.org](http://www.shakeout.org).

Learn more about how you can prepare your home, business and family for an earthquake at [www.Ready.Illinois.gov](http://www.Ready.Illinois.gov). Earthquake safety tips will also be posted throughout February on the Ready Illinois Facebook ([www.facebook.com/ReadyIllinois](http://www.facebook.com/ReadyIllinois)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/ReadyIllinois](http://www.twitter.com/ReadyIllinois)) pages.

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