

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Granville blood drive set Nov. 28

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Putnam County High School, 402 E. Silverspoon Ave. in Granville.

The Red Cross urges blood and platelet donors to make and keep donation appointments to help hospitals restock blood products for patients ahead of the holiday season.

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially type-O blood donors and those giving platelets, to help recover from a shortfall in donations throughout the late summer and fall.

To schedule an appointment to give, download the Red Cross Blood

Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

All who give blood from Nov. 10 to 30 will receive an exclusive pair of "Elf"-themed Red Cross socks while supplies last.

Visit RedCrossBlood.org/Elf for details.

Putnam County library to transition to Vega Discover

The Putnam County Public Library District announced Nov. 30 it will be transitioning from PrairieCat's Encore for patrons to the new Vega Discover interface for patrons.

Vega will allow patrons to place holds, check what items they have

checked out and search for items (books, movies, magazines, music, library of things items, etc.).

After Nov. 30, patrons will no longer be able to use Encore services. All saved bookmarks and holds will be transferred to Vega. For information on Vega, the library district has branches at each branch.

Putnam County students can participate in Rotary Summer Youth Exchange Program

Is it too early to think spring? Not for Putnam County students who might want to participate in the Rotary's Summer Youth Exchange Program.

The exchange program pairs stu-

dents from Putnam County with students in Europe to spend about eight weeks together next summer – four weeks together here and four weeks together overseas. Students can pick from several countries, including Germany, France, Spain and Italy.

There is no language requirement, as students are generally placed with English-speaking families.

The Putnam County Rotary funds the administrative and orientation costs; families are responsible for travel expenses and the costs associated with hosting the paired student when here. For information, email PutnamCountyRotary@gmail.com.

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50th Anniversary Open House and December Discounts AT THE HENNEPIN PARK DISTRICT SWIMMING POOL

During the month of December receive a discount on 15 swim passes and 6 month memberships \$5 off any 15 swim pass • \$10 off an individual 6 month membership \$15 off a family 6 month membership • Limit 1 pass per person
Swim passes make great gifts for your favorite swimmers! We have gift certificates available.

