

# Shaw Media names Hosey executive editor

Will oversee news operations across northern Illinois

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Joseph Hosey has returned to Shaw Media as executive editor for the company's news operations.

Hosey previously was with Shaw Media as editor of The Herald-News in Joliet from 2018 to 2022. He left to become executive editor of The Times of Northwest Indiana, a position he held until returning to Shaw this week.

"I'm really glad to be back with Shaw Media," Hosey said. "It's a great company, and I'm looking forward to working with this talented team."

Hosey also was a reporter for The Her-

ald-News from 1999 to 2010, a period in which he reported on the disappearance of former Bolingbrook police officer Drew Peterson's wife and the death of his previous wife. Hosey's investigation into the Peterson matter led to his book "Fatal Vows: The Tragic Wives of Sergeant Drew Peterson" and a Lifetime movie adapting the book.

"We are very fortunate that Joe agreed to return to Shaw Media," said John Rung, president and CEO of Shaw Media. "He did a tremendous job for us as a reporter and an editor for The Herald-News. We were sorry to see him go, but he gained tremendous experience



Joe Hosey

working for Lee Enterprises in northwest Indiana. I look forward to working with Joe as we strive to better serve readers across northern Illinois."

Shaw Media owns newspapers and radio stations across northern Illinois and in Iowa, serving markets in 17 counties with editorial content devoted primarily to local news.

Hosey's past experience includes work as a reporter in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and Lincoln, Illinois.

His work as a journalist has been recognized with several awards, including the National Press Club John Aubuchon Press Freedom Award. He was inducted into the Northern Illinois University Journalism Hall of Fame.

Hosey is originally from Queens, New York.

He lives in New Lenox with his family.

## PUTNAM COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER

Find a golden ticket in the Putnam County libraries throughout September and receive a prize.

The library district will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, for Labor Day. Facilities will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Here is the schedule for September 2024.

**7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19: Nobody's Fool: Why We Get Taken In and What We Can Do About It.** The library, in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Illinois Mis/Disinformation Task Force and multiple Illinois libraries, will virtually host Professor Daniel Simons, co-author of "Nobody's Fool: Why We Get Taken In and What We Can Do About It." This program is free and open to the public. It will be presented virtually via Zoom. Registration is required.

**6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24: Thanks to Her: Finding Power and Inspiration in Your Family Photos.** Author and former photojournalist Kathleen Geraghty will tell the story of her book, "Thanks to Her: Finding Power and Inspiration in Your Family Photos," and how it began with a humble garage sale and morphed into a multifaceted research project. More than a recap of American history, from the 1900s to the 1950s, "Thanks to Her," is a metaphorical snapshot of women's lives during that period. This program is free and open to the public. It will be presented virtually via Zoom. Registration is required.

### Hennepin, 214 N. Fourth St.

**6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5: Honeybees.** Jason Spradling is a local beekeeper that will discuss what it is like to take care of bee hives

and collect honey. Local honey will be available to purchase after the program.

**4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12: Fall Scented Candles Workshop, teens/adults.**

**6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18: Putnam County Book Club, Join the library and share your ideas.** The library and patrons choose books together and look forward to completing the list for the next year. Looking forward to sharing enthusiasm for books. Follow the group on Facebook.

**5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20: Teen After Hours Gaming, 13 and older.** Nintendo Switch on the big screen, with games and food.

**Friday, Sept. 20, and Saturday, Sept. 21: Book sale, stop by the library to pick up books during the townwide garage sales.**

**Saturday, Sept. 21: Hocus Pocus Hags.** The famous local witch dance group will perform during the Hennepin Blues and Brats Festival. Time TBA.

**All fall: Lego challenges.** Stop by and pick up a new challenge card to build something new.

**All fall: Fall Tranquil Coloring Pages.** Stop by to pick up coloring pages for all ages.

**Sept. 9-13: Cricut MakerSpace.** Learn how to use the Cricut Maker on select Thursdays and Fridays. Crafty adults and teens welcome. All day event. Call ahead. This month is a fall wreath.

### Granville, 214 S. McCoy St.

**6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3: Apollo to Artemis: Lunar Explorations.** From Pioneer to Apollo and now to Artemis, NASA's missions to the moon have produced unthinkable scientific and engineering achievements, incredible triumphs and heartbreak-

ing tragedies. In celebration of Observe the Moon Night, NASA Solar System Ambassador Scott Pellican will look back and ahead to exploration of Earth's celestial neighbor. This program also will include a chance for the public to see actual lunar rocks and meteorites on loan from NASA's Astromaterials Research & Exploration Science Lunar and Meteorite Sample Disk Program.

**10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 14: New Community Room Open House.** Stop by to see the new community room in the back of the library.

**All month: Lego Challenge.** See how tall patrons can make the library Lego tower.

**1 p.m. each Tuesday: Check Out Our Library of Things Together**

**1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, and Monday, Sept. 23: Book Discussion Group.** No assigned book to read. Group directed. Instead, share your insights, opinions and views. Make recommendations.

**11 a.m. Wednesdays: Story time.** The library will share a story, enjoy a snack and offer related art activities.

**3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays: After School Art Explorers.** Art materials available after school

### Putnam, 105 N. Center St.

**9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1: Books and Brunch.** Food, Books, and Friends

### Magnolia, 112 N. Chicago St.

**Saturday, Sept. 14: Guess How Many Candy Corn Pieces In the Jar,** all ages.

**Saturday, Sept. 28: Blind Date with a Book,** all ages.

## LOCAL NEWS BRIEF

### Putnam County VFW to host picnic for veterans in Granville

**Editor's Note:** An article in the Aug. 21 edition of the Putnam County Record included

incorrect information about the picnic. It is for veterans and their families only.

The Putnam County VFW Post 8324 invites all Putnam County veterans and their families

to a picnic from noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at 401 Laughlin Ave., Granville.

There will be food and games for all ages.  
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