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## Marshall-Putnam County 4-H member joins Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team

### Carlson to serve on team for next 2 years

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Marshall-Putnam County 4-H member, Ryan Carlson, has been selected for the 2025 Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team.

Over the next two years, Carlson will be representing his club (Marshall-Putnam County Henry Guys & Gals 4-H Club), Marshall-Putnam County, and Illinois 4-H at various 4-H events.

The Youth Leadership Team offers 4-H members and recent 4-H alumni an opportunity to give back to the 4-H program while enhancing their leadership skills. The team actively assists the State 4-H Office in planning, implementing and evaluating various 4-H events and activities,

representing Illinois at the National 4-H Conference, and serving as a youth voice of the Illinois 4-H Youth Development Program.

The Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team involves 15 to 22 4-H members and recent 4-H alumni (ages 16-21) who coordinate and assist with various area and statewide 4-H activities.

Team members are involved in planning and implementing the Illinois 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference, according to a news release from the University of Illinois Extension.

Those activities include assisting behind the scenes with events such as Illini Summer Academies and Illini State Fair; serving as the training team for the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program; and serving on various statewide 4-H committees and boards (i.e., Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee), among other duties.

## LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Granville library to host presentation about travel to northwestern Illinois

Illinois traveler John Kokoris will lead a presentation at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Granville library about the northwest corner of the state and into Wisconsin and Iowa.

From the scenic Rock River to the undulating landscape untouched by the glaciers that flattened most of the state, this region is truly beautiful, the library said in its news release. This program will be offered as a hybrid, with the audience able to enjoy it in person or virtually. Register through Zoom if you plan on attending virtually.

Register at <https://2ly.link/20lhK>.

### Putnam County area churches announce 2025 Lenten services

The following churches: County Line Lutheran Church, Emmaus Lutheran Church, Hennepin United Methodist Church, Tonica United Methodist Church, McNabb United Methodist Church, Magnolia United Methodist Church, Granville United Church of Christ, Sacred Heart and St. Patrick Roman Catholic Churches invite the public to these 2025 Lenten Services:

- 7 p.m. March 5: Ash Wednesday at Emmaus Lutheran Church
- 7 p.m. March 12: Tonica United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m. March 19 County Line Lutheran Church
- 7 p.m. March 26: Granville United Church of Christ
- 7 p.m. April 2 Magnolia United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m. April 9: Stations of The Cross at St. Patrick in Hennepin

### Habitat for Humanity director to attend organization's annual legislative conference

Jon Scholtes, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of La Salle, Bureau, and Putnam counties, will attend Habitat on the Hill, Habitat for Humanity's annual legislative conference in Washington, D.C.

This event brings together Habitat leaders, volunteers and advocates from across the country to engage with lawmakers and push for policies that support affordable housing and homeowner-ship opportunities.

Scholtes will participate in discussions on critical housing issues, meet with legislators and represent the local affiliate's efforts in building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. His participation underscores Habitat's ongoing commitment to ensuring that everyone has a decent place to call home.

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