

## LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

### American Legion Post 254 to hold Memorial Day services

Magnolia/McNabb American Legion Post 254 will host cemetery services on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, at the following locations:

- Caledonia Cemetery - 7:30 a.m.
- Friends Cemetery - 8 a.m.
- Magnolia Cemetery - 9 a.m.
- First Evangelical Lutheran - 10:05 a.m.
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery - 10:45 a.m.
- War Memorial at the former Varna Grade School - 11 a.m.

### PCHS senior signs with Vector Manufacturing

Putnam County High School senior Ayden Lawless signed a job

commitment with Vector Manufacturing after completing an internship with the company through the school's Work-Based Learning program.

Lawless participated in the program during the 2024-25 school year and officially accepted a position with Vector during a signing ceremony held at the high school.

He was joined by his parents, school staff and representatives from Vector.

Work-Based Learning Coordinator Kimberly England said the program provides students with hands-on experience in local industries and helps prepare them for careers after graduation.

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Photo provided by Putnam County High School

Ayden Lawless sits with his parents and representatives from Vector Manufacturing and Putnam County High School for his signing with the company on May 16. Pictured, front row from left, are Bob Lawless, Ayden Lawless and Bonnie Lawless; (back row) Kimberly England, work-based learning coordinator; Rene Barr, Vector human resources; Tyler Trotter, Vector supervisor; and Dustin Schrank, PCHS principal.

## PUTNAM COUNTY LIBRARY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

### MAY 22

#### Putnam County Library to present 'Picture Postcards'

The Putnam County Public Library invites the public to a special presentation, "Picture Postcards: The Happy Invention," at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the Granville Library, 214 S. McCoy St.

From ornate Victorian-era designs to humorous cartoons and colorful scenes of everyday life, picture postcards have reflected the world around us for more than a century. This engaging presentation explores the rich history and enduring cultural impact of the postcard — from its debut at the 1889 Paris Exposition to its American beginnings at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, placing Illinois at the heart of this beloved form of communication.

Katherine Hamilton-Smith, founding curator of the Teich Archives, will lead the program. She will provide a fascinating look at the documentary power of postcards, the legacy of the Curt Teich Company of Chicago, and the role Illinois played in shaping postcard history. Attendees are welcome to bring their picture postcards to receive information and context about them.

This event is free and open to the public, and is made possible through Illinois

Humanities, with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy Demands Wisdom, the Illinois General Assembly via the Illinois Arts Council Agency, and contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations.

For information, contact the Putnam County Public Library at 815-339-2038.

Here is a list of some upcoming events for the Putnam County Library in June:

### JUNE 6

#### Vegetable gardening in raised beds and containers

Learn how to use above-ground growing systems for safe and fruitful production of your favorite backyard vegetables sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension Office on Friday, June 6 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Putnam County Public Library District located at 214 S. McCoy Street in Granville. Register at [go.illinois.edu/granveg](http://go.illinois.edu/granveg).

### JUNE 12

#### The Life of Thomas Jefferson

Historian Jim Gibbons will present the life of Thomas Jefferson U.S. diplomat in Paris and minister to France at 12:30 p.m. at Standard.

Gibbons will explain how Jefferson was the creator of the Jefferson Bible,

the overseer of the Louisiana Purchase, the president when Lewis and Clark began their expedition, the speaker of five languages, and the founder of the University of Virginia.

He will explain Jefferson's viewpoints against slavery, yet Jefferson was a slave owner. Gibbons also will discuss Jefferson's vision for the dynamic future of the United States and his invention and final design of the executive mansion—the White House.

#### Adventures of a 'Mad' Woman

Tricia Kelly brings to life one of Victorian America's true mavericks, New York journalist Nellie Bly at 6 p.m. at Hennepin.

In addition to her famous trip around the world, Bly also took on the role of an inmate at Blackwell's Asylum, writing of the horrors she witnessed. This one-hour presentation is sure to enlighten and entertain.

### JUNE 27

#### Dog Man Family Night

Join us for a tail-wagging celebration with the bestselling children's graphic novel by Dav Pilkey. A half dog half man police officer. We will have a craft, games and the movie, too. This will start at 6 p.m. Friday, June 27.

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