LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Chief Senachwine Chapter NSDAR to meet Oct. 4

Members of the Chief Senachwine Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Henry Public Library, 702 Front St.

Member and Illinois State Organization American Indians Chair Nancy Gilfillan will present a program on Sacagawea.

Retirement party set for Master Gardener, naturalist coordinator Bettyann Harrison

A retirement party will be held Oct. 1 to honor Bettyann Harrison, coordinator of the Master Gardener and Master Naturalist programs, who is stepping down after years of service.

The public is invited to celebrate Harrison's contributions from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Marshall-Putnam Extension Office, 509 Front St., Suite 4.

A native of Spring Valley, Harrison has lived in the Henry area for 30 years with her husband, John. Together they raised four children who, along with Harrison, were deeply involved in 4-H as participants, leaders, superintendents and judges. Harrison's passion for gardening and the natural world has driven her career. As program coordinator, she worked alongside others who shared her interests and continued to expand her knowledge of the environment.

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Bettyann Harrison, Master Gardener and Master Naturalist Coordinator, will be retiring in October.

PUTNAM COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

Putnam County Library hosts colorful harvest craft event

The Putnam County Public Library District will hold a "Colorful Harvest" craft program 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at its McNabb Branch.

Participants can decorate their own autumn-themed fruit baskets using markers or colored pencils, celebrating the season with a hands-on creative activity.

The McNabb Branch is located at 322 W. Main Street, McNabb. For information, call the library at 815-339-2038.

Putnam County Library to host Halloween family night, Salem witch play

Putnam County Library will hold two special events on Thursday, Oct. 9, at different branches.

At 6 p.m., the Hennepin branch invites families to Halloween Family Night. DJ Mara and T-Rex will provide music and entertainment alongside glow-in-the-dark mini golf and other fun activities for all ages.

Earlier that day at 12:30 p.m., the Standard branch will present "Accused: A Salem Witch Faces Her Fate." Historical presenter Michelle Gibbons will embody a woman accused during the Salem Witch Trials of 1692.

The program reveals the fear, suspicion, and resilience of those caught in the hysteria, inviting audiences to decide if the accused was truly guilty or a victim of mass hysteria.

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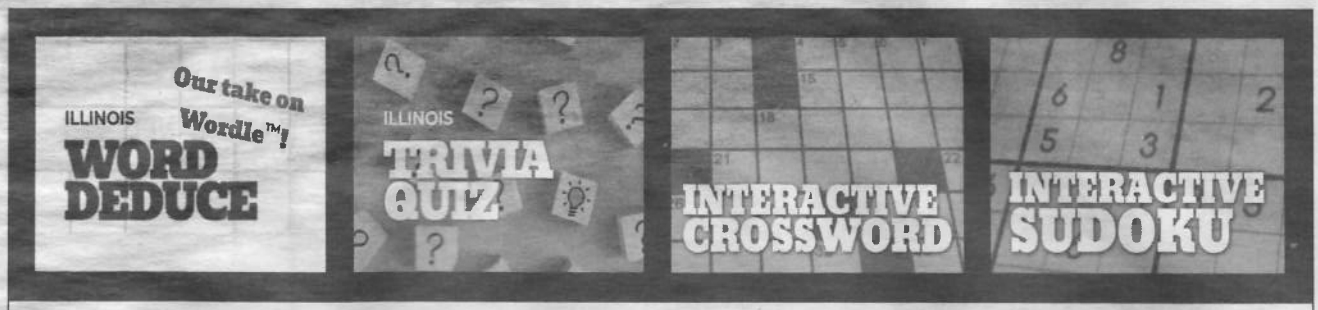

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