

## LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Putnam County Library to screen "It's a Wonderful Life"

The Putnam County Public Library District's Granville Branch will host a holiday movie matinee at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The library will screen "It's a Wonderful Life," the beloved 1946 film starring James Stewart as George Bailey, a small-town banker who questions his worth after becoming involved in a case of mistaken bank fraud.

The classic tells the story of Bailey's journey when he's granted a vision of what his town of Bedford Falls would have been like if he had never been born, revealing the impact one person can make in their community.

The 130-minute film is rated PG and is free and open to the public. The screening is presented through SWANK Licensing.

The Granville Branch is located at 214 S. McCoy St. For more information, call 815-339-2038.

### Putnam County Library to host winter bird craft Dec. 10

The Putnam County Public Library District will host a "Whimsical Winter Bird" craft session for all ages at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the McNabb Branch.

Participants will create a winter scene featuring birds perched on frosty branches using simple materials and textured "snow." The hands-on art activity is designed to encourage creativity and develop fine-motor skills.

The program is free and open to the public. The McNabb Branch is located at 322 W. Main St.

For more information, call 815-339-2038.

### Putnam County Library plans gingerbread workshop

The Putnam County Public Library District will host a gingerbread decorating workshop at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Granville Branch.

Families will work with pre-assembled

"gingerbread" houses made from graham crackers and royal icing. All materials and basic decorating tips will be provided to help participants create their own festive designs.

The workshop is designed for children ages 5 and up with a parent or guardian. Participants can take home their decorated houses and will learn creative ways to add candy trees, snow people, walkways and other elaborate features.

The program is free, but registration is required as space is limited to 20 participants. Registration is available online through Dec. 8 at [forms.gle/kCwnEjRzc1D-M2Xvx9](https://forms.gle/kCwnEjRzc1D-M2Xvx9).

The Granville Branch is located at 214 S. McCoy St. For more information, call 815-339-2038.

### Marshall-Putnam 4-H to offer holiday centerpiece workshop Dec. 20 in Henry

The University of Illinois Extension Marshall-Putnam Master Gardeners will partner with the Marshall-Putnam 4-H to offer a "Gathered Treasures" Holiday Centerpiece Workshop for youth ages 5 to 18 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Marshall-Putnam Extension office, 509 Front St., Henry.

Participants will be able to create and take home a holiday centerpiece. Attendees can also build centerpieces to share with nursing home residents. Participants may be accompanied by parents and grandparents.

The workshop costs \$5. Registration is required and due Monday, Dec. 15. 4-H members can register online at [4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/43341](https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/43341). Non-members will be able to register online at [4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/43341](https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/43341).

Early accommodation requests for access needs are encouraged. To make a request, email [amscheel@illinois.edu](mailto:amscheel@illinois.edu) or call 309-364-2356.

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

- I. A public hearing to approve property tax levy increase for Putnam County Community Unit School District #5 will be held on December 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Putnam County Primary School Center, 400 E. Silverspoon Avenue, Illinois 61326.

Any person desiring to appear at the hearing and present testimony in support of the proposed district may contact Dr. Claytor, Superintendent, 400 E. Silverspoon Avenue, Granville, Illinois 61326, (815)888-1234.

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2024 were \$7,993,393.00.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2025 are \$8,875,900. This represents an 11.04% increase over the previous year.

- III. The property taxes extended for 2024 and public building commission for 2024 were \$0.

The estimated property taxes for 2025 including debt service and public building commission for 2025 are \$0. This represents an 11.04% increase over the previous year.

- IV. The total property taxes extended for 2024 were \$7,993,393.00.

The estimated total property taxes for 2025 are \$8,875,900.00, an 11.04% increase over the previous year.



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