

on offers conservation farming series



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University of Illinois Extension will host a five-part educational series on conservation practices for farmers and landowners beginning Jan. 22.

Feb. 3: "Farming with Wildlife," 10 to 11 a.m., Marshall-Putnam County Extension Office. Focus on bird habitat, deer and pollinator considerations.

Feb. 19: "Edge of Field Practices," 10 to 11 a.m., Bureau County Extension Office. Topics include saturated buffers, bioac-tors, constructed wetlands and prairie health, strips to reduce nutrient loss and improve water quality.

March 5: "Conservation Practices for Profitable Farms," 10 to 11 a.m., Marshall-Putnam County Extension Office. Focus on strategies that protect resources while enhancing profitability.

March 20: "Conservation Conversation," 10 to 11 a.m., La Salle County Extension Office. Communication techniques for discussing conservation practices between farmers and landowners. Programs are free, but advance registration is encouraged at go.illinois.edu/sustainablefarms.

For accommodations, contact Hansen at emhansen@illinois.edu or 815-224-0896.

n accused of throwing car along interstate

The pursuit continued until the suspect vehicle struck a semitrailer, causing minor damage to the front passenger side of his vehicle and ultimately disabling it.

Police said in the release that Duarte Castenada then fled on foot into a wooded area near the Route 71 exit. Drug agents and assisting agencies established a perimeter, and Duarte Castenada was found and taken into custody without further incident.

After Duarte Castenada's arrest, a search warrant was executed at his residence in Mendota. A search of the residence resulted in the recovery of about 144 grams of drugs police believe to be cocaine.

Duarte Castenada was taken to the La Salle County Jail and subsequently charged with two counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver, both Class X felonies.

The charges are preliminary, but drug agents project sentencing ranges of anywhere from 15 years to 60 years for the ejected 2.2 pounds and nine years to 40 years for the 5 ounces seized in Mendota.



LOCAL NEWS BRIEF

Putnam library to screen Agatha Christie documentary

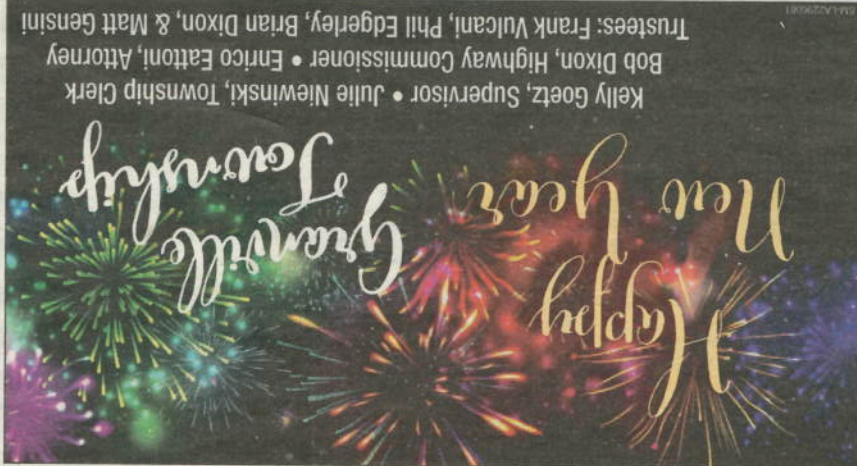
The Putnam County Public Library District's Condit Branch will screen "Agatha Christie's England" at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8.

The 45-minute documentary explores the English landscapes, communities and personalities that inspired Christie's crime novels during her 50-year career.

The film takes viewers on a literary journey across England, examining the settings that shaped Christie's life and appear in her novels. Born in Torquay, Christie drew inspiration from coastal retreats and village settings that became the backdrop for her stories. The documentary is rated TV-14 and is free and open to the public. The screening is made possible through Kanopy.

The Condit Branch is located at 105 N. Center St. in Putnam. For more information, call 815-339-2038.

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