

Learn to make birdhouses March 19 at the Putnam library

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The Putnam County Public Library District's Condit Branch invites the public to attend a free craft workshop, "Decorative Bird Houses," at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 19.

Participants are invited to enjoy a creative, hands-on craft workshop decorating miniature wooden birdhouses. Designed for adults and youth ages

eight and up, this program includes all supplies. Attendees will have the chance to personalize their birdhouses, perfect as charming tabletop décor or whimsical additions to a fairy garden. The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Condit Branch of the Putnam County Public Library District at 815-339-2038 or visit the library at 105 N. Center St., Putnam.

Draw shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day at the Granville library

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The Putnam County Public Library District's Granville Branch invites the public to attend a free art workshop, "Colorful Shamrocks: Chalk Pastel," at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 17.

Participants will design a striking shamrock silhouette with chalk pastels, learning blending techniques in

this hands-on project perfect for celebrating St. Patrick's Day. All supplies will be provided. The program is free and open to the public and is geared toward adults and youth ages 8 and older.

For more information, contact the Granville Branch of the Putnam County Public Library District at 815-339-2038 or visit the library at 214 S. McCoy St., Granville.

SRCCF holds annual A Country Night for a Cause gala

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The Starved Rock Country Community Foundation welcomed supporters to its annual A Country Night for a Cause gala, which blends the foundation's mission with celebrations.

The gala, held on Feb. 28 at Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club, was opened by Starved Rock Country Community Foundation board chairman Stephen Aubry. Aubry welcomed attendees and thanked donors, sponsors and volunteers. He also introduced Starved Rock Country Community Foundation founder Pamela Beckett.

Beckett honored the foundation's Elevate members and recognized the members' philanthropy and ongoing

regional strengthening investment. She also shared that the foundation stewarded more than \$9.1 million in assets in 10 years. Foundation committee chair Norma Cotner provided the gala's Mission Moment. The gala was also emceed by John Spencer and Jaimie London.

The gala featured live and silent auctions and interactive games, including Heads of Tails, bucking bronco and bags. Music was performed by the River Road Trio.

"This night is about more than one event," Cotne said in a news release. "It is about sustaining the work. It is about ensuring that students receive scholarships, nonprofits receive grants, and our community continues to grow stronger because we choose to invest in one another."



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