

Annual Dinner Meeting and Program Saturday April 5

The Annual Dinner Meeting and Program will be Saturday April 5 at the Meeting House, 403 Old Hwy 26, in Hennepin. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by a brief meeting and the program.

Hennepin in the 1830s

An Important place and time in American Frontier History

Jeff Hensel, who is renovating the James S. Simpson House on Mulberry Street in Hennepin, will share his research on the early history of Hennepin through a biographical timeline of Simpson (a prominent pioneer settler) and the history of the house. Simpson was one of the earliest businessmen in Hennepin, having arrived in fall of 1831 and received a permit to sell goods in December. He built the first hotel (a double log cabin) in 1832. When townships were established in 1856 he represented Hennepin on the County Board of Supervisors.



The Simpson House

The Meeting House is handicapped accessible.

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Come join us – everyone is welcome. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from any Board Member (Karen Bailey, Gary Boggio, Sue Bruch, Sue Campbell, Teresa Clausen, Darlene Cofoid, Ben Day, Will Duke, Jeff Hensel, Kevin Kunkel, Sid Whitaker), or phone 815-303-5104.

Pulsifer House Spring Opening

Pulsifer House reopened at 10:00 am Wednesday March 19, 2025 when the regular hours of Wednesdays and Fridays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm resumed.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of the following Putnam County Historical Society members and friends. Over the years they and their families have supported the Society's goals and programs. All will be sadly missed.

Kimrey Alleman
Albert Brady III
Barbara "Jean" Doyle
Ruth Immel Gehm

Michael Germano
Brenda Lutes
John Morine
Mary Jane Skutt Pratt

Nick VanWingerden
George Yauch Jr.

The Shark Farmer Visits the Ag Museum

Rob Sharkey, a farmer from Bradford, IL who produces podcasts, radio and tv programs about agriculture (<https://sharkfarmer.com>), brought his production crew to the Agricultural Museum on February 18, 2025. The crew conducted interviews and filmed for over an hour so he will likely air a couple of 15 minute segments (after editing) on his tv programs or podcasts sometime this spring or summer. The schedule should appear on his website when they are ready.
