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County officials look to name courthouse after state justice

On Tuesday Feb. 21, the Property Committee of the Vermilion County Board will take up a resolution to rename the Vermilion County Courthouse, the Rita B. Garman Justice Center, after the former Chief Justice and current member of the Illinois Supreme Court. The effort is an initiative to honor the long time jurist and Vermilion County citizen. According to a press release issued by CRIS Healthy Aging CEO Amy Brown, Justice Garman serves as a wonderful role model and a great example of what residents of Vermilion County can achieve through a career of hard work, relentless determination, and integrity. Upon passage, the measure will be taken to the full county board in March. A community event dedicating the Rita B. Garman

Justice Center will be planned for late spring. A committee tasked with organizing the event and designing criteria for the future naming of county buildings will be co-chaired by County Board Chairman Mike Marron and Brown. Other committee members will include: State Rep. Chad Hays, state Sen. Scott Bennett, Sheriff Pat Hartshorn, Danville Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, Cheri Weller, and former county board chairmen Todd Lee and Jerry Block.



GARMAN

Residents can help mental states with Letters Against Depression

In an age where few people put pen to paper in handwritten notes, a Hoopeston girl hopes residents will do that very thing this Saturday. Rosie Gonzalez, a student at Hoopeston Area High School, is coordinating a letter-a-thon aimed to get residents to write letters to those who experience the mood disorder. The event will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at the McFerren Park Civic Center. The campaign is a local effort for Letters Against Depression, a Florida-based nonprofit organization. Founder Robert Mason accepts information from those who have depression or other mental illnesses, and encourages volunteers to write to them.



Mason, who experiences depression and other mental illnesses, started writing during the depths of depression and found it helpful. With that realization, he built a social media presence to reach out to those with depression and those who wish to write letters. Gonzalez was one of those who reached out to write and is now encouraging other Hoopeston residents to do the same. And while Letters Against Depression has had local events in Florida, Gonzalez' letter-a-thon is the first out-of-state activity, one Mason plans to attend. Along with letter-writing, a bake sale will be held at See **LETTERS** on other side

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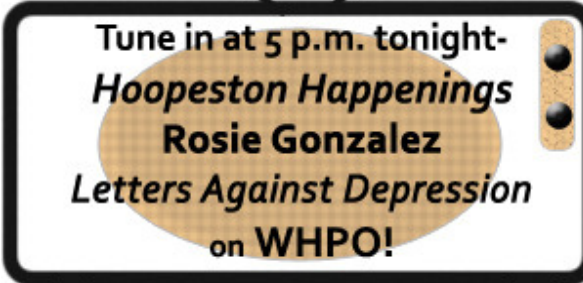
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Briefly

Preschool screening

A preschool screening for children ages 3-5 will be held Thursday, Feb. 16 at First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston. Hearing, vision and appropriate skills will be tested and recommendations will be given. To schedule an appointment, call (217) 444-3266.

Breast cancer support meeting

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be February 16 and is to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

From the Blotter

Raul Acosta, 28, of Hoopeston was arrested after police were called at 12:47 a.m. Tuesday for a possible domestic situation in the 400 block of East Maple.

He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 33-year-old Hoopeston woman and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A **52-year-old** Hoopeston man reported an incident of identity at 5:08 p.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of North Dixie Hwy.

A **set of keys** with several key chains was located on Rt. 1 in the area of Subway. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

Obituaries

HOWARD - Pamela (Hartman) Howard, 74, of Potomac, formerly of Westville, died at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017 at her son's home. Visitation will be 4 p.m. until the 6 p.m. celebration of her life Friday at the Potomac Community Building. A family gathering will follow the service at the community building. Memorials are suggested to Potomac American Legion or Carle Hospice. Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac, is handling arrangements.

LACKEY - David William "Pampaw" Lackey Sr., 64, of Paxton, formerly of Rankin and Rossville, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017. Visitation will be 4-8 pm. Thursday and 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to the family to help pay for funeral expenses.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Tiny Tots** story program, 10:30 a.m. Friday, for youngsters ages 0-4 and their parent or caregiver.

Tree Climbers Genealogy Workshop, 10-11 a.m. Saturday, for researchers of all levels.

Monday Maniacs, at a special time, 2-3 p.m. Students in grades 3-6 can celebrate Presidents Day Sill Science.

Best Sellers Book Club, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday. Open to men and women, this month's books are "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes and "The Woman in Cabin 10" by Ruth Ware.

Cooking the Books, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday. "I Love Chocolate." Stop by the book display at the main desk and select a recipe to be copied. Prepare the creation and bring it to the library to share with others.

Letters continued from other side

the civic center and a street corner collection will go on from 7-11 a.m. at Rtes. 1 and 9 to raise money for Letters Against Depression. Gonzalez hopes to raise \$1,000 for the cause.

Anyone who would like to bake goods, to help in some other way or for more information may contact Gonzalez at (217) 495-1920.

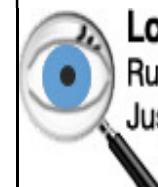
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