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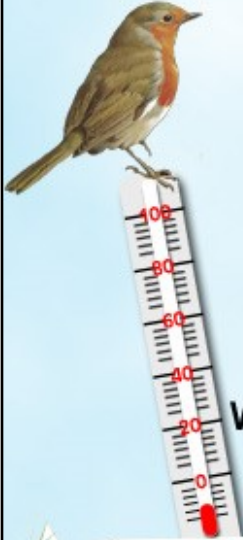
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### Grant provides modernized computer equipment at Rita B. Garman Vermilion County Courthouse

On Monday, February 14, 2022, Vermilion County Presiding Judge Thomas M. O'Shaughnessy announced that Vermilion County was awarded a \$303,811.80 technology grant from a Technology Modernization Funding program offered by the Illinois Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.

In announcing the award, O'Shaughnessy said over several months, county tech services personnel Karen Rudd and Brian Talbott, court administrator, Cindy Savalick, and building & grounds Director, Jennifer Jenkins, developed a plan for significant technology upgrades for the four jury trial courtrooms in the Rita

B. Garman Vermilion County Courthouse.

Upgrades include enhanced sound systems, improved internet connectivity, and a system of computers and monitors (at counsel tables, the bench, the witness chair, and jury box) for the presentation of electronic evidence. The plan and a grant application were submitted to and approved by the Technology Modernization Funding program.

The upgrade plan was produced in conjunction with and response to 2021 amendments to the Illinois Su-

preme Court's Policy on Minimum Courtroom Standards and its new statewide policy regarding the use of portable electronic devices in court facilities.

"The Supreme Court of Illinois and its administrative office have done an exceptional job in identifying the courts' need to embrace technology as a means of maintaining court access, while making funds available to the courts to meet those needs," O'Shaughnessy said. "This funding allows us to complete the technol-

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*Photo submitted*

#### Getting together

Community and county leaders met February 19 at Hoopeston City Hall to discuss ways the groups can work together. Pictured are, from left, Bill Nicholls, Hoopeston representative to the Central Illinois Land Bank, Tim Dudley, Vermilion Advantage CEO, Mayor Jeff Wise, Nichole Van Hyfte, Vermilion Advantage Community Development Coordinator and Valarie Hinkle, Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce President.



New Books at the Library

Children’s Room

- Easy Fiction**
- Trouble in Toyland, by Alan Katz
  - Juvenile Biography
  - Who were Stanley and Livingston?, by Jim Gigliotti
  - Art is Everywhere, by Jeff Mack
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- Pony, by R.J. Palacio
- The One Thing You’d Save, by Linda Sue Park
- How to Train Your Dad, by Gary Paulsen
- Pax, Journey Home, by Sara Pennypacker
- Newton’s Flaw, by Valerie Tripp
- Juvenile Graphic Novel**
- Sunny Side Up, by Jennifer L. Holm
- The Knight at Dawn, by Jenny Laird
- The Secret Garden, by Mariah Marsden
- Cat Kid Comic Club: Perspectives, by Dav Pilkey
- Just Beyond, Volume 3: A Monster’s Lunch, by R.L. Stine
- Just Beyond, Volume 4: No Escape, by R.L. Stine
- Going Viral: The Mindbending Minecraft Graphic Novel Adventure!, by David Zoellner
- Juvenile Nonfiction**
- Set Your Alarm, Sloth!: More Advice for Troubled Animals from Dr. Glider, by Jess Keating
- What was the Harlem Renaissance?, by Sherri L. Smith

- Awesome Electronics Projects for Kids: 20 STEAM Projects to Design and Build, by Colby Tofel-Grehl
- In the Desert, by Michaela Weglinski
- Picture Books**
- Hey, You’re Not Santa!, by Ethan T. Berlin
- Merry Christmas, Gus, by Chris Chatterton
- Do You Speak Fish?, D.J. Corchin
- The Snowflake, by Benji Davies
- Misty the Cloud, by Dylan Dreyer
- Make Your Bed with Skipper the Seal, by William H. McRaven
- Evelyn Del Ray is Moving Away, by Meg Medina
- Construction Site: Road Crew, Coming Through!, by Sherri Duskey Rinker
- Dancing with Daddy, by Anitra Row Schulte

Briefly

HAYB signups

Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball signups will be held for three consecutive weekends beginning Saturday. All will be held at 112 Wine & Coffee Shop. Saturday signups will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sunday signups from 11:20 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dates are Feb. 19-20, 26-27 and March 5-6.

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ogy upgrades to the courthouse systems which began during the early days of the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic when equipment for remote hearings was acquired. That equipment permitted access to the court during the suspension of in-person hearings. These newest upgrades will greatly improve the trial capacities and environment of our jury courtrooms. The judiciary extends its thanks and congratulations to Tech Services, the Court Administrator, and Building & Grounds for their hard work in planning these important and substantial upgrades to our courtrooms and securing this critical grant. And we appreciate the support for this plan offered by the County Board and its chairman, Larry Baughn.”

Weather

Showers today. High 60. Tonight, mostly cloudy, breezy. Low 20. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of snow late. High 29, low 22.  
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