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SUPREME COURT JUSTICES TO SPEAK AT DEDICATION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER

Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Rita B. Garman and Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will be the speakers for the official dedication of the new Washington County Judicial Center on Sunday, April 27.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. in front of the main entrance to the Judicial Center, located at 125 E. Elm Street in Nashville.

In addition to Chief Justice Garman and Justice Karmeier, other participants in the dedication ceremony will include: Washington County resident Circuit Judge Daniel J. Emge; Chief Circuit Judge John Baricevic from the 20th Judicial Circuit; and Washington County Board Chairman David Meyer. Judge Emge will welcome the participants; Chief Judge Baricevic will lead in the Pledge of Allegiance; and Mr. Meyer will give the closing remarks.

The new judicial center is located across the street from the Washington County Courthouse. That courthouse, completed in 1884, has served since that time as the location for the courts, court offices and the county seat.

The new facility will house the Circuit Court, the Circuit Clerk, the state's attorney and probation offices. Other elected county officials will maintain their offices in the courthouse.

Prior to his election to the Supreme Court in 2004, Justice Karmeier served as a resident Circuit Judge in Washington County from 1986-2004. He represents the Fifth Judicial District, which encompasses 37 counties in the southernmost part of Illinois.

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