

Viroqua station gets grant

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VIROQUA — Community radio station WDRT in Viroqua has received a \$73,925 federal grant from the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program.

WDRT was among three Wisconsin applicants to receive a grant.

"This grant, to be used for capital expenses, means we have the funds to finish the second studio, install redundant and the 'nice to have, but not necessary to get on the air' equipment," said Tamara Dean, WDRT board president.

WDRT began broadcasting Sept. 17. Garrison Keillor of radio's "A Prairie Home Companion" made an appearance in Viroqua on Wednesday to mark the launch of the new station.



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Garrison Keillor, "A Prairie Home Companion" radio personality, opens an interview Wednesday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Viroqua by singing a hymn before a live audience. Keillor visited Viroqua to celebrate the launch of community radio station WDRT-FM 91.9.

WDRT also will host its annual Kickapalooza at 6 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Vernon County Fairgrounds.