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\$3 million Hegeler gift to fund Palmer ice center, machinery

DANVILLE—Julius W. Hegeler II is gifting \$3 million to the David S. Palmer Arena, to build a new Ice Center entrance on the south side of the facility and to replace the center's aging ice machinery.

The bequest was confirmed by a letter from Hegeler, read at the arena's recent board retreat.

"The ice machinery is a decade past its lifetime expectancy," said General Manager Peter Blackmon. "We're

well beyond the routine repairs stage and the price of freon for a system like ours has gone up exponentially. Mr. Hegeler's gift acknowledges the civic center's 37 year history of offering ice programming to our community; something which separates us from other communities our size," he added.

The arena was awarded a grant from the State of Illi-

See **GIFT** on other side



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Expect More recognition

Kari Rayls and Jill Bence are the recent winners of the Hoopeston Area Schools Expect More Awards on May 3. Both are secretaries at Maple School. Also pictured is Supt. Hank Hornbeck.

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Pickin' and grinnin'

A group of area musicians, led by Yesterday's Country, livened up a recent breakfast fundraiser for Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team, hosted by North Fork Conservation Club. Pickers came from Illinois and as far away as Williamsport, Ind., and covered a range of ages. The lady in pink with the guitar was the older musician, at a spry 85 years old.

Gift continued from other side

nois in August 2014 with the funds just now distributed. The \$850,000 is to go towards much needed roof repair, renovations and upgrades and would leave little, if any-

thing, for the ice machinery and additional construction. The funding by Julius W. Hegeler II would help maintain ice programming for years to come.

The gift is to be made once Julius W. Hegeler II "folds his wings. It is unfortunate, and I'm certain this applies to so many of his gifts throughout the community, that he won't get to see the fruits of his generosity, which for us is a new beginning," Blackmon said.

Court Dispositions

April 6

Lacy Simpson, Hoopeston, case to be turned over to comptroller for collection.

Amanda Figueroa, Las Vegas, Nev., case to be turned

over to comptroller for collection.

Randy Miller, Hoopeston, case to be turned over to comptroller for collection.

Erik Brewer, Hoopeston, status check May 4.

Weather

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