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Representatives of First Farmers Bank & Trust broke ground for the banks' new facility Thursday. Pictured are, front from left, architect Dave Cochran; Dave Eikenberry, FFBT senior vice president/chief operations officer; Sharon Dixon, Raymond James advisor; Brandi Totheroh, branch manager; Wyatt Totheroh; Sandy Lewis, assistant branch manager; Emma Boyd; Brenda Wright, senior regional branch manager; and Dani Leemon; and back, Aaron Totheroh, Becky Milburn; Bill Nicholls, Hoopeston Community Alliance/Economic Development member; Stephanie Law; and Valarie Hinkle, Chamber of Commerce president. Not pictured are Hoopeston Multi Agency Board president Beth Bray Knecht; Rich Thompson, Grant Township trustee; Logan Cronk, Vermilion Advantage rural community development coordinator; and Lourdine Florek, Hoopeston alderwoman.

City representatives come together for FFBT groundbreaking

First Farmers Bank and Trust furnished the shovels and Hoopeston provided the manpower Thursday for a groundbreaking for the bank's new facility.

Representatives of the bank, along with those from the City of Hoopeston, Chamber of Commerce, Grant Township, Multi Agency, Hoopeston Community Alliance and Vermilion Advantage gathered at the financial institution's new site, south of its current location on Rt. 1.

"We're very pleased that you chose to join us today," branch Manager Brandi Totheroh said to those assembled. "We're very excited to "officially" begin work and break ground on our new branch project," calling it "something new and unique to the area."

Totheroh specially mentioned architect Doug Cochran, of Cochran Design Group, for his efforts on the project, See FFBT on other side

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First Financial Bank, which recently merged with MainSource Bank, will hold a customer appreciation day Monday at its Hoopeston branch, 323 E. Main.

The event will kick off at noon with a Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting and last until 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

First Financial Bancorp, based in Cincinnati, Ohio, and MainSource Financial Group Inc., announced the merger in July 2017. It was finalized earlier this year, with MainSouce banks changing names on May 29.

The system has approximately 150 branches in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois and total assets of about \$13 billion.

“By taking the best of both banks, we believe that the combined company will be even more effective in meeting the lending, economic development and financial education needs of the communities we serve,” said Claude E. Davis, Chief Executive Officer of First Financial. “With both companies having proven records of success in organic performance as well as through acquisitions, we see this as a tremendous opportunity to partner with MainSource to create a new company that is even better positioned for growth and continued success.”

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From the Blotter

David Watson, 29, of Hoopeston, was arrested after officers were called at 8:48 p.m. Wednesday for a physical dispute in the 600 block of East Thompson.

Watson was charged with battery and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Police are investigating the theft of two bicycles from the 500 block of East Wyman. The theft was reported at 9:04 p.m. Wednesday.

Felisha Thrower, 27, of Hoopeston, was charged after a pit bull allegedly owned by her was on someone else's property and on the road, where he was detained.

Thrower was mailed a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court for the charge of restraint of

dog by owner.

Belinda Solis, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police saw her walking on West Orange. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, she was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

Jessica Arms, 30, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 2:23 p.m. Saturday at Market and Orange. Charged with driving while license suspended, she was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Brandon P. Grills, 18, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 9:29 p.m. Saturday to the 1000 block of McKinley. He was charged with aggravated assault and released on a notice to appear.

Court Dispositions

June 7

Carrie Robinson, Hoopeston, status check July 5.

Mary Vaughn, Hoopeston, status check July 5.

FFBT continued from other side

as well as the contractors involved.

David Eikenberry, FFBT senior vice president and chief operations officer, along with Harry Brockus, representing Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation, announced plans for the new bank at a Hoopeston City Council meeting last August.

Brockus explained then that the process began in February 2016, when he contacted Eikenberry about economic development opportunities in Hoopeston.

Eikenberry said bank officials had looked at making changes to their Hoopeston facilities but neither offered room for expansion. Bank representatives had looked at the Rt. 1 property as a possibility for a new building.

In September 2017, the city accepted the foundation's \$1,000 bid for approximately 4.4 acres at Rtes. 1 and 9, which has a FFBT facility and Cox Memorials. Plans call for the new bank, a land swap under which Cox Memorials will trade some frontage property for land south of the business, and the addition of a restaurant and perhaps retail space.

When the new First Farmers building is complete, the company will consolidate operations into one facility and sell its Bank St. building, Eikenberry said.

The new bank is expected to provide easier customer access and more drive-through space.

Carissa Cahill, Hoopeston, status check July 5.

Mona Perez, Hoopeston, found guilty of trespassing, fined \$180; status check July 5.

Vicki Foster, Hoopeston, found guilty of possession of cannabis, fined \$180; status check July 5.

Robert Ferrell, Hoopeston, found guilty of general nuisance, fined \$430 with abatement order given; status check July 5.

July 5

Carol Ingram, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to restraint of dogs by owner, fine \$180; status hearing August 2.

Dollar General, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to general nuisance, fined \$180; status hearing August 2.

Jesse Zarate, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$200; status hearing August 2.

Crystal Robinson, Hoopeston, failed to appear for restraint of dogs by owner, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing August 2.

Tyler Street, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$180 with 30-day abatement order; status hearing August 2.

Bridget Strawser, Hoopeston, failed to appear for restraint of dogs by owner, found guilty by default; fined \$180, status hearing August 2.

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