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Hoopeston Chamber President Valarie Hinkle, with hand raised, prays at the ribbon cutting of the new First Farmers Bank and Trust facility. An open house and ribbon cutting ceremony were held February 12. Also pictured are, holding ribbon from left, Sandi Lewis, Brenda Dunavan, Judie Rush, Beth Bray Knecht, Stephanie Law, Hinkle, Branch Manager Brandi Tothoroh and Jessie Atchie and back, Becky Milburn, Lisa Danner, Felicia Morris, Emma Boyd, Natalie Pettice, Kip Hollowell, Rich Eisenmann, Kensey Kunkel, Tade Powell and Marla Hanes.

First Farmers Bank and Trust celebrates new facility

Green and white balloons, cake and other refreshments marked the grand opening of Hoopeston's new First Farmers Bank and Trust facility last Tuesday.

The daylong event welcomed customers and guests to the 3,200 sq. ft. structure at 905 S. Dixie Hwy., which merges the bank's two previous locations.

The bank, which had facilities at 901 S. Dixie Hwy., and 221 Bank St., decided in 2017 to consolidate their operations. Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation purchased land for the new location for \$1,000 from

the City of Hoopeston. Construction took place in 2018 and the bank's first opening day in its new location was January 7.

Buyers are being sought for the other buildings.

"Our entire organization is proud of our new branch and we are glad that we have brought something new and unique to the area," said branch manager Brandi Tothoroh. "We feel that the new facility has many advantages to offer the Hoopeston community such as

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From the Blotter

Kurtis J. Simpson, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 3:31 p.m. Thursday in the 200 block of East Main. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6:59 p.m. Thursday in the 400 block of East Seminary.

Police said Charlo Kuntz, of Hoopeston, in a 2013 Nissan, struck the side driver mirror of a parked 2017 Subaru owned by Beth Burchett, of Wellington.

Seth Greedy, 33, of Westville, was arrested after a traffic stop at 9:24 p.m. Thursday in the 100 block of West Main. He was charged with driving while license suspended and unlawful display of license plate and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:25 p.m. Sunday in the 900 block of West Washington.

Police said Clayton Hankins, 16, of Hoopeston, was turning eastbound from McFerren Park when his 2002 Dodge SUV slid on the snow and struck the front end of a parked 2003 Chevrolet SUV owned by Shane Leslie, also of Hoopeston.

Obituaries

IRWIN - Opal M. (Lawson) Irwin, 90, of Sour Lake, Tex., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, at Silsbee Oaks Health Care. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. celebration of her life Thursday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Locust Grove Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association.

Court Dispositions

January 3

Ambrosio Ybarra III, Rossville, case turned over to State of Illinois for further enforcement.

Trevor Finnell, Hoopeston, case turned over to State of Illinois for further enforcement.

Brooke Willard, Hoopeston, case turned over to State of Illinois for further enforcement.

Kaitlin McGill, Hoopeston, status check February 7.

Crystal Resendez, Hoopeston, status check March 7.

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easier customer access and more drive through space. We are really excited to be a part of the community and bringing it together in one location."

Dave Eikenberry, executive vice president/COO is also pleased with the change. "We're very appreciative of the support and cooperation we've received from the city and local economic development leadership, he said. "We're proud to be investing in Hoopeston and look forward to continuing to serve the community."

Free personal protection gun/knife seminar set for Saturday

Mike Webb, owner of Okinawan School of Karate, is offering a free Personal Protection Adult Gun & Knife Seminar from 11 a.m.-noon Saturday at OSK, 208 E. Main, Hoopeston.

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This seminar is for those ages 16 and older. Participants are encouraged to bring a partner. All who wish to take part in the seminar must sign up before Wednesday, Feb. 20 by calling (217) 772-1962 or going to the direct link [here](#).

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