

## Sale of bank approved

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The Bank has received approval from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. on its application to buy three branches of First National Bank of Goodland in north-west Kansas, in Bird City, Colby and Quinter.

Gary Walter of Oberlin, president of The Bank, said that there should be no changes to staff at the three locations. The Bank sent the agency its application the latter part of April, he said, and they've been in negotiations since then.

Mr. Walter said that when reviewing an application, the corporation looks at the buying business's ability to manage, both businesses' past performance, and the reasons behind the sale or offer to purchase.

"It's a good fit," he said, "because both of our areas of interest lie in agriculture."

Mr. Walter went on to say that customers shouldn't notice any changes to their services aside from the name on their checks and a new logo on the website. He said he hopes to have the transition complete within 60 days but no later than November.

"As far as local benefit," he said, "that will be that the ownership of (these branches) is now in this area of Kansas, and people are using the profits to buy locally ... It won't be a real sales-tax boom for anyone, but as long as we can be profitable, we will be beneficial to the communities we're in."

First National, based out of Goodland, will still have the branch there, plus ones in Oberlin and St. Francis, and two in Colorado, in Kirk and Bennett, just off of Interstate 70. They will simply have three less branches within their organization as a whole, Mr. Walter said.



FOURTH GRADERS in a life science lab observe different plants after studying about the different parts of the plants and flowers, this gave them an opportunity to look at different parts and take a hands on approach to their science lesson for the day.  
Times photo by Tammy Carmichael.

## Fourth graders write about first week

The new Cheylin school website is almost complete and most of the teachers have their schedules, and weekly lesson plans set up with their class schedule and weekly assignments. This gives the students and parents an opportunity to keep up with what the class will be doing during the week.

Tammi Carmichael, fourth grade teacher, has made her website colorful and appealing to her fourth graders, including a bouncing bus with lights. In last week's section to keep her students aware of current events, she asked, "Who knows who the presidential candidates are?" This question was asked to encourage her students to e-mail her back.

On Friday, Mrs. Carmichael's first journal assignment was "My First Week of School." She has allowed the *Times* to publish their writings for readers to enjoy.

**My First Day of school**  
By Joseph Melton

It was a funny disaster. We lost a kid and got a new kid. We played games, learned to use a smart board. School is going to be cool this year. I hope to learn a lot. I like my teacher.

**The first day of school**  
By Alex Paz

It was a disaster we couldn't put our desk in order and it was so fun we played games. I met new friends and my teacher gave me snacks. I like being in school.

**My First Day of school**  
By Briana Vandike

The first day in the 4th grade was the biggest disaster that you could ever have happen in your life time. But when you listen it will be great. I like it when Mrs. C gives us candy and plays games with us. But, if you play the toilet paper game don't take a lot or you'll be talking for hours. Mrs. C wants us to treat our friends like family cause we are. You get a desk like a locker and a desk skirt. Watch out girls with long hair cause the chairs might pull you hair. On the second day you get to play instruments and make a cloud in p.e. The end

**My First Day in 4th Grade**  
By Gaby Gutierrez

My first day in 4th grade was a disaster. First we found out a kid was moving so we all had to move our desks and then we found out that a new kid was coming. So we had to move again. And then

somebody didn't have the right number so we had to move again! But then the last couple of days were amazing!! The End

**My First week in 4th Grade**  
By Andrew Schields

The first day of school was pretty cool. But when we had to put all of our desks in alphabet order 4 times it was pretty bad. The second day was better we got snacks and played games and even got to play instruments.

On Friday we played football at recess and got to play games on the big white board.

**My First Week at School**  
By Joseph Augusta

Well my first day at school went well because it was fun meeting my new teacher for 4th grade. I was also very funny because, I was the only student that didn't have to move in my desk. The other students were trying to get in order from A to Z and we lost one student and gained another one. The other days were normal and fun.

**My First Week At School**  
By Soledad Bermudez

It was so fun, we did some cool stuff. Mrs. C is so fun. She is the coolest teacher ever. She also

spoils us. 4th is the coolest ever. The class has lockers and a huge smart board that we use in class. We also have jobs. We are also going to get to plant seeds for science. The End

**My First Week at School**  
By Gus Hesse

The first day at school was so much fun. I had a little to much fun. We had boxes and project time.

We got a little confused when we tried to get alphabetized.

**My First Day of School**  
By Alex Dart

The first was ok we had a few bumps. Here's how it all started. We had to rearrange our desks 4 times. Then we had another Alex it is really hard to tell names apart. Mrs. C is a really good teacher. She spoils us she gives us snacks.

**My First Week in 4th Grade**  
By Colton McCarty

Here's how my week began. We got to school and we got organized. And the day started. We had a really fun day. The next day was a really fun day because we had snacks in the morning. My teacher was awesome. We did this project called a "me box" that told about us.



MIKE BOYSEN from Hot Brush is putting the lettering on the window for Neitzel Insurance. Roxie Neitzel has her furniture ordered and plans to open her expanded business in Bird City sometime after the first of September.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

## New teachers begin the year at Cheylin Grade School

First graders had a short first week to get acquainted with Morgan Kauten, one of the three new teachers to Cheylin this year.

Ms. Kauten grew up in Norton where she graduated from Norton Community High School in 2007. She attended Emporia State University where she graduated cum laude and with a degree in Elementary Education.

Ms. Kauten has two exciting things to talk about. First, she was able to visit Washington, D.C. Even more exciting, she was able to see President Obama board Air Force One while she was waiting for a flight out of Grand Junction, Colo. It was very exciting, she said, just to see him in person even if it was from a distance.

In Morgan's spare time she loves to read and paint.

She is the daughter of Jim and Patty Kauten and has two siblings, Brandy and Logan. Spending as much time as she can with her family is important to her, and she especially enjoys spending time with her nephew Landen Ediger.

She is looking forward to teaching at Cheylin and working with younger students. She is from a smaller community and loves knowing almost everyone in town.

When she saw that Cheylin was looking for a first grade teacher she interviewed for the job. Everyone she met was so kind and caring and she told everyone that Cheylin was going to be the place for her to teach.



MORGAN KAUTEN'S first grade math class was learning the value of money, and how to recognize the different sizes of coins on Monday.

The second grade teacher is new to the second grade students, but she is not new to Bird City. Hannah Louderbaugh was born in Atwood to George and Dixie Louderbaugh of McDonald. She grew up in McDonald, graduated from Cheylin in 2006 and received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Kansas State University.

Ms. Louderbaugh has a sister, Hollie Yates, and brother, Hudson Louderbaugh, who is in the Army.

In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family and two nieces, Jade and Keely Yates, as well as reading and repurposing old items.

As for exciting things she has done and special events in her life she says, being the daughter of a harvester, she has been driving a combine since she was 12 and she says that made for some exciting summers. Special events in her life were when her nieces were born.

By being an alumnus of Cheylin, she felt the opening for a second grade teacher in the elementary school was an ideal situation for her. Working close to home, she can be around her family and friends, as well as give back to a community that gave to her.



HANNAH LOUDERBAUGH played "Go Fish" with the second grade class on Monday in Math class. This is a fun way of teaching them to recognize their numbers and simple addition.