



Bank offers to buy bank in Bird City

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The Bank of Oberlin has made an offer and is asking for state and federal authorization to buy three branches of First National Bank of Goodland.

The Bank hopes to acquire the Colby, Bird City and Quinter branches of First National and has placed legal notices in *The Oberlin Herald*, *Colby Free Press*, *Goodland-Star News*, *Bird City Times* and the *Gove County Advocate* in Quinter as part of the purchase process. Publication was to begin today.

The Bank President Gary Walter said that the first step in the purchase was to reach an agreement with First National to buy the assets and liabilities of the three branches.

The second, he said, is to get permission from the state Banking Commissioner and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which insures both banks.

The third step, required by law, is to publish a notice in the local newspapers of the three branches — Colby, Bird City and Quinter — and two home offices — Oberlin

and Goodland — of the affected banks for four weeks.

During and after the publication period, people have a chance to comment on the sale and say if they have some problem with it, he said.

If everything goes right and there are no huge problems during the comment period, the state and federal agencies will either OK the application or ask for additional information.

Mr. Walter said he couldn't say how long the process will take but estimated 60 to 90 days if all goes well.

"It's completely dependent on approval of the regulators," he said. "I'm hoping for the end of June."

It would be good for both banks, he noted, if the sale could go through by the end of June because banks have to put out a call report, or statement of condition, each quarter and that would be the end of June.

First National has branches in Goodland, Colby, Oberlin, St. Francis, Bird City, Quinter and Kirk, Colo.

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AVERY JENKINS was spinning her wheels in her bright, red Mustang. She and her parents, Gabe and Ashley Jenkins, were spending some time with her grandparents, Steve and Connie Jenkins. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Sainty car show set for May 12

On Saturday, May 12, the streets around Sawhill Park, downtown St. Francis, and some of the adjoining streets will be lined with classic vehicles. This is the 12th year for the Saturday In The Park Car and Bike Show.

Not only will there be lots of vintage vehicles but there will be many vendors. Nancy Schultz, one of the coordinators, reported there will be people selling jewelry, candles, T-shirts and baked goods along with other food vendors.

Breakfast will be served by the senior citizens at the center from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is their pancake day and one of their money-making

endeavors to help support the center.

In 2000, a few local people who had a love for the classic vehicles decided to see if there was any interest in organizing a club

"We picked a Saturday for a get together and 33 vehicles came to the show," said Scott Schultz, one of the organizers.

All of the vehicles were local except for two that owners brought from other towns.

In 2001, the first Saturday In The Park Car Show was held. With a zero balance in the bank account, three club members stepped forward and paid for the dash plaques

and trophies for the show.

Each year, the show has grown and people from far and near travel to see the vehicles and motorcycles.

The show is held rain or shine. Through the years, there have been 10 years of good weather. One year, it was cold and drizzled rain all day and the other year, it just plain rained all day. However, 67 vehicles still came to the show.

The show has become a community event. Vendors come to the park and other locations in town to sell their goods. Entries come from as far away as Cedar Bluffs, Neb., and Rocky Ford, Colo. There has also been a par-

ticipant from Collierville, Tenn.

"We always receive positive comments from the people who come to St. Francis," Scott Schultz, coordinator, said. "They talk about how clean the town is and how beautiful the park is. They also enjoy the friendly people who live here."

Everyone is urged to mark their calendar for May 12 and plan to spend the day at the park.

For more information, contact Mr. Schultz at 332-3960, or Kent Kechter, 332-2629, or Pete Jensen, 332-2317, or Robert Klie, 332-2417. People can also check out the web site at www.cheyennecounty-cruisers.com



'READY TO ROCK' will be presented by the advanced music class on Sunday and Monday. Tilyn Bell, left, and Christina Schoenrogge practice a number. In the background, Jacquelyn Ketzner plays the drums. Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala

Music and buffet held Sunday and Tuesday

The St. Francis Community High School Advanced Music Class is "ready to rock" at their performances of "Almost Famous" on Sunday and Tuesday. Show time on Sunday is 3 p.m., and the Tuesday performance begins at 7 p.m.

A variety of classic and contemporary rock music will be on the program, including "R.O.C.K. in the USA," "Jessie's Girl," "A Tribute to Michael Jackson," "My Immortal," "Perfect," "Paradise," and many more.

"This is the first concert of this type we've ever done — 90 minutes

of all rock done with our own live band," said Debbie Fiala, director. "I have a class this year with the ability and desire to put together a performance of these dimensions. We hope to have a 'standing room only' audience to enjoy their considerable talents."

Tickets will be available at the door or they can be purchased prior to the performances. Contact Marilyn Raile in the high school office or Debbie Fiala (785-332-2306) for advance tickets. The ticket price includes a dessert buffet at intermission prepared by the Culinary Arts Class.

Bed and breakfast business opens

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Almost 7 years ago, Carl and Kate Jenkins bought the big two-story house on 110 E. Spencer in St. Francis. The first of May, they opened it up as a bed and breakfast.

Kate said they purchased the house because they have four sons with families (12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild).

"We love it when they come to visit," she said, "but with their busy lives, that isn't as often as we would like, so we decided to invest some time and money to make the rooms available to those who enjoy the bed and breakfast experience."

Carl and Kate had traveled throughout the United States and had spent a number of nights in bed and breakfast establishments. They know what makes a good bed and breakfast.

Now, they have this big, beautiful house. Kate has a passion for decorating and Carl enjoys construction — "A marriage made in heaven," she said.

"Whatever I can think up, Carl can make it happen," she said.

Married almost 40 years, Kate said they have always made a good team in whatever we have done.

"We love our old house and enjoy entertaining and sharing it with others," Kate said.

In the time we have been here, she said, we are aware that the house is happiest when it is full of happy people and that's the way we like it best, too.

Carl did all the re-wiring and put in all new plumbing.

"It was a laborious job and very



SETTING THE TABLE — Kate Jenkins, above, and her husband, Carl, are ready to open their new bed and breakfast business, The Spencer House. The dining room table is set with china and crystal waiting for the first breakfast to be served. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

time consuming," Kate said, "but worth the effort."

The most difficult thing in getting the bed and breakfast up and running, Kate said, was working non-stop for months on end to meet the deadline while having other jobs. For Kate, it was the clutter, dust and chaos!

Carl, she said, is to be commended — he just kept plodding along making it happen. We were so thankful for our sons that came down over a weekend and helped

with yard work and finishing projects.

A brand new bathroom was created from the space that originally was a second staircase to the upstairs. They were able to open up the new bathroom to The Boudoir room, but, when the Boudoir is not rented and the other two are, they can open both bathrooms so both rented rooms have their own baths.

That, Carl said, was challenging. There is a 3-foot crawl space

between the kitchen ceiling and the bathroom floor. He used the crawl space to install the plumbing and electricity.

The bed and breakfast has three spacious rooms including "The Sunnyside," "The Garden View" and "The Boudoir."

The Sunnyside is decorated with earth-tone colors and cherrywood furnishings. It features a fireplace, a queen-sized four-poster bed and a table with two chairs. See BUSINESS on Page 7