



## School begins



ST. FRANCIS SCHOOLS BEGAN last week with 280 students. The kindergarten class was full of excited (and some not so excited) children. Left, McKenzie Kenzer didn't want to let go of her mother, Sarah Kenzer. Above, Mika Killingsworth was busy coloring her picture. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

## Sale of Bird City bank is 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 busi-

ness'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

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## Hospital holds golf tournament

The Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinic golf tournament is set for Saturday at Riverside Recreation west of St. Francis.

Lunch will be served after the tournament. Teams are four-person teams. The registration cost includes player gift bags, lunch and 18 holes of golf. In addition, there is the possibility of hole prizes and the fun of the silent auction.

Something new this year, said Stacy Kaup, clinic manager and organizer of the tournament, Health One has donated an entry into the tournament.

Those interested in playing and would like a chance for the donated spots, please call Stacy at Cheyenne County Clinic to find out how to "win" a free entry. Again this year, Golfsmith is helping sponsor this event, as well as numerous local vendors. Come out and support this great event, Mrs. Kaup said.



## Free screening set for Wednesday

A free screening for young children will be held Wednesday, Sept. 5, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church. The screening is sponsored by the St. Francis school system and Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center.

This annual developmental screening is recommended for all young children, who have not yet entered kindergarten. Its purpose is to help parents be informed of their child's developmental levels and needs.

The screening assesses hearing, vision, fine and gross motor skills, concepts, plus speech and language. If the screening indicates

a need; then arrangements can be made through the screening staff for additional help.

Parents are encouraged to accompany their children through the screening process so that parents and staff can share observations and discuss the results of the screening. A parent needs to allow 90 minutes for each child's screening.

If as a parent you cannot attend, you are welcome to make arrangements for your child to go through this worthwhile screening. Please contact Robin Burr, 332-8149, for any special arrangements or assistance. Please call Teri at the grade school to schedule an appointment at 332-8143.

## Teachers retire with many plans to enjoy future

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School has started with new faces including teachers and students. However, school started without the familiar faces of five teachers who retired at the end of the school year.

Four of the teachers, Gloria Cassidy, Lynnette Nolan, Ramona Raile and Sandy Smull had taught at the grade school and Alice Kinen had taught at the junior-senior high level, then took over the responsibilities of manager of food services for both buildings and shared responsibilities of athletic director.

Some had found it hard to make the decision to retire and, with the start of school, there was a twinge of regret, missing the first day and meeting their new students, but, they have plans for retirement and some are already enjoying the luxury.

Following are short article about each of the retired teachers.

### Gloria Cassidy

Gloria Cassidy taught the first seven years of her career in third grade (one of those years was a third-fourth grade combination class). She taught one year in second grade and, for the last 30 years, has taught first grade.

Teaching, Mrs. Cassidy said, was a wonderful journey. She said she had always had a love for children and teaching gave her the opportunity to work with them.

"As a primary teacher, she said, I would see growth and excitement in the students every day.

"The love you get from the children makes everything worthwhile," she said. "I have been called 'Mom' and 'Grandma' by a lot of the kids.

"They also told me how much they like what I wore but, most touching, they tell how much they



RETIREMENT TEACHERS, left to right, Sandy Smull, Gloria Cassidy and Lynnette Nolan, met with other teachers on

love me." Mrs. Cassidy was able to teach her two daughters, Penny and Jenny, and all six of her grandchildren. Teaching 38 years, she was able to teach a lot of the second generation children and their sibling. A graduate of Northwestern

State University in Alva, Okla., Mrs. Cassidy taught under several administrators. When she started, Carl Sperry was the superintendent and Velma Zimbelman was the grade school principal. Larry Gabel took Mrs. Zimbelman's position and Carl Werner replaced Mr. Sperry. At her retirement,

Shirley Swihart's patio where they enjoyed a cup of coffee before starting their days at home. Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Scott Carmichael was principal and Rob Schiltz was the superintendent. Mrs. Cassidy said what she would probably miss the most by not teaching was not seeing the children and teachers every day and getting used to a new routine. However, she will have a new

routine that will keep her busy. "I plan to enjoy my home and get caught up on things I have put off doing," she said. "I am also looking forward to watching my grandchildren in sports which will start this year with her grandson, Tate, who is a seventh grader." See RETIRED on Page 6