

New bank now open in Colby

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Peoples State Bank opened recently at 100 S. Range in Colby. Lobby hours are 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Drive-up hours are 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; and 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Customers can park at the north end or on the west side of the facility, or use the drive-through on the west side of the building. The bank has locations in McDonald, Colby and Hoxie.

The bank is locally-owned and several of the employees were previously employed by the former Peoples State Bank in Colby which merged with Gold Bank three years ago. Jon Pope, president of the new bank, said, "We tried the big bank philosophy and felt like we could offer better quality service as small local community bankers."

"I received a phone call that the bank at McDonald, which had the same name as our previous bank, was going to be for sale, so we as a group, along with a few other local investors, made the decision to put a bid in on it, and were lucky enough to get our bid accepted."

"So while applying for regulatory approval for change of control, we also applied for approval to put branches into Colby and Hoxie. We received approvals effective in early November. We are excited to be back to being a locally owned, hometown community bank, making our own decisions."



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Carrie Bartlett, bank employee, spoke with a customer about services at the new facility.

"We have the Hoxie facility now open, and have remodeled the former Old Sheridan Inn Restaurant. We have a full service bank and will be having an openhouse in Hoxie on Jan. 19 from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and on Jan. 20 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and would love to have everyone stop in and see our new facility in Hoxie."

"We have the modular facility open in Colby and will be building a colonial-type bank structure behind where the modular building is with an anticipated completion date of mid-summer. We hope to expand to other communities within the next two to three years, and we are going to offer full banking services in each location. We will have all of your normal bank services in deposit and loan areas, as well as debit cards, credit cards, ATM machines, and internet banking."

"Our former customers as well as new customers have been very sup-

portive of our decision.

"We are appreciative of being in a small community."

"The previous employees in McDonald are staying on with us and are an outstanding group. We are very pleased to have them as part of our team. They are Lindon Montgomery, John Powell, Janice Antholz, Connie Sabatka and Neva Lou Holub. Owen Wingfield, former owner, will be staying on for several months. Owen's wife Phyllis is also helping out on a part-time basis." Employees who came as part of the investment group are Tammi Strutt, Brenda Wagoner, Carrie Bartlett, Harold Sulzman, Lindsay Koster and Sharon Schamberger. Most of their time will be spent in Colby. Meghann Schamberger and Cindy Ostmeier will be working mainly at the Hoxie facility. Pope will be overseeing all facilities.

Wellness Fair offers special test

The 2001 Colby Wellness Fair will be held this Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Colby Community College Student Union.

This year, organizers said, the fair will offer an opportunity for participants to assess their risk of osteoporosis, a significant weakening of the bone. Osteoporosis is a major public health threat for 28 million Americans, 80 percent of whom are women.

Certain factors are linked to the development of osteoporosis or contrib-

ute to an individual's likelihood of developing the disease.

Because of limited testing times during the fair, interested participants will complete a risk appraisal to determine eligibility for this free screening, said official sources.

In general, women between the ages of 30-60 years and men between the ages of 45-60 years will be considered as highest priority for testing.

The free test, offered at the fair, is a bone density test utilizing an ultra-

sound device.

The portable device transmits high frequency sound waves through the patient's heel for about 10 seconds and automatically analyzes the results, organizers said.

Jeanene Brown, one of the committee members noted that prevention should be the first rule of defense against osteoporosis and patient education on osteoporosis risks and prevention will be available at the booth also.

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Bank customers win with Lockett

The recent K-State Wildcat win at the Cotton Bowl was a lucrative one for a large number of Sunflower Bank customers.

In August of 2000, this group of customers purchased a Lockett CD named for and promoted by former K-State All American Kevin Lockett who now plays for the Kansas City Chiefs, bank officials said.

The 13-month CD was designed to provide a competitive rate initially with the rate adjusting after five months if the Cats won nine games and an even higher adjustment if they won nine games including a bowl game.

As a result of K-State's win in Dallas at the Cotton Bowl, customers will receive an annual percentage rate adjustment to 7.75 percent.

"This is the third year that Sunflower Bank has offered the Lockett CD," said Max Mountford, president-Colby.

"Our customers have so much fun with this product and look forward to watching the Wildcat's progress throughout the season."

Sunflower Bank's home office is, located in Salina with other offices lo-

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