

Merger Announcement

Effective July 1st, 2013, Home State Bank & Trust Co. will merge with The Citizens State Bank of Moundridge, Kansas. While the overall legal name of the combined institutions will be The Citizens State Bank, Home State Bank & Trust Co will retain its name as **Home State Bank, a Part of The Citizens State Bank**. After July 1st, customers will begin seeing this wording on correspondence, bank statements, envelopes, advertising, deposit slips and checks from Home State Bank. Occasionally, Home State Bank customers may receive information which comes from The Citizens State Bank. Credit Bureau reporting for Home State Bank loan customers will be under the name of The Citizens State Bank. All phone numbers, addresses and business hours of Home State Bank locations will remain the same, including the location of Home State Bank ATM's. Customers may expect the same quality customer service that has always been provided by Home State Bank & Trust. Home State Bank & Trust and The Citizens State Bank customers will be able to transact business at any Home State Bank or Citizens State Bank location, regardless of where the customers' accounts were originally opened.

Home State Bank & Trust customers will be receiving new VISA debit cards(and pins) prior to July 1st. Current Home State Bank cardholders will not be able to use their cards after June 30, 2013. The new cards cannot be used until July 1st, 2013. We regret this inconvenience but it is a necessary part of the merger process.

Information regarding Home State Bank's internet banking and mobile banking products will be forthcoming in a separate communication.

Important: Joint customers of Home State Bank & Trust and The Citizens State Bank will no longer receive separate FDIC insurance coverage on their deposits after July 1st, 2013. However, FDIC insurance is grandfathered in at each bank until the maturity date, in the case of Certificates of Deposits, and for six months, in the case of non-maturing deposits such as checking accounts, saving accounts, and money market accounts. FDIC insurance covers individual depositors up to \$250,000, with more insurance available for joint accounts, accounts with beneficiaries and other types of ownership categories. Contact a Home State Bank customer service representative for more clarification on FDIC deposit insurance.

This merger of Home State Bank & Trust with The Citizens State Bank of Moundridge will result in a wider range of products, services and locations available to customers of both institutions while retaining the friendly, quality service of a locally owned, strong and secure community bank.

We apologize for any inconvenience incurred as a result of this merger and would anticipate any such inconvenience to be short term in nature. We look forward to continuing to serve the banking needs of our customers. If you have any questions or comments, please direct those to one of our Customer Service Representatives, Joe Harkins or Tiffani Eilrich.

Sincerely,



Ted Odle
President