

META FINANCIAL GROUP INC

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 6, 2003

First Midwest Financial, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-22140	42-1406262
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File) Number	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Fifth at Erie, Storm Lake, IA	50588
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (712) 732-4117

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On October 6, 2003, the Registrant issued the attached press release announcing the sale of a branch office located in Manson, Iowa.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The following Exhibit is being furnished herewith:

99.1 Registrant's Press Release dated October 6, 2003.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST MIDWEST FINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ Donald J. Winchell

*Donald J. Winchell
Senior Vice President, Secretary,
Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer*

Dated: October 8, 2003

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Description of Exhibit

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[First Midwest Financial, Inc. Letterhead]

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Investor Relations

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FIRST MIDWEST ANNOUNCES SALE OF MANSON, IOWA BRANCH OFFICE

(Storm Lake, Iowa - October 6, 2003) First Midwest Financial, Inc. is pleased to announce a definitive agreement with Manson State Bank under which Manson State Bank will acquire First Federal Savings Bank of the Midwest's branch office at Eleventh and Main in Manson, Iowa. First Midwest will receive a 7.25 percent premium on the approximately \$19,500,000 in deposits held by the Manson office. Manson State Bank may also purchase loans of approximately \$900,000 at par and the office building in Manson at approximately net book value. First Midwest will close this office and the Manson State Bank will service all acquired deposit and loan accounts. The transaction is subject to regulatory approval and is expected to close by December 31, 2003.

James S. Haahr, First Midwest CEO and Chairman of the Board, commented, "We are pleased that the sale of this office could be completed with Manson State Bank. They are also a progressive and successful institution that will serve our Manson customers from a position of strength."

At June 30, 2003, First Midwest Financial, Inc. had assets of \$775 million and shareholders' equity of \$44.5 million. The company's stock is traded on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "CASH."

Corporate Profile: First Midwest Financial, Inc. is the holding company for First Federal Savings Bank of the Midwest, headquartered in Storm Lake, Iowa, and for Security State Bank, headquartered in Stuart, Iowa. First Federal Savings Bank operates as a thrift with four divisions: First Federal Storm Lake, Brookings Federal Bank, Iowa Savings Bank, and First Federal Sioux Falls. Security State Bank operates as a state-chartered commercial bank. Sixteen offices support customers throughout northwest and central Iowa, and in Brookings and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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