

Farmers State Bank & Trust Company, Mt. Sterling, Illinois.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (JoAnne F. Lewellen, Assistant Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, P.O. Box 291, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Bluestem Bank Holding Company L.L.C.*, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; to acquire an additional 7.95 percent, thereby increasing its ownership interest from 23.05 percent to 31 percent, of the voting shares of Thomson Holdings, Inc., Centerville, South Dakota, and thereby indirectly acquire First Midwest Bank, Centerville, South Dakota.

2. *First Community Bancorp., Inc.*, Glasgow, Montana; to merge with Froid Bankshares, Inc., Froid, Montana, and thereby indirectly acquire First State bank of Froid, Froid, Montana.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Astra Financial Corporation*, Prairie Village, Kansas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of Mitchell County Bank, Simpson, Kansas, and up to 13.52 percent of First Missouri Bancshares, Brookfield, Missouri, and indirectly acquire First Missouri National Bank, Brookfield, Missouri.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 5, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 14, 1998.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Proposed additional responsibilities for a Federal Reserve Board division.
- Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.
- Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at

approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: October 7, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Executive Subcommittee.

Time and Date: 1:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., October 29, 1998.

Place: Room 405A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: At this meeting the Executive Subcommittee will be developing agendas for meetings of the full National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics on November 12-13, 1998 and February 2-4, 1999 and attending to other business as required.

Notice: In the interest of security, the Department has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H. Humphrey building by non-government employees. Thus, persons without a government identification card will need to have the guard call for an escort to the meeting.

For More Information Contact: Substantive program information as well as summaries of the meeting and a roster of committee members may be obtained from James Scanlon, NCVHS Executive Staff Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS, Room 440-D, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201, telephone (202) 690-7100, or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 436-7050. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs>.

Dated: October 1, 1998.

James Scanlon,

Director, Division of Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Subcommittee on Populations.

Time and Date: 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., October 30, 1998.

Place: Room 705A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: At this meeting the Subcommittee on Special Populations will be considering recommendations for its report on medicare managed care. The Subcommittee will also be deliberating over its charge and work plan for next year.

Notice: In the interest of security, the Department has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H. Humphrey building by non-government employees. Thus, persons without a government identification card will need to have the guard call for an escort to the meeting.

For Further Information Contact: Substantive program information as well as summaries of the meeting and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Carolyn M. Rimes, Lead Staff Person for the NCVHS Subcommittee on Special Populations, Office of Research and Demonstrations, Health Care Financing Administration, MS-C4-13-01, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850, telephone (410)-786-6620; or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 436-7050. Information also is available on the NCVHS, home page of the HHS website: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs>.

Dated: October 1, 1998.

James Scanlon,

Director, Division of Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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