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## From the manager... FCE Annual Meeting Fri., March 11

We'd like to remind you of your FCE Annual Meeting to be held on Friday, March 11th at the Lakeview School. We hope that you and your family can



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attend and eat supper with us, your friends and neighbors, and your fellow FCE Patron/Owners. And we hope that you are able to attend your FCE Annual Business Meeting also. More details are listed in this newsletter issue.

FCE is offering a number of grain contracts to try and help you market some of your grain. We are offering some "Averager Contracts" that will automatically help you receive an average price for your grain over a specific time period. These innovative contracts are being offered in addition to our standard grain marketing alternatives. Contact any member of our FCE Grain Team if you are interested or have questions.

On Monday, February 22nd we started moving the grain out of the Porter Elevator for the USDA of Kansas City, MO. FCE was the successful bidder amongst five total bids. We feel bad

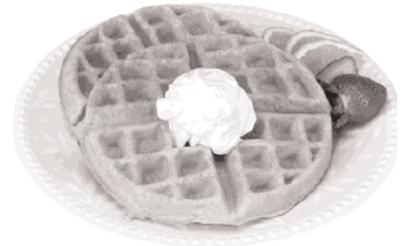
# ANNUAL MEETING

## Friday, March 11

at the  
**LAKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL  
IN COTTONWOOD**

### BELGIAN WAFFLES

Served from 4 to 7:00 p.m.



### ENTERTAINMENT

Bob Zelenka, Executive Director of the Minnesota Grain & Feed Association will share some photos and highlights from his recent trade mission to Cuba.

6:15 - 7:00

### MEETING BEGINS at 7:30 p.m.

The traditional, delicious Belgian waffles will be served along with all the trimmings from 4 to 7:00 p.m. ALL YOU CAN EAT. Bring your spouse and children. There will be at least 38 waffle irons and everyone can wait inside. Lakeview High School is located on the north side of Cottonwood, visible from Hwy. 23.

The business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. We'll review last year's operations at FCE and discuss plans for the current year. We will also be electing three directors to the board. Profiles of the director candidates are inside this newsletter.

# DIRECTOR CANDIDATE PROFILES

## Echo Area



### Todd Lecy

Todd Lecy is an incumbent director, serving on the FCE board since 2013. He farms between Granite Falls and Echo with his dad Robert and sons Hunter and Bobby. He has been farming for 32 years and raises corn, soybeans, wheat, and alfalfa. They have a beef cattle and cow calf operation. He and his wife, Jennifer have five children: Cody, 31; Beau, 29; Hunter, 24; Bobby, 23 and daughter Laiken, 17, who attends Yellow Medicine East High School in Granite Falls. Todd serves on the Sioux Agency Township board of supervisors. He enjoys, hunting, fishing and attending athletic events.

## Hanley Falls Area



### Dan Stevens

Dan Stevens is an incumbent director, serving on the board since 2001. He farms three and a half miles west of Hanley Falls with his brother, Bob and nephew Luke. They grow corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa. They are transitioning their farm to organic and they buy weaned pigs from Canada and raise them antibiotic free. He is a member of the Yellow Medicine Corn and Soybean Growers, having served as past chairman and treasurer for the Soybean Growers. He is a member of Hazel Run Lutheran Church. Dan is married to Lori. Their daughters are Amy, 29 and Bailey, 16, and their sons are Chris, 27, Josh, 18 and Jared, 16. Bailey, Josh and Jared attend Lakeview High School in Cottonwood.

## Cottonwood Area



### Mark Vandelanotte

Mark Vandelanotte is an incumbent director, serving on the board since 1997 and as chairman of the board for the past 10 years. He farms six miles south of Cottonwood with his brother, David and his nephew, Jance. They raise corn, soybeans and alfalfa and they feed beef cattle. Mark and his wife, Jane, have two adult daughters: Abby and Bayli.

### SCOTT - Continued from front

for the farmers that did business at the Porter Elevator and lost their hard earned money. It is just a very bad deal for them and the area. I've been asked many times if we plan to buy the Porter Elevator and the answer is "we don't know yet but the Board and myself plan to be present at the sale."

Once again, we hope to see you on March 11th and hopefully you have the time to take in the presentation about Cuba also. Thanks for your Business!

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