

Hordville, Polk get housing loans

By JAN WARE

A total of \$530,000 in Farmers Home Administration loans has been approved and is available to fund two low-income housing units for the elderly in Hordville and Polk. The announcement came Tuesday from the office of Rep. Virginia Smith. The money will finance construction of 20 one-bedroom units in the two small towns.

Eight of the housing units will be built on the south edge of Hordville and will be financed by a \$220,000 FmHA loan. Gladys Anderson, secretary of the Hordville Housing Authority, explained that low-income housing for elderly citizens of the area would enable them to remain in the community longer.

"The village had heard there were funds available for very small communities," Mrs. Anderson explained. "It'll be nice to keep our elderly citizens here instead of having them move away from the community."

The eight one-bedroom housing units will be constructed as duplexes around a separate community building with laundry facilities and a community room. One unit will be designed specifically for handicapped persons. The location puts residents near the downtown area close to the bank and post office. Architect for the housing authority project is Lynn Vermeer of the Lincoln firm of Baer, Vermeer, Haecker Architects.

Each unit will have 600 square feet and the duplexes are to sport a brick veneer with frame accent.

Favorable response

Mrs. Anderson said a survey taken last summer showed good community response to the project.

"There just hasn't been that much (housing) available," she explained. "(Units at) Aurora are usually full. When they weren't able to maintain their own homes anymore, some persons might have entered a nursing home even if they weren't ready to."

With alternate housing available to elderly persons, more homes will be made available for younger families moving into town, according to Mrs. Anderson.

The general contracting bid of \$198,000 for construction of the Hordville housing project was awarded to Wilson Construction of David City. That company also was awarded the general contracting bid of \$283,000 for the Polk Housing Authority project.

Polk Housing Authority Chairman Glen Babcock said three four-plex housing units would be built directly east of the town's hotel near main street, again a convenient location for elderly housing.

The low-income housing project for elderly citizens was approved for \$310,000 in FmHA loans. It will include 12 one-bedroom units of 600 square feet each constructed with a brick veneer. Two of the apartments will be designed for handicapped persons. Lincoln architect Vermeer planned Polk's low-income housing unit as well.

Babcock, who has been chairman of the housing authority for three years, explained that Polk had tried to qualify for low-income housing assistance for 10 years. Now that the endless paper work is at an end and the town will receive an assistance loan, Babcock said, "We're all real happy. Everybody's enthused (about the project)."

A survey taken in Polk showed that 28 persons in the area would be eligible to live in the rent subsidized housing project.

"We probably could use four more units yet," Babcock explained, "but the big cities get first choice. This is money left over from last year."

Construction is expected to begin on the two housing projects this spring when the frost leaves the ground. Babcock said it was hoped the Polk units would be ready for occupancy in late fall.



HORDVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY chairman Roger Gustafson takes Lindenwood visitors on a tour of the low income housing development in Hordville during the facilities grand opening on Sunday. The eight-apartment duplex-designed complex is ready for occupancy, with several residents already moved into their new homes. — News-Register Photo

Lindenwood Celebrates Grand Opening Sunday

Hordville Housing Authority celebrated the grand opening of their new low income housing project Lindenwood, Sunday afternoon with an open house from 2-4 p.m. at the housing project facilities in downtown Hordville.

Housing Authority members and executive director Gladys Anderson were on hand Sunday to conduct tours of the facilities as well as answer questions concerning the eight apartment complex.

The four duplexes each contains two 660 square foot apartments which includes a living room, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and storage space. Each apartment is furnished with a stove and refrigerator and is completely carpeted. Air conditioning was also installed for the residents' comfort during summer months.

The development facilities includes a community building with kitchen, laundry and restroom facilities and an all purpose room for group activities or family entertaining.

Members of the Hordville Housing Authority whose efforts were responsible for the

complex included Roger Gustafson, chairman, Joyce Riekenberg, Merlin Ericksen, Darold Ortegren and Gladys Anderson. Mrs. Anderson has since resigned from the Housing Authority to become the executive director and secretary of Lindenwood. Her husband, Dick Anderson, was named to fill the vacancy created by her resignation.

The original Housing Authority was formed in June of 1977 and seven months later, in January of 1978 they had received assurance of funding for the low income housing project through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Construction of Lindenwood began in the Spring of 1978 and the units are now ready for occupancy although there is landscaping and some exterior painting and other site work yet to be done.

The first occupants to move into their new home in Lindenwood were Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Person who formerly lived one mile south of Hordville. There are still some vacancies in Lindenwood, according to ex-

ecutive director Anderson, but they are expected to be filled.

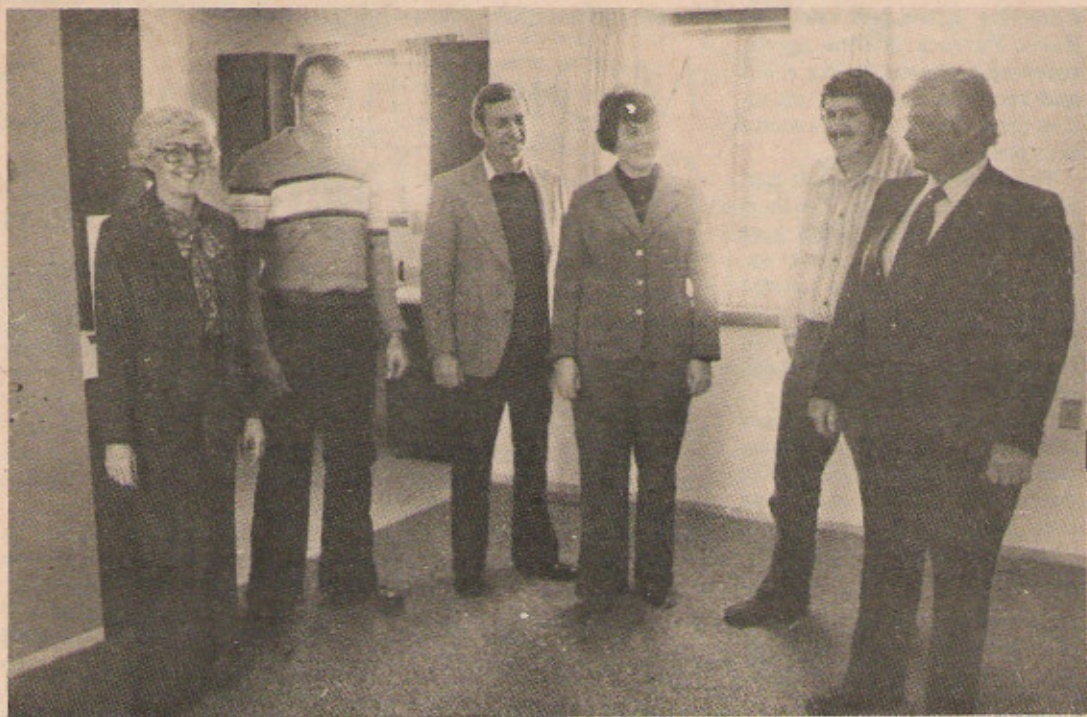
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MR. AND MRS. HUGO PERSON were the first residents of Lindenwood, Hordville's low income development. The Persons had formerly lived a mile south of Hordville. With them is their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Wayne Person. — News-Register Photo



HELPING CELEBRATE the grand opening of Lindenwood low income housing development in Hordville were Hordville Housing Authority members and Lindenwood's executive director. From left, executive director Gladys Anderson, Merlin Ericksen, Dick Anderson, Joyce Reikenberg, Darold Ortegren and Roger Gustafson, Hordville Housing Authority chairman. — News-Register Photo



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