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20 selected for Leadership Council Bluffs program

Twenty people have been selected to participate in the third Leadership Council Bluffs class.

John W. Balk, chairman of the membership-selection committee, said this year's nominees were interesting and difficult: interesting because there were so many highly qualified Council Bluffs leaders who were recommended and involved; difficult because the committee had to struggle with the task of narrowing the field of candidates to 20.

Leadership Council Bluffs is a project of the Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce designed to sharpen leadership skills. It involves participants in a yearlong program focusing on their own skills, helping them sense current and future needs of the community and exploring strategies to positively confront and deal with these challenges.

By offering opportunities to interact with former and current community, county and state leaders, the program gives participants a chance to exercise their skills and benefit from the experience seasoned leaders.

Balk said Leadership Council Bluffs participants will meet once each month from October through May in a variety of activities designed to focus on individual and group leadership development.

The opening session Oct. 12-13 will be a retreat for participants to become acquainted and work in a leadership seminar.



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During the program, they will learn about the history and heritage of Council Bluffs, investigate the Council Bluffs-Omaha relationship and current issues.

Activities will include a trip to Des Moines to meet local legislators.

Graduation will be in May, and participants will then become members of the Leadership Alumni Association.

This year's steering committee chairman is William Johnson, superintendent at Iowa School for

the Deaf. Chairman of the curriculum committee is Don Porter, vice president at Iowa Western Community College.

This year's participants are: Jeffrey A. Ballenger of Ballenger Automotive Services;

Scott M. Behrens of Iowa Power Inc.;

Richard R. Connell, director of facilities at Iowa School for the Deaf;

Donald D. Gross, Council Bluffs development services coordinator; Robert M. Hanafan, Bluffs Run

director of marketing;

Patricia A. Hannan, executive director, Nishnabotna Girl Scout Council;

Timothy J. Hobbins, Mercy Hospital director of pharmaceutical services;

Galen G. Howsare, Lewis Central High School executive director of administrative services;

Connie L. Kiefer, Peoples Natural Gas administrative supervisor;

Mary E. Kristensen, co-owner, Kristensen Insurance Services

Inc.;

P. Michelle Olderog, First Federal Savings and Loan Association assistant vice president;

Deborah L. Petersen, attorney/partner, Perkins, Sacks, Hannan, Reilly & Petersen law firm;

Paula L. Porter, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District; Scott J. Rogers, Peters Law Firm PC;

Donna J. Schoeppner, manger, Christy Creme Chicken;

Bill C. Spitznagle, Union Pacific Railroad assistant manager,

information services;

Joy C. Stein, intern principal, Lewis and Clark Elementary School;

Ronald N. Tekippe, marketing director, H. Gene McKeown & Associates Inc.;

Paul A. Waltz, Council Bluffs Savings Banks assistant vice president/operations manager;

Edward D. Witthauer, Iowa Western Community College custodial services.

Social Security better than beans?

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Security and railroad retirement programs