

Representatives from Seguros La Comercial, a Mexico-based insurance company, and Agro International Inc., a subsidiary of the Redland Group, met here this week to sign a renewal of

the agreement between the two companies to develop the privatization of agricultural insurance in Mexico. John Nelson, left, signs agreement as officials of the Mexico company look on.

to hospital position

Dr. Marvin L. Swanson, a former rural Neola resident, has

Carter Lak gets driving

Jerry M. F. Lake has received driving award

Redland announces hiring, pi

Michael Birge been appointed manager for the division of Red Company, Plains Truck

Birge will be responsible for establishing underwriting guidelines, staff development and meeting production goals for the department.

He is a graduate of University of Iowa. He worked as a printer for Ha Company in underwriting Crum & Forst most recently vice president at A and of Omaha

Recent promotion include senior vice president of sales; Niki W president, director; Kim Gib president, manager; Mary Sutton, director; Tracy Conneal crop hail producer; Cleveland, senior manager; Don Clark, senior manager; Randy Rhodes president, manager; Dnapple, assistant, CIML.

Twenty chosen for leadership class

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

Billi R. Aherns, chairman of the membership selection committee, said this year's group of nominees and candidates was impressive and interesting.

"It's exciting to continue seeing so many highly qualified Council Bluffs leaders being recommended and involved after three years of this program," she said.

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 also gives participants a chance to use their skills and benefit from the experience of seasoned leaders.

Aherns said Leadership Council Bluffs participants will meet once each month from September through May in a variety of activities focusing on individual and group leadership development.

Opening session Sept. 13-14 will be a retreat at Iowa Western Community College for participants to become acquainted and work in a leadership seminar.

During this intensive program, they will learn about the history and heritage of Council Bluffs, investigate the Council Bluffs-Omaha relationship and share ideas on other current issues.

An additional session incorporated into the program this year will focus on education and public-finance areas.

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

Graduation will be in May, and participants will then have the opportunity to continue their community involvement



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by becoming members of the Leadership Alumni Association.

This year's steering committee chairman is William Johnson, superintendent of Iowa School for the Deaf. Chairman of the curriculum committee is Don Porter, vice president at Iowa Western Community College.

The class of 1992 participants are:

- John F. Cool, director of student life, Iowa School for the Deaf.
- Keith D. Hartje, Iowa Power Inc.
- Susan M. Johnson, life skills consultant, Loess Hills Area Education Agency.
- Cynthia A. Keithley, account executive, Investment Centers of America Inc.
- Marie E. Knedler, vice president of nursing, Mercy Hospital.
- Lynette K. Langer-Keagle, advertising sales manager, American Heritage Cablevision.

- Terry D. Lindsley, job training specialist, Job Training Partnership.

- John M. McHale, shareholder/attorney, The Peters Law Firm, P.C.

- Bonnie R. Miley, director of communication arts, Fine Arts and Learning Resources, Iowa Western Community College.

- Emily L. Nelson, director of administrative services, Loess Hills AEA.

- Linda M. Nelson, sixth-grade teacher, Council Bluffs Community Schools.

- Nancy E. Schulze, executive director, American Red Cross.

- Charles W. Schumacher, executive vice president and

senior loan officer, Peoples National Bank.

- Valerie L. Siegrist, program consultant, Iowa School for the Deaf.

- Randy J. Sliva, director of promotions/television development, Bluffs Run.

- David L. Smith, operations manager, Peoples Natural Gas.

- Mary L. Sutton Sr., vice president, American Agrisurance.

- Roger P. Utman, counselor and admissions officer, Iowa Western Community College.

- Warren K. Weber, director of secondary education, Council Bluffs Community Schools.

- Brad M. Weil, commercial loan officer, First National Bank of Council Bluffs.

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