

Enhancing leadership skills of individuals who will take our rural communities into the future will be the focus of the program "Leaders For A New Frontier" to be held Feb. 2-4, 2010 in Curtis at the Community Center.

This program is looking for enthusiastic individuals interested in strengthening their rural communities by stimulating creativity, wealth, education and business.

Speakers from Personal Horizons Consulting, University of Nebraska–Lincoln and University of Nebraska Rural Initiative will provide individuals with skills, motivation and confidence to seek an active role in addressing current and future issues affecting their rural businesses and communities. Interactive sessions will include:

- **Who Am I As A Leader:** We will take an in-depth look at yourself and how factors influence your interactions with others and how internal motivators work to move each of us into action.
- **Group Dynamics:** Attention will be given to diversity in personality traits, gender and cultural differences, generational differences, how differences can be strengths, processes of effective and ineffective groups and understanding leadership within groups.
- **Introduction to Community:** Learn about community assets and discover techniques to help generate ideas, prioritize and make decisions to address or resolve community issues for the future of your community.
- **Influence of Demographic Trends:** We will look at how demographic changes are affecting rural America, specifically Southwest Nebraska.

Registrations and \$150 fee per participant for Leaders of the New Frontier is due by Dec. 30 and can be mailed to Ann Burge, PO Box 720, Grant, NE 69140 or contacts listed below.

The program fee covers program materials and expenses, meal during conference and two nights lodging. The actual cost is well above the price paid, however, a group of committed individuals from the surrounding area are working diligently to secure funding for this program.

Employers are encouraged to take advantage of this educational program in community leadership and support their employees by providing the opportunity to attend.

Seating is limited to the first 25 who register.

For registration forms and more information on how to support someone in attending the program contact Kimberly Cook, UNL Extension Educator at (308)882-4731, Debbie Kuenning, UNL Extension Educator at 308-284-6051 or Randy Vlasin at (308)882-6519.