

Participates In Workshop, Helping Small Towns Succeed

Steven Brune, president of Citizens State Bank, Clearwater, was one of 26 rural community leaders and practitioners from across the nation who attended a three-day workshop in Nebraska City, called "Helping Small Towns Succeed," a nationally recognized workshop for rural community development professionals.

The workshop, which has supported rural community development professionals since 1992, was held at the Lied Lodge and Conference Center. Attendees learned new approaches to leadership development, such as diversity as an economic development opportunity, Appreciative Inquiry as a new tool for community planning, building blocks of community development and measurement, social capital building, and Clues to Rural Community Survival.

"I can't wait to implement what I learned in the workshop back home," said Brune. "This program features practical and useful strategies that we can put into place right away."

"From new tools to conducting a community assessment to designing a leadership program geared toward our community, Helping Small Towns really takes the future of small communities seriously," Brune continued.

The framework for Helping Small Towns is rooted in a long-term approach to rural community revitalization. Its design allows communities to begin community development right away.

The Heartland Center for Leadership Development of Lincoln has sponsored the workshop since its inception. Heartland Center activities focus on training and facilitation

for community capacity building nationwide.

For more information on the national program, contact the Heartland Center for Leadership Development at info@heartlandcenter.info or at (402) 474-7667.

