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PRESS RELEASE

Papillion Named Best Place to Raise Kids

PAPILLION, Neb., January 15, 2013 – Bloomberg Businessweek has released its 2013 list of the best communities in which to raise kids. For the state of Nebraska, Papillion tops the list.

The publication selected one community from each of the 50 states for its list after starting with more than 3,200 communities with populations between 5,000 and 50,000. Using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the web site GreatSchools.org, the rankings weighed a number of factors. Public school performance, safety, housing costs, adult educational achievement, income and unemployment were some of the standards considered.

The description of Papillion noted great ratings for Papillion's elementary schools. It also highlighted the recreational opportunities for kids and adults, as well as the town's annual festival, Papillion Days. Papillion's unemployment rate (3.7%) is one of the lowest of all the communities honored.

Mayor David Black noted how special this particular recognition is to the town. We feel very fortunate to have been recognized for Nebraska, because this really is a great state and area in which to raise a family," he said. "Our strong schools deserve a ton of credit for the work they do. This community is blessed with great civic organizations, foundations, businesses and residents that truly care about families and kids. As a City, we make great investments in public safety and recreational space and opportunities, as well. This all contributes to making Papillion a special place."

Papillion has been recognized several times by national rankings and publications over the course of the last decade. Most recently, it was named the Best Small Town in America by Liviability.com, a service that focuses on ranking the best places to live and visit. Papillion has been recognized by Bloomberg Businessweek before. In 2010, the publication ranked Papillion as the Best Affordable Suburb in Nebraska.

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