

Chamber has Surprise Speaker

The monthly meeting of the Eureka Chamber of Commerce was held on December 16 at 7:00 PM at Prime Time.

There was a discussion on the recent Treasure Chest Extravaganza. All prizes (with the exception of one donation) were purchased from Eureka Chamber businesses. About 500 Hunter Bags were given out to hunters. Dues for next year can be paid at any time. Members were asked to give some thought to beautification along the highway next spring or summer. Suggestions were banners and flower pots, and a decision will be made at a future meeting. The Chamber's electronic billboard is unusable until an accidental wire cut is repaired.

Monthly reports:

- City – There will be a budget meeting at the end of the year. A decision on replacement of the park fence will be made next year. Muth Electric cut a wire to the electronic sign and will fix it. Eureka is hosting the Municipal League convention in March.
- School – A new minibus was purchased.
- Lions – Over \$800 in local donations was received for Toys for Tots. YTC district tournament ads are being sought.
- Eureka Development – A 9-week Dave Ramsey financial course will begin January 12 with Pastor Ryan Gage as facilitator.
- Schmeckfest – Saturday night supper entertainment will be the Emter Family.

Chamber member, Charles Hoffman, was present at the meeting. He had not planned to be the speaker, but because there was so much interest in the 2014 legislative session Hoffman was able to fill that role. The District 23 Representative answered questions about the upcoming legislative sessions and spoke about some of the issues that will be heard this year. The 38-day session begins January 14 and there will be many bills this year. Hoffman attended the recent Governor's Pheasant Summit, where over 400 people from across the state came together to discuss pheasants and ways to improve pheasant hunting. Hoffman agreed to speak at a Chamber meeting midway through the session to give a legislative update and answer questions.

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