

Local Health Care Discussed at Chamber

“I’m very passionate about keeping health care in the community as much as possible,” said Carie Kappes as she shared information about Eureka Community Health Services with those assembled at Prime Time for the monthly Chamber meeting on June 17.

The Eureka Director of Nursing enumerated the many services that are available, and explained several when questions were asked. The hospital, assisted living and public health are all portions of the entity. Many services are available locally through physician referral and include mammography, physical therapy, sleep studies, home health, radiology, and cardiac rehab. Outpatient services include such things as IV therapy and allergy shots. The hospital has an emergency room and a doctor on call 24 hours a day. The extensive list of local services is much longer than those just mentioned.

Besides explaining the local services, Kappes asked that all present at Chamber complete a one-page questionnaire about the health needs in the community. In addition to Chamber, many other groups in town have been asked to complete the Community Needs Assessment. The data will be compiled, an action plan will be formulated, and goals will be set for the next 2 years.

Kappes stated that people are often unaware of the services that are offered locally. She said they are making an effort to do more things to let the public know all that Eureka Community Health Services has to offer, such as speaking engagements and literature in the Welcome Wagon baskets.

Monthly reports:

- City – Shirley Rau was recognized for her 17 years of service to the city and Natasha Henry was hired to fill her position. Eureka uses about 2.5 million gallons of water per month, and is contracted with WEB for over 3.5 million gallons that could be used if needed. The “blue building” has been leased by the county. Trucks that are not following the designated detour in the construction zone will be routed by more signage and the situation monitored.
- Fire Department – No fires were reported and a new truck should be completed soon.
- Lions – The Triathlon will be held June 30th with some route changes and more helpers are needed. Ads for the community calendar are being taken now.
- HRC – Tenants have been in the new 4-plex for about a month, and all apartments are filled. Work that will be completed in the warm weather months are installation of an underground watering system and grass seeding.
- Schmeckfest – the Tractor Drive will be made to Ashley on June 22.
- Eureka Development – A grant has been received for training. Through those funds, the Dave Ramsey financial course will be offered beginning in September on Sunday afternoons for 7 weeks and will be facilitated by Pastor Ryan Gage. It will be open to the public.
- Top Hats – The group is available for new and existing businesses for any kind of ceremony. Contact Charles Koerner if your business is celebrating anything.

Old Business:

- Swap Meet – The June 8 event was moved indoors because of rain and will be held again on July 6. Weather permitting, it will be held in the business district with the street blocked off. Booths can be whatever the participants want to have, such as rummage, garden produce, baked goods, antiques, short massages, crafts,

informational, and commercial businesses. Judy Dohn is in charge of the Swap Meet.

- Update on July 6 activities – Prime Time will set up a huge tent back of the business on July 3. They will host a Bean Bag Tournament on July 4, Karaoke on July 5, and II Amendment on July 6. Barb Billotto has arranged for the National Guard to set up 2 inflatables for kids – Boxing and King of the Hill - by 3:00 PM.
- Fireworks will be on July 4 and Chamber voted to donate \$500 to the display.

New Business:

- There will be no meeting in July.
- The traditional Appreciation Day will not be held this year. Normally about \$1700 is spent for the activity and that money will be used in a different Chamber sponsored activity. One of the main deciding factors in changing to something new is that Appreciation Day takes a large amount of manpower and the number of volunteers was no longer sufficient to host the day.

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