

What's Developing....

Trends in small towns in South Dakota are decreasing population, fewer services, declining school enrollment and vacant main street businesses.

In order for towns to survive, those trends have to be slowed or reversed.

Eureka has experienced several of these small town trends and is actively working to turn negatives into positives.

Eureka has been very fortunate to have people from younger generations become established locally. The Eureka Community Development Company hopes that will continue and is working to help make that happen.

It used to be that people in small towns urged their youth to leave and become successful. The advice in small towns is now "leave and get your education, then return home to apply that education and own your own business".

Those can be service businesses or retail businesses that are located in small towns such as Eureka. The jobs can also be the kind that can be done electronically from any location in the world. As people seek the quality of life they want in a small town, and have the ability to do the kind of work they want, towns like Eureka have an appeal now that was not seen in the past.

Eureka Development is hosting a speaker who will deal with issues such as these on February 28. He will be addressing students in grades 7-12 in the Eureka School in the afternoon, and then he will be the main speaker at the annual meeting that evening at 7:00 PM at the Eureka Senior Center.

Everyone is invited to that evening meeting to hear how we can all be active in shaping the future of our town.

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