

What's Developing

Since the retirement of one of Eureka's longest running daycares, the community has felt the need for additional child care. The Eureka Community Development Company has explored options and everything seemed at a standstill. There is daycare available, but there are constant requests from additional parents who are discouraged because they cannot find the child care they need at the times they need it.

Then one day two – TWO – individuals in Eureka announced on the Eureka online rummage sale site that they are opening in-home daycares. Both are new to the community. Here is a bit about each.

Mary Sanderson is the mother of 4 children ranging in age 9 down to 5 months. She is married to Anthony who works for Todd Rau. The daycare is located in their home at 710 6th St. The hours of operation are tentatively set for Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM. Mary babysat when she was a teenager and started a daycare in Mobridge in 2006. She attended Lake Area Tech in Watertown, graduating in 2009 with an A.A.S. degree in Marketing Management and Sales. She can be contacted at 605-848-3667.

Jamie Smith moved to Eureka from Sturgis with her husband and two sons, aged 11 and 5. She is married to Ted Smith, the new McPherson County Deputy Sheriff. She will provide daycare in their home at 908 7th Street. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Jamie has an associate degree in Elementary Education from Black Hills State University and this will be her first venture in providing daycare. She can be reached at 605-284-2207.

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