

## What's Developing

The Information Center at the west edge of Eureka is a much-used facility, and one that receives constant comments from travelers.

The stone-pillared 24' X 24' open air structure was built in 1994. In 1998 a 16' addition was added to transform it from the Information Booth to the Information Center. The funds for the addition project were received from Allen and Walter Neuharth, and a plaque dedicating it to their parents (Daniel and Christina) is near the front entrance. The original building was paid for by donations from Gannett Corporation, the Community Improvement Fund and advertising money.

A common comment heard from travelers is that they are so happy that such a facility exists and it is one of their stops as they pass through the area. For others who have stopped for the first time, their remarks are similar. Using the public restroom and water fountain, getting information about Eureka and the region, asking directions, and having a place to stretch their legs seem to be the favored reasons for stopping.

WiFi is available and is a popular service used by local citizens, travelers, and vacationers.

A time of heavy traffic for the Information Center is during pheasant hunting. Many hunters stop in annually as they return to the area and pick up materials supplied by SD Game, Fish and Parks. It is common for several of them to use WiFi in the morning for their businesses, and then leave for the rest of the day for hunting; repeating that process for most of the time they are here.

Local organizations also use the facility as a location for their meetings. A call to the Eureka Development office is all that is needed to reserve the meeting room. Those who meet monthly throughout the year have the space reserved for their meeting date for the entire year.

A strange thing happened while I was writing this article. A person stopped in and used the bathroom before continuing into town. Ironically, she asked about the background of the building and how it is used. Since I had the history book open for information for this article, she was able to see earlier photos of the building. She had many favorable comments on the location, accessibility, and attractiveness of the building. And before she left, a trucker with mechanical problems stopped in to learn more about Eureka while waiting to be picked up. Although it seemed a little strange that those two stopped in and asked about the same things that were at the same time being written, their visits were definitely not out of the ordinary. Like so many others who use the facility, they expressed their appreciation for this convenience found in Eureka that is found in very few other towns.

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