

What's Developing

In the look back at 30 years of history of the Eureka Community Development Company, this column will give the highlights of 2005.

Businesses which did not exist in Eureka at the time were needed. ECDC worked with several individuals who were interested in opening businesses of a lumberyard, laundromat, hardware store, and electrician. Terry McCleary opened McCleary Lumber that year.

The Addax Telecom, Inc. call center had a total of 40-50 employees.

Eureka's Hidden Treasures identified local crafters and featured each in a brochure. This was a joint project between ECDC and Eureka High School business classes. Mary Gab was instrumental in the original idea for the project.

The annual meeting speaker was Verne Hanson from Faulkton Development Corporation and he talked about businesses and housing projects in Faulkton. It was reported at the annual meeting that ECDC promotes Eureka through vacation guides, a local website, websites and publications at regional and state level, mail, email, phone, fax and in person when information is requested about Eureka. Also at the annual meeting, an attendance policy was added to the ECDC by-laws concerning attendance by board members at regular meetings.

The Horizons program covered expenses for members to attend a meeting in Bismarck, printing the local resource book, a youth empowerment presentation in Ashley, and a community revitalization presentation by Dr. James Beddow in Eureka. Other Horizons projects were helping to start a Red Hat Society, start a F.U.N. group, and hold a funeral to combat negative attitudes.

ECDC hosted a familiarization tour of Eureka for the Information Center operators from across the state. ECDC worked in conjunction with the City on Capital For a Day when state government officials were in Eureka.

Al Neuharth notified ECDC that he had added Eureka to the national weather map in USA Today, making it the smallest town on the map.

Jundt attended grant training, served on a state assessment team and attended a wind conference in Brookings.

New member that year was Mickey Neuharth.

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