

What's Developing

As the Eureka Community Development Company celebrates 30 years as a nonprofit organization in Eureka, we are looking back at the highlights of those years. This article centers on 2006.

Work was done with several businesses that year. ECDC worked with Dr. Jim Anderson and the State Dept. of Health in efforts to bring a new dentist to Eureka when Dr. Anderson retires. Two loans were paid in full that year; they were Tony's Small Engine Repair and Eureka Manufacturing.

Property was purchased and much clean-up was done in an area adjacent to Highway 10 for future commercial development. That was about a 3-year project and the legal process was long in getting clear title to several of the properties. An environmental assessment of the entire property was done through Northeast Council of Governments.

Contacts continued to be made with people interested in opening a hardware store in Eureka.

Partnerships were formed and strengthened across the state in a variety of ways. A regional meeting sponsored by Knight Foundation was held at the country club in Eureka. City and economic development people from area and regional towns received a tour of Eureka, then met for 4 hours to work together in developing the region through business, education, and arts & culture. Jundt was a panel speaker at a regional summit conference in Aberdeen, a speaker at the Leadership Aberdeen class at NSU, and a speaker in Chamberlain for a Northwest Area Foundation showcase event. Community Connections, a program of SD Rural Enterprise, hosted a teleconference to people in ND and SD with presenters Mike Verchio from Hill City, Sharon Schamber from Freeman and Wanda Jundt from Eureka. ECDC members hosted Business After Hours at Aberdeen Chamber as the guest town. They featured information and products from several Eureka businesses. A community assessment was held that year with results posted online.

ECDC hosted an informational meeting on wind farming with PUC commissioners as speakers at Northwest GF Mutual basement.

A regional marketing grant was used to purchase website window clings. New brochures for Eureka's Hidden Treasures and ECDC were designed and printed.

A small fire in a bathroom fan occurred at the call center building and was quickly extinguished.

Vandalism at the Information Center was reported and cleaned up.

Wanda Jundt