

What's Developing

The year was 2004 in a look back at the Eureka Community Development Company's thirty years of existence.

ATI Call Center needed to hire more employees and ECDC helped with Informational Socials in area towns, sent out news releases, hosted an Open House, worked with Job Service, contacted area schools, featured local workers on the Eureka Show, and ran classified ads in newspapers. There was a high of about 45 employees, both full time and part time. Manager, Joe Carroll, was the speaker at ECDC's annual meeting.

Richard Vetch was one of the 6 finalists for the SD Retailer of the Year Award.

Activities were held throughout the year through the Northwest Area Foundation's Horizons grant. Projects were better cell phone coverage, leadership classes, hospitality training, training in St. Paul attended by two Horizons members, a resource book was compiled and printed, and the Attitude Doctor was a speaker at a session open to the community and surrounding area.

ECDC spearheaded efforts to get a Community Foundation established in Eureka, a board of directors was formed and information was given to the public

Jonathan Lapp was available to provide private computer lessons to people in their homes.

Wanda Jundt administered tests for a medical transcriptionist as the local student completed each unit of study.

ECDC board members met with potential buyers for both the lumberyard and hardware store throughout the year. No transactions happened for either business that year. The Community Transit Bus was stored in the lumberyard building which was then owned by ECDC.

The SDREI quarterly meeting was held in July in Eureka. A seminar was held for people interested in selling their businesses. Jundt attended a training on microenterprise and loan policies. ECDC hosted Sen. Johnson for a windshield tour of Eureka using the community transit bus.

New board members that year were Dan Mettler, Jeff Simmons and Jack Goetz.

Wanda Jundt