

What's Developing

This column will take us back to the year 2012 as we review Eureka Community Development Company's thirty years of history.

The Eureka Top Hats organized that year. Charles Koerner and Wanda Jundt, representing Eureka Chamber and Eureka Development, visited several local businesses and offered grand opening and ribbon cutting celebrations. A banner was made to be used at the celebrations, and Jaci Eberhart since that time has made detachable business name signs to add to the banner for each celebration. Celebrations that year were held at In-Town Rentals, JP Lumber, Prime Time, and the 4-plex housing unit.

Eureka Development and Eureka Chamber partnered on several other projects. ECDC assisted Chamber by coordinating the Hunter Bags for pheasant hunters, and printed 25,000 Treasure Chest tickets for Chamber's Christmas promotion. Speakers from the Governor's Office of Economic Development, NESDEC, NECOG, and the Small Business Development Center presented a business training given at a Chamber meeting and coordinated by ECDC.

The annual meeting was held at the Eureka Senior Center with Paula Jensen representing NESDEC/NESDCAP as the speaker. There were 5 loans through the revolving loan fund. Twelve referrals were made for business planning and financial assistance, and assistance was given to eight additional businesses with specific needs. ECDC's Facebook page and website continued to grow and were being used by increasing numbers of people. Job listings were added to Facebook whenever requested by businesses.

Kaitlyn Rau redesigned the website and added a section on the Eureka Pioneer Museum.

ECDC continued to meet with Leola Development and they worked together on the Rooster Rush promotion and placed ads in North Dakota's oilfields region in an effort to attract people to McPherson County.

ECDC printed many thousands of copies of programs, letters, and posters for the quasiquicennial celebration held that year in Eureka. Marva Dais in charge of the float for ECDC. Orders for the Big Q video were taken at ECDC office and distributed from there.

Valley held computer classes in the Info Center for the public.

Many potential tenants for the empty building in the Industrial Park and the vacant ECDC land were contacted. ECDC received requests from community members to pursue a bank or credit union, so several were contacted that year.

SD MarketPlace was attended in Huron by three ECDC members. Also, the Nonprofit Forum was attended. Eberhart and Jundt completed Profit Mastery, a financial online course.

ECDC worked with FCCLA students and their advisor and two trainers from SDSU. They met several times and ended the year with Christmas caroling at several places in Eureka.

The new board member that year was Roger Rood.

Wanda Jundt