

What's Developing

Focus Groups with 14 Listening Sessions were held across Eureka last Monday and Tuesday. Paula Jensen, Eureka's coach for the Empower program through Dakota Resources, facilitated each session. Some were held at businesses during their coffee breaks, several were open to everyone in general sessions at the Information Center, and a large one was held at the Senior Center during lunch one day. Lively discussions and lots of feedback were prevalent through all sessions.

Jensen asked 3 questions (what you love about Eureka, what you want to celebrate in 3-5 years, what needs to happen to have those successes) and wrote down all responses on large sheets of paper. She will go through all of those answers from approximately 150 people and find the common themes that are important to those who attended. Some items showed up again and again throughout the sessions; others were unique and were mentioned only once or twice. All responses were equally important.

Rosa Jundt has spearheaded the survey portion of the Eureka Empower process. Many people have submitted the completed surveys online and on paper. Those results will be tabulated and presented at a gathering in August.

That gathering in August will be a community-wide gathering on August 2 from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Methodist Church basement. There will be a free supper, an explanation of the Empower Eureka program, and much feedback from those who attend. As Jensen stressed at the Listening Sessions, "It will be the people who show up, the voices that are heard that evening, that will set the course for things that will be happening in Eureka in upcoming months."

Everyone is invited to be a part of the fun that will be happening on August 2. You do not have to preregister – just show up and bring your thoughts and ideas. The evening will be high energy and a family event.

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