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NNTC Business Spotlight: Euni's Palace Turns 40!

Dixon, NE



Euni Diediker of Euni's Palace in Dixon takes some time in between meal prep to talk with NNTC last month.

"When I was driving down the street, it was like Moses parting the Red Sea," said Euni Diediker of Euni's Palace in Dixon, Nebraska.

In September, Euni thought 30 riders were coming for a poker run. Instead, hundreds of people arrived in Dixon to celebrate her restaurant's 40th anniversary. "I pulled onto Main Street, and my pacemaker was jumping. I thought I was having a heart attack," she shared. "And then, I started crying."

Euni's Palace has long been a beloved fixture in Dixon, population 87. People even travel from Omaha to enjoy her famous Ribeye steaks, served with

hashbrowns, grilled onions, and cheese. "We were here last Wednesday, and you couldn't hear yourself with all the people," said local Rosanne Hintz.

Long-time customer Chris Fischer remembers visiting Euni's as a kid. "The food was good back then, and it's still good today. I always come for the steaks," he said.

Euni bought the restaurant in 1984 from Jack and Ann Meyer. Her first day, however, was rough. She was robbed of cigarettes, two candy bars, and two cans of pop. "They probably thought we had booze, but we didn't yet," she now laughs.

A few years later, a fire destroyed the restaurant. "It was the deep fryer," Euni explained. Thanks to help from Jeff and Julie Hartung and the Dixon Elevator, she rebuilt.

Despite the setbacks, Euni never gave up. Her favorite part of the job? Chatting with customers. When asked about retirement, she jokes, "When I die behind the bar!"

Euni also serves burgers, wings, hot beef, pizza, and about anything else she can think of!



Euni is grateful to her three kids and their families (two not pictured) for the surprise 40th! Several family members work at Euni's during busy times.







NNTC Wins! Smart Rural Community

We're proud to have been recognized as a 2024 Smart Rural Community Showcase Award Winner by the Rural Broadband Association (NTCA)! This award honors companies that demonstrate extraordinary achievements in promoting rural broadband networks and implementing innovative applications that create opportunities for the communities they serve.

NNTC was acknowledged for building our Free Wi-Fi Trailer in 2017, following a request from Jeremy Stanislav to help participants at the Pink Bandana Mud Volleyball Tournament connect online, boosting donations and raising awareness. NNTC Central Office Technician Matt Muessigmann developed the trailer, which functions as a large Wi-Fi router.



NTCA CEO Shirley Bloomfield (left) and SRC Adivosry Council Chair Jill Kuehny present NNTC GM Pat McElroy with the award on September 30th at a national rural broadband conference.



The tournament held annually in Prague, NE, raises awareness and funds for women under 40 battling breast cancer. "Very few organizations focus on this group because it is not as common, yet it can be extremely dangerous. Having a Wi-Fi connection allows for people to share the event and what it stands for, thus spreading the message to travel far past Prague," Stanislav said.

Since that time, the NNTC Wi-Fi trailer has traveled approximately 10,000 miles supporting community events throughout the coverage area.

"These community-driven efforts to connect more rural Americans – and to keep them connected to life-changing technologies – offer stories of success. I would like to congratulate NNTC on this accomplishment!" said NTCA CEO Shirley Bloomfield.

For more information on the Smart Rural Community designation and what it means to NNTC communities, please visit: www.NNTC.net/SRC

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