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Kerkhoven EDA President's report.

Our members for 2025 are: Kordell VanHeuvelen, Michelle Folkerts, Andy Thorson, Ben Garis, Kim Harkema and Eric Rudningen.

The City of Kerkhoven had a flurry of activity in 2025. The Gramar renovations are complete. The Lameckers building has been sold and is in the process of renovation. We have a new duplex in the old school lot, and KMS Schools are adding on to the high school building for a second time.

The Kerkhoven EDA with help from Swift County RDA has purchased the Harvey Anderson Funeral home and is in the process of re-purposing it into a daycare pod. This project is scheduled to be complete this fall, and will hopefully be a jumping off point for more daycare options.

The RCCIP program has begun to look at additional child care needs in the KMS School district. They will be hosting a provider appreciation event, compiling a survey of area needs, and other activities around child care.

The rebranding of Kerkhoven has begun with a new logo, a rework of the City's website and selling of T-shirts with the new Kerkhoven logo.

I feel the entire community bursting with pride as we look forward to the future.

It has been an honor to serve with you all on this board for the past year. I look forward to continuing to do our best to provide opportunities to the people of Kerkhoven and the surrounding area.

Thank you

Eric