

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

Whitchurch Engineering marks 25 years

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With offices in both Fortuna and Eureka, Whitchurch Engineering recently celebrated 25 years in business with a ribbon cutting event.

When the business was first established, owners Lisa and Leonard Whitchurch moved their son Brett out of his bedroom to make space for a home office. Now, 25 years later, Brett Whitchurch is a leading structural engineer with the business, which employs more than 30 people at both Fortuna and Eureka locations.

“As with most small businesses we weren’t

sure we would be successful,” CEO Lisa Whitchurch said. Without the support and trust of the community, we wouldn’t be here.”

Over the years, Whitchurch Engineering has been involved in many commercial projects, including the Eureka Natural Foods building, the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department main station on South Fortuna Boulevard, and the recent structural remodel of the Benbow Inn in Garberville. The firm provides services for residential projects as well.

Whitchurch Engineering also became recognized internationally and hired for its expertise de-

veloped during the decommissioning of the nuclear unit at the Humboldt Bay Power Plant.

“As I reflect on the last 25 years, I am grateful that our growth has enabled us to give back to the community through sponsorships (and) donating services to local projects,” Lisa Whitchurch said. “Leonard and I believe it’s our duty to give back to the community, and I know that the majority of Humboldt’s small businesses feel the same way. None of us can just say we want Humboldt to be successful and then do nothing. We are all in this together.”



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Whitchurch Engineering, with offices in Fortuna and Eureka, is celebrating 25 years in business. The Fortuna Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting at Whitchurch’s 9th Street Fortuna office to recognize the milestone.