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January 2012

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Thursday, January 26, 2012
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Looking Back - Jean Kearns 2011 Chair



As my term as your Chair comes to an end, I extend my gratitude to our Board of Directors, our Chamber Director, Karen Anderson and the Chamber Staff as well as to those who have helped guide me along the way. I greatly appreciate the efforts of all who have volunteered to serve on Chamber committees, help organize programs and events, and those who have been participants in the Chamber's activities.

I am grateful to all our business members who have sponsored programs and whose commitment has helped insure the success of the Chamber. A big thank you to those who have placed advertising this past year which allowed us to bring outstanding, educational programs and continue the publications.

I look forward to working with our newly-elected and returning officers and board to provide additional benefits for our members over the coming year.

Thank you for your support!
~ Jean Kearns

Looking Forward - Becky Zwickl 2012 Chair



"Start small, dream big...change lives" It is a motto I have lived by in my 14 years of building a business, and one I will continue to strive for as your 2012 Chamber of Commerce Chair. I hear it often..."What can the Chamber do for me?" My answer is simple. It's only as valuable as you make it. My goal this year is to engage our members to take full advantage of all the Chamber has to offer by becoming involved. Whether your passion is in agriculture, government affairs, downtown revitalization, or education...you can make a difference. This community is only as strong as it's constituents, and without strong leaders and advocates, we will not continue to build and prosper.

The Chamber is a conduit not only between businesses, but civic leaders, non-profit organizations, and most importantly opportunities. Our greatest failures do not come from mistakes; they come from failure to act...failure to embrace opportunity. This year I look forward to this opportunity I have been given to go in a direction there is no path...and leave a trail. A special thank you to Jean Kearns for your dedication, commitment and diligence throughout your 2011 term. It is an honor to follow in your footsteps. I wish you all a happy and prosperous 2012. -Becky Zwickl.

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Aurora Linz Receptionist

NEXT Young Professionals

The NEXT board met December 7th for their regular monthly meeting. The group is discussing plans for a 2nd annual Valentine's Cocktail Party. Stay tuned for more information.

Rita Stinner and Mason Burbach were the guest speakers for the December 1st "Pathways to Success" member luncheon. Dr. Todd Holcomb will be the guest speaker at the next luncheon on January 12th.

To join NEXT, Call 308-632-2133.

Agri-Business Committee



Dennis Strauch
 Pathfinder
 Irrigation District

The Committee met Dec. 2nd. The speaker, Ted Free, Bridgeport Ethanol, spoke about the plant. It produces 52 million gallons of ethanol yearly and they use 50 million bushels of corn a day. The annual Sugar Tour was a sell out. See page 7 for more info. **Dennis Strauch** and **Tim Stricker** will continue as Co-chairs for the 2012 term.

The next Committee meeting will be at the Gering Civic Center on **January 6th** at 7am. The Water Tour Committee will get together after the meeting.



Tim Stricker
 ReMax Sandstone
 Real Estate

Ambassadors



Mitzi Cawthra
 KNEB
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The Ambassadors did not meet in December due to the holidays. They attended a Business After Hours at the **Holiday Inn Express** on December 15th. We are still hoping to have an appreciation get together sometime in January or February. Let us know if you have any ideas.

The next visits are scheduled for **January 20th**.

Have fun and connect with the community - become an Ambassador.



RaNae Garton
 Dietrich
 Distributing

Business/Education Taskforce



Darla Heggem
 Twin Cities
 Development

Adopt-A-School and B&I Tours committees are meeting as needed. The Adopt-A-School mid-year newsletter is in the works. Please send your information to Mindy Burbach at mburbach@pvbankne.com. Thank you notes went out to the B&I Tour participating businesses and sponsors. Many thanks to them for a successful fall tour. The Spring tour is in the works.

The next full committee meeting will be **January 10th**, 4p.m. at the Chamber board table.



Andi Grant
 Summit
 Christian College

Government Affairs Committee



Dr. Sam Mark
 Wills Chiropractic

The committee hosted the Pre-Legislative Breakfast on Dec. 9th. See page seven for more information. **Thank you sponsors - Community Christian School, First National Bank NP, & Wills Chiropractic.** Mark your calendars for the Lincoln Trip on January 31st - February 1st. RSVP to the Chamber. See front page for more information. **Sam Mark** and **Erin Stinner** agreed to Co-chair the committee again for 2012. Many thanks to them for volunteering.

The next meeting is **January 23rd**, noon - Chamber board table.



Erin Stinner
 WNCC

Valley Visions Taskforce



Susan Wiedeman
 Panhandle Coop

The taskforce met Dec. 14th. Grant money has been received for the S/G Hwy overlay. TCD submitted planning grant for Gering. Two signs on Five Rocks have been installed. Flooding still an issue for Riverfront Development an in-town trail mail is targeted for the next tourist season. WNCC planting 30 trees next spring. Railway crossings complete and quiet zones are moving along. Gering's 125th anniversary logo revealed. New grocery store should be close to opening.

Join us for the next meeting **January 11th** at the Chamber board table.



Annie Folck
 City of
 Scottsbluff

2011 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

TRAINING

- ✓ **Roger Brooks** - presented “Destination Development”
 - June 24th
 - 63 attended - received Worker Training Grant -\$6500
- ✓ **Robin Dreeke** - presented “Decoding Non-Verbal Behavior”
 - October 6th - 37 attended
 - received Worker Training Grant \$2423

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

- ✓ **Annual Awards Banquet** - January 27th - 301 attended
- ✓ Presented three awards at Annual Banquet:
 - Rising Star: Spencer McMurtry
 - Super Star: Mark Gillam
 - Trailblazer: Howard P. Olsen
- ✓ **Administrative Assistant Luncheon** - April 27th
 - 193 attended. Pat McGill presented “Purse-ology”.
- ✓ **Operation Thank You** - November - December
 - Chamber businesses were called and visited to thank for their continued investment in the Chamber.
- ✓ Distributed 2011 **Community Directories** and **Maps**.

ADVOCACY

- ✓ **Heartland Expressway** - monthly meetings
- ✓ **Omaha Connection** - April 27 - 28th
 - Delegation traveled to visit with Omaha officials.
- ✓ **Innovation Campus** - September. WNCC, UNL Panhandle Station and Chamber hosted meeting with UNL Chancellor Perlman and Vice Chancellor Green.

PUBLICATIONS

- ✓ **Community Directory** - 5,000 copies + online viewing
 - printed in September
- ✓ **Foldout Street Map** - 25,000 copies (June)
- ✓ **Website** - 109 average daily visits
 - (37,586 hits - 18% publications)
- ✓ Face book page
- ✓ **Newsletter** - email distribution (approx. 1,000)
 - inserted each month into the Star-Herald (9,000 distribution)
 - online viewing (average 3,136 per month)

FUNDRAISING

- ✓ **China Business Trip** - October 25th - November 2nd
 - 32 participated

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

- ✓ Leadership Scotts Bluff
- ✓ SCORE Chapter
- ✓ NEXT Young Professionals
- ✓ Scotts Bluff County Tourism

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE

- ✓ Hosted Revitalization Grant guideline meeting - May 24th
 - For downtown building and business owners.
- ✓ Commercial Rehabilitation - 16 businesses.
 - Total investment \$296,700.
- ✓ Formulated guidelines for the grant program
 - For downtown building and business owners.
- ✓ Delegation traveled to Sidney to view their program.
- ✓ Downtown Scottsbluff businesses have begun renovations.

ORGANIZATIONS

- ✓ Gering Business Club - October-April
- ✓ Platte Valley Human Resources - monthly
- ✓ Rotary - weekly
- ✓ Riverfront Development - quarterly
- ✓ Leadership Scotts Bluff - monthly
- ✓ Downtown Revitalization - monthly
- ✓ Nebraska Chamber of Commerce Execs (NCCE)
 - spring & fall conference
- ✓ Scotts Bluff County Tourism - monthly

NEXT YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

- ✓ Members- approx. 150
- ✓ **Valentine's Cocktail Party** - February 12th
- ✓ Hosted Luncheon featuring Cabela's CEO, Tommy Milner - May 25th
- ✓ **Golf tournament** - Sept. 18th - member recruitment. 7 teams.
- ✓ **“Pathways to Success”** - luncheons with guest speakers
- ✓ **Best of the West Beer & Wine Fest** - August 20th
 - Over 300 attended. Donated \$1000 to Downtown Revitalization.
- ✓ **Husker Football** fundraiser
- ✓ Helped with the **Backpack program** - December 21st

COMMITTEES

- ✓ See Committee accomplishments on pages four and five.

2012 Banquet theme: Visions of Success



**Western Nebraska
Community College**

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UPCOMING CLASSES

REGISTER by calling

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Building Business Skills Series

Building High – Performance Teams

Building effective teams in the workplace helps businesses achieve their ideals and be more successful. In this seminar, participants learn how to work with people with different communication and personality styles. Learn how to build instant rapport with people, communicate with different people, appreciate and value the viewpoints of others, and work together as a team to achieve common goals. Participants explore multiple intelligences, right brain/left brain, mindsets, and REAL COLORS personality indicator.

Date: Jan 12

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50

Location: Scottsbluff Campus

Building Effective Communication Skills in the Workplace

Effective communication is the key to success in professional and personal endeavors. This course explores the importance of personality style in communication and its application to the workplace. We also discuss active listening, conflict resolution, and strategies for persuasion and negotiation in communication. Participants learn to create an environment of open, honest communication. NOTE: Participants must have taken the REAL COLORS personality assessment. If you have not taken it previously (or in the Teamwork session), arrive at 8:00 a.m. to take it prior to class.

Date: Feb 9

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50

Location: Scottsbluff Campus

Building Assets in the Workplace

Whether you are a large corporation or a small business, incorporating assets into your workplace can bring great rewards, such as happier employees, a strong community in which to do business, and an enhanced positive public image. Infusing asset building into policies and practices dramatically increases morale, which in turn increases productivity. The assets model inspires and energizes people. Learn about the eight developmental assets and how you can make them a powerful force in your business.

Date: Mar 8

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50

Location: Scottsbluff Campus

Building Leadership

As the last few years have shown, leaders in today's society need to move to new heights as well as to bring their organizations or businesses through frightening and unpredictable times. Today's leaders require a wide variety of skills to lead effectively, and it is up to professionals to develop those skills. In this course, interactive learning strategies teach and apply some of the most critical leadership competencies. Participants discover their leadership style and learn the necessary skills to lead their business or organization through calm seas or rocky waters.

Date: Apr 12

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50

Location: Scottsbluff Campus

Building Cultural Awareness in Business

To compete in our global marketplace, one must understand the values and beliefs of various consumers. Culture is learned, defines our reality, and is so ingrained that we don't notice it. It determines the way we think, behave, and communicate. In order to develop cultural awareness, we must learn about other cultures and look at the world through different perspectives. Misunderstandings arise when we try to put our values on other cultures. Learn how other cultures are reflected in the business world.

Date: May 10

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50

Location: Scottsbluff Campus

Computer Classes

Introduction to Word

Learn to create a simple word document, edit and proof the document, simple formatting of the text and pages, as well as creating and working with tables. Ability to use the mouse and keyboard are necessary.

Date: Tues & Thurs, Feb 7— Mar 1

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

HATC: Scottsbluff Campus

Cost: \$92, plus book

Basic Computer Skills (Golden Oldies)

This introductory, hands-on, Windows course is slow paced, course designed for beginners and/or "seasoned" adults. Learn the fundamentals of using Windows; work with desktop, files, documents, and folder management. Learn to use Explorer, a customized control panel, and much more.

Date: Tues & Thurs, Jan 10 – Feb 2

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Scottsbluff Campus

Cost: \$92, plus book

Adobe InDesign CS4 (2 CR)

Are you a journalism/art student or professional looking to enhance your skills in print design, or a business that needs better brochures, or just want to learn how to use Adobe's flagship print design software? Learn how to create multi-page documents, layered documents, work with text, graphics, master pages, and linked objects. Apply these skills to an individualized project to produce a magazine cover, newspaper ad, billboard design, or web content.

Date: Wed, Jan 11 – Mar 27

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Scottsbluff Campus or on-line with web conferencing

Cost: \$184, + book

Beginning Excel (2007)

This class introduces you to the basic principles of a spreadsheet using simple formulas and formatting.

Date: Fri, Jan 20 – 27

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Scottsbluff Campus

Cost: \$92, plus book

Exploring your iPad

Learn what your iPad can do, care and maintenance, synchronizing with computer (iTunes), built in apps, how to add apps, and how to create folders.

Date: Jan 9

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Scottsbluff Campus

Cost: \$40

iPad, uPad, We All Pad

Still want to learn more about this latest technology? After a brief overview of the first session, a look at popular apps that would appeal to a broad audience and a little bit of show and tell where participants get to share their favorite apps.

Date: Jan 23

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Scottsbluff Campus

Cost: \$40

Miscellaneous

Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Certification

On April 22, 2008, EPA issued the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule. It requires that firms performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in **pre-1978 homes, child care facilities and schools** be certified by EPA and that they use certified renovators who are trained by EPA-approved training providers to follow lead-safe work practices. This one day class meets the EPA's requirements to become certified. The instructor is EPA approved to teach this course.

Date: Jan 27

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

HATC: F013

Cost: \$280

Bob Ross Painting Techniques

Bob Ross believed that everyone who wanted to paint, could paint like a natural with the right tools and a little encouragement. Come and experience the joy and confidence of painting a beautiful landscape using the Ross wet on wet technique.

Dates: Jan 21

Time: 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

HATC: B120

Cost: \$60

Let Your Hands do the Talking II

This course utilizes a practical approach to teaching vocabulary, grammar, everyday applications of sign language, and aspects of deaf culture. Work toward becoming familiar and comfortable with grammatical features of ASL and body/facial expressions. This interactive class is for beginners and those looking to refresh their expressive and receptive sign skills.

Date: Thurs, Jan 12 – Mar 15

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Scottsbluff Campus, D-7

Cost: \$50

Tatting with a Needle

A long, slim needle, instead of a shuttle, is used to create lacy trims, rosettes and fanciful "critters" to embellish quilts, clothing, scrap books and other crafts. No previous experience is required. A complete kit contains: tatting needle, #10 cordon net white thread, 28 page "Learn Needle Tatting Step-by-Step" book, and additional written information and patterns from the Instructor. The student must provide scissors.

Date: Jan 16

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Scottsbluff Campus

Cost: \$35, plus \$25 kit fee

2011 Committee and Taskforce Accomplishments

Agribusiness Committee

Led by Co-Chairs:

Tim Stricker and Dennis Strauch



- ✓ Provided three \$750 **scholarships** and two \$500 **scholarships** to students majoring in agriculture.
- ✓ Hosted a **BBQ** for 387 for UNL Panhandle Extension Center's Expo.
- ✓ Hosted the annual **Water Tour**, an educational tour that includes touring dam sites from Casper to Scottsbluff and a tour of the Bureau of Reclamation.
 - 51 people attended
- ✓ Hosted the Annual **Sugar Tour**. An educational presentation, factory tour and dinner at Western Sugar Factory - 44 people attended.
- ✓ Met with US Senator Nelson and US Senator Johanns to discuss Ag Policy.
- ✓ Recognized Jim Cauble for 33 yrs on Agribusiness Committee

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Led by Co-Chairs:

RaNae Garton

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Mitzi Cawthra

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✓ **Ambassadors made 72 visits:**

- First Dollar Presentations - 16
- First Dollar / Ribbon Cuttings - 13
- Relocation / Ribbon Cuttings - 1
- Relocation Certificates - 8
- Renovation Certificates - 3
- Anniversary Certificates - 3
- Other - (Dedications, Unveiling etc.) - 8
- Business After Hours - 20

- ✓ Highlighted Home Based businesses at meetings
- ✓ 1st Annual Ambassador Social - April 15th. To recruit and reconnect with past volunteers.

Business Education Committee

Led by Co-Chairs:

Darla Heggem, Twin Cities Development and **Andi Grant**, Summit Christian College



- ✓ Sponsored **Adopt-A-School** Program with 42 partners (21 schools, 21 businesses)
 - 1) Hosted the Fall **Kick-off Picnic** -71 people attended
 - 2) Hosted the **Spring Banquet** - 81 people attended
- ✓ Hosted two **Business & Industry Tours**
 - 1) Spring Tour- March 29th- highlighted Business, Marketing & Management, Health Sciences and Human Services with focus on Government & Public Administration. -94 students from VALTS, Valley Home School Assoc., Morrill, SB & Gering High Schools, 13 Businesses and 2 Programs participated
 - 2) Fall Tour- Nov. 9th- highlighted Health Care, Human Services, Animal Science and Trades. 168 Students from VALTS, Mitchell, Morrill, Minatare Scottsbluff & Gering High Schools & Valley Home School and 14 Businesses & 2 programs participated.
- ✓ **P-16 Initiative (Regional Development)** - serve on Steering and Leadership Committees
- ✓ Monitored legislation that affects education

2011 Committee and Taskforce Accomplishments

Government Affairs Committee

Led by Co-Chairs:

Dr. Sam Mark, Wills Chiropractic and **Erin Stinner**, WNCC



- ✓ Hosted a bus delegation to Lincoln during Legislative session visiting the Governor and several state officials - 41 people participated including Leadership Scotts Bluff.
- ✓ Held seven **"Rolls & Issues"** bi-weekly conference calls with NE Senator John Harms regarding legislative issues
- ✓ Held five **Nebraska State Chamber** bi-weekly conference calls to monitor legislative issues
- ✓ Hosted **State of the Valley** Luncheon featuring mayors of Scottsbluff, Gering & Terrytown, Scotts Bluff County Commissioner Chair - 95 attended.
- ✓ Hosted six **Chamber Chat's** - A new venue for residents to receive and give input to the different public offices. Featured Area Mayors, County Commissioner Chair, US Congressman and Senator Field Reps, State Senator Harms, Secondary Education, K-12 Reps and Local Law Enforcement.
- ✓ Hosted the **Pre-Legislative Breakfast** with Governor Heineman and Senator Harms - 88 attended.
- ✓ Monitored issues affecting Chamber member businesses

Valley Visions - Green is Good For Business

Led by Co-Chairs:

Kathy Kropuenske, Keep Scottsbluff Gering Beautiful
and **Susan Wiedeman**, Panhandle Coop



- ✓ 13 **Business Districts** continue beautification, maintenance, landscaping and "Green" efforts.
- ✓ Restructured the **Community Pride Award Luncheon** to ensure future success.
- ✓ Valley Visions taskforce members involved in Monument Riverfront Development projects - Botanical Garden, Wayside Exhibits, Children's Museum, Kiwanis Playground
- ✓ Identified Taskforce Focus: Education, training, promotion, consistency and funding.
- ✓ Focus Groups: S/G Highway, Botanical Gardens, Riverfront, Riverside Discovery Center and Monument Valley Pathways.
- ✓ Marty Shukert Signage Project Phase Two: Directional & Node Signage - design node & placement identified: 36 signs and 9 have been installed, 3 re-facings left and 22 directional signs left.

Business After Hours 2012 Dates Available

Call 632-2133 or email chamber@scottsbluffgering.net to schedule your date

MISC HAPPENINGS IN DECEMBER



Holiday Inn Express shared their holiday cheer and highlighted renovations by hosting a Business After Hours on Dec. 15th.

Call 308-632-1000 to book a room for your guests.



Art Meets Craft
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The NEXT "Pathways for Success" December luncheon featured Mason Burbach of West Nebraska Arts Center and Rita Stinner from Western Nebraska Community College. The luncheons feature different area success stories and are open to NEXT members for free and the public for a small charge to cover the cost of lunch.

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Governor Heineman and Senator Harms

were the special guest speakers at the 13th Annual Pre-Legislative Breakfast held on December 9th. The Governor discussed healthcare and the special session to almost 100 attendees. Senator Harms stressed the importance of term limits and of finding a new Senator as his term limit is about up. He spoke of important bills and happenings on the floor.



Senator John Harms, Jean Kearns, Governor Heineman, Karen Anderson & Dr. Sam Mark



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**Community Christian School
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Wills Chiropractic**

Another great event hosted by the Chamber *Government Affairs Committee*

The Agri-Business Committee hosted the Sugar Tour . . .



on Dec. 8th at the Western Sugar Factory in Scottsbluff. Forty-four people attended the 9th annual, once a year event. The education presentation included a video followed by a step-by-step presentation of the process with visual props given by Tracy Bentley. The participants broke into small groups to tour the plant and see first hand how sugar is processed. The meal (and dessert) were provided by the great sponsors. Proceeds from this tour fund Ag scholarships for area students.

Thank you event sponsors!
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Create a unique table centerpiece to highlight your business during the
Chamber's Annual Banquet
on Thursday - January 26th.

2012 Banquet theme:
Visions of Success

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JANUARY Chamber Calendar

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Melissa Witmer

- 4: **NEXT Board: Meeting**
Noon. Chamber Boardroom
- 6: **Agri-Business Committee: Meeting**
7:00 AM. Gering Civic Center
- 9: **Leadership Board: Meeting**
Noon. Workforce Development.
- 10: **Business/Education Taskforce: Meeting**
4 PM. Chamber board table.
- 11: **Valley Visions Green is Good: Meeting**
7:30 AM. Chamber board table.
- 11: **Scotts Bluff County Tourism: Meeting**
1:15 PM. SB County Admin. Building
- 17: **SCORE: 10:00 AM.**
- 17: **Chamber Chat:**
7:30 AM. Chamber board table
- 17: **Chamber Exec: Meeting**
4:30 PM.
- 19: **Business After Hours: Main Street Market**
5-7 PM. Panhandle Coop Plaza - Scottsbluff
5:15 PM - Ribbon Cutting.
- 20: **Ambassadors: 11:00 AM.**
- 23: **Government Affairs: Meeting**
Noon. Chamber board table
- 24: **Chamber Board: Meeting**
4:30 PM. Location TBA.
- 20: **Leadership Scotts Bluff Class XXIII:
Local Government/Community Issues**
www.leadershipscoottsbluff.net/sessions.htm
- 26: **Annual Awards Banquet**
Social: 6pm Dinner: 7pm. Gering Civic Center
- 31-1: **Lincoln Trip.** See Front Page for info.

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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



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Ave B & S. Beltline W, Scottsbluff, NE**

**Thursday, January 19, 2012
5:00pm-7:00pm Business After Hours
5:15pm Ribbon Cutting**

**Enjoy food through out the store, samples at Wine &
Spirits, and see the new products we now carry!**

BOARD NOMINEES PRESENTED:

**Brenda Darnell - Aurora Loan
Kim Ferguson - Kelley Bean Co.
Zac Karpf - Platte Valley Companies**

The Chamber bylaws require that the slate of board nominees be presented to the general membership prior to election at the annual meeting. Additional nominees may be presented by petition bearing signatures of 10% of the general membership within 10 days of issue of this notice.

Candidates renewing terms are:

- Judy Amoo** - WNCC - Harms Center
Craig Larson - KNEB AM/FM
Kevin Patterson - Vertex Business Services
Becky Zwickl - The Spa by TLC



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