

SRT NEWSletter



SRT CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2026 *A History of Innovation*

INNOVATING OUR SERVICES



Since 1951, SRT has continually elevated our capacity to serve you. We keep building our knowledge, honing our skills, and reaffirming our commitment to bring life-changing telecommunications into your homes, businesses, schools, and communities. Our track record of advancing our network – from landlines to wireless phones to copper to fiber – stands as a 75-year testament to delivering everything our membership deserves.

CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS



As we celebrate 75 years of innovation, SRT is humbled and energized by our growing, loyal membership. You bring your own voice and vested interest to the spirit of our cooperative. You also shape every community we serve and make north-central North Dakota the special place we all call home. SRT wouldn't be here without our members. You give us purpose and inspire us to be our best.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES



SRT has been your local co-op for 75 years, supporting not just where you live, but how you live. From the first phone lines to high-speed fiber internet, from school activities to economic development projects, SRT has proudly invested in the services and community spirit that make your hometown special.

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SAVE THE DATE
SRT ANNUAL MEETING
Celebrating 75 years
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026
ND STATE FAIR CENTER / 2005 BURDICK EXPY E. / MINOT, ND

Please mark your calendar and watch our Facebook page for updates.
We look forward to seeing you on June 18th!

PROCEDURE FOR THE NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS

The purpose of the SRT Annual Meeting is to elect directors to the Board of Directors and hold a business meeting of the cooperative. SRT's 12-member Board of Directors represents our service area throughout the year by attending monthly board meetings, serving on state associations, attending community events, and supporting SRT in the national telecommunications space. Directors are elected to serve a three-year term. Beginning April 20, 2026, the following steps must be taken if you are interested in becoming a candidate for election as an SRT Director.

PROCEDURE STEPS:

1. A Nomination of Directors Petition Form indicating the director district must be obtained from SRT headquarters (principal office of the cooperative) located at 3615 North Broadway in Minot. Petitions will be available beginning April 20, 2026.
2. Fifteen (15) or more members from the same district from which the nomination is being made must sign the written petition. A married couple constitutes one membership. Either spouse may sign this petition as a member. However, the signature of married spouses on this petition may only be counted as one of the fifteen (15) members necessary to nominate a director.
3. All nominations by petition must be received at SRT headquarters located at 3615 North Broadway in Minot no earlier than April 20, 2026, nor later than May 19, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. Petitions postmarked before May 19, 2026, but arriving by mail after May 19, 2026, cannot be accepted.
4. All nominations by petition are subject to verification of membership of signatories. Once verification is complete, the candidate will be notified and their name will appear on the ballot at SRT's Annual Meeting. Nominations for director candidates will not be accepted from the floor at the 2026 Annual Meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE SRT RETIREES!

Ion Hartung

retired in February after 36 years with SRT. Prior to IT systems engineer, Ion held positions such as PC technician, data network specialist, and network engineer. He looks forward to traveling with his wife and weightlifting with friends in retirement.



Paul Keeling

retired in February after nearly 31 years at SRT. He held positions of account executive, network engineering manager, and network engineer training specialist. Paul's retirement plans include more time with family, friends, and the outdoors.



Teri Kinzell,

OSP engineering records specialist, retired in February after more than 35 years at SRT. She also previously worked at the SRT Computer Store and in billing and customer service. Teri plans to spend as much time as she can riding her horse.



Kevin Merrill

retired in February after 26 years as a central office technician with SRT. In retirement, he plans to spend more time with family and attend dirt races.



Jeff Meyer,

maintenance worker, retired in November after 11 years at SRT. He spent his entire tenure with SRT in the buildings and grounds department.



Jerry Pettys,

central office technician foreman, retired from SRT in February. Since 1989, Jerry's roles have also included communications service technician and central office technician. He plans to travel and spend more time at the lake with his wife.



SRT CARES



MSU COMMUNITY FAIR - SRT employees visited with students on Minot State University's campus, answering questions about SRT services and internet access.



HOMECOMING PARADES - SRT celebrated homecoming in Westhope, Granville, Towner, Velva, and Mohall parades.



NORSK HØSTFEST - Festival-goers lined up to take their Scandinavian snapshot at the SRT booth.



FUTUREPALOOZA - Hundreds of high school students in the area attended the educational event at MSU to learn about career opportunities, including network operations at SRT.



FRS 5K - SRT employees laced up to participate in the Foundation for Rural Service's national initiative to support youth, education, and community development in rural areas.



SRT BLOOD DRIVE - Employees volunteer to give the life-saving gift of blood several times per year.



CO-OP MONTH - SRT sponsored free popcorn at high school home games across our service area in honor of National Co-op Month in October.



LOCAL MOTIVES CHECK PRESENTATION- Shirley Bloomfield, CEO of NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association (NTCA), joined SRT to present a check to Local Motives for Minot's Citizens Alley.



MINOT AREA CAREER EXPO- High school students learned about careers in technical and in-demand fields like network engineering at SRT.



MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC SHOWCASE OF BUSINESS - As the presenting sponsor, SRT made sure that everyone left our Fiber Land booth a winner.



SRT TECH DAY - SRT CEO/General Manager Cassidy Hjelmstad presented awards to high school students at MSU's 25th annual SRT Tech Day, where students competed in business and technology events.



GLENBURN PLAYGROUND CHECK PRESENTATION- SRT was among several proud sponsors who contributed to new equipment for the Glenburn Panther Playground.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Since 1989, SRT has awarded college scholarships to outstanding students in our local communities.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The SRT College Scholarship Program awards **six \$2,000 scholarships** annually to high school seniors in the SRT service area based on community involvement, extracurricular activities, GPA, and an essay response.

TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP

The SRT Technical Scholarship awards **\$3,000 to one high school senior or undergraduate student** studying telecommunications or other technology-related fields.

APPLY Qualifications can be found at SRT.COM/SRTCARES

DEADLINE FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Scholarship winners will be announced in April.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

BUTTE

Dog Den Steakhouse & Saloon..... 701-626-7177
220 N Main St, Butte

MINOT

First District Health Unit.....701-852-1376
801 11th Ave SW, Minot

North Dakota State of
Job Service North Dakota..... 701-857-7500

Souris Valley Animal Shelter 701-852-6133
1935 20th Ave SE, Minot



A HISTORY OF INNOVATION

SRT is planning activities and events throughout the year to mark our 75th anniversary.

Summer and fall in particular will feature SRT's Annual Meeting in June, as well as a celebration tour throughout the communities of our cooperative's four districts.

SRT was established in 1951 to bring telephone service to rural north-central North Dakota. Since then, SRT has grown into the state's largest telecommunications cooperative, connecting communities across more than 5,500 square miles with high-speed fiber internet.

Information on upcoming activities and a schedule of events will be updated regularly at srt.com/75years and our Facebook page.



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OFFICIAL NOTICES

988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE: HELP IS ONLY THREE DIGITS AWAY.

“988” is the three-digit, nationwide phone number to connect directly to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Simply calling or texting 988 will connect you to compassionate mental health professionals who can provide care and support, or help you support a friend in need.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights,
1400 Independence Avenue, SW,
Mail Stop 9410,
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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SRT 75th Anniversary Treasure Hunt

JOIN US AS WE LAUNCH A YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION TO HONOR OUR 75-YEAR HISTORY OF INNOVATION!

Return your list of checked-off SRT items by March 31, 2026.

Everyone who submits an entry will get a small token of our thanks...and a few lucky members will be drawn for prizes!

- Become an SRT member (you are already ahead of the game!)
- Like and follow our Facebook page
- Download our MySRT app for easy bill pay and other features

Jot down where you spot an SRT logo in your community (street, landmark, or general area): _____

Jot down where you spot an SRT vehicle (street, landmark, or general area): _____

Jot down the name of SRT's booth at Showcase of Business (answer in this newsletter): _____

Mail this entire page which includes your pre-printed name and address to:

SRT
Attention: Treasure Hunt
PO BOX 2027, Minot, ND 58702

Thanks for playing, and happy 75th to you!