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Havre Regional SBDC

Boxcars Restaurant and Lounge



"Joe was great to work with. He made sure all of our paperwork was correct and we had accurate financials."
Ashley Weinheimer and Anthony Windy Boy, Owners

Ashley Weinheimer and Anthony Windy Boy dreamt of owning their own business and in 2018 that dream became a reality. When the owner of Boxcars, a local bar, decided to sell, Ashley and Anthony jumped at the chance. Having never owned their own business they turned to the Havre SBDC for assistance in completing the process of becoming business owners.

Joe LaPlante, Havre Regional Director, worked with Ashley and Anthony in developing a business plan backed by solid financial projections to assist with the lending process. He worked with them to identify funding solutions that best fit their needs and provided guidance on financial documents required by their lender.

With the support from the Havre SBDC Ashley and Anthony were able to secure financing to purchase the existing business, retaining two jobs and creating an additional four. They also repaired the iconic toy train that runs around the top of the restaurant. Boxcars is once again a reliable source of amazing food and quality customer service in downtown Havre.