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Dear Chamber Supporters and Members,

Thanks to your continued engagement, June was another month of meaningful progress for the Arlington Area Chamber. Here's what we've been working on:

- **Main Street Forum—huge turnout.** Our June forum was a resounding success, drawing local business owners, community leaders, and residents. Because of it we're now coordinating with property owners who are eager to build new storefront spaces—reach out to us if you're looking for a space! Interest also resulted in forming a Main Street Committee to foster ongoing collaboration and drive downtown revitalization.
- **Strengthened partnerships.** The Chamber is deepening its collaboration with the SBDC, Downtown Brookings, and the BEDC to bring even more resources to our members. From grant opportunities to training programs and practical business tools, these alliances will help Arlington businesses thrive and grow.
- **Billboard—rebuilt and artwork coming soon.** A big thank-you to Sioux Valley Energy and Kingsbury Electric Co-Op for donating the poles, and to Johnsonville Spray Foam, W. Brown Farm, Arlington Baptist Church, and our dedicated Chamber volunteers for handling the rebuild. Next month, we'll be installing all-new artwork. See a preview of our proposed billboard artwork and share your feedback in our Facebook group!
- **Raffle Shed Giveaway—congratulations!** We've drawn and finalized our shed raffle: Wayne Block is our lucky winner. Thank you to everyone who participated—your support helps fund future Chamber initiatives.

Your energy, ideas, and support are what make these accomplishments possible. Reach out for ways to get involved, and please don't hesitate to contact if you'd like to join our new Main Street Committee or learn more about leasing opportunities.

Chris Hussak
President, Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce



LOCAL AREA EVENTS

- **Event Date:** 6/28/2025 | *Arlington Fire Hall & Cardinal Tap*
Second Annual Pass the Boot Poker Run
- **Event Date:** 6/28/2025 - 6/29/2025
4th of July Shopping @ The Coop (CNH Woodworks)
- **Event Date:** 6/29/2025 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Museum Artist of the Month Reception @ Arlington Museum
- **Event Date:** 7/26/2025 | 2:30PM - End
Fields of Grace @ Arlington Ball Field



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Members, don't forget to share your upcoming events!

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CHAMBER MEMBER BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT HIGHLIGHT

THE CARDINAL TAP

What started as a spur-of-the-moment decision has quickly turned into a Main-Street success story for Steph and Jordan, owners of The Cardinal Tap. Steph had already been slinging burgers and pouring drinks at the longtime local hangout when she heard it might be for sale. "When the opportunity came that it could potentially be sold, we decided why not grab it." On November 1, 2024, they signed the papers—and the adventure began.

Since day one, the support has been, in their words, "super cool." Regulars kept showing up, newcomers followed, and the couple seized the momentum by adding Wednesday–Sunday lunch service, bringing homestyle specials to the midday crowd and "opening an entire new gate of people." While the menu still centers on "amazing burgers," pizza, and classic tavern fare, the



OWNERS: THE LADWIG FAMILY

lunchtime lineup leans into comfort foods that feel straight from Grandma's kitchen.

Consistency is sacred here. "We have the exact same style and forms of cooking that this place has had for YEARS. We didn't change any of the stuff we were taught when taking over," Steph explains—a recipe, they believe, for the bar's 15-year staying power. Yet even with tradition intact, something fresh is always on tap: live music, themed nights, and quietly unfolding renovations (peek in any week, and you'll spot a new project under way).

Hospitality drives every shift. "I want everyone to always feel welcome. I want them to know how much we love seeing and hearing from so many different people," Steph says. Family comes first, too—a constant balancing act when you're raising a big crew. "Time," they admit, is the toughest challenge, but the payoff is watching their kids pitch in and feel proud of "a working family" business.

Giving back is second nature: this month they're feeding and entertaining the fire-department poker run, and they jump at other chances to lend a hand around town. Looking ahead, Steph hints at "so many big plans and projects"—all best discovered firsthand over a burger and beverage.

Thinking of starting your own venture? Steph's advice is simple: "Do not give up. It's hard, but the support of the people around will confirm the reasons why you're trying so hard." Stop by The Cardinal Tap, say hi to Steph or Jordan, and taste what community looks like—one plate, and one project, at a time.

Want the full story? This is just the highlight—read the complete Chamber Spotlight at: ArlingtonChamberSD.com/spotlight

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