

3RD ANNUAL WHOLE HOG ROAST FUNDRAISER
for Arlington Community Foundation

1481 ROADHOUSE GRILLE
SEPT 20, 2025

Proceeds support the foundation's community endowment fund



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Dear Chamber Supporters and Members,

August was bursting with hometown pride—thank you for showing up, pitching in, and helping Arlington shine! Here's a look at the momentum you helped create:

- **Arlington Days—what a weekend!** Our post-event survey revealed sky-high marks for the parade, children's activities, vendor selection, and—of course—the amazing food. More than 50 floats rolled down Main Street, and vendors reported terrific sales. Your volunteer hours and sponsorships turned "Hometown Roots" into a can't-miss community celebration.
- **Regional collaboration in action.** Chamber members joined BEDC's Brookings County Regional Stakeholders Meeting, strengthening ties with neighboring economic-development leaders and resource partners. These relationships unlock grant leads, training programs, and shared marketing opportunities for Arlington businesses as well as an outlet for sharing our specific regional needs.
- **Tapping into Revive 2030.** We were honored to attend Sioux Valley Energy's Revive 2030 Initiative kickoff. The conversations sparked fresh ideas and positioned our Chamber for upcoming grant cycles specifically aimed at rural communities like ours.
- **Christmas Kickoff Committee—now underway!** Our first planning session was held this week, and the vision is already coming to life. There's still plenty of time to join the fun. Reach out if you'd like to lend your creativity or event sponsorship to make Arlington the region's go-to holiday destination.

Your enthusiasm continues to fuel our progress. Contact us anytime if you'd like to join the Christmas in Arlington team, get more details on any chamber activities, or chat about ways the Chamber can support your business.

Chris Hussak
President, Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce

OUR PLATINUM MEMBERS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Event Date: 8/28/2025 | 6-8PM @ The Cardinal Tap
Ladies Night Out — Wine Sampling
- Event Date: 9/13/2025 | 3-6PM @ Good Vibe Tribe Creators
Star Spotlightin' & Book Signing
- Event Date: 9/15/2025 | 5:30-6:30 PM @ City Hall
Monthly Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Event Date: 9/20/2025 | 3:30PM - 9PM @ 1481 Roadhouse Grille
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MORE DETAILS AT: ArlingtonChamberSD.com → **Calendar**
Members, don't forget to add your upcoming community events!

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CHAMBER MEMBER BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT HIGHLIGHT

PRAIRIE POSH HATWORKS

Some people wear hats, but Mal of Prairie Posh Hatworks turns them into heirlooms. Her journey began in March 2023 when a lifelong obsession with headwear merged with an artist's itch to create. Early experiments left plenty of scorch marks - "lots of holes burnt through different materials," but those misfires taught her which vegan-suede and wool-felt blends hold the crisp, free-hand lines that define her style.

Fast-forward to 2025, and Mal's once-tiny table has blossomed into gallery-style walls of color at shows like the Brookings Summer Arts Festival, and the iconic Buffalo Round Up. Ranch-style hats remain the star, yet you'll also find ball caps, trucker caps, visors, and brand-new purses and jackets, all ready for a personal touch.



Designing a Prairie Posh original is part collaboration, part storytelling. Clients pick a crown style and shade; Mal measures for a glove-like fit; then together they shape the artwork—anything from mountain sunsets and floral scrolls to a loved one's handwriting. If you'd rather "see it first," Mal sketches concepts and shares progress photos so you can approve every line.

While many hat artists rely on lasers or stencils, Mal insists on drawing each detail by hand: it gives her "more control over the design" and makes every hat unmistakably one-of-a-kind. Inside, a soft elastic band keeps the piece secure without feeling tight-ready for dusty trail rides or dress-up nights alike.

Community spirit runs through every brim. Mal regularly donates hats or a portion of sales to charities, veterans, and neighbors battling cancer. She's especially excited for the 60th-anniversary Buffalo Round Up, where Prairie Posh may be featured on Travel South Dakota—proof that true craftsmanship still steals the show.

Ready to wear art that tells your story? Browse a sampling at Bits of Yesterday Antique Mall, follow Prairie Posh Hatworks on Facebook to start designing your signature hat today. Because at Prairie Posh, every brim begins with a conversation—and ends with a keepsake you'll treasure for years to come.

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

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