

Come celebrate what we accomplished together in 2025—and hear what's coming in 2026. Meet local business owners and community leaders, enjoy a meal, and help us recognize Arlington's 2025 Chamber award winners. Free for Chamber members, and welcome to any business or resident interested in joining the Chamber in 2026.

Chamber Membership APPRECIATION BANQUET

January 19

1481 Roadhouse Grille

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

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Dear Chamber Supporters and Members,

As we wrap up another wonderful Christmas in Arlington season, we want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who shopped local, volunteered, participated in events, and helped make Arlington shine throughout the holidays. From our downtown activities to the lights around town, it was a festive season made possible by a community that shows up.

Our Business Passport Program was a big success this year, rewarding folks for supporting local Chamber businesses. The first five participants to turn in completed passports (winning \$50 in Chamber Bucks each) were Donna Bittiker, Becky Wendland, Dee Josephson, Heidi Woodcock, and Faye Josephson. We also drew five additional winners from all completed passports: Deloris Gilbertson, Matt Josephsen, Carla Toucedo, Cindy Meyer, and Becky Pistulka. Thank you to everyone who participated—and to our businesses who helped make the program possible.

We also want to recognize our contest winners who helped bring extra holiday spirit to Arlington. With 73 total votes cast, the winner of the Best Decorated Home Contest was "Christmas on Highway 81" (20953 US Highway 81, Arlington, SD 57212). On Main Street, the Best Christmas Decorated Planter award goes to the beautiful display in front of Citizens State Bank, created by their team.

Looking ahead, we want to invite you now to our biggest member night of the year: the 2026 Annual Chamber Membership Appreciation Banquet. This event is free for members, and it's also a great night for anyone who is curious about becoming a member—open to both businesses and community residents, with perks for each. It's part celebration, part networking, and part "here's what's next," featuring a quick year-in-review, guest presentations, our 2026 Chamber vision, and awards recognizing the people and businesses who help make Arlington stronger.

Nominations are open now for Lifetime Achievement, Business of the Year, and Person of the Year—and the awards are only as strong as the nominations we receive. If someone has made a real impact through service, leadership, or growing a business that strengthens our community, please take a moment to submit a nomination and help us recognize the best of Arlington (*submit your nomination online through our website, or pick up and return a paper nomination packet at Citizens State Bank or CorTrust Bank*).

Thank you again for supporting Arlington and the Chamber in 2025—we're excited for what we can accomplish together in 2026.

Chris Hussak
President, Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce

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Event Date: 1/19/2026 | 5:30-8:30PM @ 1481 Roadhouse Grille
Chamber Membership Appreciation Banquet



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CHAMBER MEMBER BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT HIGHLIGHT

CORTRUST BANK

CorTrust Bank's story starts the way a lot of strong South Dakota stories do: with family, hard work, and a commitment to the people right in front of you. Founded in 1930 in Artesian, CorTrust has grown over the decades into a fourth-generation family-owned community bank serving customers across South Dakota and Minnesota.

As Hillary McQuade, CorTrust's Director of Marketing, puts it: "As a community bank, we aren't driven by profits; we're driven by the desire to see our customers thrive." That mindset is exactly why CorTrust has stayed rooted in local relationships while expanding the tools and services people need today.

In Arlington, CorTrust opened its branch in 2000, and it's been a steady presence in the heart of town ever since. What began as a small operation serving local farming families has evolved into a bank that



offers everything from everyday checking to modern digital conveniences—without losing the personal touch that makes a community bank feel like your bank.

CorTrust offers a full range of services to meet people wherever they are in life—checking and savings, mortgages, business and ag loans, credit cards, insurance, wealth management, and digital banking tools like mobile deposit and Bill Pay. And what makes them stand out isn't just the menu of services—it's how they deliver them. "When you bank with CorTrust, you're working with neighbors and fellow community members." That neighbor-to-neighbor approach shows up in the way their team listens first and helps second.

Hillary says the goal for every customer visit is simple: a personalized experience that matches someone's needs and stage of life. Whether it's buying a first home, upgrading a vehicle, or finding the right financing to help a business take the next step, CorTrust works to make the process smooth, clear, and supportive—because "Seeing our customers accomplish their goals and dreams is the most rewarding part."

And CorTrust doesn't just invest in customers—they invest in community. Here in Arlington, they help facilitate the Chamber Bucks program, have donated desserts for Picnic in the Park during Arlington Days, and continue to step up in ways that strengthen local events and local businesses. It fits their broader belief that community grows best when people work together—"we believe in the power of community collaboration."

To learn more or stop in, visit CorTrust online at CorTrustBank.com, or stop by the Arlington branch at 114 S Main Street, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

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

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