



Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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Schedule of Events

February 7
City Council
WCC, 6:30 PM

February 8
Wall Crawl Meeting
WCC, 7 AM

February 9
Valentine's Day Tea Party
St. Patricks Church, 2 PM

February 11
Meet & Greet
Badlands Saloon & Grille, 5 PM

February 14
Family Valentine's Dance
WCC, 7 PM

February 18
Wall City office CLOSED

February 21
City Council
WCC, 6:30 PM

February 23
'I Hate Winter' Party
WCC, 5 PM

"STATE OF GREAT"

Tourism professionals from across the state celebrated South Dakota as the "State of Great" during the 2019 Governors Conference on Tourism, January 15– 18. During general sessions attendees learned tactics to attract travelers, marketing efforts from the South Dakota Department of Tourism, how to build leadership, the latest updates on the travel industry in the U.S. and what travel means to our nation's economy.

At the conference the South Dakota Department of Tourism unveiled the ninth straight year of tourism growth for the state!

- **\$3.98 billion** - total visitor spending totaled \$3.98 billion, an increase of 2.5% over 2017.
- **14.1 million** - the number of visitors who traveled to SD in 2018, an increase of 1.4%.
- **\$298 million** - the amount of state and local taxes generated by tourism.
- **54,723** - the number of jobs that were supported by the tourism industry; 8.9% of all SD jobs.
- **\$865** - the amount of additional taxes each household would have to pay without the tourism industry.
- **58%** - the average state hotel occupancy.

The chamber looks forward to helping members find innovative ways to have a large impact on the state and the visitors by embracing a "State of Great".




Wall Satellite Office
Open: February 6 & 20
Hours: 9 AM -11:30 AM
& 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Thank you to the following members who renewed their membership for 2019 in the month of January:

Bill Bielmaier
Cutting Edge Salon
Days Inn
De's Oil
First Interstate Bank
Frontier Cabins
Golden West

Hillcrest Motel
Pennington County Commission
Rod Renner
Shearer's Western Dakota Vacations
Wall Meat Processing
West River Electric



Please join us as we welcome new members of the Chamber Board and enjoy networking with other Chamber Members!

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11
5 PM
BADLANDS SALOON & GRILLE**

Photo courtesy of Bonnie Law

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2019

January Luncheon

Red Rock Restaurant

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Jackie Kusser called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chamber Board Vice President Cindy Hauk.

Motion, by Cindy Hauk with a second by Dustin Curr, carried to approve meeting minutes from the November 13 Luncheon. Those in attendance reviewed the December Treasurer's Report and Jackie read a list of upcoming events.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce: Kelsey Clark: The Chamber Retail Committee hosted the Annual Pancake Supper on December 5. The committee served 748 people and roughly 150 children sat on Santa's lap. The 'Home for the Holidays' campaign total to \$168,700. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all those who participated and supported the Wall Community during the holiday season. The Chamber was excited to host the First Annual Holiday Lighting Contest and looks forward to hosting the contest again next year. Kelsey Clark, Jackie Kusser and Terry Mohr represented the Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce at the 2019 South Dakota Governor's Conference on Tourism. If you are interested in attending in the future, please contact the chamber office for more info. Community Education of the Black Hills is offering a dog obedience class in the Wall Community Center on 1/26, 2/2, and 2/9. If you have a suggestion for a community education class to be held in Wall, please contact Kelsey.

Wall Crawl: Kelsey Clark: Save the date for the 2019 Wall Crawl on August 10! The Wall Crawl Committee is excited to announce that John Riggins will be entertaining the 2019 Wall Crawl crowd. The next Wall Crawl meeting will be February 8.

Celebration Committee: Kelsey Clark (reporting for Cheyenne McGriff): The 'I Hate Winter Party' will be held February 23 in the Wall Community Center from 5:30 PM to 12 AM; there will be a cornhole tournament for those who are over 21 years of age. Entertainment at the 'I Hate Winter Party' will be provided by Loose Change. The Annual Wall Celebration will be held July 11-13, 2019. This year's theme is Superheroes. If anyone is interested in helping with the Celebration in anyway, please contact any of the committee members.

Wall Economic Development: Liliya Stone: The city is in the process of replacing the playground equipment at the city park. The first annual Parade of Lights was successful and WEDC is looking forward to hosting the event again next year. An ice-skating rink is now located in the city park and is open to the public from 8 AM to 9 PM. WEDC Ag committee has been working with the Wall School and Wall Processing Plant to serve local beef in the school through a program called "Beef to School". The pilot program kicked off on January 4. An individual is working to purchase and reopen the Jitterbug Daycare. WEDC will again be hosting a booth at the Black Hills Stock Show, volunteers are greatly appreciated. WEDC holds board meetings the fourth Wednesday of each month; meetings are open to the public.

City of Wall: Mayor Marty Huether: Although nothing is set in stone, an individual is moving forward on the purchase and expansion of the Jitterbug Daycare. The City of Wall will transfer an adjacent city lot to WEDC for the daycare expansion; the lot will only be allowed for the expansion. An additional physician will be added to staff in the Wall Regional Medical Clinic each Wednesday. Marty will continue to work with Regional Health to hopefully have the Wall Clinic open five days a week. The clinic is currently open Monday- Thursday. Three different projects are underway at the city parking lot behind the Wall Community Library. The sewer was moved from under Main Street to the parking lot, the well house is being updated in order to improve safety conditions, the parking lot will be poured with concrete in order to withstand truck traffic and Tesla will place eight charging stations for electric vehicles. The parking lot project is expected to be completed May 1, 2019. The city is working with a developer to develop the lot at 601 Glenn St. Sales tax for 2018 was down 7% over 2017, however, the last few years have been record setting years for sales tax income.

Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Association: Kelsey Clark (Reporting for Hayli Johnson): Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the 2019 Governor's Conference on Tourism. The 2019 South Dakota Vacation Guide will be delivered to the BH&B warehouse on 1/23 and distribution will begin as soon as possible! Thank you to all of the BH&B members and Wall Chamber members for your support. BH&B is looking forward to a great 2019 and is hopeful for a tenth straight year of visitor growth in South Dakota. Also, be on the lookout for information regarding the 2019 Spring Direct Mailer Co-op with SD Tourism.

Rodeo Booster Club: Mary Williams: Five students from Wall will be participating at the 20X Rodeo during the Black Hills Stock Show. Rodeo athletes from Wall are Wynn Schaack, Shelby Ruland, Jenna Elshere, Jaicee Williams and Cash Wilson. The Regional High School Rodeo will be held in Wall on May 31, June 1 and June 2. Wall Rodeo athletes were recognized in the Tri-State Livestock News magazine; the article included pictures of students and awards.

Golden West: Greg Olsen: Golden West Scholarship applications are available at the school and are due on March 15. All seniors are encouraged to apply. Golden West will be launching a new product called 'Enhanced Wi-Fi'. The product will improve Wi-Fi signals in large homes or homes with a lot of metal.

First Interstate Bank: Janet Lurz: Scholarship forms for the Greater Wall Fund are available at the school and forms for the First Interstate Bank Scholarship are available online; both scholarships are due April 15.

West River Electric: Dawn Hilgenkamp: Co-op's in the area are working together to host a both at the Black Hills Stock Show in order to provide electrical education. Scholarship applications are due January 30. The deadline to apply for Youth Tours is February 1. Youth Tours gives high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. February 20 is Co-op day at the capitol and lunch will be served to legislators.

Jackie Kusser, Terry Mohr and Kelsey Clark answered questions and shared information about the 2019 South Dakota Governor's Conference on Tourism.

Motion, by Terry Mohr with a second by Cindy Hauk, carried to adjourn the meeting.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

Annual Meeting & Banquet

11

April, 2019
5 o'clock

Wall Community Center
Grand Hall



Valentine's Day Tea Party

When: February 9th, 2019

Where: St. Patrick's Church Hall

Time: 2-3pm

Who: Ladies and little girls



Come for an afternoon of fellowship and entertainment

Teas and goodies will be provided!

Badlands Quilters 2019 Weekend Getaway March 8 & 9

**Wall Community Center &
Wall Methodist Church**

It is time again to plan for a fun weekend of quilting with friends new and old. There will be interesting classes, fabulous quilts to admire and delicious food!

For more information please call
279-2535, or 279-2889.
Register by March 1.

Special thanks to:
Wall Chamber of Commerce
Wall Methodist Church



Show your LOVE
for our community and
SHOP LOCAL

WALL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
PRESENTS

I HATE WINTER PARTY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
5:30 PM - 12 AM

WALL COMMUNITY CENTER
SNACKS, CASH BAR, LIVE
MUSIC AND A CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT!

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT,
21+ ONLY - \$20/TEAM
ENTRIES OPEN AT 5:30 PM
TOURNAMENT BEGINS AT 6 PM

LIVE MUSIC by
LOOSE CHANGE
8:30 pm - 12 am



WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2019 Board of Directors:

Jackie Kusser—President
Cindy Hauk—Vice President
Bruce Dunker—Treasurer
Anne Jo Spotted Bear
Dustin Curr
Janet Lurz
Jason Leonard
Kim Handcock
Terry Mohr

2019 Luncheon Locations:

Jan-Red Rock Restaurant
Feb-Red Rock Restaurant
March-Red Rock Restaurant
April-Annual Meeting
May-Wall Golf Course
June-Wall Golf Course
July-Wall Golf Course
Sept-Wall Community Center
Oct-Badlands Saloon & Grille
Nov-Badlands Saloon & Grille

**The February Noon
Luncheon will be held
at the Red Rock
Restaurant on Monday,
February 11.**

2019 Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Membership

American Legion Post 246	Crown Oil	Red Rock Restaurant & Lounge
Americas Best Value Inn	Cutting Edge Salon	Robert Sharp & Associates
Anderson Investments	Dakota Mill & Grain	Rod Renner
Ann's Motel	Dakota Safari	Rush Funeral Home
Arneson Auction Services	Dakota Sky Stone	Shearer's Western Dakota Ranch Vac.
Arrow Campground	Days Inn	Singing Horse Trading Post
Ascend Ag, Inc.	De's Oil & Propane	Sleepy Hollow RV Park
Badlands Automotive	East Pennington County Ambulance Dist.	Stacy Kitterman
Badlands Cedar Pass Lodge	East Pennington County Conservation	St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Badlands Harley-Davidson	East Pennington County Transit	Sue's Avon
Badlands Helicopters	EconoLodge	Sunshine Inn
Badlands Inn	EDWARD JONES/Hal Bailey	Super 8
Badlands Lodge	EDWARD JONES/ Tyler T. Trevillyan	SWIFTEC Inc.
Badlands National Park	Evangelical Free Bible Church	Terry Mohr
Badlands Natural History Association	Farm Bureau Financial Services	Tessa Gewerth
Badlands Outpost	First Interstate Bank	Triangle B&B
Badlands Quilters	First Lutheran Church	USDA Forest Service/Natl. Grasslands
Badlands Saloon & Grille	First Western Insurance Agency	Vintage Soule Salon & Boutique
Badlands Trading Post	Frontier Cabins	Wall Auto Livery
Badlands White River KOA	Gold Diggers	Wall Building Center & Construction
Best Wester Plains Motel	Golden West Telecommunications	Wall Community Library
Bev Dartt	Helen Crawford	Wall Dairy Queen
Bill Bielmaier	Hillcrest Motel	Wall Drug Store
Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Assoc.	Independent Mary Kay Director, Judy Harvey	Wall Economic Development
Black Hills Federal Credit Union	Juanita Schroeder	Wall Food Center
Black Hills Parks & Forests	Karen Soderquist Team/ ReMax Results	Wall Golf Association
Candee Kitterman	Larry Eisenbraun	Wall Meat Processing Plant
Circle View Guest Ranch	M & M Sales	Wall Motel
Common Cents	Mary Williams	Wall Regional Medical Clinic
Community Education of the Black Hills	Minuteman Missile NHS	Wall Rodeo Booster Club
Country Cupboard Food Pantry	Pathfinder Employment Services	Wall School District #51-5
Corner Pantry/Subway	Pennington County Commissioners	Wall United Methodist Church
Cornerstone Industries	Pennington County Courant	Waste Connections
Crazy Horse Memorial	Pioneer Auto Show & Prairie Town	Welsh's Motel
Creative Community Concepts	Prairie Homestead	Wheelin' to Wall
Crew Agency	Quinn VFW	Wounded Knee Museum

2019 Chamber Memberships are past due, please be sure to pay as soon as possible.

2019 GOLD MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENTS

***WEST RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION**