



Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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Schedule of Events

March 4
WBACC Board Meeting
7 AM, WCC

March 7
City Council Meeting
6:30 PM, WCC

March 8 & 9
Quilt Weekend Getaway
WCC & Methodist Church

March 11
Wall Chamber Luncheon
12 PM, Red Rock
Restaurant

March 12
Blood Drive
2 PM, WCC

March 21
City Council Meeting
6:30 PM, WCC

**To list your event here,
on website, and on the
radio please contact the
chamber office at 279-
2665.**



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



Members of the Wall community imagined palm trees, sandy beaches and a warm tropical paradise at the 2019 'I Hate Winter' Party. The Wall Celebration Committee hosted the third annual event on Saturday, February 23, at the Wall Community Center.

Attendees enjoyed a cornhole tournament, snacks, cash bar and live entertainment by the local band Loose Change.

The cornhole tournament had eleven teams participate and served as a fund raiser to cover the cost of celebration picnic tables to be repaired. Tournament winners were Dean Schulz and Jordon Kjerstad.

"We hope that everyone enjoyed our third annual I Hate Winter Party, and will continue to make it a fun event to break up the winter months," said committee member Dani Herring. This year's event showed an increase in attendance compared to previous years.

The Celebration Committee would like to thank all those who attended the 'I Hate Winter' Party. The committee is continuing plans for the 2019 Annual Wall Celebration and is excited to announce the theme will be 'Superhero's' with the slogan "It's a Bird. It's a Plane. It's Wall Celebration!" The 2019 Celebration will be held July 11-13.

Wall Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Wall-Badlands Area Chamber Retail Committee is seeking an organization or group to host a community Easter Egg Hunt in Wall this April. The Retail Committee has approved a maximum of \$250 to help defer costs of the project, and will reimburse the organization after receipts have been submitted to the Chamber office. Organizations are discouraged from soliciting additional donations from local businesses. Please contact the Chamber office before April 1, for more information or to confirm that your organization will host an Easter Egg Hunt. Funding will be awarded to the one organization who makes the first request.



Thank you to the following members who renewed membership or joined the Chamber in February:

Larry Eisenbraun
Dakota Safaris
Stacy Kitterman

Tessa Gewerth
Creative Community Concepts
Edward Jones/ Tyler T. Trevillyan

Keep the GREEN in
your Community!
SHOP LOCAL!



**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

**Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2019 Noon 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 Member Terry Mohr.

Motion, by Dustin Curr with a second by Anne Jo Spotted Bear, carried to approve meeting minutes from the January 22 Luncheon. Those in attendance reviewed the January Treasurer's Report and Jackie read a list of upcoming events.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce: Kelsey Clark: A custom itinerary will be created to encourage visitors to stay in the Wall Badlands area for two or three days and will highlight attractions, restaurants, motels, campgrounds, B&B's and more. All chamber member businesses can be mentioned in the itinerary but if a business would like a link there is a \$50 charge. The itinerary will go live on the Black Hills & Badlands website early this spring. The Tourism Committee is in the beginning stages of redesigning the community brochure and map. Anyone interested in helping with chamber marketing is invited to be a member of the Tourism Committee. Last year, 165 visitor information packets were requested from the chamber website. In January of 2019, 60 visitor information packets were requested. Two bills have been proposed to the SD Legislature that would be harmful to South Dakota Tourism. The bills propose to take roughly \$345,000 from the State Tourism Budget and apply it to horse racing. Jackie Kusser and Kelsey urged chamber members to contact legislators and inform them of the damage decreasing the tourism budget could have on the state and the Wall community.

Wall Crawl: Kelsey Clark: Reminder, the 2019 Wall Crawl will be Saturday, August 10. Entertainment for the event will be provided by Loose Change and John Riggins. The committee is seeking food trucks to serve supper for the event. Chamber members with a food truck can participate for \$100 and non-chamber members for \$200. Please be sure to 'Like' the Wall Crawl Facebook page as well as 'Like' and 'Share' Facebook posts.

Celebration Committee: Kelsey Clark (reporting for Cheyenne): Reminder, the 'I Hate Winter' Party will be held Saturday, February 23, in the Wall Community Center. The event will begin at 5:30 PM and will offer snacks, cash bar, live music by Loose Change and a cornhole tournament.

Wall Economic Development: Liliya Stone: Thank you to all those who helped with the booth at the Black Hills Stock Show. A welcome packet has been created for new city residents. The packet will include a brochure, business directory and business information. If a business would like to include information in the packet, please contact the economic development office.

Badlands National Park: Mike Pflaum: After four years of growth, the 2018 yearly visitation report showed a decrease of .07%, which is still well over 1 million visitors. January 2019 visitation was up 10%. The Cedar Pass Development Concept Plan (DCP) and Environmental Assessment was signed by the Acting Regional Director at the end of January. It is now an official decision document and approved plan. The plan calls for a new Cedar Pass Lodge, a new Ben Reifel Visitor Center, remodeling the existing visitor center into a park administrative headquarters, reconfiguring the Cedar Pass Campground with additional sites, reconfiguring the outdoor amphitheater, adding park housing, and adding trails and landscaping in the Cedar Pass area. There is no timetable set for these changes and potential funding sources are yet to be determined. After many months of meetings and discussions, Badlands National Park will sign a formal agreement with the Badlands National Park Conservancy on February 13, 2019. The Conservancy is now an official partner of the park and is authorized to conduct fundraising activities, seek grants, provide volunteer services, and be advocates for the park. The Conservancy will also support Minuteman Missile National Historic Site. This partnership will provide great opportunities to collaborate for mission accomplishment with projects, programs, and events with the parks in the future. The NPS extends great appreciation to the engaged and passionate citizens in our area who are now part of the Conservancy.

Minuteman Missile National Historic Site: Eric Leonard: After three years of growth, the 2018 visitation report was down 3% with a total of 139,000 visitors. The new fee price for Delta-01 tours is now in effect. Along with the price increase, Delta-01 tour duration has extended and is now roughly 45 minutes long. During the off season, the site will be providing same day ticket sales for Delta-01 tours.

Rodeo Booster Club: Mary Williams: At the 20X Rodeo, Cash Wilson placed 1st in saddle bronc and Jaycee Williams placed 3rd in goat tying. The 4-H rodeo will be held at the Wall Rodeo Arena on June 22. The rodeo will once again be awarding a high point saddle. Thank you to the First Interstate Bank Greater Wall Fund for the donation.

Wall School District: Dan Baldwin: The busy winter activity season is wrapping up. Freshmen will be meeting to prep for high school and review graduation requirements. Enrollment for this school year is up with 277 students. Dual-enrollment has also increased among juniors and seniors.

Golden West: Greg Oleson: Scholarship applications are due March 15. A new brand ad campaign will be launching and may be seen on TV. The ad features the Badlands and will be rolling for three to six months.

Motion, by Liliya Stone with a second by Terry Mohr, 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

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 March Noon
Luncheon will be held
at the Red Rock
Restaurant on Monday,
March 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 Safaris	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.	St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Badlands Cedar Pass Lodge	East Pennington County Conservation	Stacy Kitterman
Badlands Harley-Davidson	East Pennington County Transit	Sue's Avon
Badlands Helicopters	Econo Lodge	Sunshine Inn
Badlands Inn	EDWARD JONES/ Tyler T. Trevillyan	Super 8
Badlands Lodge	EDWARD JONES/Hal Bailey	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	USDA Forest Service/Natl. Grasslands
Badlands Quilters	First Lutheran Church	Vintage Soule Salon & Boutique
Badlands Saloon & Grille	First Western Insurance Agency	Wall Auto Livery
Badlands Trading Post	Frontier Cabins	Wall Building Center & Construction
Badlands White River KOA	Gold Diggers	Wall Community Library
Best Wester Plains Motel	Golden West Telecommunications	Wall Dairy Queen
Bev Dartt	Helen Crawford	Wall Drug Store
Bill Bielmaier	Hillcrest Motel	Wall Economic Development
Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Assoc.	Independent Mary Kay Director, Judy Harvey	Wall Food Center
Black Hills Federal Credit Union	Juanita Schroeder	Wall Golf Association
Black Hills Parks & Forests	Karen Soderquist Team/ ReMax Results	Wall Meat Processing Plant
Candee Kitterman	Larry Eisenbraun	Wall Motel
Circle View Guest Ranch	M & M Sales	Wall Regional Medical Clinic
Common Cents	Mary Williams	Wall Rodeo Booster Club
Community Education of the Black Hills	Minuteman Missile NHS	Wall School District #51-5
Corner Pantry/Subway	Pathfinder Employment Services	Wall United Methodist Church
Cornerstone Industries	Pennington County Commissioners	Waste Connections
Country Cupboard Food Pantry	Pennington County Courant	Welsh's Motel
Crazy Horse Memorial	Pioneer Auto Show & Prairie Town	Wheelin' to Wall
Creative Community Concepts	Prairie Homestead	Wounded Knee Museum
Crew Agency	Quinn VFW	

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

2019 GOLD MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENTS

***WEST RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION**