

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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Schedule of Events

August 8
Wall City Council
6:30 PM, WCC

August 10 Wall Crawl

August 17-18
Badlands Heritage Festival
Ben Reifel Visitor Center

August 22 Wall City Council 6:30 PM, WCC

August 25 Smokey Bear's Birthday Celebration National Grasslands VC

August 25 Founder's Day Badlands National Park

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

PENNINGTON COUNTY

Wall Satellite Office

Open: August 7 & 21 Hours: 9 AM -11:30 AM & 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

It's a Bird! It's a Plane! It's...

WALL CELEBRATION

Wall community superheroes Darwin and Betty Haerer served as grand marshals for the 2019 Wall Celebration parade. The three day event, held July 11-13, consisted of activities for both youth and adults including: Rodeo performances with Jelly Bean the Clown, Relay for Life 5K Run/Walk,

Stick Horse Rodeo, Bouncy Houses, Cornhole Tournament, Alumni Program and entertainment under the tent by Westbound, 35th & Taylor and Judd Hoos.

The Wall Celebration Committee is thankful for another successful event and is extremely grateful to all those who attended the activities throughout the weekend. The Celebration Committee would also like to express a special thank you to all the volunteers who make the event possible. The Committee appreciates the support from the community and is excited to begin planning for the 2020 Wall Celebration.















Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2019

Noon Luncheon

Wall Golf Course

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Jackie Kusser called the meeting to order. Chamber Board member Terry Mohr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion, made by Helen Crawford with a second by Rick Hustead, carried to approve meeting minutes from the June 10 Chamber Luncheon.

Those in attendance reviewed the June Treasurer's Report and Jackie announced upcoming events.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce: Kelsey Clark: Website traffic on wall-badlands.com was up 66% in June of 2019 compared to June 2018. The Google Ad Campaign promoting the Wall-Badlands Area is performing very well and has had 3,261 clicks since the campaign started on May 16. Work is being done to redesign the Wall Chamber brochure in order to entice travelers to visit and stay in Wall and the Badlands. The Wall Crawl will be held on Saturday, August 10, and the Committee would like to thank all the businesses who have sponsored the 2019 event.

Wall Celebration: Kelsey Clark reporting for Cheyenne McGriff: Celebration activities will begin this weekend! Those who ordered t-shirts can pick them up in the Wall City Office. Buttons, which will grant you access to three nights of Rodeo and two nights under the tent, can be purchased for \$30 each. The Celebration Committee is still looking for people to volunteer to serve beer under the tent. Those interested in having a float in the parade are asked to fill out a registration form and return it to the Chamber office by Friday.

City of Wall: Mayor Marty Huether: The Wall 4th of July Fireworks display has been rescheduled to July 12 due to weather. Sales tax for the city is up slightly and BBB tax is slightly down compared to last year. It was questioned why many fireworks were being shot off late into the night within Wall's city limits the week of the 4th of July. Marty informed everyone there is a City ordinance which prohibits the use of fireworks within city limits, however, it is tough to enforce. The Tesla charging stations are being used frequently.

Wall Economic Development: Liliya Stone: WEDC is working to bring the Wellmark program 'Healthy Hometown' to Wall. The program encourages community members to move more and eat heathier. In order to start the program, WEDC is looking for 10 to 12 people to volunteer for the committee. There was a good turnout for the street dance with lots of food and 15 booths representing 13 different countries.

Wall Community Library: Kelsey Clark reporting for Jonny Winn-Holsether: Ester Johannesen has been hired as the new director at the Wall Community Library.

Forest Service/National Grasslands Visitor Center: Jeremiah Hyslop: Jeremiah introduced himself as the acting National Grasslands Visitor Center Manager and he is happy to be in the Wall community. Upcoming events at the NGCV: July 13, participation in the Wall Celebration Parade; July 15-28, traveling collection of vintage poster prints created by Rudolph Wendelin displayed at the NGVC to celebrate Smokey's 75th birthday; July 20, Fire Safety and Prescribed Grassland Burning Class; July 24, participation at the Discover Badlands Festival; August 9 & 10, Smokey Bear's 75th Birthday Celebration; August 2-3, participation at the Oglala Lakota Wicipi Powwow on the Pine Ridge Reservation; August 17, Wildlife Grassland Migration.

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2019 Wall Crawl

SHOW & SHINE

Motorcycle & Car Show

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Saturday, August 10 Wall Rodeo Grounds 6 PM - 8:30 PM

Hosted by M&M Sales

Wall Rodeo Booster Club: Mary Williams: Three Wall HS Rodeo athletes have made it to the National HS Rodeo Finals. The Wall Celebration Rodeo will begin this Thursday. Family night and candy scramble will be Thursday, Friday will be Military Night and Saturday will be Cowboy Recognition. Mutton Busting will be held every night of the rodeo and there will be specialty acts by Jelly Bean the Clown. The Rodeo Booster Club appreciates all of the sponsors for the Rodeo. Special thank you to all the volunteers who help with the Rodeos. Play Days will start on July 18.

Golden West: Jody Bielmaier: Annual Meeting will be held on September 28. Three directors will have terms that expire, however, none of the positions are for the Wall District.

West River Electric: Dawn Hilgenkamp: Annual Meeting will be held on October 12. There are three directors up for re-election; one being for the Wall area. Anyone interest in running for a position on the board must have a petition turned into the WREA office by August 13. The Appreciation Day in Rapid City will be held September 13.

Wheelin' to Wall: Charon Geigle: The third annual Wheelin' to Wall has intentionally been scheduled the day of other events within the community to create vibrancy and offer something for everyone. This year's event will have three courses that are on pavement and two courses on gravel. The purpose of Wheelin' to Wall is to create connections between businesses and people (local & non-local), to construct pathways for walking and biking and to build community. Funds raised from the event will be used to improve the walkability and biking in Wall. Thank you to all the partners who support the event and a special thank you to key partners Wall Drug and Joe Leach.

Congressman Dusty Johnson's Office: Katie Murray: Katie introduced herself as the West River Director for Congressman Dusty Johnson. Congressman Johnson is a freshman Congressman and was part of the first class to be sworn in under a government shutdown. Committees that the Congressman sits on are the Ag Committee and Education & Labor Committee. Congressman Johnson's state offices focus on the people in the state and can help with things such as VA benefits or Immigration; they also do outreach to the communities within the state and can inform the Congressman of any issues. The Congressman is currently in recess but Katie gave an update about what the Congress has been working on in D.C.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, made by Jody Bielmaier with a second by Anne Jo Spotted Bear, carried.

WALL CRAWL POKER RUN

12 pm | August 10th | Red Rock Restaurant and Lounge \$25 Entry to benefit the Crescent Masonic Lodge #210 in Wall



Mel & Dorothy Anderson's 73 Ranch Personal Property Auction

ART~ WAGONS~ HARNESS SETS~ TACK~ SPURS~ GUNS~ 09' DODGE RAM~ COUNTY BOOKS~ ANTIQUES~ GENERATOR~ FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD~ MORE SURPRISES BY AUCTION DAY!

The ranch has been sold & it's time to let the treasures go. This will be a fun auction!

Sat., August 31, 2019 @ 9 am MT

22144 Elm Springs Road, Wasta SD (I-90 Exit 98 Wasta, go N 10 miles)

Arneson Auction Service ~ 605-798-2525 More info & photos at www.sdauctions.com



Live Band Performances by



ADMISSION \$5

Children 10 and under are FREE Wall Rodeo Grounds Poker Run

12pm-1pm Registration - Red Rock Restaurant

Show-&-Shine
7PM - Motorcycle & Car Show

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

There will be no August Luncheon.

2019 Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Membership

4th Ave. Floral & Gifts Agro Eco Power American Legion Post 246 Americas Best Value Inn Anderson Investments Ann's Motel **Arneson Auction Services** Arrow Campground Ascend Ag, Inc. **Badlands Automotive** Badlands Cedar Pass Lodge Badlands Harley-Davidson **Badlands Helicopters** Badlands Inn Badlands Motel & Campground **Badlands National Park**

Badlands Natural History Association Badlands Outpost Badlands Quilters

Badlands Saloon & Grille **Badlands Trading Post** Badlands White River KOA

Best Western Plains Motel

Bev Dartt

Bill Bielmaier

Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Assoc.

Black Hills Federal Credit Union Black Hills Parks & Forests

Candee Kitterman

Circle View Guest Ranch

Common Cents

Community Education of the Black Hills

Corner Pantry/Subway

Cornerstone Industries

Country Cupboard Food Pantry

Crazy Horse Memorial Creative Community Concepts

> Crew Agency Crown Oil

Cutting Edge Salon Dakota Mill & Grain Dakota Safaris Dakota Sky Stone Days Inn De's Oil & Propane

Deni Amundson

East Pennington County Ambulance Dist. East Pennington County Conservation Dist.

East Pennington County Transit

EconoLodge

EDWARD JONES/Hal Bailey

EDWARD JONES/Tyler T. Trevillyan Evangelical Free Bible Church

Farm Bureau Financial Services

First Interstate Bank

First Lutheran Church

First Western Insurance Agency

Frontier Cabins

Gold Diggers

Golden West Telecommunications

Harlan & Lori Walker

Helen Crawford

Hillcrest Motel

Independent Mary Kay Director, Judy Harvey

Juanita Schroeder

Karen Soderquist Team/ ReMax Results

Kristin Fischer Insurance

Larry Eisenbraun

M & M Sales

Mary Williams

Minuteman Missile NHS

Pathfinder Employment Services

Penn.-Jackson Farm Bureau

Pennington County Commissioners

Pennington County Courant

Pioneer Auto Show & Prairie Town

Prairie Homestead

Quinn VFW

Red Rock Restaurant & Lounge Robert Sharp & Associates

Rod Renner

Rush Funeral Home

Schaeffer's Specialized Lubricants Shearer's Western Dakota Ranch Vac.

Singing Horse Trading Post

Sleepy Hollow RV Park

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Stacy Kitterman

Sue's Avon

Sunshine Inn

Super 8

SWIFTEC Inc.

Terry Mohr

Tessa Gewerth

Tim Goodwin

Triangle B&B

USDA Forest Service/Natl. Grasslands Vintage Soule Salon & Boutique

Wall Auto Livery

Wall Building Center & Construction

Wall Community Library

Wall Dairy Queen

Wall Drug Store

Wall Economic Development Wall Food Center

Wall Golf Association

Wall Meat Processing Plant

Wall Motel

Wall Regional Medical Clinic Wall Rodeo Booster Club

Wall School District #51-5

Wall United Methodist Church

Waste Connections

Welsh's Motel

Wheelin' to Wall

Wounded Knee Museum

2019 GOLD MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENTS

*WEST RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION