



Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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Schedule of Events

April 2

Wall City Council
6:30 PM, WCC

April 8

Wall Farmers Market
CANCELLED

April 16

WBACC Annual Meeting
POSTPONED

April 16

Wall City Council
6:30 PM, WCC

April 21

WBACC Board Mtg (tentative)
7 AM, WCC

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

Country Cupboard Food Pantry

Open the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1 PM-4 PM as well as the 2nd & 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 AM-12 PM



Wall Satellite Office

The Wall Satellite Office will NOT be open in April due to COVID-19.

Working Together to Support Our Community

During a time of so many unknowns, it's heartwarming to see how our community has pulled together to help each other. Members of the Wall Public Works Dept., Pennington County Sheriff's Dept. and various other individuals have volunteered their time to help deliver necessities to those who can't get out of their homes, as well as help the Wall Food Center unload trucks, restock shelves and more!

Our local businesses do so much to support our community throughout the year such as, sponsoring your child's ball teams, rodeos, scholarships and more! Many businesses are still offering their services, so I challenge you to find unique ways to continue to support our local businesses during this difficult time.

I encourage you to keep your head up during these trying times. Please know your Chamber is here for you. Feel free to contact us with any questions, needs, concerns, etc. We live in a great community and I have no doubt that our community will make it through this together.

Kelsey Clark
Executive Director



U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Shop local. We're in this together.

Local businesses need your support now more than ever.



Get it to go. Order from your local restaurants and bars via delivery service, to-go, or curbside pickup.



Shop small online. Websites haven't closed and it's important to leave positive reviews for local vendors and businesses.



Buy in advance. Purchase gift cards or book services from local businesses to use at a future date.



Stay looped in. Keep up with your memberships, and with services that are still offered online.



Follow along. Your favorite local businesses are online and sharing specific ways you can support them.



Say thank you. Many business owners and workers are risking their health to provide critical products and services. Be thankful.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2020

Noon Luncheon

Red Rock Restaurant

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Dustin Curr called the meeting to order. Chamber Member Jody Bielmaier led the Pledge of Allegiance. Susie Kjerstad moved to approve meeting minutes from the February Chamber Luncheon. Second made by Anne Jo Spotted Bear. Motion carried. Those in attendance reviewed the February Treasurer's Report. Susie Kjerstad moved to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Second made by Rick Husted. Dustin announced upcoming events in the Wall community.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce: Kelsey Clark: The 2020 Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 16. The Annual Meeting will begin with social hour at 5 PM in the Wall Community Center Grand Hall. At 6 PM dinner will be served. The program for the Annual Meeting will begin at 6:30 PM and the guest speaker for the evening will be Nathan Sanderson, Executive Director of the South Dakota Retailers Association (**THE ANNUAL MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CDC**). The March Farmer's Market and Produce Exchange will be March 11 in the Wall Mall; the next Farmer's Market will be April 8. The Wall City-Wide Yard Sale will be held May 30. The Chamber office has been experiencing problems sending emails to some Chamber Members; Kelsey is working on finding a solution, in the meantime, information has been posted on the Chamber Facebook page.

Wall Ambulance Dist.: Carrie Schell: To keep from spreading germs such as the Coronavirus be sure to wash your hands, for at least 20 seconds, and sanitize surfaces frequently. It is being discussed how information will be distributed if there is a positive case in the community.

City of Wall: Marty Huether: Monthly sales tax for February was awesome and BBB taxable sales are up also; Marty is hoping to keep up the momentum through the year. There are 3 councilmen whose terms expire this year; 1 from each ward. Mike Anderson of Ward 1 is re-running unopposed. There will be an election in Ward 3 between incumbent candidate Dan Hauk and candidate Bruce Dunker. No petitions were turned in from Ward 2, therefore, the council will select an individual to fill the seat for 1 year. Weekly meetings will be held in order to be prepared if the Coronavirus affects the Wall community. Marty is working with the county as well as Monument Health to have a plan in place if there is an outbreak. Anyone who is going to protest property tax assessments must have the paperwork turned into the City Office by March 13.

Wall Economic Development: Liliya Stone: WEDC has been working with the Wall City Council to create ordinances and complete paperwork regarding the Industrial Park. Three Governors Houses will be moved onto the lot at 402 Glenn St. There have been a lot of question about the houses, therefore an informational class will be conducted with assistance from Cheyenne McGriff. A Housing Committee Meeting will be held March 9; anyone interested in being part of the committee is invited to attend.

Badlands National Park: Mike Pflaum: The park will be posting resources from the Center of Disease Control to help prevent to spread of Coronavirus and will be placing hand sanitizer at all entrances and gathering areas. At this time there are no restrictions or closures to any national parks across the nation because of the Coronavirus. Operation hours at the park will be extending for the spring season soon. The Astronomy Festival will be held in Badlands National Park on August 14-16; the event has gathered good attendance and people are planning trips to attend this year. February visitation is looking good and the report will be published soon.

Minuteman Missile NHS: Eric Leonard: Construction at the visitor center is mostly complete. The site will be moving from winter hours to 7-days of operation by the end of the month. February visitation and Year-to-Date visitation are both up.

Rodeo Booster Club: Mary Williams: Wynn Schaack has qualified to participate in the American Rodeo. Upcoming rodeos in Wall will be: Pennington Co. 4-H Rodeo, May 30; SDHS Rodeo, June 5-7; PRCA (Celebration) Rodeo, July 10 & 11. The Celebration Rodeo will be a PRCA Rodeo with professional

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rodeo acts, entertainment and announcers. Travelers continue to use the rodeo grounds to board their horses while traveling. Thank you to the Chamber and the community for supporting the Rodeo Booster Club. Rodeo contestants who perform in the Wall Rodeo Arena continue to complement how good the Wall Rodeo Area is.

Badlands Quilters: Judy Yocum: The Quilt Weekend Getaway will be held March 13 & 14 in the Wall Community Center. There are about 60 people from across the state who will be attending the event and staying in our community for the weekend. Quilting classes will be Saturday with a banquet Saturday evening at the Methodist Church. The Badlands Quilters try to keep their business local when planning the Weekend Getaway. Everyone is welcome to attend the Bed-Turning activity Friday night where attendees can display their quilts. Money earned at the Weekend Getaway is used to make Solider Quilts which are then donated to the hospice unit at Fort Meade or given at the Veterans Day Program held at the Wall School.

Golden West: Jody Bielmaier: Community meetings for Fiber to the Home, are completed and the project will begin in communities soon. The Golden West Scholarship applications can be picked up at the school or found online; deadline to apply is March 16. Golden West is offering customers a free trial of higher speed internet; call the office for more information.

West River Electric: Dawn Hilgenkamp: WREA is looking for individuals to become members of the Member Communication Committee; call the office for committee applications. In March a total of \$750,000 will be given in bill credits; credits will be applied to March bills. WREA will sponsor area students to attend the South Dakota Rural Electric Youth Excursion, July 27-31. The event will be held in North Dakota and allow students the opportunity to tour power plants and a coal mine. Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors, whose parents are members of WREA, are eligible to attend. The deadline to apply is May 22. Wild Spring Solar, located south of New Underwood, will provide energy to WREA. There will be no rate increases because of the project, however the project could potentially create additional tax revenue for the area.

Sander Sanitation: Brianna Myers: Brianna is a Sales Specialist for the locally owned company which services the Black Hills communities. Recently, Sander Sanitation expanded services to Wall, New Underwood and Wasta in conjunction with receiving the Badlands National Park contract. Sander Sanitation offers both residential and commercial services. Please contact Brianna with any questions.

2020 City Council Candidates: The three individuals who are re-running/running for City Council were invited to attend the luncheon to network with Chamber Members; Bruce Dunker was present.

With no other businesses, Susie Kjerstad moved to adjourn the meeting. Second made by Jody Bielmaier. Motion carried.



The Wall City Council approved a resolution, on March 23, that would close certain types of business within the City of Wall to on-site/on-sale patrons. The Resolution also states that all businesses continuing to operate should implement procedures to ensure social distancing and operate in compliance with federal and state health guidance in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

With much concern regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the Wall-Badlands Area Chamber Board of Directors has postponed the 2020 Annual Meeting & Banquet (scheduled for April 16) until further notice. This is not a decision that was made lightly and we apologize for any inconvenience or confusion. The Chamber Board will continue to follow this situation and potentially hold an Annual Meeting & Banquet later in the year. There will be no April Luncheon.

SAVE THE DATE!

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce
2020 Annual Meeting & Banquet
THURSDAY, APRIL 16
ROARING 20's

Please join us in wearing your best Roaring 20's attire.

CARES Act: Brief Overview

The CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) is a roughly \$2 trillion coronavirus response bill for individuals, small businesses, larger businesses, state and local governments, healthcare facilities, education and more.

INDIVIDUALS: Most individuals earning less than \$75,000 annually can expect a one-time payment of \$1,200. Married couples who file taxes jointly and make less than \$150,000 annual can expect \$2,400 and \$500 per child. The act also allows people who receive Social Security to be eligible for a payment.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Those who are currently unemployed due to COVID-19 are now eligible for \$600 more per week on top of the unemployment amount they receive from the state. That boosted payment will last four months. The legislation also adds 13 weeks of unemployment insurance. Gig workers and self-employed individuals can also receive benefits.

TAXES: The deadline for filing 2019 taxes has been extended to July 15.

SMALL BUSINESSES: Companies with 500 or less will have access to emergency grants and loans. The act provides \$10 billion for grants of as much as \$10,000 for immediate operating costs. The Small Business Administration will also be able to allocate \$350 billion in loans, up to \$10 million per business. The government might forgive portions of the loan used for payroll expenses, utilities, rent, or mortgage insurance. Small businesses with existing SBA loans have access to \$17 billion to cover six months of payments automatically.

LARGE BUSINESSES: Roughly \$500 billion in loans and other money has been set aside for big corporations. A special committee and inspector general would provide oversight of all loans, uses of taxpayer dollars and pandemic recovery.

ALL BUSINESSES: The bill establishes a fully refundable tax credit for businesses of all sizes that are closed or distressed to help them keep workers on the payroll. The goal is to get those employees hired back or put on paid furlough to make sure they have jobs to return to.

PUBLIC HEALTH: \$100 billion has been budgeted to hospitals battling the coronavirus.

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The bill allows \$1.32 billion in additional funding to community health centers. The stimulus package also reauthorizes a telehealth program so doctors can continue virtual appointments. Veteran's health care is budgeted \$20 billion and Indian Health Services is set to receive \$1 billion.

AGRICULTURE: The act includes \$9.5 billion in emergency aid for farmers and ranchers and replenishes the Commodity Credit Corporation with \$14 billion.

FOOD PROGRAMS: To provide more meals for students, \$8.8 billion has been set to give to schools. \$15.5 billion will go to the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) to help cover the cost of new applicants. Food banks and community food distribution programs are set to receive \$450 million.

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: The \$339.8 billion for state and local is divided up between COVID-19 response efforts as well as grants, schools and higher ed, and children and families.

EDUCATION: The bill includes \$43.7 billion in relief for higher education students and graduates with outstanding federally owned student loans. There are also other area of education that will be receiving funding.



Let's go on a bear hunt!

People and businesses all over the world are placing stuffed animals in their windows so kids can (safely) go on "bear hunts" in their neighborhoods during this nation-wide quarantine and we would like to encourage the Wall Community businesses and residence to do the same!

Here's How to Participate: Simply place a teddy bear in your window, porch, lawn, etc. before April 13 (please be sure that the teddy bear can be seen from the street or sidewalk).

Children and community members are encouraged to go on a bear hunt between April 13 and 19 and see how many bears they can spot. This activity will provide the opportunity to get children and adults out of the house to enjoy fresh air while also keeping away from direct contact with others.

WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2020 Board of Directors:

Dustin Curr — President
Bruce Dunker — Vice President
Janet Lurz — Treasurer
Anne Jo Spotted Bear
Cindy Hauk
Gordy Kraut
Kim Handcock
Lindsay Reagle
Terry Mohr

2020 Luncheon Locations:

Jan-Red Rock
Feb-Red Rock
March-Red Rock
May-Golf Course
June-Golf Course
July-Golf Course
Sept-Community Center
Oct-Badlands Saloon
Nov-Badlands Saloon
Dec-Badlands Saloon

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2020 Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Membership

4th Ave. Floral & Gifts	Dawn Hilgenkamp	Ron Dinger
Agro Eco Power	Days Inn	Rush Funeral Home
American Legion Post 246	De's Oil & Propane	Sander Sanitation Service
Americas Best Value Inn	Deni Amundson	Sarah Husted
Anderson Investments	East Pennington County Ambulance Dist.	Schaeffer's Specialized Lubricants
Ann's Motel	East Pennington County Conservation Dist.	Shearer's Western Dakota Ranch Vac.
Arneson Auction Services	East Pennington County Transit	Singing Horse Trading Post
Arrow Campground	EconoLodge	Sleepy Hollow RV Park
Ascend Ag, Inc.	EDWARD JONES/Hal Bailey	St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Badlands Automotive	EDWARD JONES/Tyler T. Trevillyan	Stacy Kitterman
Badlands Cedar Pass Lodge	Evangelical Free Bible Church	Sue's Avon
Badlands Harley-Davidson	Farm Bureau Financial Services	Sunshine Inn
Badlands Helicopters	First Interstate Bank	Super 8
Badlands Inn	First Lutheran Church	SWIFTEC Inc.
Badlands Motel & Campground	Frontier Cabins	Terry Mohr
Badlands National Park	Gold Diggers	Tessa Gewerth
Badlands Natural History Association	Golden West Telecommunications	Thompson Tactical
Badlands Outpost	Harlan & Lori Walker	Triangle B&B
Badlands Quilters	Helen Crawford	Treat U Boutique
Badlands Saloon & Grille	Hillcrest Motel	USDA Forest Service/Natl. Grasslands
Badlands Trading Post	Hub International Insurance	Vintage Soule Salon & Boutique
Badlands White River KOA	Independent Mary Kay Director, Judy Harvey	Wall Auto Livery
Best Western Plains Motel	Juanita Schroeder	Wall Building Center & Construction
Bethel Church	Jonny Winn	Wall Community Library
Bev Dartt	Karen Soderquist Team/ ReMax Results	Wall Dairy Queen
Bill Bielmaier	Kari Welsh	Wall Drug Store
Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Assoc.	Keith Bagley	Wall Eagles Live/Live Ticket
Black Hills Federal Credit Union	Larry Eisenbraun	Wall Economic Development
Black Hills Parks & Forests	M & M Sales	Wall Food Center
Candee Kitterman	Mary Williams	Wall Golf Association
Circle View Guest Ranch	Mike Nesseth	Wall Meat Processing Plant
Common Cents	Minuteman Missile NHS	Wall Motel
Community Education of the Black Hills	Niki Mohr	Wall Regional Medical Clinic
Corner Pantry/Subway	Pathfinder Employment Services	Wall Rodeo Booster Club
Cornerstone Industries	Pat Husted	Wall School District #51-5
Country Cupboard Food Pantry	Patty Coleman	Wall United Methodist Church
Crazy Horse Memorial	Penn.-Jackson Farm Bureau	Waste Connections
Creative Community Concepts	Pennington County Commissioners	West River Electric Association
Crew Agency	Pennington County Courant	Windy Edge Homestead
Cristina Nesseth	Pioneer Auto Show & Prairie Town	Welsh's Motel
Crown Oil	Prairie Homestead	Wheelin' to Wall
Cutting Edge Salon	Quinn VFW	Wounded Knee Museum
Dakota Mill & Grain	Red Rock Restaurant & Lounge	
Dakota Safaris	Robert Sharp & Associates	
Dakota Sky Stone	Rod Renner	

**Check out our website for a list of
business closures and announcements:
www.wall-badlands.com/closures**