



Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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Schedule of Events

October 1
Oktoberfest
11 AM-8 PM, Stay Wall

October 3
Wall City Council Mtg.
6:30 PM, WCC

October 7
Wall Crawl Mtg.
Noon, WCC

October 8
WREA Annual Meeting
9 AM, WCC

October 10
Chamber & City Offices
CLOSED

October 11
Chamber Luncheon
Noon, Badlands Saloon

October 12
WBACC Board Mtg.
7 AM, WCC

October 12
Rancher/Producer Seminar
6 PM, WCC

October 20
Wall City Council Mtg.
6:30 PM, WCC



Wheelin' to Wall used Chamber WALL BUCK\$ as a prize for the poker ride on Sunday, September 25. The winner of the WALL BUCK\$ was Rory Stone from Rapid City.

Chamber WALL BUCK\$ make great gifts for family, friends, employees, etc. and can only be used at Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Member Businesses! WALL BUCK\$ can be processed as a check but businesses are asked not to give cash back for the certificates.

The Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce wants to promote YOUR business this fall season during the shopping extravaganza, **Fall Crazy Day** on Saturday, November 5. Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Member Businesses are invited to participate, by offering refreshments, special hours, or various deals for the event.

Fall Crazy Day will be held in conjunction with the Wall Community Craft show which will be held in the Wall Community Center from 10 AM until 3 PM on November 5.

To participate in **Fall Crazy Day**, please submit information to the Chamber Office by Friday, October 21.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5



Wall Satellite Office
OPEN: October 5
9 AM- 11:30 AM &
12:30 PM- 3:30 PM

Upgrade your 2023 Chamber Membership to a

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AND BE FEATURED HERE!

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2022

Noon Luncheon

Red Rock Restaurant

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Gordy Kraut called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Anne Jo Spotted Bear moved to approve meeting minutes from the July 12 Chamber Luncheon. Second made by Dustin Curr. Motion carried. Dustin Curr moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second made by Pam Johnson. Motion carried. Gordy announced upcoming events in the Wall community.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce: Kelsey Clark: The Chamber's Retail Committee will be hosting a Community Appreciation Supper on September 23. The Committee hosts the annual event as a way to say 'thank you' to community members for patronizing local businesses. Thank you to the individuals who volunteered to help with the event; local events would not be possible without the help of so many wonderful volunteers! Chamber Members should keep an eye out for 2023 Chamber Membership Renewal information, which will be mailed out this week. Membership payments are due December 1, 2022. The Wall Community Craft Show will be held Saturday, November 5, anyone interested in being a vendor can contact the Chamber Office to register. Friendly reminder, the Chamber has stock images/video of the area available to Members free of charge.

City Of Wall: Mary Williams: There was good attendance for the Governor/Lt. Governor townhall in Wall last week. The City is moving forward with various infrastructure projects: ECHO Valley, Kelly Ave./Gloria St., 4th Ave., and the Airport. Construction on 4th Ave. is expected to begin in 2023 and be completed by 2024. The City Council has made large investments for the projects and will seek grants and low interest loans from SD Housing Authority. City sales tax revenue for August is \$200,000 which is up compared to the last 'normal' year of 2019. BBB tax revenue for August is \$27,000 which is down slightly compared to 2019.

Wall Economic Development: Mary Williams: Kallie is meeting with the Wall High School Juniors to recruit a student to sit on the WEDC board of directors. Work at the industrial park is moving along and phase 1 has been completed; lots are expected to be available for purchase this fall. WEDC has 2 board positions that will be open this year; the incumbent directors will be re-running. Aging in Place is moving forward by working with a consultant and working on financing. A draft of the 2022 housing study has been completed; the study will assist with future grants and loans. Current housing lots available: 3 at the Hillcrest property, 7 at the Hansen property and 41 in ECHO Valley.

National Grasslands Visitor Center/ USDA Forest Service: Travis Mason-Bushman: An agreement is in place for engineers to start designing repairs at the Visitor Center. The design process will take about a year and Travis is hoping the project will go to bid in the fall of 2023. The project will include the interior and exterior of the building, however, exhibit updates will be a sperate project. A trailer is being used as a temporary Visitor Center and allows for continued visitor services. The Visitor Center will close for the season on October 7; tentative reopening will be late April 2023. Visitation at the Visitor Center has been good and visitor contacts have been up compared to last year. In spite of many challenges this year, Travis is proud of the Visitor Center staff. The Pinnacles Recreation Area study continues with an environmental assessment of management and designated sights; more information about the study is expected to be available this fall.

Black Hill & Badlands Tourism: Hayli Hull: The fall events calendar is available and fall visitation is increasing. Tourism indicators show visitation to the area is close to the record-breaking numbers set in 2021 and beating stats from 2019. Production of the 2023 South Dakota Vacation Guide has begun, if you are interested in being included in the guide, or becoming a BH&B member, contact Hayli for more information.

Rodeo Booster Club: Dawn Hilgenkamp: Play Days has concluded for the year and was successful. State 4-H Rodeo was held the end of August in Fort Pierre, many local kids did very well, overall average winners for Wall area kids were: Sierra Hilgenkamp 1st Breakaway Roping, 3rd Ribbon Roping, 6th Team roping with her brother, Brand, and Senior Girl All-Around; Brooke Diedrichs 1st place Jr. Barrels; Emmy Moon 6th Barrels, 2nd Poles, 8th Goat Tying, 9th Breakaway Roping; Piper Cordes 1st Barrels and 10th Poles; Lucy Moon 4th Barrels; Gatlin Cordes 3rd Goat Tying; and T Merrill 4th Ribbon Roping. A Little Britches Rodeo will be held at the Wall Rodeo Grounds this weekend. Plans for the Rodeo Fund Raising Auction in October have begun; more information to come.

Wall School Dist.: Pandi Pittman: A School Board meeting will be held tomorrow night, agenda items include approval of the '22-'23 budget, levy approval, and a decision whether or not to contract for designing an expansion with 3 classrooms and a larger Ag Shop. Next week will be Homecoming at the school with the theme "A Moment in History", Homecoming Coronation will be Sunday, Volleyball game at home on Tuesday, and a Football game vs. Lyman on Friday. October 5 & 6 will be parent teacher conferences.

Wall Ambulance District: Lynn Riggins: Mike Anderson and Dan Hauk have filled open positions on the Ambulance Board. A hazmat training will be held on October 8.

West River Electric: Dawn Hilgenkamp: WREA hosted a tailgate supper before the Wall vs. New Underwood football game on September 2; roughly 425 people were served. Member Appreciation Day in Rapid City will be held on September 30. The WREA Annual Meeting will be held on October 8 in the Wall Community Center; registration will begin at 9 AM and the meeting will be called to order at 10 AM. 3 individuals will be running for the board unopposed and there are no proposed bylaw changes, therefore, there will be no voting at this year's meeting. A billing support specialist position is open at WREA; applications are available on the WREA website. Capital credits will be applied to customer accounts or customers can contact the office to receive a check.

Golden West: Jody Bielmaier: The Golden West Annual Meeting will be held at the Wall Community Center on September 24; all Golden West members are invited to attend the meeting. A vote will be held at the Annual Meeting for the board of directors and proposed bylaw changes. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM and the meeting will be called to order at 10 AM; lunch will be provided after the meeting at various restaurants around town. Capital credits were applied to customer's September statements or a check was given. There are various positions open at Golden West; for more information, please go to goldenwest.com.

Wheelin' to Wall: Charon Geigle: The 6th Annual Wheelin' to Wall will be held on September 24 & 25. Plans for the event are going well and there are 52 registered participants from 7 different states. Stay Wall will be hosting a post ride event with food for Wheelin' to Wall participants and community members. A Pedal Parade of Lights will once again be held Saturday evening; the parade is sponsored by BHFCU. Stay Wall will be hosting a s'more party after the Pedal Parade. Charon has a goal to make the event an experience that is different than other bicycle events.

4th. Ave Floral: Cindy Hauk: A Fall Festival will be held on September 24, with various local businesses and vendors participating.

First Interstate Bank: Pam Johnson: FIB Annual Volunteer Day is tomorrow and all FIB branches will close at noon to allow staff to volunteer in their communities. The FIB Wall Branch will be volunteering for the City of Wall by painting curbs in various locations around town as well as staining picnic tables at the park. The bank will be sponsoring a Neighbors Feeding Neighbors lunch at the bank on September 30. Money raised at the lunch will be matched by the First Interstate Bank Foundation and donated to the Angel Fund at the Wall School; which helps cover lunch costs for students who may not be able to afford it. The Festival of Trees will be held on November 18 at the bank; money raised from the event benefits the Greater Wall Fund which keeps all money local.

The Chamber is holding a \$100 WALL BUCK\$ drawing at each Chamber Luncheon; all paid Chamber Members will be entered into the drawing but must be present to win. The drawing is a rolling jack pot. Winner of the \$400 WALL BUCK\$ for the September luncheon is Wall Building Center; with no one from the business being present the jackpot will increase to \$500 for the October luncheon.

With no other business, Cindy Hauk moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 PM. Second made by Lindsay Reagle. Motion carried.

2023 SD Minimum Wage Increases

Minimum wage is annually adjusted by any increase in cost of living , as measured by the consumer price index.

NON-TIPPED EMPLOYEES

Effective January 1, 2023, South Dakota's minimum wage for non-tipped employees will be \$10.80 per hour, up from \$9.95 per hour in calendar year 2022.

TIPPED EMPLOYEES

Effective January 1, 2023, the hourly minimum wage for tipped employees, will be no less than \$5.40 per hour, up from \$4.975 in 2022.

For more information please see the South Dakota Department of Labor & Regulation's website.

STAY WALL PRESENTS

Oktoberfest

BEER FESTIVAL

SEP 30 + OCT 1

11AM-8PM

BEER.
BEER BRATS.
PULLED PORK.
POTATO SALAD.
LOCAL BEER.
STEINHOLDING.
HAMMERSCHLAGEN.
CORN HOLE.
MUSIC.
BEER.

606 GLENN ST.
WALL, SD 57790

Join us



* REGISTRATION | 9:00am

* MEETING | 10:00am

Saturday, October 8th

at the Wall Community Center
for your

83rd Annual Meeting

SUCCESS

RANCHER/PRODUCER FREE SEMINAR

SPONSORED BY



Black Hills
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Wednesday, Oct 12 | 6:00 p.m.
Wall Community Center | Wall

TOPIC

What to Know About Agricultural Easements

SPEAKERS

- + *Tony Leif*
South Dakota Ag Land Trust
- + *Quinton Riggins*
Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson, & Ashmore, LLP

Light Meal Provided
Round-Table Discussion

RSVP by October 7

Dave Koupal

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WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Gordy Kraut
Vice Pres.: Bobbi Dartt
Tres: Annie Tice-Poseley

Amanda Kjerstad
Ashley Kier
Gina Kraut

Lindsay Reagle
Lex Heathershaw
Pam Johnson

The October Chamber
Luncheon will be held on
**Tuesday, October 11 at Noon at
the Badlands Saloon & Grille.**

2022 Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Membership

3 Amigos Cantina
4th Ave. Floral & Gifts
American Legion Post 246
Americas Best Value Inn
Anderson Investments
Ann's Motel
Arneson Auction Services
Ascend Ag, Inc.
Badlands & Co.
Badlands Automotive
Badlands Cedar Pass Lodge
Badlands Harley-Davidson
Badlands Helicopters
Badlands Inn
Badlands Motel & Campground
Badlands National Park
Badlands National Park Conservancy
Badlands Natural History Association
Badlands Observatory
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
Borns Group
Buffalo Gift Shop
Bunkhouse Campground
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
Crew Agency
Cristina Nesseth
Crown Oil
Cutting Edge Salon
Dan Hauk
Dakota Mill & Grain

Dakota Sky Stone
Dawn Hilgenkamp
Days Inn
De's Oil & Propane
East Pennington County Ambulance
East Pennington Co. Conservation Dist.
East Pennington County Transit
EconoLodge
EDWARD JONES/Hal Bailey
EDWARD JONES/Tyler T. Trevillyan
Evangelical Free Bible Church
Evergreen Office Solutions
Farm Bureau Financial Services
First Interstate Bank
First Lutheran Church
Frontier Cabins
Gary Keyser
Gold Diggers
Golden West Telecommunications
Harlan & Lori Walker
Helen Crawford
Hub International Insurance
Juanita Schroeder
Judy Goldhammer
Jonny Creighton Winn
Karen Soderquist Team/ ReMax Results
Kari Welsh
Larry Eisenbraun
Linda Hiltner
M & M Sales
Mary Williams
Minuteman Missile NHS
Monument Health Wall Clinic
Nanna's Mercantile
Niki Mohr
Nohr Wortmann Engineering
Pat Hustead
Pennington County Commissioners
Pennington County Courant
Pioneer Auto Show & Prairie Town
Prairie Homestead
Quinn VFW
Rick Hustead
Red Rock Restaurant & Lounge
Robert Sharp & Associates
Ron Dinger

Rush Funeral Home
Sander Sanitation Service
Sarah Hustead
Shearer's Western Dakota Ranch Vac.
Singing Horse Trading Post
Sleepy Hollow RV Park
Stay Wall
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Sue's Avon
Sunshine Inn
Super 8
SWIFTEC Inc.
Terry Mohr
The Little Outpost
Travelodge
Triangle B&B
Treat U Boutique
USDA Forest Service/Natl. Grasslands
Wall Auto Livery
Wall Auto Repair & Glass
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
Wall Rodeo Booster Club
Wall School District #51-5
Wall United Methodist Church
Wasta VFD
Waste Connections
Welsh's Motel
West River Electric Association
Western Dakota Tech
Wheelin' to Wall
Whispering Pines B&B Outfitters
Wounded Knee Museum

Welcome New Member!
Buffalo Gift Shop