



# Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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## Schedule of Events

December 1  
Parade of Lights  
6 PM

December 4  
Quinn VFW BINGO  
2 PM, WCC

December 5  
Wall City Council Mtg.  
6:30 PM, WCC

December 7  
Pancake Supper  
5 PM, Wall Drug Cafe

December 11  
Crooners Christmas Show  
6 PM, WCC

December 13  
Chamber Luncheon  
Noon, WCC

December 18  
Quinn VFW BINGO  
2 PM, WCC

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

December 26  
Wall City Offices CLOSED

January 2  
Wall City Offices CLOSED

# CHAMBER HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES

The **CHAMBER HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES** is back! The **CHAMBER HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES** offers WALL BUCK\$ as great prizes for those who shop and buy local at participating Chamber member businesses from November 16 through January 2.

Participating Chamber member businesses will be provided with **CHAMBER HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES** cards to give to shoppers. Businesses will initial the card for every \$10 the shopper spends in businesses; each single purchase is limited to \$500. When a shopper's card is full, they fill out the information on the back and drop it in a drop box at various locations. Then, shoppers get a new card and repeat!

Participating businesses will be provided with **CHAMBER HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES** cards, a drop box (if desired) and a special pen to authenticate the businesses initials.

The **CHAMBER HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES** is offered to Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce members. The **CHAMBER HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES** aligns with the Chamber's goal of promoting Chamber members, community growth and local shopping. Cards should be submitted by January 2; drawing will be held on January 4 via Facebook Live Video. A total of \$2,600 in WALL BUCK\$ will be given through this program.



**Wall Satellite Office**  
*Please note the Wall Satellite office will NOT be open in the month of December.*

# THANK YOU GOLD SPONSOR



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# Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2022

Noon Luncheon

Badlands Saloon & Grille

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Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Board Vice President Bobbi Dartt called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cindy Hauk moved to approve meeting minutes from the October Chamber Luncheon. Second made by Pam Johnson. Motion carried. Jody Bielmaier moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second made by Lindsay Reagle. Motion carried. Bobbi announced upcoming events in the community.

**Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce:** Kelsey Clark: The Chamber Holiday Sweepstakes will return for the 2022 holiday season! The event will run from November 16 until January 2; the Retail Committee will be giving away a total of \$2,600 in prizes for the event and the prize drawing will be held via Facebook Live video on January 4. The Chamber Retail Committee's Annual Pancake Supper will be held 5-6:30 PM Wednesday, December 7 at the Wall Drug Café; Santa will arrive at 5 PM. The Retail Committee will give away a total of \$2,000 in prizes at the Pancake Supper. Reminder to businesses, Wall Bucks are to be processed like a check, but businesses are asked not to give cash back for the certificates. 2023 Chamber memberships are due December 1. Kelsey continues to be out of office for an extended leave of absence until the end of the year; Kelsey will be available periodically by email.

**City Of Wall:** Mary Williams: Bids for ECHO Valley infrastructure will be opened December 1. The second reading was held for the business license ordinances, which will require a set number of signatures be collected. Changes have been made to the discretionary formula for property tax and will now only be for new businesses located in the industrial park. Various liquor licenses have been approved. Mary has been in contact with the Ellsworth Development Authority to encourage them to keep Wall in mind when looking for housing. The City Council has approved a resolution for water rate increases; this is a 3-year process in order to meet requirements for state and federal assistance. Work has begun on Kelly Ave. for additional housing lots. The next Wall City Council Meeting will be November 17. The December council meetings will be December 5 and December 20.

**Wall Economic Development:** Kallie Carey: The WEDC Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 16, in the Wall Community Center Grand Hall; social hour will begin at 5:30 PM and the meeting will begin at 6 PM. The Parade of Lights will be December 1; parade route will be similar as past years. Line up for the parade will be at 5:15 PM; to register please contact Kallie. WEDC was recently awarded at \$3000 grant which will be used for workforce requirement

**National Grasslands Visitor Center/ USDA Forest Service:** Alex Grant: Research regarding the Pinnacles Recreation Area is still underway and a draft plan will be made available to the public soon. Various job positions are open; applications can be submitted through USAjobs.com. Travis Mason-Bushman is on a 120-day detail assignment, the NGVC is looking for a temporary replacement while Travis is out, until then Linda Hiltner will be working with Alex to manage the facility. Seasonal hiring for summer 2023 is now closed, Alex hopes to continue to work with the school to offer positions to high school students. Plans for remodeling the Visitor Center are being developed; Wall received funding to help cover the project costs. Remodel plans will include the side of the building being turned into a green landscape with picnic tables, trees and plants. On the front of the Visitor Center, displays will be improved and concrete will be replaced including animal tracks that lead to the inside of the Visitor Center. Lighting, seating and structural improvements will also be made to the facility.

**Rodeo Booster Club:** Dawn Hilgenkamp: The Annual Fund-Raising Auction was held last month; the event was successful. The club will be selling the arena worker and purchasing a new one.

**Wall School District:** Pandi Pitman: Lots of scheduling changes this week at school. The football team will be competing in the 9 AA football championship this weekend; the last time Wall played in the Championship game was 2011. A Veterans Day Program will be held November 9 at the school at 10 AM. A Football send off will be held November 9 at 12:30 PM. Due to the weather forecast school has been called off for Thursday, November 10. FFA will compete in the district leadership contest tomorrow. Wall students will be traveling to Chadron for academic testing. The next School Board Meeting has been postponed until November 16. Volleyball and Cross-Country seasons ended on a good note. Junior High basketball and wrestling are underway. Gymnastics and high school wrestling will be starting soon. The Fall Awards Night will be December 5; supper will be at 6:30 PM and awards presentation at 7 PM. The School Board approved a master plan including building, grounds and transportation improvements; a committee will meet to discuss expansions.

**Wall Ambulance District:** Kassidy: The Ambulance crew participated in the Trunk or Treat event at Stay Wall. A toy drive is being organized; details will be released soon. An all-level refresher training will be held in February.

**Wall Community Library:** Linda Hiltner: The Library participated in the Wall Craft Show and re-homed many books. The board has created a community survey to gather community input; all community members are encouraged to complete the survey.

**Golden West:** Jody Bielmaier: Golden West customers can sign up for various giveaways on [theexchangesd.com](http://theexchangesd.com); drawing will be December 2. Golden West offices will be closed November 11 and 24. Various positions are open at Golden West; more information can be found on the website.

**West River Electric:** Dawn Hilgenkamp: WREA offices will be closed November 11 and 24. A tail-gate will be held November 17 in Union Center from 4-6 PM; 3 bill credits will be given away. WREA will be hosting a holiday open house on December 15 from 9 AM until 3 PM at the offices and will be offering various treats. A coloring contest will start December 1 and various prizes will be given. Scholarships for High School Seniors are available on the WREA website. Applications for the Youth Tour are available on the WREA website.

**Stay Wall:** Zack Hoffman: A Halloween Fun Night was held at Stay Wall on Monday, October 31; thank you to those who sponsored, participated and volunteered at the event. Looking forward to hosting the event again next year.

**Badlands Observatory:** Teresa Hofer: The Observatory just finished their first full tourism season; they are very happy with the number of visitors who came from all over the USA. The Observatory offers tours of the day time sky to view the sun, as well as night time sky to view the stars and planets through 8 telescopes. Teresa is very thankful to area businesses for providing referrals to the traveling public. This winter the Observatory will be offering group tours (about 10 people) which can be scheduled online. The Observatory is a member of BH&B as well as the International Dark Sky Association.

**First Interstate Bank:** Pam Johnson: The Festival of Trees will be held November 18 at the bank; social hour will begin at 5:30 PM with the auction starting at 6:30 PM. The coats and more project for the school will once again be held; requests for specific sizes and genders will be made available. The Angel Tree will once again be put up in the bank after Thanksgiving.

Representatives from the Scavengers Journey provided information about the annual event that takes place in towns across South Dakota. The event started 10 years ago and facilitates with communities for city wide rummage sales. The cost for a community to participate is \$500 per community with participating businesses/rummage sales purchasing ads; money is used to help advertise the event on the radio, TV, newspapers, event booklets, website and more. Business ads start at \$25 and rummage sale ads start at \$10. If community members are interested in participating they are encouraged to contact Chamber Board Members or Cindy Hauk.

The Chamber is holding a \$100 WALL BUCK\$ drawing at each Chamber Luncheon; all paid Chamber Members are entered into the drawing but must be present to win. The drawing is a rolling jack pot. Winner of the \$600 WALL BUCK\$ for the October Luncheon is Kieffer Sanitation; with no one from the business being present the jackpot will increase to \$700 for the December Luncheon.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 PM.



2023 SOUTH DAKOTA  
GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE  
on  
TOURISM

JANUARY 17-19, 2023



WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Holiday Lighting Contest

## PRIZES:

1st Place: \$300 WALL BUCKS

2nd Place: \$200 WALL BUCKS

3rd Place: \$100 WALL BUCKS

Judging will be held **December 22**

Homes will be judged based on  
Originality, Arrangement, Theme,  
Creativity and Overall Presentation.



Nominate yourself or someone  
else by contacting the Chamber  
office at 279-2665.

The Chamber encourages you to  
shop local for your decorating  
needs!

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Area Chamber of Commerce





# PANCAKE SUPPER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Wall Drug Cafe 5 PM - 6:30 PM

**SANTA WILL ARRIVE AT 5:00 PM**

Attend and Enter for a Chance to win WALL BUCK\$  
A total of \$2,000 in prizes will be given during the event!

Sponsored by the Wall-Badlands Area Chamber Retail Committee

# 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 December Chamber Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at Noon at the Wall Community Center Grand Hall.

## 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

2023 Chamber Memberships are Due December 1.