

## Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

501 Main Street
PO Box 527
Wall SD 57790
Phone: 605-279-2665

Fax: 605-279-2067

wallchamber@gwtc.net www.wall-chamber.com

November 2015 Volume 15: Issue 11

#### **Schedule of Events**

## November 1st & 15th BINGO!

WCC- Meeting Room Sponsored by Quinn VFW 2:00pm—5:00pm

November 5th
City Council Meeting
at 6:30pm—WCC

November 8th 29th Annual Wall Craft Show 9am—3pm WCC—Grand Hall

November 9th Chamber Meeting

12 Noon at the Wall Mall 600 Main St

November 11th
Veteran's Day
City Offices Closed



November 19th
City Council Meeting
at 6:30pm—WCC

November 26th Thanksgiving City Offices Closed



Add your event here, on the radio and on the website!

# De's Tire & Muffler

A Family owned business since 1958 De's Oil is owned by Alvin and Sandra Eisenbraun.

Though the name boasts of tires and mufflers, they are so much more! While they do carry most major brands and sizes of tires, they have always sold propane and have recently installed a new 24 hour gas pump, offering No Lead or Premium without Ethanol. It's a pay at the pump type, so credit and debit cards are used for convenience.

Highway Use diesel and Off Road diesel in addition to Straight #1 diesel is also available.



Located at: 216 West 7th Ave

Current hours: 7:30am—5:00pm, Monday—Friday

(SUMMERS ONLY)
Sat—9-Noon

605-279-2168



# **Sandee's**

While located next door to De's, and named for the two ladies that put this all together, **San**dra Eisenbraun and her daughter **Dee**Dee Bresee, run a catering business with awesome homemade food. (Having tasted it, I will vouch for it). If that doesn't keep them busy enough, serving daily specials during the summer certainly keeps them going. Opened in 2010 these ladies continue to serve up that "just like mom made" taste. And the desserts ... well, what can I say? You'll just have to wait until summer, unless your lucky enough to have them cater.

605-515-0084



## WANTED Ambulance Drivers REQUIREMENTS

#### Must be 18 years of age or older

- Clean driving record
- Clean background check
- Current SD driver's license

#### Why become an ambulance driver?

Earn \$25 per shift
Get involved in your community
Help others in emergency situations

#### Required Training:

EVOC and current American Heart Association CPR For more information contact:

Laura Anderson Administrative EMT wallambulance@gwtc.net (605) 279-2620

Something to ponder ...



Don't listen to what people say, watch what they do.

# 29th Annual Wall Community Center Craft Show Sunday, November 8th

New & returning vendors! Stop by and support your local artists and crafters. Concessions provided by the WHS Post Prom Party



Wall Community Center 1st & 3rd Sunday's 2:00pm — 5:00pm Sponsored by the Quinn VFW



Remember Daylight Savings Time is Sunday November 1st at 2:00am Set your clocks back one hour.

#### HOLIDAY WREATH PROGRAM



A holiday wreath project in conjunction with Wreath's Across America offers wreaths, sprays, crosses or garland that may be purchased for yourself or to honor and remember a Veteran or a loved one during the Holiday Season. A wreath purchased for a Veteran or Loved one buried at Black Hills National Cemetery will be laid free of charge. (Only a 20" Wreath only is allowed there). A group of volunteers will be honored to lay wreaths at the Black Hills National Cemetery on **December 5**<sup>th</sup> **2015 at 9:00 am.** Anyone is welcome to come and help. The Wreath across America wreath laying ceremony is scheduled for **December 12, 2015 at 10:00am.** Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony. You can pick up an order form at the Wall

Post Office community bulletin board, Ann's Motel or the Chamber office. *Order forms need to be returned by November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015* to the following address: **John and Candee Kitterman**Holiday Wreath Sales

PO BOX 56, WALL SD 57790.

Last year the group donated \$650 to the Wounded Warrior Project. This year they will be donating the funds to the Badlands Quilters, a local sewing club in Wall that makes and donates quilts to the Hospice Unit at Fort Meade for our veterans, and the Quinn VFW Ladies Auxiliary. For more information contact John Kitterman at 605-515-3129 or email: jtk@gwtc.net.



Blankets made by the Badlands Quilters

#### **Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes**

Monday, October 19, 2015 • 12:00 PM • Badlands Saloon & Grille

CALL TO ORDER: President Jody Bielmaier opened the meeting at 12:00 pm with 24 people present. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Motion by Dave Hahn, and second by Keith Bagley to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

October 28th November 1<sup>st</sup> BHBL Annual Meeting – Rapid City November 9<sup>th</sup> Chamber Meeting November 15<sup>th</sup> BINGO (WCC @ 2pm) November 15<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting – WCC November 19<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting – WCC

November 8<sup>th</sup> Craft Show (WCC) 9am-3pm November 26<sup>th</sup> THANKSGIVING – City Offices Closed

CITY OF WALL: The Mayor introduced Katie Murry who works for Senator Rounds office. Katie will be making herself available next month for the community to come and talk about concerns or problems they may have regarding the federal agencies. Mayor Huether reported that the sales tax revenue was up 30% over last year and 20% over last month. The Wounded Knee Museum has applied for a permit to extend their building to the west located just off the 110 exit. ECO Valley (located on Stone Drive) has more plats approved and have six more lots to be sold. TIF (Tax Increment Financing) is available for discussion with the City. Ec. Dev could use this as an incentive for creating a potential TIF District. Another incentive might be looking at reimbursing relocating costs. If you haven't already please fill out the community survey. It is available on-line or can be picked up from the Ec. Dev, City or Chamber offices.

SET (Stronger Economics Together) has good participation from Wall. They are always looking for more people to be involved, so if you're looking for an activity to participate in, consider SET. The next SET meeting is in Philip on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Black Hills Area Mayor's luncheon meeting will be held in Wall this month on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Wall will host other area Mayor's and Finance Officers. A trip to the Pinnacles is planned, and possibly going to the Sage Creek area, as it is just as beautiful as Spearfish Canyon especially this time of year. SET (Stronger Economics Together) has good participation from Wall. They are always looking for more people to be involved, so if you're looking for an activity to participate in, consider SET. The next SET meeting is in Philip on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Black Hills Area Mayors luncheon meeting will be held in Wall this month on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Wall will host other area Mayor's and Finance Officers. A trip to the Pinnacles is planned, and possibly going to the Sage Creek area, as it is just as beautiful as Spearfish Canyon especially this time of year.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Cheyenne McGriff said everyone has been very supportive and she wanted to thank everyone for their continued support. The community survey is being handed out and encourages everyone to take the time to fill one out. It is online on Wall Economic Development Facebook through survey monkey. The business survey is available now. If interested please talk to Cheyenne as she would like to meet with people one on one. Business retention and expansion is very important to the city of Wall.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Cooper Garnos reported that November 5<sup>th</sup> will be the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Parent/Teacher conferences are taking place right now. A School Improvement Plan is required by the state. They are working on "How they can help students on Fridays if needed?" Teachers are making themselves available for one or two hours to do individual tutoring. Member Mary Williams wanted to know if there is discussion regarding going to a 5 day school week, or if the kids will need to start before Labor Day? The response was that, Wall is still one of the top schools in the state. If it's not broke... The way the hours/days are now are just fine, and no additional hours are needed for teachers

**BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK:** Superintendent, Mike Pflaum introduced Christine Czazasty who is the Chief of Interpretation & Resource Education at the Badlands National Park. While only here since June, she has been with the Park service for 27 years. September visitation was up 12.4%. Cedar Pass Lodge closed on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. The Ben Reifel Center has gone to winter hours, 8am-4pm. The White River Visitor Center is closed for the season. The Park is soliciting opinions as to whether or not the bison range should be extended. Pros would be more range for the bison to roam; more grass and water for food; more visitors will be able to experience actually seeing the bison. Cons: more management will be needed in the way of fencing; staff; and visitor interaction which could be a safety concern.

**FOREST SERVICE:** Kurt Pindel had good news about the fiscal year. Two years in a row the visitation has been high. 21,000 people last year and 22,000 this year keeping in mind the center was closed during the months of May and June! Over the last three years, visitation was at 30 people a day and now it's up to 100 people a day. The seasonal staff are done for the year, and the center has gone back to winter hours of Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm. Dennis Kuhnel will be down in Nebraska at Chadron State Park for the next two months. The renovation for the north side of the building has been put on hold temporarily while Chancy, the staff worker taking care of it recovers from a broken hand.

**MINUTE MAN MISSILE NHS:** New hours are Wednesday-Sunday, 8am – 4pm, closed Monday & Tuesday, offering only two tours daily. The Open house held on September 26<sup>th</sup> was a great event, with many Missileers in attendance. A date for the Grand Opening is hoping to be set sometime around April of 2016. They eventually hope to be able to go back to being open seven days a week.

**GOLDEN WEST:** Jody Bielmaier wanted to thank everyone who was able to attend the GW Annual Meeting. There were 200 members with no election being held, so the board remained the same.

**BLACK HILLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION:** Robyn Miller announced that Wendy Eisenbraun was selected to take over Robyn's position as Manager and this Wednesday will be her official last day in Wall.

**FIRST INTERSTATE BANK**: Janet Lurz reminded everybody of the One Warm Coat Drive being held at First Interstate Bank. Small size coats are needed and can be dropped off to the bank. These coats are given directly to Wall school students or children in the community needing them. In lieu of dropping off a coat since specific sizes are needed, a monetary contribution can be made and coats will then be purchased.

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**: Bev Dartt informed us that the flowers on South Boulevard and Main St will be removed and the planters will have large tiles placed in them to help keep out cigarettes and trash. Unfortunately most of the budget money goes to purchasing flowers and plants and paying to have them watered. New garland (commercial grade) has been ordered and will be put up by the committee when it arrives for the holiday season. There should be enough to do the four posts in the middle of Main Street along with red bows to be attached. They are unable to have lights as there is no electricity on the poles.

**RODEO BOOSTER CLUB:** Mary Williams wanted to share that the annual fund raiser held at the golf course was successful. A big thank you to the WREA and Wall School for helping the club out. The school has allowed them to repurpose the old crows nest and bleachers from the football field, as well as the WREA is helping them move the old field lights over. A memorial from Earl Hammerstrom will allow for rock tables and benches. They will be able to hold more rodeos as well, which in turn helps the economic development.

**BLACK HILLS & BADLANDS TOURISM ASSOCIATION:** Candy Cullum reports it has been a banner year! Visitation has been great with a 12% increased anticipation. Final numbers will be given at the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual BHBL Meeting being held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October in Rapid City when SD Secretary Jim Hagen will be recapping the region. Vacation Guide is being printed earlier this year with the deadline being last Thursday. If you have not turned your papers in, please talk to Candy.

**WALL COMMUNITY LIBRARY**: Children participated in Star Wars Reads & Teen Read Week events, with a contest for middle and high school students. The Library will celebrate Halloween by showing a not-so-scary animated movie, Thursday October 29. Future funding from the County is still somewhat uncertain, but the library has been notified that the Pennington County Commissioners have approved funding for 2016 at the current level. The library is working on the details of becoming part of the Black Hills Library Consortium. They will be moving to new software for their computer system and internet catalog early in 2016. Watch for exciting new services, such as being able to request books online 24/7. Theresa Schaefer will attend the monthly Consortium meeting next week. The Library Board held its quarterly meeting last week, with promotion of library services as one of the topics of discussion.

**RETAIL COMMITTEE:** Jody Bielmaier wanted to thank all the volunteers who participated and helped to make the tailgate appreciation supper a success especially with the last minute weather change, having the meal inside the Powerhouse made it a lot easier. Approximately 225 community members were fed. The remaining hamburger was split between the Wall HS Post Prom Party and Fields of Faith (part of the FCA) participants. Next year we hope to be able to have it at the football field if the weather cooperates.

**WALL MALL:** Carol Hoffman has accepted the position of Property Manager for the Wall Mall owned by Joe Leach. An area of the mall has been donated to the Wall Gymnastics Team to use for their gymnastics equipment and a place to practice for this season. An offer has been made to Indian Motorcycle to house their museum in it, also, the SD School of Mines to bring in part of their Dinosaur Museum. It will house a new business called the Badland's Coffee & Creamery as well as another business currently residing in Wall. There is plenty of room in the mall boasting of 18,000 square feet on each level. Please contact Carol with any questions.

**STATE ATTORNY'S OFFICE**: Karla MacArthur Harris sent a report indicating that the office has seen a slight increase in the number of DUI arrests and prosecutions from last year at this time. The office has a Second Degree Murder Trial starting on Tuesday and will run the week. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, so the office is educating people about it, and encouraging them that every day you have the opportunity to be a hero. To be someone's champion, to lend a hand to someone in need. Heroes are ordinary people who do extraordinary acts. This month we give you a challenge,

#### continued from page 4

a charge, to utilize your power within to become someone's hero. To listen, to care, to protect, to use your strength to help those who have lost theirs. Pennington County is still working diligently in a collaborative effort towards the successful implementation of the MacArthur Grant and Veteran's Protocol.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Anyone wanting to nominate any additional candidates to the Chamber Board can pick up a nomination form at the Chamber office. Deadline to submit nominations is November 2, 2015.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dave Hahn introduced Russell Masartis as the new Pastor at the United Methodist Church here in Wall and Wasta. Pastor Russell as he is referred to, spent 10 years on the Rosebud Reservation offering free home repairs, hot meals (1,000 per week) and working with their food pantry. On Wednesday's the church is trying something different with the kids in grades 6-8 instead of regular confirmation. They are learning to be puppeteers by creating their own puppets from a bible story and then telling about it. Cindy Schuler let everyone know that she has been in contact with a group called the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, made up of several hundred motorcycle members that would like to hold their convention here in Wall next August (2016). Several businesses have been contacted and over a hundred rooms have been reserved so far. The Chamber would like to see as many of the businesses that can, get involved. They are interested in having an evening parade (with lights from their bikes glowing) and a possible show & shine event. Anyone wanting more information or wanting to help, contact Cindy at the Chamber.

MAIN SPEAKER: John Kitterman provided information for a holiday wreath project in conjunction with Wreath's Across America. Wreaths, Sprays, Crosses or Garland may be purchased for yourself or to honor and remember a Veteran or a loved one during the Holiday Season. A wreath purchased for a Veteran or Loved one buried at Black Hills National Cemetery will be laid free of charge. A 20" Wreath only is allowed at the Black Hills National Cemetery. A group of volunteers will be honored to lay wreaths at the Black Hills National Cemetery on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 9:00 am. Anyone is welcome to come and help. The Wreath across America wreath laying ceremony is scheduled for December 12, 2015 at 10:00am. Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony. You can pick up an order form at the Wall US Post Office community bulletin board, Ann's Motel or the Chamber office. Order forms need to be returned by November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to the following address: John and Candee Kitterman, Holiday Wreath Sales, PO BOX 56, WALL SD 57790. Last year the group donated \$650 to the Wounded Warrior Project. This year we will be donating the funds to the Badlands Quilters a local sewing club in Wall that makes and donates quilts to the Hospice Unit at Fort Meade for our veterans, and the Quinn VFW Ladies Auxiliary. For more information contact John Kitterman at 605-515-3129 or email: jtk@gwtc.net.

November Meeting is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 12:00 Noon, at the Badlands Saloon & Grille.

Meeting Adjourned.



#### **Customer Service Quote of the Month**

Every contact we have with a customer influences whether or not they'll come back.

We have to be great every time or we'll lose them.

~ Kevin Stirtz

#### WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### **Board of Directors:**

Jody Bielmaier—President Donna Curr—Vice President Jackie Heathershaw—Treasurer Carol Hoffman Janet Lurz Sheila Drees Dawn Hilgenkamp Jackie Kusser Juanita Schroeder

Cindy Schuler-Executive Director

#### **Chamber Luncheon Meeting Locations:**

Jan, Feb, Mar-Red Rock Restaurant April—Annual Meeting May—Golf Course Mixer June—Community Center July- Wall Golf Course August—No Meeting Sept, Oct, Nov-Badlands Saloon & Grille Dec—Holiday Mixer Luncheons held 2nd Monday of the month unless otherwise noted.

The Next Meeting will be held on Monday. November 9th at the Wall Mall 600 Main St 12:00 Noon (Note: New location)

### 2015 Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Membership

4th Avenue Floral Air Hon American Legion Auxiliary Americas Best Value Inn **Anderson Investments** Ann's Motel **Arneson Auction Service** Arrow Campground Ascend Ag, Inc.

**Badland Outpost Badlands Automotive Badlands Budget Host** 

**Badlands Harley Davidson** 

Badlands Inn & Campground **Badlands National Park** 

**Badlands Natural History Association** 

**Badlands Quilters** 

**Badlands Saloon & Grille** 

**Badlands Trading Post** 

Badlands/White River KOA

Best Western Plains Motel

**Bev Dartt** 

Bill Bielmaier

Black Hills and Badlands Tourism Assoc.

Black Hills Federal Credit Union

**Broken Arrow Trading Company** 

Candee Kitterman

Cedar Pass Lodge

Circle View Guest Ranch

**Corner Pantry** 

**Country Cupboard Food Pantry** 

Crazy Horse Memorial

**Crew Agency** 

Crown Oil

**Cutting Edge Salon** Dakota Mill & Grain

Days Inn

De's Oil & Propane

East Pennington Co Transit

**East Pennington Conservation District** East Penn County Ambulance District

Econo Lodge

**Evangelical Free Bible Church** 

Farm Bureau Financial Services

First Interstate Bank

First Lutheran Church

First Western Insurance Agency

**Frontier Cabins** 

Gary Keyser

**Gold Diggers** 

Hillcrest Motel

Jitterbug Daycare

Jonny Winn-Holsether

Juanita Schroeder

Lakota Ways

Larry Eisenbraun

Mary & Myron Williams

Minuteman Missile NHS

Motel 6

**Pennington County Commissioners** 

**Pennington County Courant** 

Pioneer Auto Show & Prairie Town

**Prairie Homestead** 

Red Rock Restaurant & Lounge

Richard Wahlstrom/EDWARD JONES

**Robert Sharp & Associates** 

**Rod Renner** 

Ruland Arena, LLC

**Rush Funeral Home** SanDee's

Senator Bruce Rampelberg Shearer's Western Dakota Ranch Vac.

Singing Horse Trading Post

Sleepy Hollow Campground

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Subway

Sunshine Inn

**TLC Electric** 

Triangle Ranch B&B

Two Bit Saloon

**USDA Forest Service** 

Wall Auto Livery

Wall Building Center & Construction

Wall Dairy Queen

Wall Drug Store

Wall Food Center

Wall Golf Association

Wall Health Services

Wall Lube & Espresso

Wall Meat Processing

Wall Motel

Wall Neighborhood Housing

Wall Rodeo Booster Club

Wall School District 51-5

Wall United Methodist Church

Welsh's Motel

## Thank you for your investment!

#### \*GOLD MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENTS\*