

Window to the West

Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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Schedule of Events

April 7th

City Council Meeting
6:30pm—WCC

April 14th

Annual Chamber Meeting
WCC— Grand Hall
501 Main St
5:00pm - 8:00pm

April 16th

Wall High School Prom

April 21st

City Council Meeting
6:30pm — WCC

April 21st

WHS Ag Dept. People Auction
WCC— Grand Hall
3:00pm

April 23rd

Good Neighbor Banquet
WCC—Grand Hall
6:00pm



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

You're Invited!

Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

Annual Meeting and Banquet

Mardi Gras

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Wall Community Center - 501 Main St

Life Time Achievement Award

TBA

Teacher of the Year Award

Dani Herring

Business Improvement Award

* Badlands Saloon & Grille * Fourth Ave Floral & Gifts *
* Wall District Ranger Office *

Golden Pineapple Award

Marsha Eisenbraun

5:00pm Social
6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Awards

* Cash Bar *



Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes
Monday, March 14, 2016 • 12:00 PM • Red Rock Restaurant

CALL TO ORDER: President Donna Curr opened the meeting at 12:00 pm with 29 people present. Pledge of Allegiance recited. February 2016 minutes were approved. Motion by Jody Bielmaier, seconded by Mary Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

14th	Small Business Workshop 6pm (MR)	24th - 29th	Chamber Director out of the office
17th	City Council Meeting 6:30pm (MR)	27th	Easter - All City Offices closed
21st	Small Business Workshop 6pm (MR)		

SPEAKER: Nikkole Abbas with Western Prevention Resource Center (WPRC) who works throughout western SD shared information with the group about the drug epidemic. The number one and number two drug of choice in America is alcohol & marijuana. Prescription drugs would come after that. We are fortunate that our youth only use these types of drugs less than 10% of the time. Some of the prescription drugs that are common, are **Stimulants**, (*ADHD meds, appetite suppressants, narcolepsy pills*); **Depressants** (*Barbiturates, Valium, Xanax, sleep aids, Opiates like OxyContin,*) **Pain Killers** (*Codeine and Morphine*). Commonly, if you are addicted to Opiates, it's the same as being addicted to Heroin. There is a trend in other areas that when the addiction is so strong, they switch over to heroin. We are not seeing this in western SD, but it is beginning to happen in eastern SD. The media talks about pharming or pharm parties, where they "mix" the pills all together and they pick some out, but if you are looking for a high, you wouldn't want to take depressants that someone put in. It is more or less media hype, but it is not uncommon for people to trade drugs. One of the places that kids have easy access to drugs, is in their parent's medicine cabinet. It's the one place in the house that they can go in and lock the door behind them, and have access to the pills in the cabinet or drawers. Disposing of unused pills are important for this reason. Even some of the over the counter drugs, are being used to get high; such as cough syrup, decongestions and Dramamine. Synthetic drugs are another drug that was available in retail stores. South Dakota was able to ban all related chemicals to make these in one fell swoop, so they are not allowed to be sold. They can however still be purchased on-line. Synthetic drugs (like K2, Spice, Plant Growth) mimic marijuana and are smoked. Bath salts mimic drugs like cocaine or meth. They are snorted or injected. Packages will say not for Human consumption, or energy drinks have 6mg to 242 mg of caffeine, a regular cup of coffee has 80-100 mg. Some of them even have alcohol already mixed in. By mixing alcohol and energy drinks together you can get a bigger high as it doesn't make you feel drunk and keeps you awake so there is a greater chance of alcohol poisoning or driving under the influence. MAP (Meth Awareness Prevention) lost their funding in 2011 and nothing is being done for prevention now. The amount of meth labs have gone up, as they can now fit a meth lab in their pocket, back pack or purse. It's called a one pot method. They basically need fuel, oxygen and an ignition source, which also requires them to let the pressure out while doing this, which is very dangerous. The projected amount of meth arrests for 2016, will be over 1500. South Dakota started monitoring all pharmacies, and they now have a way to track how often prescriptions are being filled, giving police access to the information of someone they suspect. The sad news is that across the country, only 4.4 cents of every dollar is being spent on prevention, treatment and research of public programs. Most of this money is spent on consequences. For every \$1 they could get for prevention, it would save \$10 down the road. They know how to make prevention work and research shows kids are listening.

CITY OF WALL: Mayor Marty Huether has been working with Cheyenne McGriff, (Ec Dev) and one of the short term goals that you might see in the future is the repurposing of the Wall Golf Course. He is hoping to make them not be so reliant as far as city water sales. They have a wonderful course and 50% of their revenue is from food and drink sales. One of the things that is going to happen is setting up an archery range. Cheyenne has spoken with Scheele's, and they are willing to bring some people down this fall for a fun day event. There is room to add a walking archery course, a disk golf course and bring back horseshoe pits. These are low cost, low overhead and low maintenance. Over time more people will show up, helping the golf course to be more self-sufficient.

WALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Updates were given by Cheyenne McGriff. BBR Economic group has completed their brochures. QR code on back for the website. The next meeting will be April 5th at the Distillery in Kadoka. They had a job fair in Philip Friday, with a good turnout. They hope to continue having it each year. There are only two small beginnings business classes left. Some top priorities with Economic Dev committee is housing, business retention and expansion and community development.

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With the help of the city they will be participating in a program called Marketing Hometown America. It is a way to get the community talking and get more marketing efforts going. It will increase and promote community pride, help to connect with young people, recruit more community members and businesses. A community kick off will take place in the fall, to bring attention to the project. They are looking for an advisory committee of about 10 people to help with this. Creating a job listing page on the website, and a list of events taking place. Any questions, please call Cheyenne at 279-2658.

SCHOOL REPORT: Randall Poste stated that Wall School has had laptops for the last eight years. Grades 6-12 are able to keep the whole school year. The elementary kids have carts with laptops for their use. There are a little over 400 computers in the district right now, doing well to making sure that technology is in the hands of the students. Next year they are creating a pod of 5 per classroom (K-4 & Big White) to start using Ipads, in the rooms, as there are some apps they would like to use. Smart Balance & SD STEP testing begins April 11th.

WALL LIBRARY REPORT: Library Board meeting was held on April 13th. They are planning to attend the Chamber Annual Meeting, and working on an entry for the July Celebration parade. Received four monetary donations from the local townships. The money will allow them to change some of the shelving. They are very grateful to the townships and the people that volunteer, Pennington County and the Wall City Council for the constant support.

BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK: Superintendent, Mike Pflaum reported that February visitation is up 5% over last year at this time. The Cedar Pass Lodge is to open on April 15th. They are reinstating a hard copy of the park newspaper that they have not had since 2012. It will be available at the entrances and the visitor center. Since it is the centennial year (August 25th the actual birthday) there will be a series of events at the parks. National Park week begins April 16th with a junior ranger day & an open house of sorts. More information to come.

MINUTE MAN MISSILE NHS: Superintendent, Eric Leonard said they now have set a date to install exhibits. Unfortunately, they will have to close the Visitor Center from April 4th through April 29th for installation. They will however, continue to give daily tours at Delta One. The Forest Service will host the Rangers at their offices in Wall, and tickets for tours can be purchased there.

FOREST SERVICE: Dennis Kuhnel, NGVC Director is back and reported that the public meeting with the Grasslands and SDGF, had about 25 people in attendance. They talked about the different fishing opportunities available. Wall District Ranger is planning a prescribed burn by Cottonwood, weather permitting. They will begin implementing setting blinds out for people to watch the prairie chickens and grouse strut (dance). April 7th, the Forest Service is collecting individual heritage stories. In cooperation with the Center of Great Lakes Studies and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, professors and researchers will come to Wall (which was especially chosen for this pilot program) to talk with people and hear their stories about growing up in the Buffalo Gap Grasslands before or even after the park service was involved. They are even willing to travel to visit people at their homes if they are unable to make it to town. The long term purpose of this, is that they will be creating a national database to go online, and use as an educational interpretive tool for other schools around the country. They hope to come back this summer around Celebration. The NGVC is now open seven days a week from 8am-4:30pm.

FIRST INTERSTATE BANK: First Interstate Bank (\$1,000) college scholarships applications are on-line at www.firstinterstatebank.com for local SDHS seniors. All applications must be delivered to the FIB local branch office in Wall on or before **April 15, 2016**. Also, the First Interstate Greater Wall Foundation has a \$1000 college scholarship application that can be picked up at school, and dropped off to the FIB Wall office.

WREA: Dawn Hilgenkamp reported that in May, the WREA will be converting from 7.2 Kv to 14.4 Kv. in Wall. We may experience a short outage issue while the transformers are changed out. Letters will be sent out.

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Points to Ponder ...



When you have to start compromising yourself and your morals for the people around you, it's probably time to change the people around you..



Which has more sugar?
The strawberry or the lemon?

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Did you know?

The world's fastest ever recorded change in temperature happened in South Dakota when it got 49 degrees hotter in just two minutes.



On January 22, 1943, the temperature in Spearfish changed from -4 degrees Fahrenheit to 45 degrees in two minutes, making it the world record holder for fastest temperature change. Later in the day, after the town heated up a bit more, the temperature dropped back to -4 degrees, causing windows to crack.



Be sure to read what the speaker had to say about drugs and youth in this month's minutes!



Temporary Closure of Visitor Center at MMNHS

To allow for the installation of permanent exhibits, the Visitor Center at Minuteman Missile National Historic Site will be closed to the public for four weeks beginning Monday, April 4, 2016. While the visitor center is inaccessible, visitor services, including Delta-01 tour tickets, will move to the National Grasslands Visitor Center, located in Wall, at 708 Main St.

Good Neighbor Award Recognition Banquet



Laramie Oystedahl



Alma Crosbie



Darlene May



Terry Schell

Saturday
April 23, 2016
Wall

Community Center

Dinner at 6 pm (doors open at 5)

For Tickets: Linda Eisenbraun @ 457-2692

CHECK OUT WHAT THE LIBRARY HAS FOR YOU!

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IS APRIL 10TH – 16TH

Visit the online page to request, suggest, or comment on a book, or come over to the library for your personal introductory tour of the new online services site and earn a chance to receive certificates generously donated from Badlands Saloon & Grille!

BOOK CLUB: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH FROM 6-7PM.

Red White or Blue: The 1875-1876 Journey of a Lakota Chief's Son and an Army Major's Daughter, by Sue Hillard. The author plans to come to Wall to talk with our group on this date.

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH Bring in a poem that you have written in 2016 for display on the Wall Poetry Wall.

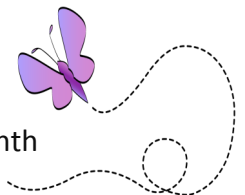
Customer Service Quote of the Month

Kind words can be short and easy to speak,
but their echos are truly endless.

~ Mother Teresa ~

APRIL IS ...

- National Humor Month
- International Guitar Month
- Keep America Beautiful Month
- Lawn and Garden Month
- National Poetry Month
- National Pecan Month
- National Welding Month
- Records and Information Management Month
- Stress Awareness Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month



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GOLDEN WEST: Jody Bielmaier wanted to let us know that Toastmasters is not just for public speakers. It helps with leadership and speaking skills and is very customizable. They encourages everyone to join. They meet on Fridays, at 6:30am at the WREA meeting room. Golden West is also celebrating 100 years this year. They are looking for stories of independence and photos as well. The deadline is March 31st. A reminder that scholarship deadlines for your senior is March 15th. GW will be giving away 100th Anniversary commemorative steak knife sets to 100 members, just go online to enter at www.goldenwest.com or for more information.

RODEO BOOSTER CLUB: Mary Williams started off by congratulating the Lady Eagles for placing 8th in the State Basketball Tournament, 56 teams didn't make it! Rodeo Dates are: May 7th at 4pm; Regional, June 3rd, 4th & 5th starting at 9am; 4-H will be a week late due to HS Rodeo, June 25th; SDRA, July 7th, 8th, & 9th. With nicer weather, brings more traffic so please be aware. The following board members can help in any way if you need information: President, Dan Curr, Treasurer, Dawn Hilgenkamp, and Secretary Donna Curr. Other board members, Marty Williams, Cory Elshere & Dan Hilgenkamp.

BHFCU: Annual Book Drive running through May 1st. Their 75th Anniversary Celebration is next month, so watch the papers for member events.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE: 2016 Theme for the Wall Celebration will be "Kicking the Dust Up". The Easter Egg Hunt had a great turnout. A skating party is planned on April 3rd from 1pm-3pm at the WCC.

BHBL TOURISM ASSOC: Hayli Johnson reported that tourism is up about 3.39% for January. Everything points to a good year as well. Space is still available on the motorcycle map. They plan to print 205K maps.

PENN COUNTY ATTORNEY: Mark Vargos reported that they should be hearing about the McArthur Grant by the end of the month. There is a good chance that they will be a recipient. They have already begun putting some of the ideas into place, just on a much smaller scale. Sharon Calamine, Victim Help Asst. Coordinator Director, will be retiring, and an Open House will be held on Friday if you can make it. Karla McArthur-Harris, who often represents Mark at the meetings, has been deployed with the Army for 6-18 months, and fortunately it is in Rapid City! She will be the Attorney /Advocate representative, specifically for the victims in military sexual assault cases.

SENATOR ROUNDS OFFICE: Katie Murray spoke about a bill that was passed in Senate called CARA (Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act) which is a bill to authorize the AG to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use allowing for more money to be given to law enforcement and prevention. 2014 in South Dakota, 63 people died of a heroin or opioid overdose; 13,000 people needed treatment of heroin and opioid use of which 3,000 were children. A bill is being sought to make the VA more accountable for record keeping, also, the Veterans Choice Act has caused increases in direct cost to the veteran so they are working on changing that. A bill is also being considered for GMO (genetically modified organisms) to create a national standard across the nation. On another note, pharmacies can currently talk to each other, but now states can talk to other states as well. For instance, if you live in one state and cross the border to fill a prescription, then that state can find out if you have already had that Rx filled.

No other business. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be the Annual Meeting and will be held at the WCC on April 14th beginning at 5pm.

FRUIT FACTS

Lemons are sweeter than strawberries



Most varieties of lemons contain higher percentage of sugar than contained by strawberry fruits. But still a lemon cannot be eaten as a dessert like strawberry as it is sour than a strawberry. Because besides sugar, lemons also contain 3-6 per cent citric acid, which dominates its sweetness and tastes sour. The strawberry fruits contain 4-5 per cent sugar but still have a sweeter taste than lemons whose sugar content is more than strawberry. This is because there is hardly any acidic content in strawberry.

WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Board of Directors:

Donna Curr— President
Carol Hoffman—Vice President
Jackie Heathershaw—Treasurer
Janet Lurz
Sheila Drees
Dawn Hilgenkamp
Jackie Kusser
Juanita Schroeder
Trisha Eisenbraun
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*

The Annual Chamber Meeting will be held on
Thursday, April 14th
Wall Community Center
Grand Hall
501 Main St —Wall, SD
5:00pm— Social
6:00pm— Dinner
7:00pm— Awards

2016 Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Membership

4th Avenue Floral	East Pennington Co Transit	Singing Horse Trading Post
Air Hon	East Pennington Conservation District	Sleepy Hollow Campground
American Legion Auxiliary	East Penn County Ambulance District	St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Americas Best Value Inn	Econo Lodge	Sunshine Inn
Anderson Investments	Evangelical Free Bible Church	SWIFTEC
Ann's Motel	Farm Bureau Financial Services	Two Bit Saloon & Steakhouse
Arrow Campground	First Interstate Bank	USDA Forest Service
Ascend Ag, Inc.	First Lutheran Church	Wall Auto Livery
Badlands Automotive	First Western Insurance Agency	Wall Building Center & Construction
Badlands Harley Davidson	Gold Diggers	Wall Drug Store
Badlands Inn & Campground	Hillcrest Motel	Wall Golf Association
Badlands National Park	Jonny Winn-Holsether	Wall Library
Badlands Natural History Association	Juanita Schroeder	Wall Lube & Espresso
Badlands Quilters	Larry Eisenbraun	Wall Meat Processing
Badlands Saloon & Grille	Mary Williams	Wall Motel
Badlands Trading Post	Minuteman Missile NHS	Wall Rodeo Booster Club
Badlands/White River KOA	Motel 6	Wall School District 51-5
Best Western Plains Motel	Pennington County Commissioners	Wall United Methodist Church
Bev Dartt	Pennington County Courant	Waste Connections
Bill Bielmaier	Pioneer Auto Show & Prairie Town	
Black Hills and Badlands Tourism Assoc.	Prairie Homestead	
Black Hills Federal Credit Union	Red Rock Restaurant & Lounge	
Candee Kitterman	Richard Wahlstrom / EDWARD JONES	
Cedar Pass Lodge	Rod Renner	
Common Cents (Moyle Petroleum)	Ruland Arena, LLC	
Cornerstone Industries	Rush Funeral Home	
Country Cupboard Food Pantry	Shearer's Western Dakota Ranch Vac.	
Crazy Horse Memorial		
Crew Agency		
Crown Oil		
Cutting Edge Salon		
Days Inn		
De's Oil & Propane		

Thank you for your investment!

NOTE: If your company or name is not listed and you have paid your dues, please call the Chamber office at 279-2665.

*** GOLD MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENTS ***

GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS
WEST RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION