



Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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Schedule of Events

October 10th
Annual West River Electric Association Meeting
Registration - 9:00am
Meeting - 10:00am
Wall Community Center
Grand Hall

October 11th
City Offices Closed
Native American/ Columbus Day

October 15th
City Council Meeting
at 6:30pm—WCC

October 19th
Monthly Chamber Meeting
12 Noon at
Badlands Saloon & Grille

October 31st



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

East Pennington Conservation District

The people who don't know what their conservation office is doing, need to come visit and get involved! There is always something new to learn and try.

East Pennington Conservation District serves the Pennington County area east of the Cheyenne River. Its goal is to provide guidance, assistance, and education in the implementation of our natural resources for the people of our district.



One of the more well-known things that they do is to sell trees. The interest in larger trees and perennials continues to grow as does the order to Big Sioux Nursery. Big Sioux is owned by the Conservation Districts of South Dakota. They provide trees and plants that have a better chance of survival in our area.



The District also rents out the use of a 15' no-till drill. They have a tree spade for lifting and moving trees up to 6,' and the planter as well as a tractor/tiller that can be hired. Those trees that are growing out by the airport are ones they raise for sale.

They endeavor to involve students in conservation with the Arbor Day Poster Contest, the Conservation Speech contest as well as Range and Soil contests. Photo contests and visits to classes happen as well. Winners of the contests are published in their newsletter and the local paper. Scholarships are offered for those interested in attending conservation camps.

This fall they presented the Edible Landscaping at the "Fall Festival". They wanted to re-educate people about the value of things already planted in yards and shelterbelts, as well as interest them in what they could order from them to plant.

East Pennington Conservation District works closely with NRCS to provide assistance with conservation programs and activities. They continue to offer the Bio-Control grant for noxious weed control.

If you are interested in receiving the EPCD newsletter (the tree order form comes in it), let them know.

Their number is 605-279-2451.



Thank you to Lesa Stephens, EPCD Manager for contributing this article.



WANTED **Ambulance Drivers**

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Clean driving record
- Clean background check

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



29th Annual **Wall Community Center Craft Show**

Sunday, November 8th
9am-3pm

If you are interested in having a craft table please contact Cindy at the Chamber to sign up. Cost is \$15 per table. Hurry they fill up fast!



SANDEE'S



216 West 7th Ave
(Next to De's Oil)
All Homemade Food!
Serving Lunches Daily
11am—2pm
Homemade Desserts
515-0084

Cutting Edge Salon & Tanning

Haircuts, Color, Retail & Tanning

605-279-2935

Nails by Stacy ~ 605-430-5332

It's that time of year again....

The Wall Rodeo Booster Club is asking for donations for the upcoming live auction fundraiser.

DATE : October 10th, 2015

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Wall Community Golf Course

Please contact Teri Arneson 798-2525 or Josh Geigle 441-4602 to donate.

TWO BIT STEAKHOUSE

"The Best Little Steak House in the Country"

Full Steakhouse Menu
Fri. & Sat. from 6 - 9 pm

Bar Opens
4 pm Mon.-Sat.

Daily Specials
from 6 - 9 pm Mon.-Thurs.

Located 5 miles east of Wall on Hwy 14
38 SD Hwy 14/16 Quinn SD
605-386-2115

Fire Prevention Week

October 4 - 10, 2015

FIRE SAFETY

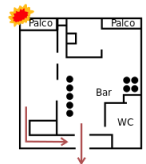
During National Fire Prevention Week, October 4 - 10, 2015 attention is focused on promoting fire safety and prevention, however we should practice fire safety all year long. Many potential fire hazards go undetected because people simply do not take steps to fireproof their home

Many bedroom fires are caused by misuse or poor maintenance of electrical devices, careless use of candles, smoking in bed, and children playing with matches and lighters. Most potential hazards can be addressed with a little common sense. For example, be sure to keep flammable items like bedding, clothes and curtains at least three feet away from portable heaters or lit candles, and never smoke in bed. Also, items like appliances or electric blankets should not be operated if they have frayed power cords, and electrical outlets should never be overloaded.



Fire Safety Checklist:

- Install and maintain a working smoke alarm outside of every sleep area and remember to change the battery at least once a year.
- Designate two escape routes from each bedroom and practice them regularly.
- Teach everyone the "Stop, Drop, and Roll" technique in case clothing catches on fire.
- Avoid storing old mattresses in the home or garage.
- Teach kids that matches, lighters and candles are tools, not toys. If you suspect that a child is playing with fire, check under beds and in closets for telltale signs like burned matches. Matches and lighters should be stored in a secure drawer or cabinet.



It is suggested that you test your smoke alarm once a month and change your batteries twice a year. A good time to remember to change your batteries is at daylight savings time. When you "spring forward" and "fall back" put new batteries in!

Information provide by: <http://>

dc.about.com/od/publicsafety/a/FirePrevention.htm



Customer Service Quote of the Month

Customer service is not a department, it's everyone's job.

~ Anonymous ~



Points to Ponder ...

Making one person smile can change the world – maybe not the whole world, but their world.

Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes Monday, September 14, 2015 • 12:00 PM • Badlands Saloon & Grille

CALL TO ORDER: President Jody Bielmaier opened the meeting at 12:00 pm with 29 people present. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Motion by Marty Huether, and second by Jackie Heathershaw to approve the minutes of the July 13th, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

September 15 th	Chamber Blood Drive – WCC 11:30-2:15
September 17 th	City Council Meeting
September 26 th	Golden West Annual Meeting, WCC
October 2 nd	Homecoming Tailgate Supper - WHS
October 10 th	West River Electric Annual Meeting, WCC

CITY OF WALL: Mayor Marty Huether reported that the council has finalized the 2.4 million 2016 Budget. The water line by the school has been completed. Starting next year, the city will try to stay with the 5 year plan that the engineer helped set up. The plan will involve working on the street sewers and gutters.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Cheyenne McGriff, New Economic Development Director, introduced herself to the members. She gave a brief history of her background and wanted to let everyone know that she is there to help with any questions or concerns they may have. Her goal is to work on business retention as well as attraction and expansion. She will also be involved in securing grants for the city. Her office is currently located at the WREA building. You can contact her at the following numbers; office 279-2658, cell 209-1988 or her email walledd@gwtc.net.

SCHOOL REPORT: Cooper Garnos talked about enrollment being up 22 students since 2008 in K-12. Laptops are now being used by the K-5 students and the 6-12 grades. Athletic Complex update: They are laying the new track today! Wall continues to be a leader in the state when it comes to assessments. Seniors took the NCRC test and scored gold, silver & bronze. All students passed. HS dual credits are in the 2nd year. You must be a junior or senior and meet certain requirements. The state is actually paying for this. The student does have some expenses, such as books or other items needed for class. Currently 19/47 students are enrolled from Wall. Something new is being offered in Mrs. Perli's Bio2 class. The opportunity was made available to work with Laura Anderson, Administrative EMT at Wall Ambulance, and become a certified paramedic. 8 students are currently involved in this program. Wall was rated #1 in South Dakota for the best schools by MSN.

BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK: Superintendent, Mike Pflaum introduced himself, having only been in this position for five days. His involvement in the National Parks however, has expanded over 35 years. Including Mt. Rushmore, Southern MN, and most recently, MI. Mike believes the Badlands is a world class place. The education and outreach has been spectacular for years. They value neighbors and businesses alike. Construction on the Cliff Shelf should be completed in two weeks. Visitation in August was up 11% bringing it to a total of 835,000 visitors YTD. The Bison roundup is on its way. The staff likes to keep it very low key, allowing for safety, efficiency and effectiveness. There are approximately 800-1000 bison currently in the park. An environmental assessment of expanding the range north of the park for the bison is taking place.

MMNHS: Eric Leonard relayed that the MMNHS has been a work in progress! The parking lot has now been paved. Visitation in June was up 46%, July 66% and August 62% over last year's numbers. They expect to see at least 100,000 visitors before the end of the year. Sept 26th is the scheduled Open House, however they do not have everything in yet. They will plan to have one when everything is done. Looks like November will be more like it.

FOREST SERVICE: Dennis Kuhnel reported that the construction is complete. There is some landscaping that needs to be done. They are planning to get seeds from other grasslands for planting around the visitor center which could take up to three years. Visitation is up 8% in August. A big Thank You to the community and the Service First Partners for a successful summer. The interpretive classes are being held nightly at 5pm. They encourage you to stop by!

GOLDEN WEST: Greg Oleson wanted to thank everyone for their business and remind them of the Annual Meeting September 26th at the Wall Community Center.

WEST RIVER ELECTRIC: Dick Johnson reported that their Annual Meeting will be coming up on October 10th at the Wall Community Center. Registration begins at 9am and the Business Meeting begins at 10am. There will be no election this year and only one speaker. Customer Appreciation Day will be held in New Underwood when they play football against Wall on Oct 22nd from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. They will be tailgating and offering up a burger or hotdog with all the fixings. Come out and support your favorite team!

BLACK HILLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: Robyn Miller will be leaving her position at the Wall office, but plans to continue on at the Cheyenne River office. It will take approximately six to eight weeks to fill the position and get through the interview process.

FIRST INTERSTATE BANK: Janet Lurz wanted to let us know that FIB will be having their One Warm Coat Drive again. Beginning on Oct 20th running through the 31st, they will have a box located at the bank for new or slightly used coats. The biggest need right now are smaller size jackets for the younger school age kids, however all size coats are accepted. The coats will go to the local schools in our community.

COUNTRY CUPBOARD: Carol Hoffman said that they have gone to winter hours now, which is: Every Wednesday from 1:00pm – 4:00pm and every third Saturday from 9:00am-11:00am.

RODEO BOOSTER CLUB: Donna Curr reported that the (invitation only) Annual Appreciation Supper for the Rodeo Booster Club will be held at the Wall Golf Course. The live Auction will begin at 7:00pm, everyone is invited to come.

WALL COMMUNITY LIBRARY: Cindy reported for the Library that Summer Reading is all wrapped up. Many thanks to the individuals, organizations, and businesses who helped make it really super! The library couldn't have done it without you. Coming up this fall will be more movie nights, and after school activities for grade school kids. September is Library Sign-up Month.

RETAIL COMMITTEE: Jenny Patterson wanted to let everyone know that the Homecoming Appreciation Tailgating Supper will be on Friday, Oct 2nd from 5:00 – 6:30pm at the school this year instead of the park. We plan to be in the SW corner of the parking lot. Bring your lawn chairs!

WALL AMBULANCE: Laura Anderson, introduced herself and wanted to let everyone know that ambulance drivers are needed. She also mentioned that she is working with Mrs. Perli and the seniors to become certified EMT's.

REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Jackie Kusser, (Eric Leonard and Robyn Miller) have reported that Dawn Hilgenkamp and Jackie Heathershaw terms have ended and Donna Curr will be leaving as well. The committee has nominated Dawn Hilgenkamp and Jackie Heathershaw to continue on and Trish Eisenbraun to fill the third opening. At-large nominations will be accepted until November 2nd. Nominating petitions will be available at the Chamber Office.

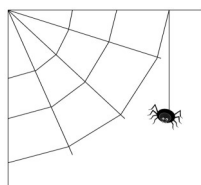
OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Black Hills Badlands & Tourism Association will hold their Annual Meeting in Rapid City on Oct. 28th.

MAIN SPEAKER: Pat Pasek with Nexus Smart Pay. A growing company formed here in SD at the School of Mines & Technology. A payment system being used in and around the Rapid City area using a device that only needs to identify you through your finger. No credit cards or passwords are needed. You simply sign up and link your checking account with the company. Each time you use the system it will read your fingerprint and debit your account. It increases the security of payment since it uses your finger unlike other means which can be lost or stolen. For merchants the cost is 1.75% less than regular credit cards. It's convenient and easy and can be used out in the field as well. An email is sent to you each time you make a transaction. They currently have over 150 merchants signed up including several in Wall. For more information you can check them out at www.nexusmartpay.com

Next Chamber Meeting will be on October 19th (due to the holiday) at the Badlands Saloon & Grille.

Meeting Adjourned.



WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COM-

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.

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Monday, October 19th
(due to the holiday)

at the

Badlands Saloon & Grille
509 Main St

12:00 Noon

(Lunch specials will be offered)

2015 Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Membership

4th Avenue Floral	Cutting Edge Salon	Rush Funeral Home
Air Hon	Dakota Mill & Grain	SanDee's
American Legion Auxiliary	Days Inn	Senator Bruce Rampelberg
Americas Best Value Inn	De's Oil & Propane	Shearer's Western Dakota Ranch Vac.
Anderson Investments	East Pennington Co Transit	Singing Horse Trading Post
Ann's Motel	East Pennington Conservation District	Sleepy Hollow Campground
Arneson Auction Service	East Penn County Ambulance District	St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Arrow Campground	Econo Lodge	Subway
Ascend Ag, Inc.	Evangelical Free Bible Church	Sunshine Inn
Badland Outpost	Farm Bureau Financial Services	TLC Electric
Badlands Automotive	First Interstate Bank	Triangle Ranch B&B
Badlands Budget Host	First Lutheran Church	Two Bit Saloon
Badlands Harley Davidson	First Western Insurance Agency	USDA Forest Service
Badlands Inn & Campground	Frontier Cabins	Wall Auto Livery
Badlands National Park	Gary Keyser	Wall Building Center & Construction
Badlands Natural History Association	Gold Diggers	Wall Dairy Queen
Badlands Quilters	Hillcrest Motel	Wall Drug Store
Badlands Saloon & Grille	Jitterbug Daycare	Wall Food Center
Badlands Trading Post	Jonny Winn-Holsether	Wall Golf Association
Badlands/White River KOA	Juanita Schroeder	Wall Health Services
Best Western Plains Motel	Lakota Ways	Wall Lube & Espresso
Bev Dartt	Larry Eisenbraun	Wall Meat Processing
Bill Bielmaier	Mary & Myron Williams	Wall Motel
Black Hills and Badlands Tourism Assoc.	Minuteman Missile NHS	Wall Neighborhood Housing
Black Hills Federal Credit Union	Motel 6	Wall Rodeo Booster Club
Broken Arrow Trading Company	Pennington County Commissioners	Wall School District 51-5
Candee Kitterman	Pennington County Courant	Wall United Methodist Church
Cedar Pass Lodge	Pioneer Auto Show & Prairie Town	Welsh's Motel
Circle View Guest Ranch	Prairie Homestead	
Corner Pantry	Red Rock Restaurant & Lounge	
Country Cupboard Food Pantry	Richard Wahlstrom/EDWARD JONES	
Crazy Horse Memorial	Robert Sharp & Associates	
Crew Agency	Rod Renner	
Crown Oil	Ruland Arena, LLC	

**Thank you for
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GOLD MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENTS

GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS

WEST RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION