



Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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March 2017

Schedule of Events

City Council Meeting
Thursday, March 2
WCC 6:30pm

Chamber Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 7:00am
First Interstate Bank

Golden West
Fiber To The Home
Open House
Tuesday, March 9
WCC 7:00pm

Daylight Savings Time
Begins Sunday, Mar. 3

Chamber Noon Luncheon
Meeting
Monday, March 13
Red Rock Restaurant

WALL CRAWL Meeting
Friday, March 17
12:00 Noon
First Interstate Bank

Badlands Bad River
Eco. Dev. Job Fair
Philip School (Fine Arts)
Tuesday, March 28
1:00pm to 6:00pm

List your event here, on
the website and hear it on
the radio news!

Golden West To Host Open House for FIBER TO THE HOME

Golden West Telecommunications will host an Open House on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 7:00pm at the Wall Community Center. Golden West is holding the event to inform area residents how Fiber To The Home will make sure their phone and Internet work as hard as they do.

Everyone is invited to stop by to ask any questions they may have and learn why and how strong communities thrive with fiber. Golden West will explain more about how Fiber To The Home will make our community stronger and more sustainable. Stop by to discover how and where the work will be done along with all the many benefits of fiber optic technology.

Refreshments will be served, there will be giveaways, and everyone will have a chance to win \$100 in Wall Bucks, good at any participating business in Wall.

Wall's Sierra Hilgenkamp is the Proud Winner of a Palomino Colt



Wall's Sierra Hilgenkamp wrote the winning essay and came home from the 2017 Black Hills Stock Show with a brand new palomino colt. The happy 12-year-old is the sixth winner to be presented with a colt given as the Lloyd Rypkema Memorial Quarter Horse Award. From the bloodline of Devil Cat Dancer, one of the late Rypkema's favorites, Sierra's new addition to the Hilgenkamp stable has been named Cisco. The formidable young lady already had two horses that she uses for her rodeo events (including Lit-

tle Britches Rodeos) where she competes in breakaway, barrels and poles; but she can't wait to put this one through its paces.

Sierra and her brother, Brand, have worked hard together for four years to form their own calf company, which they amusingly decided to call the "BS Calf Company." It was this bit of humor that gave Sierra a bit of an edge in the essay writing competition. The enterprising youngsters buy their own calves to raise and feed, then sell as packaged beef. This means every day there is early morning bottle feeding, teaching the calves to lead, and a lot of care and effort in all kinds of weather. The kids pay for everything, including the calves, feed, vaccine and anything else they may need from their business bank account. When they sell, the money goes right back into the bank. Among other things, these resourceful young people are learning good money management skills and plan to use their profits for college. Another benefit is having their own calves handy when they want to practice breakaway roping.

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Sierra has lived with animals, “rodeoed for as long as she can remember,” belongs to a 4-H club, plays volleyball and basketball and can’t wait to be old enough to join FFA. She has always wanted to have her own colt to train, and with her other horses nearing retirement age, the young palomino will be a great addition to the family.

We are looking forward to seeing Sierra and Cisco in many future high school and college rodeos. And who knows, maybe an amateur or pro rodeo or two, as well.

Congratulations go out to Sierra and the entire Hilgenkamp family. Job well done.

WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 13, 2017 * 12:00 pm * Red Rock Restaurant

The meeting was called to order by President Jackie Kusser. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and motion, made by Jackie Heathershaw with a second by Rick Husted, carried to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017, meeting.

Announcements:

*Thursday, **February 16: CITY COUNCIL:** 6:30 pm, WCC.

*Saturday, **February 18: I HATE WINTER BASH:** WCC, corn-hole tourney, nacho bar, entertainment by “The Terks.” Registration at 5:30pm, tourney at 6:00pm.

*Tuesday, **February 21: CHAMBER BOARD Meeting:** 7:00am, First Interstate Bank.

*Wednesday, **February 22: ECON. DEV. Meeting,** 7:00pm, WREA.

*Friday, **February 24: WALL CRAWL Committee Meeting,** 12 Noon, First Interstate Bank.

~CITY OF WALL: Mayor Marty Huether said all is going very well with the remodel at the City and Chamber offices in the WCC and the walls should go back up soon. Grants have come in for the **Archery Range** to add an additional \$10,000 to their total amount received. Other grants are being applied for, as well. Mayor Huether said the **Fireworks** and other activities will be held on **Saturday, July 1**, and things are looking good for **EAFB to do a B-1 flyover.**

~ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Reporting for Cheyenne McGriff, Marty announced that **community think-tanks** are up and running for **Marketing Hometown America.** Anyone interested in joining should call Cheyenne for days and times. There will be an action forum in March to bring all the ideas together. **Coffee and Calendars** dates will be set for February. The **Wall City Council** has **passed an ordinance (17-01)** to create a **five-year property tax rebate for any newly-built dwelling.** Contact Cheyenne or call Carolyn Anderson at the City Office for more information. Marty thanked the City Council for agreeing to work with Economic Development to enable residents to **demolish residential property** at a **less expensive rate** (call the city office for more info.) Jason Leonard shared the excitement surrounding the upcoming **WALL CRAWL** event being held on **August 7**, the **first Monday of the Sturgis Rally**, at the **Wall Rodeo Grounds.** Everyone is very happy they were able to secure the **35th and Taylor band** for the event, and thank Loud American for adjusting their schedules with the band so they could play the Wall event. The band is promoting the Wall event on their U-Tube, Instagram and other social media outlets. **Local businesses** can have their **name included on T-shirts** for a small fee of \$50. Jason said **local high school students** really came through for the **logo designing contest.** It is hoped this will become a very successful annual event.

~BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK: No report as Mike and Christina are away.

~WALL SCHOOL REPORT: Niki Mohr No Report.

~MMNHS: Eric Leonard said they almost had more snow than people this past month, with 31 visitors signing the log. They are gearing up for summer season hiring and hope to increase the number of tours offered. Tours at **Delta 1** need an **advance registration of at least one day. Be on time at 7:00am!**

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~**RETAIL COMMITTEE**: No report.

~**CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**: Wendy Allison reminded members of the **I HATE WINTER Bash** the night of **Saturday, February 18** at the **WCC**. They are working on a **Roller Skating Event** for **April**. She also urged businesses to plan to participate in the **July Celebration Parade**; the theme is “**Celebrate Through the Decades.**”

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~**WEST RIVER ELECTRIC**: Dawn Hilgenkamp said they also have **scholarships** available with a **February 15 deadline**. There are also applications for a **Youth Tour to Washington, DC**, to be held in **June**. That **deadline** is also **February 15**.

~**BLACK HILLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**: Wendy Allison said the credit union also has **scholarships**. Their **deadline is March 3**.

~**FIRST INTERSTATE BANK**: Janet Lurz reported **First Interstate Bank and the SD Bankers Assoc.** have **scholarships** with an **April 15 deadline**. Applications are on the bank’s website. **First Interstate Bank/Greater Wall Foundation** has **scholarships** with an **April 15 deadline**. Applications are available **at the school**.

~**TOASTMASTERS**: Jody Bielmaier invited everyone to come to a Toastmasters **Meeting** on **Friday February 17**, at **6:30am** in the **WREA** meeting room, where you can find out what Toastmasters is all about. You can learn to **overcome any fear of speaking to groups, and gain help with interviews and social skills.**

~**BADLANDS-BAD RIVER**: Dawn Hilgenkamp informed members there will be a **Job Fair in Philip** **Tuesday, March 28**, at the **Philip School**. If you are interested in hiring new employees, call Dawn for information on table costs and deadlines. Due to lack of participation, the **Website Development Class** was **cancelled**.

~**COUNTRY CUPBOARD**: Carol Hoffman said the food bank now serves up to 50 families. **Wall and Philip** joined together and collected **2,604 pounds of food**. They **will be doing Easter baskets** again this year.

~**RODEO BOOSTER CLUB**: Mary Williams invited everyone to attend their **meeting Wednesday, February 15**, at **5:30pm**, at the **arena**. **Wall** rodeo kids continue to represent our area well, including Emily Pauley and Savannah Johnston.

~**WALL COMMUNITY LIBRARY**: Jonny Winn-Holsether said Miss Theresa will be celebrating **Dr. Seuss and Youth Art Month in March**. Library kids will honor Dr. Seuss’s birthday on March 2 by joining with libraries across the country for Read Across America Day. **March 1 and 2** the little ones can **stop by the library** to hear a **favorite Dr. Seuss book** and make a **Dr. Seuss craft**. **All during March, children of all ages are invited to drop off one of their original works of art which will be displayed at the library.**

~**BLACK HILL-BADLANDS**: Hayli Johnson brought a packet of the new SD Vacation Guide books. She explained how BHB can list Wall events on the events page of their website and they will put the **WALL CRAWL** info there.

~**OTHER**:

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***Applications** for the **Executive Director position at the Chamber** may be picked up at the **chamber or city offices in the bank**. **Deadline is February 23**. Jonny and Juanita are filling in at the chamber office (in the bank).

~**ADJOURNMENT**: With a motion by Jonny and a second by Juanita, meeting was adjourned.

WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Board of Directors:

Jackie Kusser—President
Cindy Hauk—Vice President
Jackie Heathershaw—Treasurer
Juanita Schroeder
Janet Lurz
Dawn Hilgenkamp
Jason Leonard
Terry Mohr
Jonny Winn-Holsether

Chamber Luncheon Meeting Locations:

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

**The April Meeting will be held at the Red Rock Restaurant
506 Glen St
Monday, April 10th
At 12:00 Noon
(Lunch specials will be offered)**

2017 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 Interior Campground
Badlands National Park
Badlands Natural History Association
Badlands Quilters
Badlands Saloon & Grille
Badlands Trading Post
Badlands/White River KOA
Best Western Plains Motel
Beverly Dartt
Bill Bielmaier
Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Assoc.
Black Hills Federal Credit Union
Broken Arrow Trading Company
Cactus Café & Lounge
Candee Kitterman
Cedar Pass Lodge
Circle View Guest Ranch
Common Cents
Corner Pantry
Cornerstone Industries
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 County Conservation
East Pennington 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
Golddiggers
Hillcrest Motel
Jitterbug Daycare
Jonny Winn-Holsether
Juanita Schroeder
Larry Eisenbraun
M & M Sales
Mary Williams
Minuteman Missile NHS
Motel 6
Pennington County Commissioners
Pennington County Courant
Pennington-Jackson County Farm Bureau
Pioneer Auto Show & Prairie Town
Prairie Homestead
Red Rock Restaurant & Lounge
Richard Wahlstrom/EDWARD JONES
Rod Renner
Ruland Arena, LLC
Rush Funeral Home
SanDee's
Shearer's Western Dakota Ranch Vac.

Singing Horse Trading Post
Sleepy Hollow Campground
St. Patrick Catholic Church
Subway
Sunshine Inn
Super 8 Motel
Triangle Ranch B & B
Two Bit Saloon & Steakhouse
USDA Forest Service
Vintage Soule Salon & Boutique
Wall Auto Livery
Wall Building Center & Construction
Wall Car Care Center
Wall Dairy Queen
Wall Drug Store
Wall Food Center
Wall Golf Association
Wall Community Library
Wall Motel
Wall Rodeo Booster Club
Wall School District 51-5
Wall United Methodist Church
Waste Connections
Welsh's Motel
Wildlife Museum/Kodiak Coffee Shop

2017 Chamber Investments are due. Please send your check to the Chamber Office at PO Box 527 or drop it off at our temporary location at First Interstate Bank.

Red denotes new businesses who have been members for less than 12 months.

GOLD MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENTS

***GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

***WEST RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION**

