



## Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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### Schedule of Events

November 3  
Wall Community Craft Show  
10 AM—3 PM, WCC

November 4  
Rep. for Senator Rounds  
12 PM, WCC

November 5  
Wall City Planning &  
Zoning Committee Mtg.  
3 PM, WCC

November 7  
Wall City Council Mtg.  
6:30 PM, WCC

November 11  
Veterans Day  
Wall City Offices CLOSED

November 12  
Wall Chamber Luncheon  
12 PM, Badlands Saloon & Grille

November 21  
Wall City Council Meeting  
6:30 PM, WCC

To list your event here, on the website, and on the radio please contact the Chamber office at 279-2665.



### Wall Satellite Office

Open: November 6 & 20  
Hours: 9 AM - 11:30 AM &  
12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

## Promote Local Spending this Holiday Season!

The CHAMBER HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES (formerly known as Home for the Holidays) is back! The CHAMBER HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES offers WALL BUCK\$ as great prizes for those who shop and buy local at participating Chamber businesses from Monday, November 18 through Tuesday, December 31.

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 should fill out the information on the back and drop it in a drop box at various locations. Then, the 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 December 31; drawing will be held on January 3 via Facebook Live Video.

If you have any questions please contact the Chamber office at 279-2665.

## South Dakota Minimum Wage Increase

Effective January 1, 2020, the minimum wage for non-tipped employees in South Dakota will increase to \$9.30 per hour. The hourly minimum wage for tipped employees will increase to \$4.65 per hour.

## Wall Community Center Craft Show

WALL COMMUNITY CENTER  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4  
10 AM - 3 PM

Turkey Bingo will be held from 1 PM until 3 PM in the Meeting Room

# Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2019

Noon Luncheon

Badlands Saloon & Grille

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Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Jackie Kusser called the meeting to order. Chamber Member Helen Crawford led the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion, made Dustin Curr with a second by Susie Kjerstad, carried to approve meeting minutes from the September 9 Chamber Luncheon.

Those in attendance reviewed the September Treasurer's Report and Jackie announced upcoming October and November events.

**Nomination Committee:** Jonny Winn: Individuals selected for the board by the Nomination Committee are Terry Mohr, Gordy Kraut and Lyndsy Reagle. Any other Chamber Members wishing to run for the board can pick up a petition from the Chamber office, obtain the required 20 signatures, and return it to the Chamber office no later than two weeks after the October Luncheon.

**Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce:** Kelsey Clark: The Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee hosted their Annual Appreciation Supper before the Homecoming Football game on September 20. Each year the Retail Committee holds the supper as a way to say 'Thank You' to community members for supporting Wall businesses by shopping locally. An estimated 350 people attended this year's supper; thank you to all those who volunteered. The Wall Community Craft Show will be held on Sunday, November 3 in the Wall Community Center from 10 AM until 3 PM. At the Craft Show concession, hosted by the Wall FCCLA Chapter, will be available and Turkey Bingo will be held in the Meeting Room from 1-3 PM. Membership renewal information will be sent out soon. If you have any questions regarding your membership dues please contact the chamber office. With assistance from the South Dakota Department of Tourism, Kelsey has created a Dashboard measure spending for the Wall area. The Dashboard will provide a transparent collection of data to follow trends over time. Please mark your calendars for the Christmas Pancake Supper on Wednesday, December 11 at Wall Drug.

**Wall Economic Development:** Liliya Stone: There are 2 board positions that will expire this November. WEDC members who are interested in running for the board can pick up a petition from the WEDC office. The Wall Parade of Lights will be held Thursday, December 5.

**Badlands National Park Conservancy:** Kelsey Clark passed out information on behalf of John Tsitrian regarding the newly formed Badlands National Park Conservancy.

**Badlands National Park:** Kevin Eads: On October 11 the park hosted a bison release to celebrate the expansion of the park's bison range. The event received a lot of media coverage; photos and videos can be found on the park's Facebook page.

**Minuteman Missile NHS:** Eric Leonard: The park is transitioning to winter operations and will be moving to a 5-day work week: Tuesday - Saturday. During the winter months there will no longer be morning tours offered for Delta-01. Same day ticket sales are available for Delta-01 tours. September visitation is up 10% over last September. Year-to-Date visitation is down 13% compared to 2018. Coming soon to the park will be an updated cell phone mobile tour for both Delta-01 and Delta-09; the mobile tour will be narrated by veterans from the Cold War. Updates will be completed at the park to allow for handicap accessible tours, however, there will still be some restraints.

**Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Association:** Kelsey Clark reporting for Hayli Hull: the 80<sup>th</sup> BH&B Annual Meeting and seventh Annual Tourism Summit will be held on October 30, at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City. BH&B members and guests are invited to attend the region's premier event for tourism professionals and supporters. The event offers networking opportunities and a time to recap another successful tourism season in the Black Hills and Badlands. The annual board of directors meeting will begin at 10 AM and will recap what the association accomplished in 2019 and review plans moving forward. During lunch, there will be an award ceremony recognizing individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the tourism industry. The Tourism Summit kicks off at 1:15 PM. Help celebrate BH&B's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a social at Minervas following the Tourism Summit.

**Rodeo Booster Club:** Mary Williams: On October 12, the Rodeo Booster Club hosted a successful Appreciation Supper and Fund Raiser. A former Wall HS rodeo champion and the Wall Rodeo Arena were featured in the Golden West Annual Report; thank you to Golden West for the recognition.

**Wall School District:** Dan Baldwin: Thank you to the Wall Community for cooperating with snow delays. Congressman Dusty Johnson visited the school to learn about the Wall Beef to School program. Representatives from the Beef to School program will be in Rapid City to discuss the program with other schools. Student enrollment is 287. Students are working hard on various sports teams and activities and

are doing well. Staff members will be participating in a training to prepare for emergency procedures. The new cell phone plan is going well. A digital safety presentation will be held at the school October 15. There are a large number of students from Wall taking online classes and dual credits. If anyone is interested in being on the Hall of Fame committee please contact the school.

**Golden West:** Jody Bielmaier: Thank you to those who attended the Annual Meeting on September 28. Kenneth Bolzer was re-elected to the board. Golden West will be closed on Veteran Day, November 11.

**First Interstate Bank:** Brett Blasius: Neighbors Feeding Neighbors was held on September 27. Thank you to all those who attended the lunch; the bank raised about \$2,800 which was donated to the Country Cupboard Food Pantry. The Festival of Trees will be held at the bank on November 15 (NOTE: since this report the date has been changed to November 22), social will start at 5:30 PM and the auction at 6:30 PM. The Festival of Trees is hosted by the First Interstate Bank Greater Wall Foundation, proceeds from the event will be used to give back to the community. Starting November 4 hours for the drive-up window at the bank will change to Monday through Friday 8 AM -5:30 PM and will be closed on Saturdays. Brett introduced Steve Edoff who is a new employee at the bank.

**West River Electric:** Dawn Hilgenkamp: The WREA Annual Meeting was held October 12. Directors running for the board were uncontested, therefore, there was no election for directors. A hot dog/hamburger feed will be held in New Underwood on October 18 before the Wall vs. New Underwood football game. Serving will begin at 5:30 PM.

Motion, made by Helen Crawford with a second by Jody Bielmaier, carried to adjourn the meeting. The November Luncheon will be held at the Badlands Saloon & Grille on Tuesday, November 12.

You're invited to the 2nd Annual

## Wall Festival of Trees

### Tree, Wreath & Silent Auction

418 Main St—Wall, SD

Friday, November 22, 2019

Festivities will begin at 5:30 pm

**Please come and support our Community**

*Sponsored by:*

*First Interstate Greater Wall Area Fund*



Enjoy complimentary  
hors d'oeuvres, spirits  
and conversation



# Get to Know the Board Candidates

## Cindy Hauk

Hi my name is Cindy Hauk, I am running for the Wall Chamber Board of Directors. I have been a Chamber member for 5 years and the Vice President for the last 3 years. I am currently involved in the Chamber - Retail Committee, Tourism committee, Beautification committee, Wall Crawl committee, a past member of the Parks and Recreation committee, and the Chamber representative on the Wall Economic Development Committee.

I joined the chamber because I am a small business in Wall and wanted to help make a difference in our community, by actively participating in all aspects of the chamber. One of my motto's is " If you want to know what an organization is about join it or go to their meetings) so when I opened my business I joined. That being said the chamber is open to any one who would like to be a member both business or individual you are all welcome to join and bring your ideas, to help make Wall the community you want it to be..

I have lived here for 42 years . In my 42 years I have been an active in the celebration committee for 35 years to date and still active.

I was a co-chair of Celebration for 10 years including co-chair of Wall's Centennial, been in charge of the parades, advertising and bands.

I am an active member of the United Methodist Church where I helped chair their annual Palm Sunday dinners for several years, co-chair of the Halloween and Valentines Carnivals, co-chair of the Valentines Tea, and Vice President of the United Methodist Women's Organization. I have been a girls scout leader, Relay for Life organizer and involved in many other civic organizations.

Please come to our Chamber luncheon on Tuesday, November 12th at noon, Badlands Saloon and vote for the chamber board member of your choice your votes are important and appreciated, thank you.

## Gordy Kraut

I am Gordy Kraut, and I have been the Chief Financial Officer for Golden West for the past 10 years here in Wall. I have been in the Telecom industry for over 31 years dealing with and working for small rural telecommunications companies nationwide. During this time I have been on both the telecommunications side of the business, like I am now at Golden West, as well as on the consulting side for 10 of those years doing to audit, tax and regulatory work for telecommunication companies. I am a member of the Wall Lion's Club and I am also on the Board of the Wall Golf.

Besides living here in South Dakota for the past 10 years I have also lived in Illinois, Wyoming, and I was born and raised Wisconsin. I graduated from Deerfield High School in Wisconsin and I have a BS in Accounting and MBA in Finance from Edgewood College in Madison, WI. I am also a Certified Public Accountant. I did spend 8 years as a member of the Wisconsin Air National Guard and left with a rank of Technical Sergeant. Gina, my wife, and I love to travel and go to warm locations where we explore and preferably dive. I also enjoy golfing, playing hockey and am an avid reader. I thank you for considering me for the Wall Chamber.

## Lindsay Reagle

I'm originally from Philip, my husband works at Golden West and we moved here in 2009. I'm the accounting clerk at West River Electric, prior to that I was the Dietary Manager at Philip Health Services. I have a background in culinary arts and owned a restaurant for a couple years. I enjoy being back in a small community and helping with local community events. With my experience as a small business owner I feel I could be an asset to the Chamber and look forward to the opportunity it would bring.

## Terry Mohr

Hi, I'm Terry Mohr. I would first like to thank Ken and Janet for being flexible with my work schedule to be able to attend and served on the Chamber Board of Directors.

I have learned so much in the last 3 years about the function of the Chamber, serving on many committees and helping at Chamber events, such as the Appreciation Supper, Christmas Pancake Supper, Annual Chamber Banquet and Wall Crawl.

I would appreciate your vote to continue to serve on the Chamber Board to help Wall grow in the proper direction.

I have experience in business management, ownership and finance. I consider myself a solution driven problem solver and understand the development and growth of our local businesses is what Wall needs to flourish and stay the dynamic community we all love.

My wife, Niki, grew up here and graduated from Wall High School. We moved back here 11 years ago to raise our family. We now have a freshman, a sixth grader, and a kindergartener.

It is my goal to continue to make Wall a happy, safe, and successful community for all businesses and families.

## When to Vote

The election for the 2020 board will be held during the Tuesday, November 12, Noon Luncheon at the Badlands Saloon & Grille. All Chamber elections are held by secret ballot. The Nominating Committee will hand out one ballot per paying member. Committee members will gather ballots and tally results, which will be announced before the meeting adjourns.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE  
IN THE SECOND ANNUAL**

# Parade of Lights

**WITH A LIGHTED VEHICLE AND/OR FLOAT  
ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH**

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

For additional information please contact:  
**Liliya Stone at [walledd@gwtc.net](mailto:walledd@gwtc.net) or (605) 279-2658**

## Al & Bridget Trask Farm Auction

**(Wed) Nov., 20, 2019 @ 9 AM MT~ 21125 Dalzell Rd, Elm Springs, SD**

Semi Trucks~ Trailers~ Tractors~ Vehicles~ Sprayers & Spreader~ Bale Processers~ No  
-Till Air Seeder~ Corn Planter~ Combines~ Headers~ Tools~ Livestock Equipment ~  
Bobcat post hole digger~ Montana post pounder~ Portable windbreaks~ Augers~ More!

Arneson Auction Service - Lonnie Arneson (605)798-2525  
[www.ARNESONAUCTION.com](http://www.ARNESONAUCTION.com) for complete info

# WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## 2019 Board of Directors:

Jackie Kusser—President  
Cindy Hauk—Vice President  
Bruce Dunker—Treasurer  
Anne Jo Spotted Bear  
Dustin Curr  
Janet Lurz  
Jason Leonard  
Kim Handcock  
Terry Mohr

## 2019 Luncheon Locations:

*Jan-Red Rock Restaurant*  
*Feb-Red Rock Restaurant*  
*March-Red Rock Restaurant*  
*April-Annual Meeting*  
*May-Wall Golf Course*  
*June-Wall Golf Course*  
*July-Wall Golf Course*  
*August-No Luncheon*  
*Sept-Wall Community Center*  
*Oct-Badlands Saloon & Grille*  
*Nov-Badlands Saloon & Grille*

**The November Noon  
Luncheon will be held  
Tuesday, November 12  
at the Badlands Saloon  
& Grille.**

## 2019 Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Membership

4th Ave. Floral & Gifts  
Agro Eco Power  
American Legion Post 246  
Americas Best Value Inn  
Anderson Investments  
Ann's Motel  
Arneson Auction Services  
Arrow Campground  
Ascend Ag, Inc.  
Badlands Automotive  
Badlands Cedar Pass Lodge  
Badlands Harley-Davidson  
Badlands Helicopters  
Badlands Inn  
Badlands Motel & Campground  
Badlands National Park  
Badlands Natural History Association  
Badlands Outpost  
Badlands Quilters  
Badlands Saloon & Grille  
Badlands Trading Post  
Badlands White River KOA  
Best Western Plains Motel  
Bethel Church  
Bev Dartt  
Bill Bielmaier  
Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Assoc.  
Black Hills Federal Credit Union  
Black Hills Parks & Forests  
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  
Creative Community Concepts  
Crew Agency  
Crown Oil  
Cutting Edge Salon

Dakota Mill & Grain  
Dakota Safaris  
Dakota Sky Stone  
Dawn Hilgenkamp  
Days Inn  
De's Oil & Propane  
Deni Amundson  
East Pennington County Ambulance Dist.  
East Pennington County Conservation Dist.  
East Pennington County Transit  
EconoLodge  
EDWARD JONES/Hal Bailey  
EDWARD JONES/Tyler T. Trevillyan  
Evangelical Free Bible Church  
Farm Bureau Financial Services  
First Interstate Bank  
First Lutheran Church  
First Western Insurance Agency  
Frontier Cabins  
Gold Diggers  
Golden West Telecommunications  
Harlan & Lori Walker  
Helen Crawford  
Hillcrest Motel  
Independent Mary Kay Director, Judy Harvey  
Juanita Schroeder  
Jonny Winn  
Karen Soderquist Team/ ReMax Results  
Kristin Fischer Insurance  
Larry Eisenbraun  
M & M Sales  
Mary Williams  
Minuteman Missile NHS  
Pathfinder Employment Services  
Patty Coleman  
Penn.-Jackson Farm Bureau  
Pennington County Commissioners  
Pennington County Courant  
Pioneer Auto Show & Prairie Town  
Prairie Homestead  
Quinn VFW

Red Rock Restaurant & Lounge  
Robert Sharp & Associates  
Rod Renner  
Rush Funeral Home  
Schaeffer's Specialized Lubricants  
Shearer's Western Dakota Ranch Vac.  
Singing Horse Trading Post  
Sleepy Hollow RV Park  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
Stacy Kitterman  
Sue's Avon  
Sunshine Inn  
Super 8  
SWIFTEC Inc.  
Terry Mohr  
Tessa Gewerth  
Triangle B&B  
Treat U Boutique  
USDA Forest Service/Natl. Grasslands  
Vintage Soule Salon & Boutique  
Wall Auto Livery  
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 Plant  
Wall Motel  
Wall Regional Medical Clinic  
Wall Rodeo Booster Club  
Wall School District #51-5  
Wall United Methodist Church  
Waste Connections  
Welsh's Motel  
West River Electric Association  
Wheelin' to Wall  
Wounded Knee Museum

## **GOLD MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENTS**

**WEST RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION**