

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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Schedule of Events

October 1
Wall City Council Meeting
6:30 PM, WCC

October 3
Wall Rodeo Fundraiser
7 PM, Wall Golf Course

October 12
Wall City Offices CLOSED

October 14
WBACC Board Meeting
7 AM, WCC

October 15
Wall City Council Meeting
6:30 PM, WCC

October 17
WREA Annual Meeting
9 AM, Wall School

October 20
Wall Ambulance Board Mtg.
6 PM, Wall Fire Hall

October 24
Wall in the Fall

Country Cupboard Food Pantry

Open the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1 PM-4 PM as well as the 2nd & 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 AM-11 AM



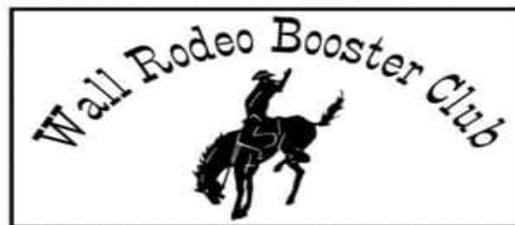
Wall Satellite Office
OPEN: October 7 & 21
9 AM- 11:30 AM &
12:30 PM- 3:30 PM

Chamber Board of Directors Election

A recent change to the Bylaws of the Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce has moved the annual election of the Chamber's Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting in April. Current Board member's terms will therefore be extended until the April election.

A Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of candidates in January and will present them at the February Chamber Luncheon. In addition, any individual, who is a member of the Chamber may also be nominated by a signed petition with a minimum of 15 qualified Chamber member voters. These petitions must be filed with the Nominating Committee prior to March 25.

Notification of this election process will be published again in the Chamber Newsletter closer to the election date.



Save the Date!!!
FUNDRAISER
Join us for a great auction
to help our community!

Sat. October 3rd 2020

Auction starts at 7:00 p.m. (MT)

Location: Wall (SD) Community Golf Course

**We are looking for donations for
our live & silent auction**

**All proceeds of this fundraiser will go directly for
maintenance & improvements at the Wall Rodeo Grounds.**

**Don't miss a chance to buy some quality advertising
that will go to a great cause!**

Advertising spots to be auctioned off at the Wall rodeo grounds:
~ North end of small arena crows nest (this is a new location) ~
~ Heading box team roping gate ~ Heeling box team roping gate ~
~ Stripping Chute Gate ~ Tractor gate on the south end of the arena
~ Out Barrel Gate ~ Chute #1 ~ Chute #5 ~

Donations can be dropped off at the Wall Building Center

Join in on the fun & bring your friends!!

Please call

**Arneson Auction at
605-798-2525**

**for donations or questions
Lonnie Arneson, Auctioneer**



**Auctioneers:
Ed Dartt &
Clint Allison**

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2020

Noon Luncheon

Via Zoom

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Board Member Anne Jo Spotted Bear called the meeting to order. Liliya Stone moved to approve meeting minutes from the July Chamber Luncheon. Second made by Kim Handcock. Motion carried. Kim Handcock moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second made by Janet Lurz. Motion carried. Anne Jo announced upcoming events in the Wall community.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce: Kelsey Clark: The Chamber Board has decided to move forward with plans for the Wall in the Fall event. If your business is interested in participating by hosting fall themed booth, please contact the Chamber office; tentative event date is October 24. The Chamber is coordinating the community blood drive that will be held in the Wall Community Center on September 15; walk-in donors are welcome. The Wall Community Center Committee has decided to cancel the 2020 Wall Community Center Craft Show.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee: Jenny Patterson: Due to the concern for the health and safety of our community, the Wall Chamber Retail Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel our Annual Homecoming Appreciation Supper for 2020. The committee would like to thank community members for the continued support of all our local businesses during this difficult year; it is greatly appreciated by all.

Wall Economic Development: Liliya Stone: Dani Herring stepped down from the board in May and Steven Edolf was appointed to fill that position. The Wall Economic Development Annual Meeting will be held on November 18 in the Wall Community Center. An election will be held for one director position; incumbent director Kalie Kjerstad has indicated her intent to seek re-election. Those interested in running for the board must complete a petition and biography; petitions and biographies must be turned into the WEDC office by October 27. WEDC received a grant to create welcoming baskets that will be given to new residents of Wall; if your business is interested in providing items for the baskets please contact the WEDC office. A grant from the state will be available for small businesses who have been affected by COVID-19; the application process is still being developed. Friendly reminder, there is a worker relocation program available that any businesses hiring can be a part of; WEDC will reimburse up to \$750 for moving expenses. WEDC has been working with the City of Wall on a walking path from the Kelly Addition. A walking audit was completed this summer and the city will apply for a grant for the project. Construction on the project could start in 2023.

Minuteman Missile NHS: Kelsey Clark reporting for Joseph Brehm: Superintendent Eric Leonard has transferred to the position of Superintendent of Guadalupe Mountains National Park effective August 30, 2020. Joe is currently filling the role of acting Superintendent at Minuteman Missile. Minuteman Missile National Historic Site has been open Wednesday-Sunday from 8 AM – 4 PM with capacity of 20 people at a time in the Visitor Center since July 1. The site has been conducting a revised above ground only tour of the Delta-01 site since June 3; these tours have, for the most part, been sold out and at present are sold out to October 10. The site has maintained Delta-09 open to the public 7 days a week from 9 AM – 3 PM. Visitation to Delta-09 has been high, but still not as high as normal, the cell phone audio tour of the site has enjoyed record levels of use with over 1000 plays of the tour in August. Overall site visitation is down 22.59% for the month of August compared to 2019, while the visitation for the year is down 41.56% compared to 2019. The park saw 19,665 visitors through the Visitor Center in August, with 54,577 visits year-to-date. The park plans to continue operations with present modifications until November 1 when winter operations will begin. Winter hours are Tuesday through Saturday and all units closed on Sundays and Mondays.

National Grasslands Visitor Center: Kelsey Clark reporting for Alex Grant: Alex will be taking a detail assignment in Colorado starting next week. Someone will be replacing Alex for 120 days; Alex should return in January or February. The National Grassland Visitor Center doors remain closed through the rest of the year. A new Visitor Center manager has been hired; his name is Travis Mason-Bushman and he is expected to arrive October 12.

Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Association: Hayli Hull: Things are busy at BH&B as the 2021 sales drive and membership renewal has kicked off. Staff is working on the Post Card Blitz which has participation from the Wall area; BH&B is visiting with bus tour companies to get a feel for bus tours next year. BH&B staff is also working on the 2021-2022 publication of the Off-Road Guide, which is distributed with all UTV permits purchased through BH&B; BH&B is the official vendor for UTV permits. The BH&B website is performing well; people are interested in traveling our area and are using the BH&B website to plan trips for this fall and next year. Hayli shared some of the qualifications for the grant that will be available for South Dakota's small businesses who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rodeo Booster Club: Dawn Hilgenkamp: 'Roping in the Badlands' will be held at the Wall Rodeo Grounds this evening at 6 PM. The Wall Rodeo Booster Club will hold their Fund-Raising Auction on Saturday, October 3 at 7 PM at the Wall Golf Course.

Wall School District: Dan Baldwin: The school year is off to a good start. Classes are being held as normal right now, however, there are plans in place in case school would have to close due to COVID-19. Enrollment for the year is up with a total of 277 students.

Wheelin' to Wall: Charon Geigle: The 4th Annual event will be held on September 26. Year-to-date registration is up with 76 participants registered. Current participants are from 5 states, 57% are males and 70% are over 40 years old. Large banners will be hung around town to promote the event. Charon encouraged everyone to check out Wheelintowall.com as there have been some major updates. Event funds, raised from previous years, have been used to install a bicycle repair station near the library. Charon's long-term goal for the event is to reach 500 participants.

Golden West: Jody Bielmaier: The 2020 Golden West Annual Meeting will be held at the Wall School to help with social distancing practices. Registration for the meeting will be held from 9:30-10:45 AM and the Meeting will start at 11 AM; meal tickets will be handed out during the meeting. Four seats on the board are up for election this year with three incumbents running unopposed and four candidates running for the District 2 open seat. Candidates for District 2 are: Gerry Sloat, Judy Goldhammer, Ryan Kjerstad and Tanner Handcock – incumbent director Rod Renner did not seek re-election. Voting will also be held for proposed changes to the organization's article and bylaws. Golden West is running a promotion and giveaway; go out and sign up for a chance to win.

West River Electric: Dawn Hilgenkamp: On October 16 WREA will host a tailgating party before the Wall vs. New Underwood football game; no seating will be available. The WREA Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, October 17 at the Wall School to allow for COVID-19 safety measures. Registration will begin at 9 AM with the meeting beginning at 10 AM. Three seats on the board are up for election this year; incumbent board members Jerry Hammerquist and Larry Eisenbraun are running unopposed while Chuck Sloan will be running against incumbent Mick Trask for District 2.

With no other business, Jody Bielmaier moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Hayli Hull. Motion carried.

ANNUAL MEETING!

October 17th - Wall | High School Gym

Registration 9:00 am Meeting 10:00 am



**West River Electric
Association, Inc.**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

"Powering You For A Brighter Future"





Wall in the Fall will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2020. We would like to invite your business/ organization to get involved by hosting a Fall-themed booth during the event. If you are interested in participating please contact the Chamber office at 279-2665 or wallchamber@gwtc.net, before October 9.



With concerns regarding the health and safety of the Wall community, the Wall Community Center Committee has sadly decided to cancel the 2020 Wall Community Craft Show that is held in November.

4th Annual Wheelin' to Wall

Wall welcomed 110 bicyclists who 'Biked the Best of the Badlands' during the 4th Annual Wheelin' to Wall on Saturday, September 26. Participants represented 8 states, including a couple from Massachusetts who were traveling through the area, saw the signs advertising the event and decided to stay in Wall and participate! This year, Wheelin' to Wall offered 4 cycling courses (2 pavement courses and 2 gravel courses) where participants enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the Badlands National Park and Buffalo Gap National Grasslands.

Event organizer, Charon Geigle, has set a long term goal for the event to reach 500 participants! Save the date for the 5th Annual Wheelin' to Wall, September 25, 2021!



Participants from Massachusetts!



Event Organizer, Charon Geigle, welcomes participants.



They're off... Participants set off on their designated courses.



Participant keeps focused on pavement course.



Participants enjoying the gravel ride!

WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2020 Board of Directors:

Dustin Curr — President
Bruce Dunker — Vice President
Janet Lurz — Treasurer
Anne Jo Spotted Bear
Cindy Hauk
Gordy Kraut
Kim Handcock
Lindsay Reagle
Terry Mohr

2020 Luncheon Locations:

Jan-Red Rock
Feb-Red Rock
March-Red Rock
June-Zoom
July-Zoom
Sept-Zoom
Oct-TBD
Nov-Badlands Saloon
Dec-Badlands Saloon

**The October Noon
Luncheon will be held on
TUESDAY, October 13.
Location TBD.**

2020 Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Membership

3 Amigos Cantina	Dakota Safaris	Ron Dinger
4th Ave. Floral & Gifts	Dakota Sky Stone	Rush Funeral Home
Agro Eco Power	Dawn Hilgenkamp	Sander Sanitation Service
American Legion Post 246	Days Inn	Sarah Husted
Americas Best Value Inn	De's Oil & Propane	Schaeffer's Specialized Lubricants
Anderson Investments	Deni Amundson	Shearer's Western Dakota Ranch Vac.
Ann's Motel	East Pennington County Ambulance Dist.	Singing Horse Trading Post
Arneson Auction Services	East Pennington County Conservation Dist.	Sleepy Hollow RV Park
Arrow Campground	East Pennington County Transit	St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Ascend Ag, Inc.	EconoLodge	Stacy Kitterman
Badlands Automotive	EDWARD JONES/Hal Bailey	Sue's Avon
Badlands Cedar Pass Lodge	EDWARD JONES/Tyler T. Trevillyan	Sunshine Inn
Badlands Harley-Davidson	Evangelical Free Bible Church	Super 8
Badlands Helicopters	Farm Bureau Financial Services	SWIFTEC Inc.
Badlands Inn	First Interstate Bank	Terry Mohr
Badlands Motel & Campground	First Lutheran Church	Tessa Gewerth
Badlands National Park	Frontier Cabins	Thompson Tactical
Badlands Natural History Association	Gold Diggers	Travelodge
Badlands Outpost	Golden West Telecommunications	Triangle B&B
Badlands Quilters	Harlan & Lori Walker	Treat U Boutique
Badlands Saloon & Grille	Helen Crawford	USDA Forest Service/Natl. Grasslands
Badlands Trading Post	Hillcrest Motel	Wall Auto Livery
Badlands White River KOA	Hub International Insurance	Wall Building Center & Construction
Best Western Plains Motel	Juanita Schroeder	Wall Community Library
Bethel Church	Jonny Creighton Winn	Wall Dairy Queen
Bev Dartt	Karen Soderquist Team/ ReMax Results	Wall Drug Store
Bill Bielmaier	Kari Welsh	Wall Eagles Live/Live Ticket
Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Assoc.	Keith Bagley	Wall Economic Development
Black Hills Federal Credit Union	Larry Eisenbraun	Wall Food Center
Black Hills Parks & Forests	M & M Sales	Wall Golf Association
Broken Arrow Trading Company	Mary Williams	Wall Meat Processing Plant
Candee Kitterman	Mike Nesseth	Wall Regional Medical Clinic
Circle View Guest Ranch	Minuteman Missile NHS	Wall Rodeo Booster Club
Common Cents	Niki Mohr	Wall School District #51-5
Community Education of the Black Hills	Pat Husted	Wall United Methodist Church
Corner Pantry/Subway	Patty Coleman	Waste Connections
Cornerstone Industries	Penn.-Jackson Farm Bureau	Windy Edge Homestead
Country Cupboard Food Pantry	Pennington County Commissioners	Welsh's Motel
Crazy Horse Memorial	Pennington County Courant	West River Electric Association
Creative Community Concepts	Pioneer Auto Show & Prairie Town	Wheelin' to Wall
Crew Agency	Prairie Homestead	Wounded Knee Museum
Cristina Nesseth	Quinn VFW	
Crown Oil	Red Rock Restaurant & Lounge	
Cutting Edge Salon	Robert Sharp & Associates	
Dakota Mill & Grain	Rod Renner	

**Check out our website for a list of
business closures and announcements:
www.wall-badlands.com/closures**