



Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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Dec/Jan Schedule of Events

Dec 10
Chamber Luncheon
12PM, WCC

Dec 9
Feeding SD Food Drop
12:30-1:30PM, First
Lutheran

Dec 15
VFW Bingo
1-3PM, WCC

Dec 19
City Council Meeting
6:30PM, WCC

Jan 5
VFW Bingo
1-3PM, WCC

Jan 7
Community Blood Drive
1-7PM, WCC

Jan 8
Satellite Office Open
Wall, SD

Jan 9
City Council Meeting
6:30PM, WCC

Jan 14
Chamber Luncheon
12PM, WCC

Jan 21-23
Gov Conference on Tourism
Pierre, SD

Jan 27
City Council Meeting
6:30PM, WCC

Syrup, Smiles & Santa!!

The Christmas season kicked off in style on December 4th with our annual Pancake Supper at Wall Drug Café, a fun-filled event that brought holiday cheer to all!

About 600 people joined us for supper and to meet the famous Mr. and Mrs. Claus, who delighted our smaller guests by handing out Santa sacks, generously provided by the WBACC Retail Committee.

It was a wonderful night filled with holiday spirit! We look forward to next year's event and extend our heartfelt thanks to our amazing volunteers and everyone at Wall Drug Store for making it all possible.

Merry Christmas to all! Wishing you a season filled with joy, love, and cherished memories.



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Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

Noon Luncheon

Wall Community Center

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Board Vice-President Liliya Stone called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Susie Kjerstad-Radigan, second by Ron Dinger to approve meeting minutes from the October luncheon. Motion carried. Motion by Jenny Patterson to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Susie Kjerstad-Radigan. Motion carried.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce: Katie Bruce: This year's parade of lights is November 29 with line-up starting at 5:30PM and the parade at 6PM. This year's theme is Best Christmas Movie. We will be giving out Wall Bucks to our parade winners. December 4th is the annual pancake supper at Wall Drug Café. We will serve from 5-6:30PM and Santa will arrive at 5PM. We will do drawings for Wall Bucks and for four \$250 shopping sprees at Wall Food Center. The Holiday Sweepstakes will start November 18th and we will do weekly drawings during the month of December. The sweepstakes will end December 31st and the final drawing will be on January 3rd.

City of Wall: Mary Williams: A contract for a new city attorney was approved at our last council meeting and he took his oath of office. Nathan Chicoine from Demersseman, Jensen, Tellinghuisen & Huffman firm out of Rapid City will be our new legal representation. The Reed loan was approved, this is a 2-million-dollar loan with a 5.9% interest rate for 20 years. There was a lien on sales tax approved with this loan. The loan was for the 4th Ave project which was completed \$110,000 under budget due to the construction company finding ways to save money by paving larger areas at one time. The 2025 city budget was approved and it is very tight with no increases. Another water leak occurred yesterday so the council approved replacing this old pipe where it is continually breaking. SD Wildland fire would like to make Wall a seat base starting in the Fall of 2025, this is currently under discussion. Meeting with SDDOT to renew contracts with the state. This has not been done since 2015 and is supposed to be done every 5 years. Our city finance officer just became president of the SD Municipal League and will be heading to Tampa this week for a conference.

Wall Economic Development: Rochan Burrell: The annual meeting will be next Wednesday, November 20th. She is searching for businesses that would be interested in moving into our industrial park. A housing advisory board was formed and they will be in place to approve developers' requests for additional funding to build low-income housing. These requests are then sent to BHACF for approval.

National Grasslands Visitor Center: Kelsey Bean: They have slowed down tremendously as visitation has slowed down. They are now working on updating manuals. They had an event for bat day this year and visitor center hours have been reduced.

Rodeo Booster Club: Dawn Hilgenkamp: Last month was their auction and they sold signs and donated items. They raised a little over \$8,000.

Wall School District: Dr Sally Crowser: They had a great veterans' program. The football and volleyball season is over and they went great. Wrestling will start next week. Girls' basketball and junior high wrestling had a great weekend last week. One student is going to regionals in Pierre for oral interpretation. The one act play cast is set and will perform in January. Dr Crowser is taking kids to the capital on Dec 2nd to sing. CTE business is coming to a close and hoping to have an open house to show off the new wing soon. CTE classes will start next semester. K-12 Christmas program will be on December 9th at 6PM. FFA will be having a work and silent auction that same night before the program. The support from the city and the community is greatly appreciated.

Wall Ambulance District: Liliya Stone: The fall has been much busier. In October there were 17 calls, 10 transports, 7 refusals. There have been lots of incidents on I90 and please remember when you see the ambulance on the side of the road at an accident to slow down. The calls on the interstate are very dangerous for first responders.



Wall Community Library: Linda Hiltner: They have completed the library budget. The library director is required to be certified and board members need to be accredited. Ester was fully certified last year and will need to do it again in 3 years. This certification is a big accomplishment.

Golden West: Jody Bielmaier: In a spirit of gratefulness Golden West would like to wish all our customers and the Wall Chamber of Commerce a Happy Thanksgiving. We also encourage customers to go to our website www.goldenwest.com to register for the Customer Appreciation Shop Local Giveaway. The drawing is Friday, December 6, 2024.

West River Electric: Dawn Hilgenkamp: They will be having a tailgating event Nov 21st at Enning at 4PM. Scholarship applications are due January 29th. You can apply for the Jr/Sr youth tour trip to Washington DC online and the deadline is Dec 30th. For WREA's 85th anniversary they have chosen to put up a rail fence around the warm up arena in Wall to contain the sand and they will be putting up a sign to commemorate their 85th anniversary. This was previously just old REA poles.

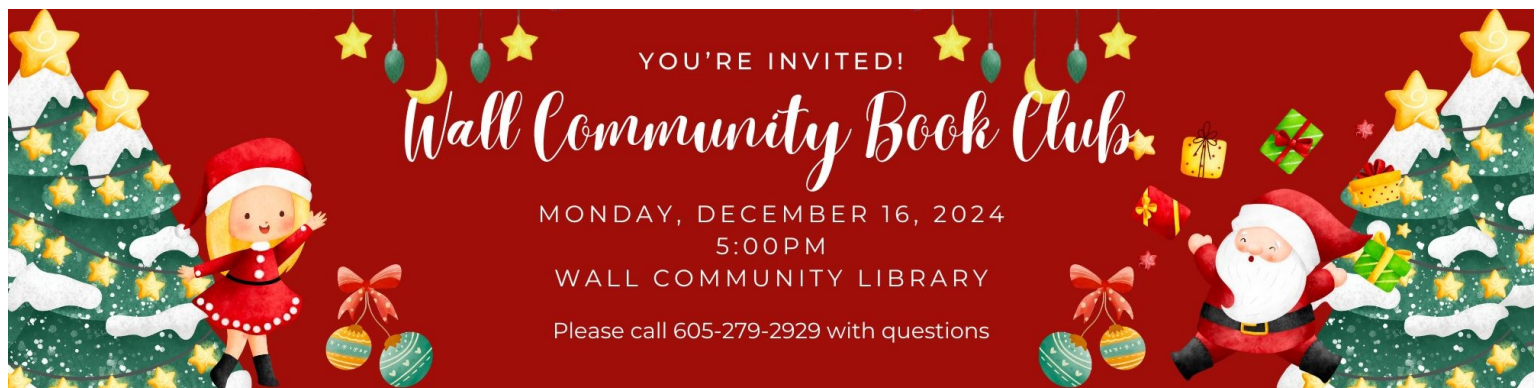
Wall Drug: Amanda Frink: Daily specials have started and the pancake supper is coming. They will be closed on Thanksgiving and closing early on Dec 6th for the Wall Drug Christmas party. The Christmas sale starts Nov 29th. They have started hiring for next season.

Black Hills Federal Credit Union: Mandi Reuwsaat- They have donated a tree for Festival of Trees for the first time in 6 years. They have a cashback credit card and right now there is 3% back. The credit union also offers health savings accounts which do not tax on medical expenses such as x-rays, over-the-counter meds, etc.

First Interstate Bank: Festival of Trees- Nov 22nd

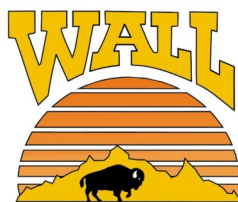
Conservation Office: Leslie Merrill: They had a booth at the craft fair and spoke to lots of people. They also judged the public speaking at the FFA contest. Jed Kammerer took over Lynn Schell's positing back in April and so anyone looking for help in that area please contact Jed.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12:41 pm.



Wall Satellite Office

OPEN: JAN 8
9 AM– 11:30 AM &
12:30 PM– 3:30 PM



December City Council Meetings

December 5th at
6:30PM

December 19th at
6:30PM

Country Cupboard Food Pantry Winter Hours September-May

First, Second & Third Wednesdays
1:00 pm–4:00 pm

Third Saturday
9:00 am–11:00 a.m.

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279-2453, or 279-1045 and leave a message.
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DRAWING WINNERS!!



\$25 CHILDRENS WALL BUCK\$

ETHAN
LINCOLN
KARLEE
HANNAH
LARKIN

GENTRY
REEDER
JIMMY
KAYDEN
ADDISON

\$250 SHOPPING SPREE

JACOB ROHRER
JEN JOHNSON
MADI GRENSTINER
HOLLY SCHULZ

\$25 ADULT WALL BUCK\$

OLIVIA FORTUNE
CINDY DINGER
JEANINE SYKORA
CHAD CERNEY
BILL BIELMAIER
VICKIE WILLWIET
DAN HILGENKEMP
KENDRA BIES
LISA MOON
DAVID FAUSKE



Week 1 Winners

*Eric Bresee \$25
Lorayna Popousek \$50
Nathaniel Zoeller \$50
Kellie Ostenson \$75
Sharon Scull \$100*

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Tres: Wayne Shull

Amanda Kjerstad
Ashley Kier
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Brandy Kammerer
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Savannah Williamson

Chamber Luncheon:
December 10th at 12 PM
Wall Community Center
Lunch Provided!

2024 Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Membership

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Freedom & Flash Fireworks
First Interstate Bank
First Lutheran Church
Golden West Telecommunications
Hansen's Inn
Harlan & Lori Walker
Hub International Insurance
Hustead Law Office, P.C.
Juanita Schroeder
Judy Goldhammer
Jonny Creighton Winn
Karen Soderquist Team/ ReMax Results
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Larry Eisenbraun
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Melanie Shull
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Nohr Wortmann Engineering
Out West Quilts & Fabric
Pat Hustead
Pennington County Commissioners
Pennington County Courant
Prairie Homestead
Quinn VFW
Rick Hustead
Robert Sharp & Associates
Ron Dinger
Rush Funeral Home
Salty Steer
Sander Sanitation Service
Sarah Hustead
Shearer's Western Dakota Ranch Vac.
Singing Horse Trading Post
Sleepy Hollow RV Park

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St. Patrick's Catholic Church
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Super 8
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Travelodge
Triangle B&B
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Wall Auto Repair & Glass
Wall Booster Club
Wall Building Center & Construction
Wall Community Library
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Wall Economic Development
Wall Food Center
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