



Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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June Schedule of Events

June 1
WBACC Mtg
7AM, WCC

June 2-4
Regional HS Rodeo
Wall Rodeo Arena

June 5
605 Day Celebration

June 5
Wall City Council Mtg
6:30 PM, WCC

June 7
Satellite Office
Wall, SD

June 8
Legion Mtg
7PM, WCC

June 13
Social for Karen Poppe
6 PM, Golf Course

June 20
Wall City Council Mtg
6:30 PM, WCC

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber Members,

I would like to welcome our newest Chamber members...Out West Quilt Shop and Fabric & Zoe's Creationz!

We have just received our Wall Community Guides and I will be bringing them around next week. If anyone would like to have some at your business to hand out please let me know.

Our 1st Annual 605 Day Celebration will be this Monday! Vendors will set up behind the Powerhouse and we will be handing out Bingo Cards showing the local businesses that are participating. Anyone who gets a Bingo can pick up a free t-shirt from the Chamber booth that day. Ketchup the Clown will be doing animal balloons and we will have a Lakota Hoop Dancer doing performances throughout town at 10:00, 12:00, 2:00 & 4:00.

If anyone has any questions please let me know!

Katie



“Name the Jackalope!!”

Everyone in town has seen the jackalope but no one knows his name...because he doesn't have one!

The Dahls have asked the Chamber to help organize a contest to give this big fella an official name!

Be watching for details coming soon!!

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605 4 MUFFINS \$6.05

SOUTH DAKOTA SOUR DOUGH \$6.05

WINE BAR \$605

605 \$60.50 ITEMS SAUNA USAGE \$60.50 FOR A MONTH UNLIMITED

EVERYTHING ON THE TABLE \$6.05 EACH

STRAWBERRY & BLUEBERRY BREADS

605 NICKY'S PENS \$6.05

2/\$6.05 MORE VENDORS AND MORE SALES

605 PLANTS \$6.05

OPEN 8AM TO 4PM MONDAY 6/05

WALL, SD

605 Day Celebration

GET A BINGO ON YOUR CARD AND WIN A FREE T-SHIRT FROM THE CHAMBER!

PLANNING...

FOOD~VENDORS~BUSINESS SPECIALS~DANCERS~ KIDS ACTIVITIES

CALL 605-279-2665 FOR INFO | WALLCHAMBER@WGTCC.NET

TIME 10-4

JUNE 5TH, 2023 | FREE ENTRY



Wall Satellite Office

OPEN: JUNE 7
9 AM- 11:30 AM &
12:30 PM- 3:30 PM

75th Anniversary Weekend Celebration Schedule of Events

Friday June 2: The Bluestone Project

6:30pm, Veranda Stage
11:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm Starr Chief Eagle Performances
9:30pm Legends in Light® laser show

Saturday June 3: Volksmarch

7:00am Registration, 37th Annual Spring Hike
(Free admission for hikers with donation of 3 cans of food)
11:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm Starr Chief Eagle Performance
All day, Matthew Hiltermann & Harvey Abeyta Living Treasure Artists
9:30pm Legends in Light® laser show

Sunday June 4: 75th Celebration!

10:00am - Noon: Main Celebration, keynote speaker Billy Mills,
Scheduled Lakota Helicopter Flyover
1:00pm - 4:00pm: Indoor & Outdoor performances and presentations
2023 Hand Game Championships
All day, Matthew Hilterman & Harvey Abeyta Living Treasure Artists
9:30pm Legends in Light® laser show

All Events included with admission to the Memorial
Free parking and shuttle service Saturday and Sunday



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What can the Chamber do for YOU?

Advertising

The Chamber works with a variety of advertising agencies to market the Wall-Badlands Area outside SD. The chamber also helps members market in the community by posting news, events, and job openings in the monthly newsletter, radio news reports, email blasts and Chamber Facebook page.



Network

It's not just what you know, it's who you know. Attend chamber luncheons and mixers to extend your reach, promote your business and learn about other local businesses.



Voice

The Chamber is the voice of business in Wall, seeking the best interests for Wall businesses on local and state levels. The Chamber hosts Cracker Barrels to allow members to ask questions concerning legislative issues.



Congratulations to Out West Quilt Shop and Fabric on your Grand Opening May 8th!!



Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023

Noon Luncheon

Badlands Saloon & Grille

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Gina Kraut called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM and Mayor Williams led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Travis Mason-Bushman moved to approve meeting minutes from the March Chamber Luncheon. Second made by Dr. Pandi Pittman. Motion carried. Susie Radigan-Kjerstad moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second made by Anne Jo Spotted Bear. Motion carried.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce: Katie Bruce: Thank you to our newest Chamber members. Stompin Grounds Coffeehouse, Dahls Chainsaw Art, Out West Quilts & Fabric, Wayne & Melanie Shull, Donna & Al Crown, & Mama Law Photography! Community guides are being printed and thank you to everyone who purchased ads and helped with content. Anyone wishing to have their business items in the Welcome Baskets please let Katie know. Next board meeting will be June 1st @ 7AM at the Wall Community Center. The Wall City Wide Garage Sale is June 24. If you would like to have your location advertised you need to register with the Chamber and pay \$15. Wall/Wasta Scouts are having a food drive until May 15th. You can drop items off at the city office, the school, or Wall Food Center. Proceeds will go to Country Cupboard. Thank you to everyone who joined in our annual community clean up!

United States Postal Service: Candee Kitterman: Candee is the Postmaster in Wall and spoke on the First Day of Issue Dedication Ceremony that is taking place in Wall on May 19th @ 11 AM. Washington DC is putting the endangered species program together in conjunction with the post office and the National Grasslands offices. We were chosen for this ceremony and it is the first time they've picked a location this small. The last ceremony was held in Times Square so this is a very exciting opportunity. Our black footed ferret is one of the featured species on the stamps. There will be lots of visitors attending and it will take place at the Grasslands with a backup location of the community center. Stamps will be for sale at the event.

City Of Wall: Mary Williams: The engineers are saying there is lots of progress happening. Work is ongoing in the Hansen Subdivision and the 2nd governor home is approved. Echo Valley construction is starting. Millings from the airport project will be used to help pave that road which will be a huge savings to the city. This morning Mayor Williams attended an airport contractors meeting. It is on schedule. In October they will send a very large plane in to test the instruments and lighting and will fly above Wall for about 2 hours. We need to get the word out so no one is alarmed.

Wall Economic Development: Dawn Hilgenkamp: They are working on the Senior Mailbox project. Anyone who would like to contribute something to the mailboxes to encourage the 23 students to return to Wall after graduation can speak to Dawn. Norman Livermont is the recipient of their \$500 scholarship. Norman was a student director on the economic development board. They will be looking for a high school junior in the fall to replace him on the board. There is a Black Hills area housing fund that will receive a 30-million-dollar federal grant to put money towards the housing crisis in the Black Hills. Wall would have a good chance of getting some of those funds. The director position is still open and they are still accepting applications.

Badlands National Park: Eric Veach: Visitation to the park has been increasing due to the nice weather. May 27th the White River visitor center will open for the year and will be fully staffed. 9-5pm seven days a week. Cedar Pass and Minuteman missile site are open year-round. The paleontology lab at Cedar Pass will be open this year on May 27th. The Astronomy festival is 7/14-7/16. Brenda Todd the Deputy Superintendent has accepted a new position and her last day is 6/2. They are accepting applications.

National Grasslands Visitor Center/ USDA Forest Service: Jesse McCarty: The objection period for the Pinnacles project ends 5/15. They are looking forward to implementing it soon and they did hire a range specialist. The recreation specialist position is still open. The repairs to the visitor center will be getting started soon. They have a good plan for the stamp release ceremony and are excited about the opportunity.

Travis Mason-Bushman: The visitor center is under construction but their offices are open in the trailer out front for the season. They are currently short staffed but are open M-Th 8-6pm. These hours will expand in June and July. They are already starting to get busy.

Rodeo Booster Club: Dawn Hilgenkamp: They are getting busy and last Saturday they had a practice rodeo with a good turnout. May 25th is the Little Britches rodeo. May 26th Laine Shearer is hosting a youth barrel racing clinic at the arena. May 27th is the Pennington County 4H rodeo and 6/2-6/4 is the Regional HS rodeo.

Wall School District: Dr. Pandi Pittman: Thank you to everyone who supported the SD workforce grant. She received 12 letters of support. The new wing is going to have a woodworking/welding area, classrooms, and bathrooms. The school received a grant from homeland security. They will be using this to update the doors at the school in the fall. They applied for a grant for the school lunch program but have not heard if they got it or not. Tonight is the middle school and high school spring concert. There is a school board meeting Wednesday at 7pm. Graduation is May 20th and all diplomas have been signed. Louis Rancour participated in the National Science Competition. Chad Walker was named conference coach of the year. Thursday is the region track meet for HS & MS. Golf league is going to regionals. The awards banquet is 5/15.

Wall Community Library: Linda Hiltner: Thank you to businesses who are letting the library put story-book pages up in their storefronts. The summer reading program starts 5/24. You can pick up reading packets at the library. 5/15 there is going to be a book discussion group meeting to see if there is interest in having a book club at the library at 6pm. 5/17 there is a special board meeting for summer events. They are participating in 605 Day and Scavengers Journey. They are looking for an open box pickup to use for the Celebration parade as they would like to join in.

West River Electric: Dawn Hilgenkamp: WREA is hosting a young professionals group event on May 16th at their Rapid City Location called Beers, Brats & Kilowatts. They will have games, presentations, and a solar trailer for educational purposes. They are putting on a youth excursion to the Bismarck power plant for high school juniors and seniors. The deadline to register is June 16. 6/1 is the charity golf tournament at the Elks Golf Course. Sign up on the website.

Scavengers Journey: Katie Bruce: The deadline is May 21st to register your location for the Scavenger's Journey. There will be books for sale in the chamber office at a later date. This year the city-wide yard sale will be on June 24 which is the Saturday of the Scavenger's Journey.

605 Day Committee: Katie Bruce: So far, we have food trucks, vendors, kids' activities, and dancers scheduled for the day. If your business would like to be included on the Bingo Card, please let me know. We would like to have these in by 5/19.

Celebration Committee: Katie Bruce: There is a Celebration Committee meeting 5/11 at 6PM at the golf course.

The Chamber is holding a \$100 WALL BUCK\$ drawing at each Chamber Luncheon; anyone representing a paid Chamber Member will receive one entry into the drawing and must be present to win. Winner of the \$100 WALL BUCK\$ for the May Luncheon is Charon Geigle representing Wheelin' To Wall.

The June luncheon will be replaced by a social for Karen Poppe to celebrate her lifetime achievement award. Plans are still being made.

With no other business Travis Mason-Bushman moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Anne Jo Spotted Bear. Motion carried.



WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Vice Pres.: Bobbi Dartt
Tres: Annie Tice-Poseley

Amanda Kjerstad
Ashley Kier
Liliya Stone

Wayne Shull
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Pam Johnson

Social celebrating Karen
Poppe's Lifetime Achievements

June 13, 6PM
Wall Golf Course

2023 Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Membership

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Melanie Shull
Minuteman Missile NHS
Monument Health Wall Clinic
Naja Shriners/ 4 Rivers Shrine Club
Nanna's Mercantile
Niki Mohr
Nohr Wortmann Engineering
Out West Quilts & Fabric
Pat Husted
Pennington County Commissioners
Pennington County Courant
Peno Construction, LLC
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Ron Dinger
Rush Funeral Home
Sander Sanitation Service
Sarah Husted
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Stompin Grounds Coffeehouse
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
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Sunshine Inn
Super 8
SWIFTEC Inc.
Terry Mohr
The Little Outpost
Travelodge
Triangle B&B
Treat U Boutique
USDA Forest Service/Natl. Grasslands
Wall Auto Livery
Wall Auto Repair & Glass
Wall Booster Club
Wall Building Center & Construction
Wall Community Library
Wall Dairy Queen
Wall Drug Store
Wall Economic Development
Wall Food Center
Wall Golf Association
Wall Rodeo Booster Club
Wall School District #51-5
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Wasta VFD
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Western Dakota Tech
Wheelin' to Wall
Wounded Knee Museum
Zoe's Creationz

