



Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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February Schedule of Events

February 1
City Council Mtg
6:30PM, WCC

February 2
WBACC Board Mtg
7AM, WCC

February 4
VFW Bingo
2PM, WCC

February 7
Satellite Office
Wall, SD

February 13
Chamber Luncheon
12PM, WCC

February 15
City Council Mtg
6:30PM, WCC

February 18
Wasta Steak Feed
5PM, Wasta FD

February 18
VFW Bingo
2PM, WCC

February 19
Wall Book Club
5PM, Wall Library

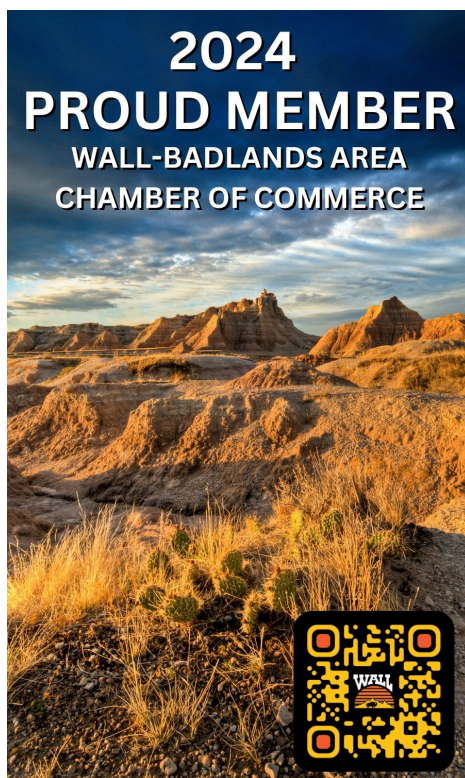
February 24
Cub Scout Derby
12PM, WCC

February 28
WEDC Board Meeting
6PM, WCC

2024 Membership Decals

2024 Membership window decals have been sent and you should have received yours in the mail by now. If not, please let us know and we will get you one. We have seen some in the windows already and we love to see it!

Thank you for your membership and continued support!



THANK YOU GOLD SPONSOR



Upgrade your Chamber Membership to a **GOLD SPONSOR** and be featured **HERE!**

Country Cupboard Food Pantry Winter Hours

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

Third Saturday
9:00 am— 11:00 am

For Assistance — call 279-1045,
279-2453, or 454-2185

February Food Drop:
February 26 1-2PM

This is an equal opportunity establishment.



Pack 246

2ND ANNUAL PINWOOD DERBY
FEBRUARY 24, 2024 1:00PM
WALL COMMUNITY CENTER

Pack 246 invites the local businesses & community members to participate by trying your own hand at being champion! There will be a traveling trophy presented to this years winner of the open class!!

PURCHASE YOUR OWN CAR AT SCOUTSHOP.ORG/PINWOOD-DERBY, AT BLACK HILLS AREA COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP IN RAPID CITY OR CONTACT TREVOR FRICKE.

Race Registration Fees:

- Buy, build & bring your own car - \$5.00
- Order from Pack 246 & build yourself - \$10.00
- Order from Pack 246 & they build - \$20.00
- Will adhere to official Pinewood Derby Rules

REGISTRATION DUE BY 2/9/2024 @ 7:00PM

CONTACT TREVOR FRICKE FOR INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:
308-778-6568 OR COWBOY142010@YAHOO.COM



You are Invited to a

CAJUN SUPPER

St Patrick Church-Wall

Saturday, Feb. 10th
@ 6:00pm



MENU

- *Fried Catfish
- *Gumbo
- *Corn Muffins
- *King Cakes
- *Iced Tea & Lemonade

Free Will Offering

Proceeds will be used to offset expenses for students traveling to the National Eucharistic Congress in July.



WASTA Volunteer Fire Department Steak Feed!

Sunday, February 18th, 2024

5:00 PM, Wasta Fire Station
37 Oak Street, Wasta SD, 57791



Bring Your Family & Friends
and Join Us for a Fun Night of
***CHICKEN BINGO* -BINGO!**
and A GREAT MEAL!

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SUPPORT THE
WASTA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT!

Free Will Donation

For more information: please contact Wasta Fire Chief
Kyle Schell 605-645-0132 or any Wasta Firefighter.



Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024

Noon Luncheon

Salty Steer

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Gina Kraut called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM and Amanda Frink led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Rick Husted, second by Ron Dinger to approve meeting minutes from the December Chamber Luncheon. Motion carried. Motion by Kendall Nelson to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Liliya Stone. Motion carried.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce: Katie Bruce: The community blood drive is today at the community center from 2:45-5:45 pm and they are needing to fill more appointments. They are available by walk-in. The Holiday Sweepstakes is over with and the drawing was done last week, there will be a flyer with all winners posted and the Wall Bucks are available to pick up in the Chamber office. We gave out \$3300 worth of Wall Bucks through the Holiday Sweepstakes. The cub scouts will be having their pinewood derby February 24th at the Wall Community Center and would love to have businesses and community members participate. If you are interested, please contact Trevor Fricke or me for more information.

City of Wall: Mary Williams – The airport advisory board has been appointed to direct the future of the Wall airport. The first things they will focus on will be providing hangars and fuel. 2:00 tomorrow the FAA plane will be flying over to do their check on the airport, this was rescheduled from 12/4. The 4th Ave bid was accepted and funding is being secured. The city has a grant from SDDOT for \$600,000 that had to be used or lost and loans are currently being applied for to cover the remainder. The city budget will be tight moving forward due to this improvement that is being made. There is a planning & zoning meeting tomorrow at 1pm and public comments are welcome for the first 10 minutes of the meeting. Lots of progress in the Kelly Ave area and Echo Valley, everyone is encouraged to drive out to look at the new things happening. Lots are available in Echo Valley and modular homes are welcome if they are on a permanent foundation. Mayor discussed the increased traffic the Industrial Park will bring and the need to move the ball diamond.

Wall Baseball: Ryan Dinger – Ryan spoke with a contact from Spearfish on their new diamond and shared the costs they incurred in 2021. He is looking into grant options and ideas for funding as improvements need to be made and a decision on how extensive they want those improvements to be will be the first step. He is working on putting together a committee for these decisions.

Wall Economic Development: Kendall Nelson—Last night Kendall traveled to Pierre for the pre state of the state address and learned the governors plans for SD businesses. Last week she sat down with GOED to learn how they retain and help businesses so she can apply those principals to her investors. January 24th is her next board meeting at 6pm at the community center.

Badlands National Park: Eric Veach- There has been significant staff turnover recently and many positions have been filled with newcomers. One of the new park rangers has started and the 2nd ranger will be starting next month. Jeannie Berry has been promoted so her previous position will be open. A facility manager position will be open on USA jobs for the next two weeks and seasonal positions are open at visitor centers and the C-store. They are making great progress at the Cedar Pass visitor center. The Paleontology lab is a big draw for visitors and it is being expanded along with new exhibits. This fall was a successful bison roundup with a shorter holding time than in previous years. By shortening the holding time the dust the bison create is reduced which helps improve neighbor relations. The park buys hay locally and it is native grass and weed free to use during this holding time. 18 is the minimum age requirement for seasonal help.

Rodeo Booster Club: Mary Williams – They are in the process of getting contracts for the high school rodeo and the professional rodeo for 2024.

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Minutes cont.

High School Rodeo: Kellie Ostenson – Several kids are competing in the 20X rodeo on 1/28 in Rapid City during the stock show. They are in the process of planning practice rodeos and calendars are still available for \$20.

Wall Ambulance District: Liliya Stone – 158 total calls for 2023. This is 20% down from 2022. (197 in 2022). This year 27 calls were cancelled, 4 no transport, 27 patient refusals. 95 of these calls were transported and these are the only calls that can be billed for. The majority of all calls are in city limits. 25% are in rural areas and 15% of calls are on the interstate. 72% of ambulance service expenses are payroll and they currently do not have a director hired. For 2024 there has been more EMT's hired and have a plan on hiring a director.

Wasta Fire Department: Gina Kraut – Steak feed is 2/18 at 5pm at the fire station, free will donation.

West River Electric: Liliya Stone – 7 scholarships are available for \$500 and the deadline is February 5th. These can be applied for online. Operation round-up deadline is April 1st for any non-profit organization.

First Interstate Bank: Steven Edoff – The Festival of Trees brought in over \$30,000 that will go back into the community. The ag appreciation event is February 16th at the Wall Community Center.

Other:

Leslie Merrill—East Pennington County Conservation District: Their awards banquet will be at the golf course and thank you to First Interstate Bank and Dakota Mill & Grain for sponsoring awards. The winners will be posted in the paper and next year they have considered taking nominations for these awards.

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 January Luncheon is West River Electric that they graciously donated to the Wall Ambulance Service.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 pm.

Holiday Sweepstakes

Winners

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	
\$25 John Kitterman	\$25 Beth Tysdal	\$25 Cindy Hawk	
\$25 Harvey Miller	\$25 Kelly Tysdal	\$25 Rose Mary Trask	
\$50 Jody Sawvell	\$50 Monte Denke	\$50 Carol Lynch	
\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100
Loree Thompson	Matt Venhuizen	Donnalynn James	Moni Greinstiner
Jessica Jager	Lorayna Papousek	Jason Paulsen	Stacy White
Wanda Cordell	Evan Anderson	Cody Vernon	Krystle Pursley
Sally Crowser	Betsy Shearer	Thad Anderson	Chancey Phillips
Stephanie Volmer	Talon Peters	Randall Poste	Rod Cook
Tara Smith	Chance Trask	Veva Wernke	Ashton Swift
Sonja Steffen	Deb Traveny	Mary Williams	Harlan Walker
Katy Bielmaier	Kelley Meeks	Harvey Miller	Shelia Trask
Dan Hilgenkamp	Terry Stone		Jackie Sawvell
Rachel Buhmann	Marlene McMillan		Chad Walker
Jessica Livermont			
Neil Muscat			
Fen Johnson		\$250	
Brandy Lynch		Julie Trask	
Gregory Naescher		Bradley Covey	
Skip Leonard			

WALL-BADLANDS
AREA CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
PRESENTS

BRING ON SPRING PARTY

*Cash
Bar!
Food!*

MARCH 23RD, 2024

REGISTRATION - 3:00-3:30 PM

BAGS FLY AT 4:00 PM

WALL COMMUNITY CENTER

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT - 64 TEAM

DOUBLE ELIMINATION - \$20/PERSON

2 MAN TEAMS-ALL AGES WELCOME

\$500 ADDED MONEY

NO COMPETITIVE LEAGUE PLAYERS!!

(ENTRY INTO DRAWING IF YOU

PRE-REGISTER BY 3/15)



**Hawaiian themed!!
Prize goes
to best dressed!!**

*Live music by "Broken
Record" 6:00 PM*



Badlands Quilters' Weekend Getaway

Wall Community Center

March 15th & 16th

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us, wear something green and be ready to enjoy a good time with friends new and old, eat yummy food, learn new things, show off your projects, and take part in creating a soldier quilt!

Friday 5:30 pm - 11 pm

Friday evening will be Schnibbles and Nibbles. We will be serving a main course of hearty soup, relishes, crackers and cheese followed with a big selection of wonderful desserts. After that will be the exciting Bed Turning. The cost for the evening is \$15.

Saturday 8:00 am - 11 pm

Saturday bring your own project to work on and/or participate with us making "quarter-square" blocks for soldier quilts. The cost cost for the day is \$25.

Fabric vendors will be available for your shopping pleasure

Let's quilt together, one stitch at a time

"Badlands' Blue Sky" Raffle

- 85" x 85" beautiful quilting by Subby Reed*
- drawing Saturday, March 16th @ 4 pm*
- \$1 per ticket - can purchase tickets from any Badlands Quilter or at the getaway*

**Questions call
605-279-2020
or 605-279-2807**

WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Gina Kraut
Vice Pres.: Bobbi Dartt
Tres: Annie Tice-Poseley

Amanda Kjerstad
Ashley Kier
Liliya Stone

Wayne Shull
Lex Heathershaw
Pam Johnson

Chamber Luncheon:
February 13
Wall Community Center
PIZZA!!!!

2024 Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Membership

4th Ave. Floral & Gifts
American Legion Post 246
Americas Best Value Inn
Anderson Investments
Ann's Motel
Arneson Auction Services
Ascend Ag, Inc.
Badlands & Company
Badlands Automotive
Badlands Bodega
Badlands Frontier Cabins
Badlands Harley-Davidson
Badlands Helicopters
Badlands National Park
Badlands National Park Conservancy
Badlands Natural History Association
Badlands Observatory
Badlands Quilters
Badlands Saloon & Grille
Badlands Trading Post
Best Western Plains Motel
Bev Dartt
Bill Bielmaier
Bin2Quinn
Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Assoc.
Black Hills Federal Credit Union
Black Hills Parks & Forests
Buffalo Gift Shop
Bunkhouse Campground
Candee Kitterman
Circle View Guest Ranch
Common Cents
Community Education of the Black Hills
Cornerstone Industries
Country Cupboard Food Pantry
Crazy Horse Memorial
Crew Agency
Cristina Nesseth
Crown Oil
Cutting Edge Salon
Dahls Chainsaw Art
Dan Hauk
Dakota Mill & Grain
Dakota Sky Stone
Dawn Hilgenkamp
Days Inn
De's Oil & Propane
Donna & Al Crown
East Pennington County Ambulance

East Pennington Co. Conservation Dist.
East Pennington County Transit
EconoLodge
EDWARD JONES/Hal Bailey
EDWARD JONES/Tyler T. Trevillyan
Evangelical Free Bible Church
Evergreen Office Solutions
Farm Bureau Financial Services
First Interstate Bank
First Lutheran Church
Gary Keyser
Gold Diggers
Golden West Telecommunications
Harlan & Lori Walker
Home Ranch LLC
Hub International Insurance
Juanita Schroeder
Judy Goldhammer
Jonny Creighton Winn
Karen Soderquist Team/ ReMax Results
Kari Welsh
Larry Eisenbraun
Linda Hiltner
Lindsay Reagle
M & M Sales
Mama Law Photography
Mary Williams
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
Prairie Homestead
Quinn VFW
Rick Husted
Robert Sharp & Associates
Ron Dinger
Rush Funeral Home
Salty Steer
Sander Sanitation Service
Sarah Husted
Shearer's Western Dakota Ranch Vac.

Singing Horse Trading Post
Sleepy Hollow RV Park
Stompin Grounds Coffeehouse
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Sue's Avon
Sunshine Inn
Super 8
SWIFTEC Inc.
Terry Mohr
The Little Outpost
Travelodge
Triangle B&B
Treat U Boutique
USDA Forest Service/Natl. Grasslands
Wakin Bacon
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
Wall United Methodist Church
Wasta VFD
Waste Connections
Wayne Shull
Welsh's Motel
West River Electric Association
Western Dakota Tech
Wheelin' to Wall
Wounded Knee Museum
Zoe's Creazionz

