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April Schedule of Events

April 3
Satellite Office
Wall, SD

April 4
City Council Mtg
6:30PM, WCC

April 9
City Election
WCC

April 17
Satellite Office
Wall, SD

April 17
WBACC Annual Mtg
5:30PM, WCC

April 18
City Council Mtg
6:30PM, WCC

April 24
WEDC Board Mtg
6:00PM, WCC

You Are Invited!!! 2024 WBACC Annual Meeting

**WALL-BADLANDS AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNUAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024
WALL COMMUNITY CENTER**

**5:30PM - SOCIAL HOUR
6:00 PM - MEETING**

SPEAKERS:
BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK
BADLANDS OBSERVATORY
SD YOUTH HUNTING ADVENTURES

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Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

Noon Luncheon

Wall Community Center

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Gina Kraut called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Carol Hodges, second by Cindy Hauk to approve meeting minutes from the February Chamber Luncheon. Motion carried. Motion by Stephanie Volmer to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Rick Husted. Motion carried.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce: Katie Bruce: WBACC Annual meeting is April 17th with social hour starting at 5:30 pm and the meeting starting at 6pm. Food and drinks will be provided. Pam Johnson, Savannah Williamson, & Molly Lytle have been chosen by the nominating committee and open petitions are available in the chamber office. These must be turned in by March 25th. There are also nomination forms for the Golden Pineapple Award available in the Chamber office. These are due March 31st. Our "Bring on Spring" party is Saturday, March 23rd with registration from 3:00-3:30 and the tournament starting at 4pm. We will have nachos and the Badlands will be here with a cash bar. After the tournament "Broken Record" will be playing live music.

City of Wall: Mary Williams: Late 2022 the city extended Kelly & Dorothy Ave making room for 7 more lots, all lots have now been filled. There are still spots open in Echo Valley and Cheyenne McGriff is looking for builders. An Airport Steering committee has been set up to direct the future of the Wall airport. Items of discussion have been looking for people to build hangars, planning a grand opening, the availability of fuel, and security. Ag businesses around Wall frequently fly in people to help with farm/ranch operations and it will now be possible to land those people's planes in Wall instead of having to pick them up in Rapid City or Philip. The 4th Ave project started yesterday. Completion date is Memorial Day but it is expected to be sooner. The city obtained a REED loan and will be using a \$600,000 grant from the SDDOT. REDLEG funds have been applied for but no decision has been granted yet. Ryan Dinger has been appointed as the baseball committee chair and he will be setting up a committee. Mayor feels despite the cost of re-locating the baseball diamond it is imperative as that area will be getting very busy with trucks and industrial park traffic. The city is working with Pennington County Housing Authority to resolve concerns at Prairie village. There have been 2 meetings so far and some items have already been resolved. Recent fire alarm issues have caused the Wall fire department to notify PCHA they will no longer reset the alarm system due to liability concerns so they will have to send someone from Rapid to reset it. They are looking into replacing the smoke detection system with a heat detection system. Pennington County deputies now have access to Prairie Village security cameras. The goal is to make the apartments a safe place for the elderly. Trying to get Prairie Village HUD designated for elderly tenants only and also to have an on-site manager. Deputies made 26 calls there in February. There are 3 seats open on city council. Dan Hauk & Mike Anderson are running unopposed but there will be an election in Ward 2 between Kelly Welsh and Zack Hoffmann. The election will be a joint election with the school for the 3 open positions on school board. The election date is April 9th.

Wall Economic Development: Kendall Nelson: Flyers were sent out in the prophet to advertise for the commercial shops that will be available to lease in the industrial park. She attended Elevates' economic summit in Rapid City and learned a lot. Rapid City is the 36th fastest growing city in the country. Researching the ideas of having a CDL class in Wall. The next WEDC board meeting is March 27th at 6PM.

National Grasslands Visitor Center: Linda Hiltner introduced the new visitor center manager Kelsey Bean. Kelsey Bean: There have been lots of changes at the visitor center, she arrived the middle of January and there are several new permanent staff. Linda is now the new visitor center assistant manager. Madison is the new lead park ranger. The trailer out front is gone. Some interior renovations are still happening but they are nearly completed. The exterior renovations will start May 1st. They did receive funding for interpretive exterior displays that will hopefully be finished around July 1. This year is their 30th year anniversary and would like to have a grand opening event.

Rodeo Booster Club: Mary Williams: Getting ready for Regional Rodeo and the PRCA Celebration Rodeo.



High School Rodeo: Leslie Merrill: They are preparing for the May 4th practice rodeo and kids will be coming around for sponsorships.

Scavengers Journey: Cindy Hauk: Thank you to the Chamber for supporting the Scavengers journey and being a 2024 member. They are encouraging participants to only do Friday & Saturday this year instead of including Sunday as it was very slow last year. Ads are available for purchase on the website.

SD Youth Hunting Adventures: Orey Fricke: This organization is trying to expand out of Rapid City and they have funding for youth that want to hunt. They sign up and get a mentor. They are provided with a stipend to purchase hunting gear and they pay processing on meat. There are kids waiting for mentors right now if anyone is interested in becoming a mentor it is a 12 month commitment.

Wall Ambulance District: Liliya Stone – Tonight is the annual meeting. There will be no election as Zack Hoffmann is running again unopposed. Meeting starts at 6pm at the Wall Community Center.

Wall Community Library: Linda Hiltner: They are working on a Smokey the Bear reading challenge with the forest service. Book club has been meeting once a month. Everyone takes a different book and shares. Next meeting is 3/18 at 5pm. They are looking for one board member and Ester has forms at the library.

Badlands Quilters: Carol Hodges: This weekend is their quilting retreat and they are working on door prizes today. They have received quite a few from local businesses. Friday night they have a soup supper and a bed turning and then they will sew until midnight. Saturday they will start at 8AM and sew again until 11PM.

Golden West: Jody Bielmaier: They currently have several positions open and 3-4 of them are openings just for Wall. This Friday is the deadline for seniors to apply for the Golden West scholarship and need to be turned into the school counselor.

West River Electric: Lindsay Reagle: Operation Round-Up applications are due April 1st. They will have a booth at the home show in Rapid city March 24-26. Letters are being sent out to update information from account holders, it is not a scam. You can send the form in or call the office.

Other: Rick Husted: Businesses has been up this month by 64%!!! Leslie Merrill: South Dakota Wildlife Federation will be having a Youth Conservation Camp this summer June 2-8th in the Black Hills for 8-12th graders. DeAnna Kammerer: The Shriners will be having their annual Easter egg hunt at the Wall golf course March 23rd at 2pm.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm.



From Badlands Quilters:

The weekend of March 15-16 was again a very successful quilting getaway hosted by Badlands Quilters. There were 75 and 100 women that attended from all over South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska.

Friday night the weekend started with the bed turning that shows quilts made by many ladies attending. Saturday everyone started sewing at 8AM. During this time there were 5 quilt tops finished for soldiers with PTSD and quilts also worked on for Fort Meade soldiers.

We were fortunate to have 2 quilt shops attending; Out West Quilts & Fabric from Wall, SD and the Bakery Fabrics of Belle Fourche, SD.

We want to thank the merchants that supported us and furnished door prizes: Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce, Betty's Quiltery, Quilt Connection (Rapid City), 4th Avenue Floral, Nana's Mercantile, Dakota Sky Stone, The Little Outpost, Goldiggers, Badlands & Company, Wall Drug, and Keepsake Quilting. These doorprizes were given during the 2 day getaway.

The finale of the fun-filled weekend was the drawing of the name of the person winning the quilt the Badlands Quilters made and sold chances to win. The lucky winner was Marissa Lanfear of eastern South Dakota, daughter of Renee Livermore.

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**Chamber Luncheon:
No luncheon in April.
See you at the Annual
Meeting April 17th!**

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