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June Schedule of Events

June 4
Election
Wall Community Center

June 5
Satellite Office
Wall, SD

June 6
City Council Mtg
6:30PM, WCC

June 7
WBACC Board Mtg
7AM, WCC

June 10
Chamber Luncheon
12PM, WCC

June 17
Feeding SD Food Drop
1-2PM, Wall, SD

June 18
WEDC Board Mtg
6PM, WCC

June 20
City Council Mtg
6:30PM, WCC

June 22
City Wide Rummage Sale
Wall, SD

Forever 605 Day

GET A FREE 605 T-SHIRT & STICKERS!!

**ONE DAY ONLY
JUNE 5TH
10AM-4PM!**

TAKE A SELFIE WITH AT LEAST 6 OF THE 12 LISTED LOCATIONS

SEND YOUR PICTURES TO THE CHAMBER VIA FACEBOOK MESSENGER (IF YOU DON'T HAVE FACEBOOK YOU CAN SHOW THEM IN PERSON)

COME TO THE CHAMBER OFFICE TO CLAIM YOUR FREE SHIRT & STICKERS

- *WALL DRUG DINOSAUR
- *FOREST SERVICE- SMOKY THE BEAR
- *DAHLS CHAINSAW ART JACKALOPE
- *WALL LIBRARY
- *BADLANDS & COMPANY - JACKALOPE
- *BADLANDS HARLEY BIKE
- *THE LITTLE OUTPOST - BIG FOOT
- *DAKOTA SKY STONE - BISON
- *WALL DRUG - T-REX
- *WALL DRUG - COMBOY STATUE
- *BUFFALO GIFT SHOP - LONGHORNS
- *CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - MOUNTAIN LION



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Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

May 14, 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 Hayli Hull, second by Carol Hodges to approve meeting minutes from the Annual Meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Ron Dinger to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Jodi Bielmaier. Motion carried.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce: Katie Bruce: Community clean-up is this Saturday from 7-10AM, make sure to meet in front of Wall Drug to get your wristbands as Wall Drug provides breakfast to volunteers afterwards. We are still figuring out a plan for 605 Day and so I will have more on that later. The community center is booked the second Tuesday of June so members attending agreed Monday the 10th would be a good date for next month's luncheon. Celebration t-shirts are for sale and you can either order with me in the chamber office or through the Venmo listed on the Celebration Facebook page. They do need to be paid for before the order is placed. I applied for a \$10,000 TAP grant through the state to advertise Celebration and we should know in the next week if we will get it. The Wall city pool will tentatively open June 5th and you can sign up for swim lessons with me.

City of Wall: Mary Williams: Congrats to Chamber on a great annual meeting. Last week Wall hosted WDT regional leaders meeting. The president of WDT, trustees, and foundation director visited with what the mission was and what they have to offer. Last year the meeting was hosted in Philip and the result was their nursing program joining up with the Philip hospital. We need to look at what Wall could do through WDT as a partnership with the college. Saturday, we hosted a successful fly-in. 150-200 people were fed breakfast by the Wall ambulance and fire department. Wildland fire has approached us about becoming a site base and that is currently being discussed. Hangar space is available and should be a big draw as it is very hard to find in this area. Prairie Village has acquired local contractors to do their cleaning and lawn care and the city is working with Pennington County Housing Authority to make it a safe environment. Pam Johnson commented that previously their cooks had retired, however they are getting a new cook on May 20th. 4th Ave is still under construction and they will be trying to save an extra week by pouring the entire width at the same time. Dakota Mill will be shut down for 2 weeks to rebuild a damaged bin and the street will be closed.

Wall Economic Development: Dawn Hilgenkamp introduced Dani Herring as the new Executive Director. Dani: She has been in the office for 5 days. She lived and taught here in Wall for 10 years and was very involved in sports and activities. She has already gotten back onto Celebration committee. They have done some upgrades to the technology in the WEDC office this week as it was in need and on her second day, they had a meeting with Quest who was brought here by Black Hills Energy. They did a virtual and in person tour to learn more about Wall so they could help us market the industrial park. They had a lot of good things to say and suggested a few things to implement immediately. They will send a final report. Next week she will be going to Energize meeting in Hot Springs. They are doing the senior mailbox project again this year and the mailboxes are ready so if anyone has items to put in the mailboxes you can bring them to the office before Friday morning or you can also bring them to graduation ceremony as the mailboxes are put out at the school.

National Grasslands Visitor Center: Kelsey Bean: Showed images of the 2022 flood and the interior renovations. Fences are up and the outside renovations are underway. They are trying to complete the updates by the beginning of July. There will be a few other updates that will be completed this fall. They are planning outreach events like Smoky the Bear's 80th Birthday, an interpretive program at the Pinnacles primitive camping area and evening programs at the Badlands visitor center.

Rodeo Booster Club: Dawn Hilgenkamp: The arena will be busy this month with the high school practice rodeo, Little Britches rodeo and 4-H rodeo. The regional high school rodeo will be June 1-2.



Wall Ambulance District: Liliya Stone – It is very difficult to operate an ambulance service in a rural community as coverage is very difficult. The taxes received that go towards the ambulance is not enough to cover expenses. There were only 3 calls in April but they still need to be staffed 24/7. The ambulance could not survive without the city's financial help. They raised enough money for a CPR device to go in the second ambulance which helps when there is only one EMT working. EMS appreciation week is May 19-26th. They are planning to do some outreach activities with the school.

Wall Community Library: Linda Hiltner: Wednesday night is their quarterly board meeting at 6pm. They are working on a Smokey the Bear reading challenge with the forest service. Ester is starting the summer reading program Memorial Day week.

Badlands Quilters: Carol Hodges: They had a great turn out for their quilting weekend. They planned for 70 and 100 attended. They are working on next year's raffle quilt. They will be celebrating their 25th birthday of their quilt guild.

Black Hills & Badlands: Hayli Hull: Visitors are here and it is their goal to get them here and to keep them here. She brought opening date calendars for anyone who would like them. BHB has a new website and it has an entire new page for Wall that links back to the Chamber website. BHB created a new sticker trail program and she has brochures for the program. Each community has a sticker and the goal is to get visitors to go to each community to get one. VIP cards are going out if you are a member. The SD Guide for all four regions is going out. This is created for the entire state however we want to hand out ours as much as possible. The visitor center in Rapid City has UTV passes. She brought notepads with the phone number of the visitor center in Rapid City at the bottom and encouraged everyone to take some and use them for visitors who need help and would like to speak to a real person. The new BHB map has a QR code on it that will show the Route re-imagined which is a resource for the 385 road construction. It will show distance and time it takes for all the detour routes.

Golden West: Jody Bielmaier: Golden West is finishing up its 2024 Scholarship Program with employees and board of directors presenting the awards at local high school events throughout our service territory. The Wall High School scholarship recipient will be announced tonight at the WHS Awards Night. Congratulations to all the students that will graduate this weekend. A big thanks goes out to all the chamber businesses and individuals who have played a role in the lives of these young people.

West River Electric: Dawn Hilgenkamp: They are taking applications for the youth excursion trip to North Dakota. They will send up to 10 kids and it is an all-expense paid trip. It is July 22-24 and for high school age kids. The deadline to apply is June 10th.

First Interstate Bank: Pam Johnson: The First Interstate Greater Wall Fund has given 3 grants over \$13,000 to 3 non-profit organizations. They also awarded 8 scholarships for kids in their second year of school at a south Dakota school. All the funds from events like Festival of Trees goes directly back into the community.

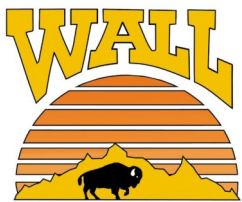
Conservation Office: Leslie Merrill: Trees are in so if you ordered make sure you call before you come pick them up so they can have the order put together for you. There are some extras that are not spoken for and those are listed on their Facebook page.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm.



Wall Satellite Office

OPEN: June 5
9 AM– 11:30 AM &
12:30 PM– 3:30 PM



June City Council Meetings

June 6th at 6:30PM
June 21st at 6:30PM

Country Cupboard Food Pantry Summer Hours June - August

Third Wednesday
June 19, July 17, August 21
9-11 a.m. & 5-7 p.m.

Third Saturday
June 15, July 20, August 17
9:00-11:00 a.m.

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279-2453, or 279-1045 and leave a message.
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WALL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

JULY 3RD



WALL GOLF COURSE AT DUSK



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117th Wall Celebration 2024

Red Solo Cup - we lift you up! Let's have a party!
in memory of Dale Sawvell

Thursday, July 11th

- 6PM: Broncs, Burgers & Beer -PRCA Slack @ Rodeo Grounds *\$15*

Friday, July 12th

- 5PM: Tent opens
- 5PM to 1AM: Red Rock Mobile open under tent
- 6PM: Mutton Bustin' followed by 7PM PRCA Performance @ Rodeo Grounds *\$20*
- 9PM to 1AM: Dance to **Slamabama** under the tent! *\$10*

Saturday, July 13th

- 7AM: 5k Run/Walk
 - Registration @ 6:30AM
- 9AM: Parade Line Up (south end of Main Street)
- 10AM: **Parade**
- 11AM: Tent opens
 - Stick Horse Rodeo, Inflatables
 - Wall Ambulance Dunk Tank
- After parade: Ice Cream Social @ First Lutheran Church
- 11AM to 1AM: Red Rock Mobile open under tent
- 1PM: Local Adult Cornhole Tournament
 - **NO** competitive league players (unless WHS alumni)
 - Registration @ 12PM, \$25 per person
- 2PM: Badlands Alumni @ Community Center
 - Registration @ 1:30PM
- 6PM: Mutton Bustin' followed by 7PM PRCA Performance @ Rodeo Grounds *\$20*
- 9PM to 1AM: Dance to **Flannel** under the tent! *\$10*



2024 EVENTS AT WALL RODEO ARENA

917 Floyd Sreet Wall, SD 57790

May 4, 2024

**WALL HIGH SCHOOL
PRACTICE RODEO**

May 24, 2024

**PENNINGTON COUNTY
4-H RODEO**

May 31- June 2, 2024

**WALL REGIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL RODEO**

July 12 & 13, 2024

**116TH ANNUAL
WALL CELEBRATION
PRCA RODEO**

July 18, 25 & Aug 1, 8, 2024

YOUTH RODEO PLAYDAYS

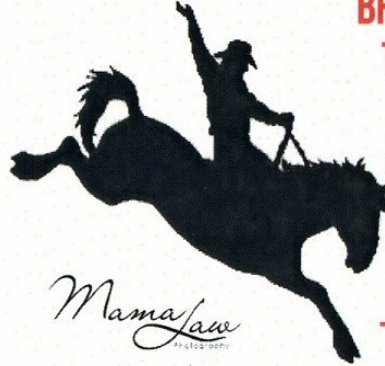


Wall Celebration Pro Rodeo

Wall,
South Dakota

**BRONCS, BURGERS & BEERS
THURSDAY, JULY 11 AT 6 PM**

**RODEO PERFORMANCE
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
JULY 12 & 13 AT 7 PM**

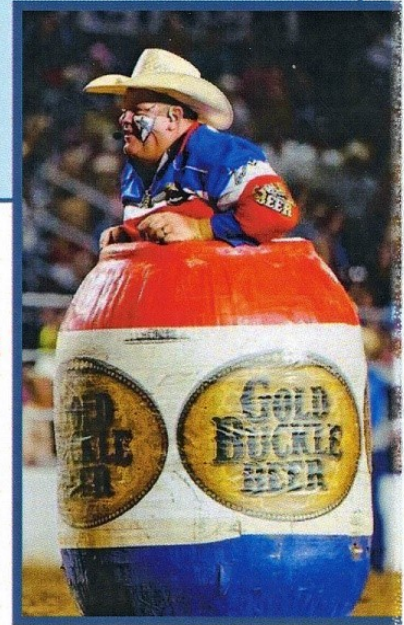


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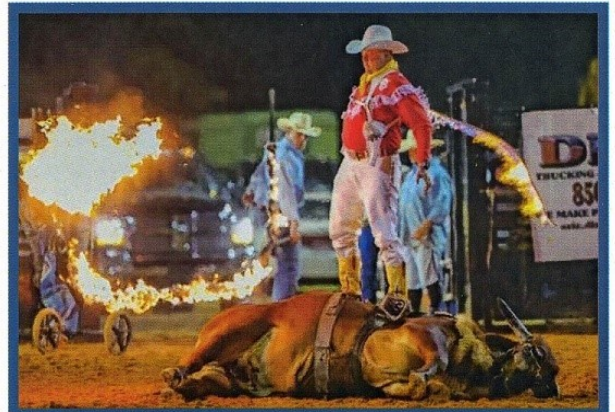
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Clown of the Year
Justin Rumford**

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online or buy them at
the gate for \$25.00



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**JULY 13
WALL RODEO ARENA
BEFORE THE 7PM PRCA RODEO
PERFORMANCE**

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Starr Chief Eagle

WICHAHPI OHITKA WINYAN BRAVE STAR WOMAN

- “EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD”
FROM CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL
- 29 YEARS OF HOOP DANCING.
- 14+ YEARS OF PUBLIC SPEAKING
- 10+ YEARS OF BEADING, SEWING, JEWELRY
MAKING.
- 8+ YEARS AS A SOUTH DAKOTA ARTS
COUNCIL ROSTER ARTIST
- WORKED WITH HUNDREDS OF SCHOOLS,
CAMPS, MUSEUMS, AND HOSPITALS
ACROSS THE MIDWEST.



WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Gina Kraut
Vice Pres.: Liliya Stone
Tres: Pam Johnson

Amanda Kjerstad
Ashley Kier
Molly Lytle

Wayne Shull
Lex Heathershaw
Savannah Williamson

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

2024 Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Membership

4th Ave. Floral & Gifts
AimHigh Mobile Detail
Aflac- Kayla Schad
American Legion Post 246
Americas Best Value Inn
America's National Park Stores
Anderson Investments
Arneson Auction Services
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Badlands & Company
Badlands Automotive
Badlands Bodega
Badlands Frontier Cabins
Badlands Harley-Davidson
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
Bin2Quinn
Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Assoc.
Black Hills Federal Credit Union
Black Hills Parks & Forests
Buffalo Gift Shop
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
Crown Oil
Cutting Edge Salon
Dahls Chainsaw Art
Dan Hauk
Dakota Mill & Grain
Dakota Sky Stone
Dawn Hilgenkamp
Days Inn
Donna & Al Crown
East Pennington County Ambulance
East Pennington Co. Conservation Dist.
East Pennington County Transit
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Evangelical Free Bible Church
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Farm Bureau Financial Services
First Interstate Bank
First Lutheran Church
Golden West Telecommunications
Hansen's Inn
Harlan & Lori Walker
Hub International Insurance
Hustead Law Office, P.C.
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Judy Goldhammer
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Kari Welsh
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Linda Hiltner
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Prairie Homestead
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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
Small Town Glo
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Sue's Avon
Sunshine Inn

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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
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