



# Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce

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## January Schedule of Events

Jan 5  
VFW Bingo  
2-4PM, 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 19  
VFW Bingo  
2-4PM, WCC

Jan 21-23  
Gov Conference on Tourism  
Pierre, SD

Jan 27  
City Council Meeting  
6:30PM, WCC

## “A Merry Surprise: Congrats to Our Grocery Spree Winners!”

At our annual Pancake Supper, several lucky attendees have the chance to win \$250 shopping sprees at Wall Food Center. Each winner gets three minutes to gather their items, with a few restrictions: no alcohol or tobacco products, and only one meat item is allowed.

This fun tradition is proudly sponsored by the Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee. This year’s lucky winners were Holly Schulz, Madi Grenstiner, Jacob Rohrer, and Jennifer Johnson (who was unavailable for a photo).



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# Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024

Noon Luncheon

Wall Community Center

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Gina Kraut called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Amanda Kjerstad, second by Jody Bielmaier to approve meeting minutes from the November luncheon. Motion carried. Motion by Ron Dinger to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Jody Bielmaier. Motion carried.

**Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce:** Katie Bruce: The parade of lights was a fun event with 9 floats participating and cookies and hot chocolate served at the community center afterwards. Our parade winners were West River Electric, Golden West, and Cedar Butte Challengers 4-H. A huge thank-you going out to Wall Drug and all our volunteers for making it another successful Pancake Supper serving 600 people over the course of about 2 hours. Our Wall Bucks winners were drawn and posted and the winners of the grocery store shopping sprees were Holly Schulz, Maddy Grenstiner, Jacob Rohrer and Jennifer Johnson. The Holiday Sweepstakes started in November and is continuing until December 31<sup>st</sup>. The final drawing will be on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**City of Wall:** Mary Williams: Thank you to the Chamber for organizing the parade and the event afterwards. There have been lots of great comments about the holiday decorating around Main Street this year. The city is working with SD Wildland Fire to make the Wall Airport one of their seat bases. The music concert at the Wall school for K-12 was last night and the new music teacher and students did an outstanding job.

**Wall Economic Development:** Rochan Burrell: Attended the Rushmore alliance board meeting regarding Geographic information systems which are interactive mapping that is not available on google. Working towards getting maps for the Wall Industrial Park. State Legislative update – CAPS allows voters to approve a 1 cent sales tax to pay for community projects that goes away once the project has been paid for. Municipal sales tax credit allows us to borrow against future taxes to pay for projects. A request for information was submitted for Extra Mile, a trucking company looking for 2-3 acres for a truck yard for 10-15 trucks. Attended Dakota Resource housing summit in Deadwood and there was an AARP Federal representative there. They have grants and loans for the 55+ community for housing upgrades including building mother-in-law housing for the home owner so they can rent out their home. Annual meeting went well. Col Keocher spoke on the base expansion and the runway remodel. The planes will be leaving during the construction but will return. 7451 people will come in with the new plane and then increase another 7,000 over the next few years. This will be an economic impact of 799.3 million annually. Attended round table with Senator Thune and learned there will be an increase in H1/J1 visas. They are also moving some departments out of DC into other states. Set up a housing authority board and the first developer is working on an application for BHACF funding. Researching grants for road safety and bike paths. Will be visiting businesses to get their opinions on what they would like to see Wall grow into. Mixers and coffee connects will be started in 2025 offering presentations from professionals to help business and the community.

**National Grasslands Visitor Center:** Kelsey Bean by email: Our visitor center will be closed the week of Christmas 12/23-12/27 opening for regular hours 12/30. Also closed New Years Day. Now accepting applications for two positions at the NGVC. The information is posted online.

**Rodeo Booster Club:** Dawn Hilgenkamp: Callie Mueller from Florence, SD was here at the rodeo during Celebration as Miss Rodeo SD and she was just crowned the new Miss Rodeo America.

**Wall Ambulance District:** Liliya Stone: There were 17 calls for November with 9 being transports. Most of these calls were on the interstate. They are working with RCFD to have an EMT class in Wall as they received a grant from the state and they are using the Wall ambulance as a test. This would be free for everyone with possible obligations after the class. We need local EMTs. They are also trying to find ways to offer CPR certification to the school and community but it is expensive and they are working on funding.



**Golden West:** Jody Bielmaier: Their offices will be closed for the holidays at noon on 12/24 and 12/31 and all day 12/25 and 1/1. The service lines will be open. Happy Holidays from Golden West.

**West River Electric:** Dawn Hilgenkamp: Scholarships available for seniors and the deadline is 1/29 and you can apply online. Jr/Sr Washington, DC trip and the youth tour to ND to see the power plant are all expenses paid and you can apply on the website by Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a Christmas drawing going on for an \$85 bill credit. Stop in or pay online to be entered. Their offices will be closed 24 and 25, a half day on 31 and all day on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Wall Drug:** Amanda Frink: They will be closing at 4:30 on Christmas eve and closed Christmas Day. Same for New Years. The Christmas sale is still going on and November sales were good. There are job openings in retail, café, and auto livery. Thank you to everyone who helped at the pancake feed as it helps to have the extra help.

**Black Hills Federal Credit Union:** Mandi Reuwsaat- They were able to volunteer at the pancake feed this year. They will have an open house until Friday and will be giving away two cash prizes. They will close at 12:30 on the 24<sup>th</sup> and all day on the 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be the same for New Years.

**First Interstate Bank:** They raised a little over \$20,000 at the Festival of Trees. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated. They are doing a coat drive right now and they have a ton of kids needing coats. They also have the angel tree up. They are closing at 2pm on the 24<sup>th</sup>. They are closed Christmas. Open New Years eve. Closed New Years Day.

**Conservation Office:** Leslie Merrill: They are getting ready for their awards banquet in January. They have 4 awards for community members. The Farmstead award is being given to Doug and Vicki Dahl family. They will be closed for the holidays. Orey Fricke: they have had interviews for new soil conservationists. Offers have been given out and hoping they are accepted so they will have a fully staffed office.

**United Methodist Church:** Pastor Trent: They would like to develop a recovery ministry and are looking for anyone who has been through recovery and has a desire to be a leader for the group. They are planning Prayer and Praise in Wall again this summer and would like feedback on what are good evenings and times for this to occur? They will be bringing in speakers again and have several lined up already.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

## FEEDING SD FOOD DROP

JANUARY 13TH

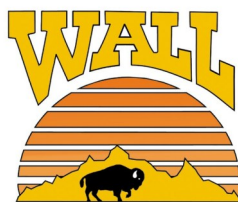
12:30-1:30PM

504 NORRIS ST  
WALL, SD 57790



### Wall Satellite Office

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



### January City Council Meetings

January 9th at  
6:30PM

December 27th 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.

For assistance call 515-1289, 454-2185,  
279-2453, or 279-1045 and leave a message.  
This is an equal opportunity establishment.

# Holiday Sweepstakes Winners

## \$25

Tracy Hauk  
Lorayna Popousek  
Marlene McMillian  
Arla Olson  
Julie Trask  
Tammy Green  
Mary Williams  
Harlan Walker  
Lee Reuwsaat  
Cathy Kennedy  
Dale Christenson  
Randy Walker  
Paul Paulsen  
Trista Reinert

## \$250

Susie Radigan  
Trish Eisenbraun

## \$50

Lexi Scott  
Kim Trask  
Denton Good  
Kevin Rink  
Matt Bowen  
Doug Harper  
Bonna Fortune  
Dan Dartt  
Brittney Bryant  
Sue Kroells  
Tammy Green  
Cameron Richter  
Travis Schroth  
Randy Volmer  
Rhonda Creviston  
Rhonda  
Veryl Schroeder  
Barb Reckling

## \$75

Tacia Osterberg  
Country Cupboard  
Glenn Swanson  
Harlan Eisenbraun  
Marilyn Huether  
Jim Kitterman

## \$100

Dan Hauk  
Deb Traveny  
Norma Carson  
Lena Carson  
Monte Denke  
Burt Dartt  
Rachel Buhmann  
Lori O'Rourke  
Lana Miller  
Lane O'Rourke  
Lila Brinkhous

## Previous Winners

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

Morris Linn \$25  
Hudson Johnson \$50  
Jay Livermont \$50  
Ronda Hamann \$75  
Wade Geigle \$100

Randy Volmer \$50  
Kelly Meeks \$50  
Lynn Dunker \$50  
Clint Stangle \$50  
Heather Nelson \$100

# WALL-BADLANDS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** Gina Kraut  
**Vice Pres:** Liliya Stone  
**Tres:** Wayne Shull

Amanda Kjerstad  
Ashley Kier  
Molly Lytle

Brandy Kammerer  
Lex Heathershaw  
Savannah Williamson

**Chamber Luncheon:**  
**January 14th 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  
Anadah Flavor  
Anderson Investments  
Arneson Auction Services  
Ascend Ag, Inc.  
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  
Cindy Weaver  
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  
EconoLodge  
EDWARD JONES/Hal Bailey  
Evangelical Free Bible Church  
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Farm Bureau Financial Services  
Farm Credit Services of America  
Freedom & Flash Fireworks  
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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  
Kari Welsh  
Larry Eisenbraun  
Linda Hiltner  
Lindsay Reagle  
M & M Sales  
Mama Law Photography  
Mary Williams  
Meals on Wheels  
Melanie Shull  
Minuteman Missile NHS  
Monument Health Wall Clinic  
Naja Shriners/ 4 Rivers Shrine Club  
Nanna's Mercantile  
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

Small Town Glo  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
Sue's Avon  
Sunshine Inn  
Super 8  
SWIFTEC Inc.  
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  
Wayne Shull  
Welsh's Motel  
West River Electric Association  
Western Dakota Tech  
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