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February Schedule of Events

Feb 2
VFW Bingo
2-4PM, WCC

Feb 5
Satellite Office Open
Wall, SD

Feb 7
WBACC Board Meeting
7AM, WCC

Feb 10
City Council Meeting
6:30PM, WCC

Feb 11
Chamber Luncheon
12PM, WCC

Feb 12
Coffee Connect
9AM, First Interstate Bank

Feb 16
VFW Bingo
2-4PM, WCC

Feb 20
City Council Meeting
6:30PM, WCC

“Behind Every Award is Passion and Dedication—

The Ruth Ziolkowski Outstanding Hospitality & Customer Service Award is given annually to four industry members, each representing one of the four tourism regions in South Dakota. This award recognizes tourism industry professionals who provide remarkable service to visitors and whose work demonstrates an outstanding spirit of hospitality.

The award for this region was given to Lyndy Ireland of Triangle Ranch Bed & Breakfast of Philip. “Each of these winners exemplify the one-of-a-kind visitor experience that Ruth offered her customers. Phil has even been known to go chasing after guests to offer them an umbrella in the rain,” said Hagen. “They all go out of their way to make each guest feel at home in South Dakota.”

The Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to have the Triangle Ranch Bed & Breakfast as one of our valued Chamber members.



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Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025

Noon Luncheon

Wall Community Center

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Board Vice-President Liliya Stone called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Susie Radigan-Kjerstad, second by Jody Bielmaier to approve meeting minutes from the December luncheon. Motion carried. Motion by Jody Bielmaier to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Carol Hodge. Motion carried.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce: Katie Bruce: We gave out \$4200 in the Holiday Sweepstakes this year and those Wall Bucks are all in my office ready to be picked up. Thank you to everyone for participating and to all the businesses for taking the time to fill the cards out. We appreciate it as this is a very fun promotion that the community enjoys. We had planned on hosting our Spring cornhole party again this year however we have decided to delay it out of consideration of the Shriners benefit for Ada Pelton which also includes a cornhole tournament. We will have more information on that after our next meeting.

City of Wall: Mary Williams: Thank you to businesses and residents who are clearing sidewalks and walkways of snow. A complaint was received from those walking to work and we want to make sure those residents can get around town safely. Building permit numbers were compiled and the city invested in infrastructure and now new homes are being built in our community. There are still lots available to build homes on in Wall and Cheyenne has a builder very interested in building in Wall. Sales tax for 2024 was down \$106,000 which made the city budget very tight. BBB tax was up over \$11,000 for 2024.

Wall Economic Development: Dawn Hilgenkamp: Rochan is attending meetings at Elevate today. They have been doing board training and there will be a meeting with partners about what the community needs. There was a meeting with the event center committee and they are looking for land to build a youth center for activities. Anyone who has items for newsletters please send them to Rochan. She will also be scheduling business visits to learn what businesses need. There is a revolving loan fund available for investors. There is also a tax rebate available on new homes built in Wall through the city for 5 years, this also includes the industrial park. The first coffee connect will be Feb 12th at 9AM at First Interstate Bank and it will be covering HR. minefields. If anyone would like a copy of the newsletter, please let Rochan know.

National Grasslands Visitor Center: Kelsey Bean: They will be having a booth at the tourism conference next week. There is a job open and posted at the visitor center. They will be hosting the National Grasslands Manager Meeting here in Wall at the community center in May.

Rodeo Booster Club: Dawn Hilgenkamp: they have a meeting on Wednesday to vote to hire contractors for summer events.

HS Rodeo: Dawn Hilgenkamp: They have 6-7 kids who have qualified to compete in the 20X rodeo during the Stock Show.

Wall School District: Mary Williams: January 16 from 4-6pm there will be an open house for the new CTE addition at the school. You can meet the new teacher and see the new facility. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wall Ambulance District: Liliya Stone: In 2024 there were 172 calls for service. 81 of these calls were transports. This summer there will be an EMT class in Wall. This will be a free class, limited to 10 people. It will be from June-Sept on Tues & Thurs evenings from 6-10 PM. There will be an informational meeting in March.

Wall Community Library: Linda Hiltner: They have a board meeting tomorrow with an election of officers. They have 2 vacancies on the board and are looking for new members.

Golden West: Jody Bielmaier: Happy New Year to everyone, Golden West has delivered scholarship applications to schools so seniors should reach out to school counselors. The deadline is March 14th.

West River Electric: Dawn Hilgenkamp: Scholarships available for seniors and the deadline is 1/29 and you can apply online.



First Interstate Bank: Brady Kammerer: They will be closed on Monday, January 20th.

Conservation Office: Lilian Helms: Their awards banquet was Sunday which honored those doing well with conservation practices. Scholarships were also given. These will be out in next week's paper. Their newsletter will be coming out in January. Leslie will be giving a presentation on women in agriculture at the Stock Show on Feb 5th, Room 206 at 3-5pm. It is free to attend.

Country Cupboard Food Pantry: Lilian Helms: Thank you to everyone who has been donating to the food pantry, it has been very much appreciated!

Scavenger's Journey: DeAnna Kammerer: The leader of Scavenger's Journey passed away, please keep her and her family in your prayers.

**Congratulations to Sarah Husted
of Wall Drug on being elected the
2025 President of the South Dakota
Retailers Association!**



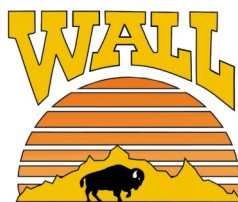
FEEDING SD FOOD DROP

FEBRUARY 10TH
12:30-1:30PM
504 NORRIS ST
WALL, SD 57790



Wall Satellite Office

OPEN: FEB 5
9 AM- 11:30 AM &
12:30 PM- 3:30 PM



February City Council Meetings

February 10th at
6:30PM

February 20th 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

Ada Pelton Benefit

Silent Auction
Donations
contact Michael
Luedeman
(605)685-8524
Brett Gartner
(605) 441-1057
Dean Schulz
(605)441-0666

Sunday February 2nd, 2025

1:00 PM

Wall Community Center

Free Will Donation Lunch

Indoor Ice Fishing Tournament

Corn Hole Tournament

Registration 1:00 PM

Tournaments Begin 2:00 PM

See you there!



Coffee Connect Series



Presenter: Syvon Nicolaisen, Ed.S., PHR

DODGING DANGER Avoiding the HR Minefields

- *Understanding HR Minefields
- *Legal Compliance & Risk Management
- *Workplace Culture
- *Misconduct & Conflict Resolution
- *How to Avoid Pitfalls

**Wednesday,
February 12
9:00 A.M.
First
Interstate
Bank
Wall, SD**

THE PENNINGTON COUNTY COURANT WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IS FOR SALE

Established business in Wall, SD since the early 1900s.

Contract for deed financing available to committed buyer. Seller owns the office building and would offer a very favorable rent structure with front access.

The Courant is an official newspaper for the City of Wall, Wall School District, and Pennington County. It is also the official newspaper for the New Underwood School District and City of New Underwood.

A great paid revenue source is established.

Interested parties may contact Don Ravellette at 605-685-5147



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:
February 11th at 12 PM
Wall Community Center
Lunch Provided!

2025 Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Membership

American Legion Post 246
America's National Park Stores
Anadah Flavor
Anderson Investments
Arneson Auction Services
Ascend Ag, Inc.
Badlands Automotive
Badlands National Park
Badlands National Park Conservancy
Badlands Natural History Association
Badlands Observatory
Badlands Quilters
Badlands Trading Post
Best Western Plains Motel
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Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Assoc.
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Black Hills Parks & Forests
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Common Cents
Community Education of the Black Hills
Cornerstone Industries
Country Cupboard Food Pantry
Crazy Horse Memorial
Crew Agency
Crown Oil
Dahls Chainsaw Art
Dakota Mill & Grain
Dawn Hilgenkamp
Donna & Al Crown
East Pennington County Ambulance
East Pennington Co. Conservation Dist.
East Pennington County Transit
EDWARD JONES/Hal Bailey
Evangelical Free Bible Church
Evergreen Office Solutions
Farm Bureau Financial Services
First Interstate Bank
First Lutheran Church
Golden West Telecommunications
Hansen's Inn
Juanita Schroeder
Judy Goldhammer
Jonny Creighton Winn
Karen Soderquist Team/ ReMax Results
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
Nohr Wortmann Engineering
Pat Husted
Pennington County Commissioners
Pennington County Courant
Prairie Homestead
Quinn VFW
RAV Printing
Rick Husted
Robert Sharp & Associates
Ron Dinger
Rush Funeral Home
Sander Sanitation Service
Sarah Husted
Shearer's Western Dakota Ranch Vac.
Singing Horse Trading Post
Sleepy Hollow RV Park
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St.Patrick's Catholic Church
Sue's Avon
SWIFTEC Inc.
The Little Outpost
Triangle B&B
Treat U Boutique
USDA Forest Service/Natl. Grasslands
Wakin Bacon
Wall Auto Livery
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
Wheelin' to Wall



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the mail.**

**Thank you for
renewing and being a
valued member of the
Wall-Badlands Area
Chamber of
Commerce for 2025!
And thank you to
Mama Law
Photography for
allowing the use of her
artwork!**