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March Schedule of Events

March 2
VFW Bingo
2-4PM, WCC

March 4
Community Blood Drive
2-6PM, WCC

March 5
Satellite Office Open
Wall, SD

March 6
City Council Mtg
6:30PM, WCC

March 7
WBACC Mtg
7AM, WCC

March 11
Chamber Luncheon
12PM, WCC

March 12
Coffee Connect
9AM, First Interstate Bank

March 14-15
Quilters Getaway
WCC

March 16
VFW Bingo
2-4PM, WCC

March 17
City Council Mtg
6:30PM, WCC

March 18
Celebration Mtg
4:30PM, WCC

March 26
WEDC Mtg
6PM, WCC

"Now Accepting Nominations: Golden Pineapple Award & Open Board Positions"

Happy March, Everyone!

I'm keeping my fingers crossed that since March is coming in like a lamb, it won't be going out like a lion!

The Wall Chamber has three board positions opening soon, and nomination forms are now available at the Chamber office. Each nomination requires 15 signatures from Chamber members and must be submitted by **March 25th**.

Additionally, nomination forms are available for the **Golden Pineapple Award**, which will be presented at our annual meeting on **April 16th**. This award recognizes individuals who go above and beyond in delivering exceptional customer service. If you know someone deserving, please take a moment to submit a nomination as soon as possible.

Thank you all for your participation and continued support of our community and Chamber events. Your involvement plays a vital role in making our town a great place for businesses and residents alike.

If you have any questions or need a nomination form, feel free to stop by the Chamber office or reach out to us. We look forward to receiving your nominations and celebrating our outstanding members at the annual meeting!

Wishing you all a wonderful and successful March!

Katie

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Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2025

Noon Luncheon

Wall Community Center

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

Motion by Carol Hodge, second by Ron Dinger to approve meeting minutes from the January luncheon. Motion carried. Motion by Jody Bielmaier to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Savannah Williamson. Motion carried.

Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce: Katie Bruce: Thank you to Anada Flavor for providing lunch for us today. Nomination petitions are now available for chamber board positions. These are due back March 25th and they need signatures of 15 Chamber members. I also have nomination forms for the Golden Pineapple award which is given out at the annual meeting. This award is for someone who demonstrates outstanding customer service. These are due March 7th. Our Spring party was postponed and we decided to turn it into a Wall in the Fall party with a cornhole tournament and fall activities for kids. We will have more information on that as it gets closer.

WBACC Nomination Committee: Savannah Williamson: According to Chamber Bylaws Article 4 Section 14, the Chamber Board President will appoint a Nominating Committee who will present a slate of candidates for the Chamber Board at the February Membership Luncheon; the Committee shall nominate at least one person for each vacancy on the Board. The Committee has nominated Kelly Welsh, Rachel Kjerstad and Christie Michael to run for the Chamber Board of Directors. At-Large Nomination Petitions can be picked up from the Chamber Office and must be returned to the Chamber Office prior to March 25. Any individual representing a Chamber member may be nominated by petition bearing the signatures of at least fifteen Chambers members who are qualified to vote. A list of names for the board election will be sent to Chamber membership in the April newsletter. The election for the Board will be held at the Chamber's Annual Meeting by secret ballot. Those elected to the Board shall take office on May 1.

Wall Economic Development: Rochan Burrell: The Coffee Connect was rescheduled to March 12th as the presenter has covid. The partner event is tonight with food at 5:30 and the meeting from 6-8pm. There is cracker barrels in Rapid City on February 15th and March 8th at 9AM at Western Dakota Tech. WEDC plans on hosting one next year with our representatives. The WEDC has job postings and rental listings on their website. The WDT career fair went well. It was well attended and there were several interested in starting their own business in Wall. Flyers were also given out for job openings in Wall. Entrepreneurship classes are available through Mitchell Tech, let Rochan know if you are interested. I am here to help businesses start, expand, and help the community flourish. Stop in and let me know what you, your business, and our community needs. I will help best I can to help us all flourish.

Black Hills and Badlands: Alicia Villa: Alicia took over for Hayli Hull back in July when she was promoted. 2025 state of SD travel guides are out and Black Hills and Badlands guides will be available in May.

National Grasslands Visitor Center: Kelsey Bean: This is their slow season however they were able to attend the SD tourism conference with a booth to promote the visitor center. They are still hiring and are still doing inside renovations. They have hired a new district ranger for Wall Ranger office and Danny Davis was introduced. He is happy to be here and looking forward to meeting everyone in the community.

Rodeo Booster Club: Dawn Hilgenkamp: the annual meeting will be February 17th at 5:30 in the West River Electric meeting room.

HS Rodeo: Dawn Hilgenkamp: The kids who competed in the 20X rodeo during the stock show did well with several of them placing in their events. The practice rodeo is scheduled for May 3rd.

Wall School District: Dr Sally Crowser: Spoke with representative from National Councils which is a foreign exchange student organization. These are all scholarship kids and they must go through the program to be eligible. If anyone is interested in hosting one of these kids, please let Sally know. The CTE addition is being utilized although they are still waiting on a few breakers to get some of the equipment going. The instructor has advanced skills and he is passing this to the students. Thank you to all those who have taken in kids on internships. The school has started making meals for Meals on Wheels again as Prairie Village is looking for a cook. Tonight, there is a board training. They are working on goals for the school. Parent/teacher conferences are the next two days. Last week Dr Crowser spent a few days in Florida for the Impact Aide meetings. Went to the legislature in Pierre two days, taking students on one of those days. Sports are busy with wrestling and gymnastics finishing up and boys' and girls' basketball doing well.



Wall Ambulance District: Liliya Stone: In January there were 11 calls with 7 of those calls being transports. The annual meeting is on March 18th at 7PM at the community center. They have 2 board positions up with Linda Eisenbraun and Angel Sieler running again. Petitions can be picked up in the city finance office and need to be returned by Feb 21st by 4pm. There will be free EMT classes held this summer for 10 individuals in the community. An informational meeting will be held March 31st at 6PM at the Community Center.

Wall Community Library: Linda Hiltner: The summer reading program will start in a month. This summer they are trying to get a local author to come to Wall through the South Dakota Humanities Council.

Golden West: Jody Bielmaier: March 14th is the deadline for scholarships to be turned in to the counselor at school.

West River Electric: Dawn Hilgenkamp: Teacher scholarships are available to be applied for online and these give teachers up to \$500 to be used in their classrooms for supplies and educational items. Several are given out every year.

Wall Drug: Rick Husted: Rick and Sarah attended the tourism conference in January and ran the tourism coalition booth raising money for the organization. They monitor bills coming through legislature that effect tourism businesses. They have a lobbyist hired. This session they are monitoring HB1138 which reduces property tax by placing a tax on advertising. The conference was great and it looks optimistic for next year's tourism.

Black Hills Federal Credit Union: Mandi Reuwsaat: They are closed on Monday for Presidents Day. Right now, they are offering a 6-month certificate that earns 4.5%. Last week Mandi visited the new Grasslands Visitor Center and encouraged everyone to take the time to do so.

Conservation Office: Leslie Merrill: The women of ag day at the stock show was phenomenal with 30-40 women gathering to discuss topics in agriculture. **Orey Fricke:** Applications for cost share programs are now open and they close in November. These will be for programs funded in 2026. Attended a mule deer foundation event and they would like to see if anyone in our area would be interested in starting a chapter in the Wall area. Pheasants Forever Deadwood chapter is hosting Pint Nights and the next one is at the Loud American on February 26th. This is a great opportunity to connect with other conservationists.

Badlands Quilters: Carol Hodge: Their quilting retreat is March 14th & 15th. There will be about 100 women here with 3 different vendors here selling quilting items. They are working on quilts for wounded soldiers. Everyone who attends will make one block and at the end of the weekend they will have 5 finished solder quilts. Raffle tickets are on sale for their silver and blue anniversary quilt for 5 for \$5.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm.



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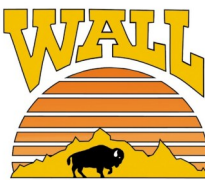
Wall Satellite Office

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

March City Council Meetings

March 6th at 6:30PM

March 17th 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.

FEEDING SD FOOD DROP
MARCH 10TH
12:30-1:30PM
504 NORRIS ST
WALL, SD 57790



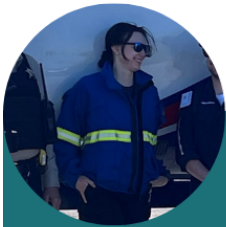
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- **Classes start this summer - get trained for FREE!**

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Join our informational meeting:

March 31, 2025 at 6pm

Wall Community Center, 501 Main St, Wall, SD

Your journey starts here - be the hero your community needs!

Community Event

Join us for a

St. Patrick's Day

MEAL

**Sunday, March 16
12:30 PM to 2:00 PM**

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church
701 Norris Street**

Free Will Offering

*Proceeds go toward St. Pat's Hospitality Fund





WASTA

Volunteer Fire Department

Steak Feed & GRAND OPENING

When: Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

Time: **5:00 PM**, NEW Wasta Fire Station

32 HWY 1416 Wasta SD, 57791

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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:
March 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
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Anderson Investments
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Badlands National Park
Badlands National Park Conservancy
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Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Assoc.
Black Hills Federal Credit Union
Black Hills Parks & Forests
Buffalo Gift Shop
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
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
HUB Insurance
Juanita Schroeder
Judy Goldhammer
Jonny Creighton Winn
Karen Soderquist Team/ ReMax Results

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Meals on Wheels
Melanie Shull
Minuteman Missile NHS
Monument Health Wall Clinic
Naja Shriners/ 4 Rivers Shrine Club
Nana's Mercantile
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

Small Town Glo
St.Patrick's Catholic Church
Sue's Avon
Sunshine Inn
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



You should have received your 2025 member decal window cling in 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!



Nominate Someone for the:
**2025 Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce
Golden Pineapple AWARD**

Have you had exemplary customer service in Wall, South Dakota? Has someone gone above and beyond to help you? The Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce wants to hear about your great service experiences.

In colonial times, the pineapple symbolized a sense of welcome, good cheer, and human warmth. We are looking for an individual that makes your day better and goes above and beyond your expectation. Reward your excellent service experience by nominating that individual for the 2025 Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Golden Pineapple Award. Nominees should work or volunteer for a Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce business or organization.

I would like to nominate: _____

Describe how they provided you exceptional customer service: _____

By completing this nomination form you are giving the Wall Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce permission to share this story publicly. We will not publish your name unless we call and secure your verbal permission.

Name: _____

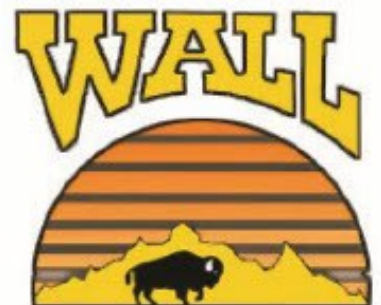
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The award will be presented April 16, 2025 at the Wall-Badlands Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting.

Please submit nominations to the Chamber office by March 31.

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Window to the West