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Welcome to the City of Alliance Activity Report.

- The Knight Museum and Sandhills Center is hosting the presentation of “New Harmonies, Music in Rural America,” in conjunction with the Museums on Main Street and Nebraska Humanities Council. Tonight from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. you are invited to learn about the history of Hispanic music and dance to the sounds of Los Ultimos del Norte Mexican Band as the final event to celebrate Ethnic Week. The museum will begin Big Band/Local Bands Week on Monday March 23rd. Don’t miss the fun on Mystery Monday when Pasha Gonzalez will present “Belly Dancing for Fitness” at both the children’s program at 3:30 p.m. and the adult program at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to attend a demonstration and discussion led by Brian Lafler on Acoustic Blues on Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. A teen dance will be held Friday, March 27th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. showcasing the following Garage Bands: Angels Lacking Halo’s, Flavor of the Week and Bless Me Ultima. There will be a \$3.00 admission fee per person which will be given to the bands to help defray their expenses.
- The Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale will be held on Tuesday, March 24th from noon until 4:00 p.m. for Friends of the Library members only and then open to the public from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, March 25th from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. with a bake sale that also begins at 9:00 a.m.; and Thursday, March 26th from noon until 5:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alliance Learning Center.
- All children ages 3 through 6 are invited to welcome Spring during Story Time at the Alliance Public Library on Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 26th at 10:00 a.m.
- City of Alliance staff would like to invite you to stop by their booth at the Home Show this weekend to view the proposed Comprehensive Plan and the Downtown Streetscape plan. The Alliance Volunteer Fire Department will be conducting blood glucose testing at the Health Fair on Saturday, March 21st for a \$2.00 fee.
- Librarian Jan Sears will be leading a discussion of the book, “The Plague of Doves” in the reading alcove of the Alliance Public Library on Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. Books are available at the circulation desk for anyone wishing to participate in the discussion. This program is the first of four programs designed and hosted by the library to supplement the PBS series, “We Shall Remain”, which premieres in April.
- Yard waste collection will begin on Tuesday, April 7th for the alley dumpsters and Wednesday, April 8th for the blue roll out containers.

- The City of Alliance is accepting Capital Improvement Project requests for consideration in the fiscal year 2010 budget. Written requests should be submitted to Tony Tolstedt at City of Alliance, P.O. Box D or dropped off at the Municipal Building located at 324 Laramie.
- Due to recent and anticipated changes in the City's public water system, the water department has begun implementing a permanent chlorination program. This will help ensure safe drinking water and will comply with Nebraska regulations once mandated arsenic treatment facilities are in operation. Persons with allergies to chlorine are advised to take appropriate precautions. Anyone maintaining fresh water aquariums are advised to use de-chlorination products when adding water to tanks. Please call 762-1907 for more information.
- Preparation for the demolition of the old swimming pool basin located at 125 West 16th Street has begun. The bath house facility will remain intact.
- 2009 Skyview Golf Course membership fees are due by April 1st. Memberships may be purchased at the golf course at any time, however green fees will be charged to anyone not having a current membership.

This concludes the Activity Report brought to you by the City of Alliance and KCOW. Please call the City at 762-5400 to share suggestions, comments or questions. Have a great weekend!