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Welcome to the City of Alliance Activity Report.

- The Alliance Public Library is hosting a number of events to supplement the upcoming “We Shall Remain” PBS series during the month of April. Library Director Dena Crews will review the book, “The Lance and the Shield: The Life and Times of Sitting Bull” by Robert Utley on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. On Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Jerome Kills Small, Instructor of Language, Philosophy and Native American Thought from the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, will portray Native American author, scholar and physician Dr. Charles Eastman who cared for the wounded Indians after the massacre at Wounded Knee in 1890.
- All children ages 3 through 6 are invited to enjoy Native American Stories during Story Time at the Alliance Public Library on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Choice Gas election will be conducted through Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. We would like to encourage you to call the available suppliers to be advised of the daily gas rates to ensure a selection that is right for you. Please call 762-5075 for your local ACE provider rates.
- Residents who receive trash pickup from the City of Alliance are encouraged to participate in the 2009 Clean Up Days from Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. During Clean Up Days, residents will be allowed to bring any items normally accepted at the Municipal Landfill for disposal at no cost. Please bring a copy of your Utility Bill with you to present to landfill staff to verify that you are a customer of the City of Alliance. Citizens who have no access to a vehicle capable of transporting items to the landfill, are asked to contact Keep Alliance Beautiful at 762-1729. Their offices will begin accepting pick-up requests on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The City will provide a vehicle only and requests that able bodied citizens load their material into the vehicle. Clean Up Days are for residential customers of the City of Alliance only. All business and commercial companies will be required to pay normal landfill disposal fees. The operating hours of the Alliance Landfill are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call Larry Heinrich at 762-1907 for more information.

- Red Cross swim lessons will be given at Big Blue Bay this summer. Levels 1 through 5 will take place June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup>. Classes for five year olds and Level 6 will be June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Registrations for lessons are now being accepted at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center located at 908 Yellowstone between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and will continue until Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. To ensure that each student is placed in the appropriate swim level, please bring their most recent Red Cross card to registration. Swim lessons will cost \$25.00 per child with reduced fees available for individuals who qualify. No telephone registrations will be accepted as payment is required at the time of registration. For additional information, please contact Shana Brown at 762-2384.
- Plan to attend the next Brown Bag Program at the Alliance Public Library on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at noon. Patricia Jones will review, “The Historians: Wizard of Oz.”
- The Community Development Department is enforcing Property Maintenance as referenced in the Municipal Code. Vacant structures must be closed up in a manner that does not present an attractive nuisance. Structures that are unsafe or unfit for human occupancy will be addressed by Code Enforcement personnel.
- The City of Alliance would like to invite you to log on to our recently updated website which can be accessed at [www.cityofalliance.net](http://www.cityofalliance.net) complete with new content and features including an events calendar and a news flash section. The City’s website includes an RSS Feed which stands for Really Simple Syndication. RSS is a system that will allow you to receive automatic updates whenever new content is published. To utilize this feature, click the orange RSS icon located on the lower left corner of the City of Alliance home page and follow the directions provided.