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Welcome to the City of Alliance Activity Report

All City of Alliance offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 26th.

Final bids will be taken tomorrow at noon for the Read Around the Posies silent auction sponsored by the Alliance Public Library Board and Foundation. Don't miss out on your chance to bid on a one of a kind creation!

The City of Alliance will begin work on the 10th Street Reconstruction Project on Tuesday, May 26th. Crews will start working at Big Horn Avenue and will continue east to Box Butte Avenue. Detour routes will be provided via 8th Street during the construction process. The project is anticipated to be completed mid-July. Please contact Eric Lenz at 762-1907 for more information.

The Ladies Golf Association Spring Clean Up will be held at Skyview Golf Course on Tuesday, May 26th at 5:30 p.m.

The Spring Affair West plant sale will be held on Friday, May 29th from noon until 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 30th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center. Annual and perennial plants, stepping stones, hanging baskets, rain barrels, yard ornaments and vegetable plants will be available for sale.

Big Blue Bay will open to the public on Saturday, May 23rd at noon if weather and water conditions permit. The schedule at Big Blue Bay is as follows: Adult Lap Swim and 8 and under Family Swim, Noon to 1:00 p.m.; Open Swim, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Adult Lap Swim and 8 and under Family Swim 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and Open Swim from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Season passes for Big Blue Bay are available at the pool and must include a 1 ½ x 1 ½ inch photo of each individual pass holder. If you do not have a photo, one can be taken for a fee of \$2.00. Prices for the season are Household \$130.00; Individual up to 17 years \$50.00; Individual 18 years and older \$70.00 and Individual Lap Swim Only \$35.00.

The Central Park Fountain will be turned on during the Memorial Day weekend for the summer season.

The City of Alliance will be implementing a two phase accounting software conversion which may slow service in the Utility and Finance Offices. The first phase of the conversion process will take place next week beginning on Tuesday, May 26th.

The Alliance City Council has proclaimed Friday, May 22nd as "Alexa Check Day" in remembrance of Alexa Foster, a young girl whose life was ended after a public park restroom block wall collapsed on her in 2004. This event is held to promote safe park and recreation

facilities in communities across the State of Nebraska. In observance of “Alexa Check Day”, an inspection of all City playground and recreational facilities will take place today. City of Alliance Park Foreman Joe Lewis has completed a National Playground Certification course and will be implementing a regularly scheduled playground inspection program. As a precautionary measure, the Parks Department will be closing the trellised area on the north and south sides of the Sunken Gardens in Central Park to public access due to an inspection of the columns and cross-members of the trellis. The City will be rebuilding the trellis area for several months, but the adjacent Sunken Gardens are still available for your pleasure.

The Alliance Public Library will be hosting a Thursday morning Story Time hour this summer that will run in conjunction with the “Be Creative @ Your Library” program for 1st to 12th graders. These programs will be held every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. beginning May 28th and ending June 18th. All programs will focus on the different ways to express yourself through art, music and imagination! Each program will be approximately one hour in length and are open to all children ages 3 to 6 years of age. The first program entitled “Let’s Act It Out” will be held on Thursday, May 28th at 10:00 a.m. Children will have the opportunity to be in a play with a part for everyone!

Summer hours will resume at the Alliance Public Library on Tuesday, May 26th. The library will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and closed on Sundays.

City of Alliance staff members and volunteers will be at the Alliance Cemetery over the Memorial Day weekend to provide assistance in the location of graves.

Decorations may be placed on graves at the Alliance Cemetery for Memorial Day beginning Friday, May 23rd and should be picked up by Sunday, May 31st. Items not removed will be picked up on Monday, June 1st and disposed of.

The Alliance Police Department and Alliance Fire Department will be at the Nic Gasseling Softball Tournament on Monday, May 25th to perform vehicle checks and provide safety information to motorists regarding the importance of wearing safety belts.

The Panhandle Men’s Club will be hosting a Steak Fry at Skyview Golf Course on Thursday, May 28th. All members of the Panhandle Men’s Club and Ladies Golf Association are welcome to attend.

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!

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