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Welcome to the City of Alliance Activity Report

Big Blue Bay is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 26th weather and water temperatures permitting. Operating hours will be as follows for the month of May: Noon to 1:00 p.m. Adult Lap Swim; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Open Swim; 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Adult Lap Swim and 8 and under Family Swim. Hours of operation will be extended as temperatures continue to rise.

Season passes for the 2012 swimming season at Big Blue Bay are available at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center only. The passes are available only at the museum from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please bring an individual 1 inch by 1 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 passes are as follows: Household \$130.00; 17 and under \$50.00; 18 and older \$70.00 and Lap Swim Only \$35.00.

The Alliance Public Library is excited to offer children three summer reading programs this year! Registration for the "Read for a Ride" program will be through Friday, June 1st. This program is based on an accelerated reading goal and if met, the student will be issued \$15.00 in Chamber bucks which can be turned in for a carnival ride bracelet or spent at participating local businesses. The "Dream Big" program will run from June 4th through August 3rd and will be based on a reading log which students must complete and submit to the library to earn weekly Pizza Hut certificates. A special program for children who have not yet entered school called "Read to Me," is based on the amount of time that the child has been read to. If the reading log is completed and turned in, the child will receive a weekly Dairy Queen certificate! "Read to Me" will run from June 4th through August 3rd. For information regarding any of the summer reading programs, please contact Shelley at 762-1387.

Between the Covers is the theme for the Adult Summer Reading program at the Alliance Public Library which will begin on Tuesday, May 29th. There will be 3 separate "Read and Review" contests as well as three scavenger hunts that will challenge you to search through the library and its collection to win! Winners of each of the contests will be awarded Chamber bucks! Each Thursday through July, evening entertainment will be held in the library Rose Garden at 7:00 p.m. and will include music from local musicians as well as a two-part series on backyard gardening. On Thursday, May 31st, Karena Soriano will be playing a variety of violin music for your enjoyment! Please bring a lawn chair as available seating is limited.

Decorations may be placed on graves at the Alliance Cemetery for Memorial Day beginning today and should be picked up by Sunday, June 3rd. Items not removed will be picked up on Monday, June 4th and disposed of.

The Knight Museum and Sandhills Center would like to encourage volunteers in the “Adopt a Civil War Hero” project to decorate the soldier’s graves in observance of Memorial Day.

City of Alliance staff members and volunteers will be at the Alliance City Cemetery from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 26th, Sunday, May 27th, and Monday, May 28th to provide assistance in the location of graves for Memorial Day.

All City of Alliance offices will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 29th.

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no trash pick up on Monday, May 28th which will result in steel containers being emptied only once during the week.

Now that the Central Park Fountain is in operation for the season, we are asking for the community’s cooperation regarding its maintenance. The water filtration and disinfection system is not designed to eliminate contaminants such as germs and other transmittable infections which can be introduced by swimmers or animals entering the fountain. Please contact the Alliance Police Department at 762-4955 if you observe anyone or their pets in the fountain. If you have any questions regarding the fountain, please contact the Cultural and Leisure Services Department at 762-2384.

Attention parents! Now is the time to enroll your child in a junior golf camp at Sky View Golf Course! Golf camps will be held on the following dates: Children ages 8 to 12 June 19th through the 22nd; ages 5 to 7 June 26th through the 28th; and young adults ages 13 to 18 July 10th through July 13th. Each camp is limited to the first 24 registrants. Please contact Brian at Sky View Golf Course to obtain a registration form.

For those families that have not purchased a Family Membership at Sky View Golf Course, the Family Golf program may be just right for you! Children under the age of 10 who are accompanied by a paying adult, will receive free greens fees Monday through Thursday before 1:00 p.m. and Friday through Sunday after 2:00 p.m.

The west entrance of the Library Learning Center will be closed from Tuesday, May 29th through Friday, June 15th while the steps are removed and replaced. The parking lot and handicap ramp located on the west side of the building will be available for use, however patrons are encouraged to use the east entrance of the Library Learning Center during the construction process. For more information regarding the process, please contact Eric Lenz at 762-1907 or e-mail at elenz@cityofalliance.net.

The Alliance Animal Shelter has a very affectionate 12 week old terrier mix and a black lab mix approximately 2 years old that gets along well with other dogs available for adoption. Please contact the Alliance Police Department at 762-4955 to arrange a visit! Information regarding animals available for adoption can be found on the City’s web page. In the search box, simply type in animal adoption for a current listing!

The Knight Museum and Sandhills Center has been named as one of 27 Core Museums for heritage tourism from a group of more than 220 museums and historic sites in the state of Nebraska! Stop by the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center located at 908 Yellowstone to soak up some history and check out your own family heritage!

This concludes the Activity Report brought to you by the City of Alliance and KCOW, working together to **“Build the Best Hometown in America!”**

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Have a great weekend!

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