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**Welcome to the City of Alliance Activity Report**

The City of Alliance Employee Recognition Banquet was held Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the following employees who were recognized for their years of service:

30 years – Marty Patrick

25 years – Earl Winter

20 years – Joe Lewis and Terry Jensen

15 years – Kirk Felker

5 years – Dan Kaiser, Stephanie O'Connor, Larry Heinrich, Matt Shannon, Brad Schrum, Tracy Davis, Morris Clyburn, Cindy Zurn and Anthony Kaiser

The Alliance Police Department presented the following awards: Medal of Valor: Timothy Peterson, Tyler Weber, Cody Buskirk, Colleen Busch, Jim Grumbles, Matthew Shannon and Kirk Felker; Purple Heart: Kirk Felker; Meritorious Service: Dusty Bryner; and Distinguished Service Elizabeth Rowe.

The Box Butte County RSVP will be hosting an Open House Membership Drive at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. If you are 55 or older, plan to attend the Membership Drive to find out how rewarding volunteering in your community can be!

“Journey Stories”, a Museum on Main Street project organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service will be on display at the Knight Museum & Sandhills Center from January 28<sup>th</sup> through March 8<sup>th</sup>. This compelling exhibition illustrates how our evolving mobility changed our nation and how transportation made us grow. A grand opening and ribbon cutting of the exhibit will take place on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

On January 27, 1888 Burlington & Missouri's railroad grade and tracks reached Alliance from Grand Island and the Rail Head from where material would be assembled for further advance of the “iron trail” was established here. “We are beginning to find that he who builds a railroad west of the Mississippi must also find a population and build up a business” is a phrase which became known as “The Burlington Creed” which the railway never forgot in its years of colonization activities. In commemoration of that historic event, you are invited to attend Alliance's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gala on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Newberrys. Tickets may be purchased for the Stetson's, Stiletto's and Steam Engines dinner and dance at the Knight Museum & Sandhills Center, BBDC/Chamber office or Kristi Ellstrom at Box Butte General Hospital.

This concludes the Activity Report brought to you by the City of Alliance and KCOW, working together to **“Build the Best Hometown in America!” Find us on the web at [www.cityofalliance.net](http://www.cityofalliance.net) or on Facebook at City of Alliance, Nebraska!**

Have a great weekend!