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Welcome to the City of Alliance Activity Report

All City of Alliance offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The Alliance Public Library will close at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25 and will reopen on Monday, November 30 at 8:00 a.m. The Knight Museum and Sandhills Center will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25 and will reopen on Saturday, November 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, steel refuse containers will be emptied on Monday, November 23 with no second dump on Thursday, November 26. Collection schedules for roll out containers will not change. The final collection date for yard waste will be Wednesday, November 25.

The Alliance Municipal Landfill will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving. They will be open 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 28.

The Alliance Public Transit will not provide service on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular services will resume on Monday, November 30.

Decorated trees and wreaths for the Christmas Tree and Wreath festival are due back at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center by noon on Monday, November 23.

The 20th annual Christmas Tree and Wreath festival will begin on Saturday, November 28 at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center. This year's festival will feature over 70 two foot trees and 30 twenty-two inch wreaths all decorated by local individuals and businesses. The trees and wreaths are available for purchase by using a bid process in a week long silent auction. Bids will be taken until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 5. There will be live entertainment nightly at 6:30 p.m. with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Sunday, November 29 and a matinee on Saturday, December 5 at 3:30 p.m. along with refreshments. A complete list of the entertainment during the festival is available on the City webpage. The hours of the festival are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 28; 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday November 29; 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, November 30 through Friday, December 4 and 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 5 when the silent auction concludes. Don't forget to bring your pocket change to vote for your favorite tree and wreath! To celebrate the 20th anniversary, several exciting new additions have been added to the festival that you will not want to miss!

The Knight Museum and Sandhills Center will be hosting “An Old Fashioned Christmas” on Sunday, November 29 at 2:00 p.m. Bring your kids and enjoy the fun of stringing popcorn and making paper chains for garland, making your own Christmas ornaments and much more! Mrs. Claus will be there to read Christmas stories as well!

The Alliance City Council will conduct a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education meeting room. Complete agendas and minutes are available on the City webpage.

Box Butte County RSVP has set up a Tree of Love at Thiele’s Gifts and More for residents of Highland Park and Good Samaritan Care Centers and at Bank of the West in Hemingford for residents of the Hemingford Community Care Center. The trees are decorated with ornaments offering gift suggestions for each of the residents.

Would you like to be involved in your community by serving on one of our many boards? The City of Alliance currently has vacancies on the A-1 and A-2 Downtown Improvement Boards, Board of Adjustment, Alliance Housing Authority, youth ex-officio positions on the Library Board and Hispanic representative on the Police Advisory Board. Upcoming vacancies include Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board, Alliance Housing Authority, Planning Commission and Police Citizen Advisory Board.

The annual Christmas parade will be held on Tuesday, December 1 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Line up for the parade will be in the 800 and 900 blocks of Box Butte Avenue, and the parade will proceed south to 4th Street. Santa Claus will be in the Santa House located at the 3rd Street Mini Park following the parade.

Enrollment for the Code Red Emergency Notification system is available on the City webpage. Simply click on the CodeRed Weather Warning box and you will be redirected to the enrollment site. The system will notify residents of snow emergency declarations, emergency situations, critical community alerts as well as severe weather warnings.

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!