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### **(Neb.)-Downtown Fall Festival Brings Down Home Fun To Alliance**



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(ALLIANCE)-This Saturday, the Alliance Chamber of Commerce and Historic Main Street Alliance are partnering with businesses and organizations to bring area residents a return to an Alliance tradition: A Fall Festival.

New events are the Pie Eating Contest, sponsored by Secret Treasures and Alliance Grocery Kart. There will only be a total of twelve entries taken. Entries will be on a first come, first serve basis on Saturday only. The rules are simple: the first person to eat an entire pumpkin pie will win. Hands must be held behind the back, and the first one done wins!

The Alliance High School Art Club is sponsoring a pumpkin decorating contest from 10:00-11:00 a.m. during the festival. People will bring their pre-decorated pumpkins down to the booth on the south side of Newberry's to be entered and to show off the artistic skills of people ages 3 through adult. There will be three categories: ages 3 to 9, ages 10 to 16, and adults. There will be a first place award for each of these categories. The winners will be announced at 11:00 a.m.

The Alliance Future Farmers of America Chapter is conducting a contest to judge the biggest pumpkins, ugliest pumpkins, etc. Biggest pumpkin will be determined by measuring circumference. Entries will be taken from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Northwest Community Action will be having a painting booth on the east side of Newberry's, which will provide a great way for kids to showcase their creative side by painting on pieces of donated wood. In addition, the All Moms group will be located in the street in front of the Post Office with playground equipment and other toys for kids' entertainment.

Val's Stained Glass Visions will be face painting in the lot at 4th and Box Butte, which is where the Chili Cook-off will be taking place. From 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., the BNSF Mini Train will be there with \$1 rides or six rides for \$5. This will be for unlimited rides once the "boarding fee" is paid.

Don't forget the Outhouse Races taking place in the 400 Block of Box Butte. K. L. Wood and Company, Tritle Plumbing, and Z & S Sheet Metal are sponsors. Participants will line up at 11:00 a.m. in the 400 block for People's Choice judging with the actual races starting at 1:00 p.m. There are four prizes: People's Choice for design and theme (Trophy), and in the actual races: 1st place (\$100 in Chamber Bucks), 2nd place (\$75 in Chamber Bucks), and 3rd place (\$50 in Chamber Bucks).

Bakers should consider entering the Pie Baking Contest. They can bake the pie of their choice, no entry fee, with the pie becoming the property of the Alliance Chamber of Commerce. Pampered Chef consultant Deb Hagler is sponsoring this event with prizes of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Entries will be taken between 10:00-11:00 a.m. with awards at 11:00 am. Participants can get an entry blank at the Chamber or fill one out before judging.

The Skyview RC Club will be in the parking lot at 4th and Niobrara from 10:00 a.m.-noon showcasing their skills at flying remote controlled helicopters, airplanes, and some remote controlled cars on the ground, too.

The 385 Cruisers will have cars on display in the 300 block of Box Butte, the Chili Cook-off starts at noon, the Newberry Beer Garden takes place from 2:00 p.m.-midnite, and don't forget the concert at the Performing Arts Center starting at 7:00 p.m. The concert, sponsored by KCOW, will feature 2012 Finger Style Guitar Champion Adam Gardino. Admission is \$5.

For more information on the Fall Festival, stop by 305 Box Butte or call the Alliance Chamber at 308-762-1520.

--Alliance Chamber of Commerce