



Activate Buffalo County Awarded \$10,000 Grant

Congratulations to Activate Buffalo County, a coalition of Buffalo County Community Partners! They were awarded a \$10,000 grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska to put their "Join the Movement" campaign into action. This campaign, a partnership with Wellness Works of Kearney, the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Kearney Public Schools will take place over the course of a year and will be broken into four quarters, with a different focus for each quarter, encouraging people to eat healthier, be active, and unplug from technology. Stay tuned for more information as the campaign gets underway! Congratulations Activate Buffalo County and partners!



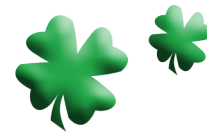
Anderson Honored With Youth Friend of Kearney Award

Jack Anderson, a senior at Kearney High School and a member of the Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board, was honored at the Kearney Chamber of Commerce 93rd Annual Meeting with the Youth Friend of Kearney Award. Congratulations Jack! Well done! *(Denise Zwiener and Jack Anderson at the 93rd Annual Kearney Chamber of Commerce Meeting.)*



Youth Advisory Board Prepares for State Capitol Trip

The students on the Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board are preparing for their annual State Capitol Trip coming up on March 20th. This trip is an excellent opportunity for our Buffalo County youth to learn about the state legislative process and gives the students an opportunity to dialog with state senators about issues they care about for their communities. This year the students are hoping to discuss bills relating to: the tax on sugary drinks, tobacco and alcohol free school campuses and synthetic drug use. Due to snow, the trip had to be canceled last year so the students are looking forward to this opportunity to meet with their senators and discuss these issues.



"Gowns for Every Ever After"

Are those gently-used, once worn prom and formal dresses taking up valuable space in your closets? Donate them to a great cause! The ARC of Buffalo County and the Friends Program of Kearney are partnering with the Hilltop Mall to collect gently-used or new fashionable gowns to offer at reduced prices for ARC participants. Proceeds will be split between The ARC and The Friends Program. Drop-off locations for cleaned formal and semi-formal gowns for all ages are at JCPenny, Herberger's, or the main Hilltop mall office through March 31st. For more information contact April Roggasch at friendsprogram@msn.com.



Pettit Takes Role of Activate Buffalo County Chair



Bobbi Pettit

Activate Buffalo County is under new leadership! Bobbi Pettit has agreed to take over the role of chair of the committee, taking the place of retiring chair Sue Keizer. Pettit is the Assistant Development Services Director for the City of Kearney. Development Services is responsible for planning, zoning, code enforcement and building permits and inspections. Pettit has taken a special interest in ABC as she understands that the manner in which a community develops has a direct impact on the health and well being of its residents.

CHAT Health HUB Seeking Health Workers

The concept of Community Health Workers (CHW) is an emerging profession. A CHW works within diverse communities who are at great risk of developing health complications, chronic health illnesses or early death. They provide a wide range of services such as outreach, home visits, problem solving, connections with social service and other activities. More importantly, a CHW advocates for their client's success to obtain quality health in a timely manner and help eliminate health inequities. The mission of Community Partners is to build a pathway that will provide evidence based mechanisms for other community providers and service organizations who would like to join our endeavors in creating a healthier community utilizing The Health HUB.

Available at the Community Partners web site (www.bcchp.org) is a Request for Proposal for organizations to complete, if they would be interested in contracting a CHW with Buffalo County Community Partner's Health HUB program. Applications are due September 30, 2012 to Jessie Perez at: chathub@bcchp.org or P.O. Box 1446, Kearney, NE 68848. If you have any questions or are interested in applying please contact Jessie Perez at 308-865-2287 to notify her of your interest in the program.

Did you know? You can donate to Community Partners online! Visit www.bcchp.org and click the "Donate" button in the top right hand corner!



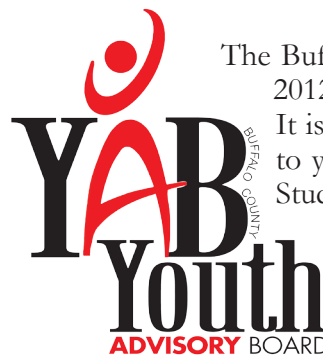
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healthier Buffalo County community.**

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Calendar of Events

- **Activate Buffalo County** meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Richard Young Hospital Board Room.
For more information: staff@bcchp.org or www.ActivateBuffaloCounty.org
- **Positive Pressure Coalition** meets on the first Tuesday of each month, 12-1 p.m.,
Region 3 Conference Room. For more information: positivepressure@bcchp.org or www.bcchp.org
- **Buffalo County Tobacco Free Coalition** meets on the first Thursday of each month, 1:15-2:15 p.m.,
Region 3 Conference Room. For more information: jbrown@region3.net
- **Buffalo County Health Ministry Network** meets on the second Thursday of each month, 12-1 p.m.,
Holy Cross Lutheran Church. For more information: (308)865-7741
- **Youth Advisory Board** For more information: www.bcyab.org
- **Buffalo County Housing Coalition** meets on the fourth Monday of each month, 1:15 p.m.,
Miller & Associates. For more information: candy@miller-engineers.com
- **Buffalo County Housing Senate** meets on the fourth Monday of each month, 7 p.m., Location TBD.
For more information: candy@miller-engineers.com
- **TIPS Trainings** For more information: positivepressure@bcchp.org or www.bcchp.org
- **Community Health Access Team (CHAT)** Meets on the third Thursday of the month, 12-1 p.m., Community Partners offices.
For more information: chathub@bcchp.org
- **Alzheimer's Coalition** Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Community Partners offices.
For more information: Alexandra Dillion at Alexandra.dillion@alz.org



Youth Advisory Board Recruitment

The Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board is beginning its recruitment for the 2012-2013 school year! What is the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) you ask? It is a youth-based, youth-led, youth-driven board that provides grant funds to youth organizations for the betterment of Buffalo County communities. Students from all the Buffalo County schools, grades 7-12, make up the board and meet once a month to tackle a range of social problems that concern them, from our economy and environment to safety, tobacco, alcohol and other illegal drugs.

In past years, YAB has hosted an annual Youth Summit and has put a media campaign into communities encouraging students to Take a Stand against making negative decisions, such as participating in underage drinking. The board also makes an annual trip to the State Capitol to meet with state senators and discuss issues in legislation that they are concerned about.

Have a student that is interested in making a difference in their community? YAB is a great opportunity to be involved, make connections and learn about making lasting change in their communities. Applications are available now at the Community Partners web site and the YAB web site. Applicants must get the signature of their school counselor, so keep that in mind as they apply. The application deadline is June 1, 2012 and should be returned to Buffalo County Community Partners: P.O. Box 1466, Kearney, NE 68848-1466. Call 308-865-2284 with questions!

Congratulations to Kearney Elks & Positive Pressure

The Kearney Elks Lodge #984 and Positive Pressure were recognized in the National Elks Magazine in February for their work during Red Ribbon Week in October 2011. Thank you for all your hard work and collaboration! You've truly made a difference in Buffalo County communities!

Partner with us

If you would like to partner with Buffalo County Community Partners through a financial donation you may:

- Contact Denise Zwiener at (308)865-2280 or dzwiener@bcchp.org
- Donate on our website at www.bcchp.org, Click on the blue "Donate" button

Our Mission

Buffalo County Community Partners is a county-wide, non-profit organization with a mission to assess, promote and strengthen the health of Buffalo County citizens. Community Partners facilitate change through the recruitment and training of volunteers and the creation of coalitions to impact priority issues that reach all corners of the county.

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