

Youth Advisory Board Kicks Off New School Year



From left: Lani Martin (Pleasanton), Molly Klinginsmith (Kearney), Madi Casper (Kearney), and Zach Oliver (Shelton), shared their group activities in front of their peers and parents at the YAB kick-off BBQ in September.



Denise Zwiener (adult mentor for YAB) spoke to the parents of the board members at the BBQ in September.

A big THANK YOU to John and Leslie Martin of Pleasanton for opening up their home for the 2012 Youth Advisory Board (YAB) BBQ in September!

The new and old members of YAB came together for their monthly meeting and afterwards spent time getting to know each other at the BBQ. Parents of the youth joined them for the BBQ and the board members took time to fill their parents in on the details of their meeting.

The Youth Advisory Board is off to a great start, but there are still seats to fill: Elm Creek (1), Gibbon (3), Kearney (4), and Sumner-Eddyville-Miller (2).

This board is a great opportunity for youth to be involved in a group that makes a difference in their communities. YAB tackles a variety of issues from teen substance abuse to the economy and environment.

They work with local policy makers as well as legislators at the state level, traveling once a year to the State Capitol to meet with senators and discuss the issues that are important to them.

To apply, visit www.bcyab.org, applications are due October 4th! Don't put it off! Contact Community Partners at 308-865-2284 or info@bcchp.org for more information.



Ride for Good Diversion Program

Buffalo County has a new diversion program available: Ride For Good. This program took youth and paired them with a mentor who encouraged them to set a bike riding goal they did not think they could achieve. The youth were given a bike and equipment and then trained and rode with their mentor, working toward the goal. Two local youth participated in and finished the program. Officer Rob Taillon with the Kearney Police Department, who jump started this program, said they saw a dramatic change in the two youth who participated.

Officer Taillon hopes to grow this program, and there are many needs to be met. To learn about the numerous opportunities for participating, contact Officer Rob Taillon at 308-224-0925 or email him at RTaillon@kearneygov.org. This program was funded by The United Way of Kearney, Buffalo County Community Partners, Good Samaritan Hospital, The Bike Shed, and the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant.

Community Partners Awarded Additional Grants

There is good news on the financial front lines of Community Partners as additional grant funding continues to be secured for the organization and its Coalitions! Below is a summary of the most recent grants awarded and the purpose of the funding:

STOP Act Grant: \$193,032 over four years awarded to the Positive Pressure Coalition (a work group of Community Partners) by The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The STOP Act grants are awarded to programs that work "to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth age 12-20 in communities throughout the United States."

Elks Promise and Beacon Grants: \$3,000 awarded to the Positive Pressure Coalition (a work group of Community Partners) by Kearney Elks Lodge #984. The funds will be used to encourage students to make a pledge to live a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Supplies will be purchased to promote the 40 Developmental Assets and will be distributed by Elks members in each of the Buffalo County schools during Red Ribbon Week (October 23-30, 2012).

Kearney KENO Grant: \$600 awarded to the Positive Pressure Coalition (a work group of Community Partners) by the City of Kearney Lottery Trust Fund. The funds will be used to support The Friends Mentoring Program of Kearney by purchasing materials such as activity books and games for use by the mentors.

Red Ribbon Week October 23rd - 30th

Buffalo County Community Partners is collaborating with Kearney Elks Lodge #984 for this year's Red Ribbon Week. Members from the Kearney Elks Lodge will be going into all the Buffalo and Phelps County schools during that week to distribute materials that promote the use of the 40 Developmental Assests and encourage youth to be drug free. There will be Red Ribbons and stickers, bookmarks, and calendars distributed. In addition, movie tickets that will be awarded as prizes to youth at each school who administrators have noted to be making positive decisions, being a leader or succeeding academically. In addition, the *Parents, Take A Stand* media materials from The Positive Pressure Coalition will be distributed to school offices and students.



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Calendar of Events

- **Activate Buffalo County** meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 10:00-11:00 a.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



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Isabel Thalken to their office as the
newest Administrative Assistant!
Isabel will assisting with various
projects, so if you hear from her be
sure to say welcome!**

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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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