

# THE CONNECTOR NEWSLETTER

January/February 2026



## WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR! HAPPY 2026!

As we look ahead to 2026, we are filled with optimism and gratitude for the community that makes our work possible. This coming year brings new opportunities to connect, advocate, and create meaningful experiences through inclusive programming, volunteer engagement, and community action.

We hope you will consider joining the Arc of Buffalo County as a member in 2026. There are more details about membership on page 2.

We are committed to listening, learning, and growing alongside the people we serve. We welcome your ideas as we shape the year ahead.

Please reach out any time with suggestions for programming and advocacy efforts.

With gratitude,  
The Arc Board of Directors

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US DURING THE GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE CAMPAIGN

We are incredibly thankful to everyone who supported us through Give Where You Live in December.

Your generosity fuels our work and helps us create lasting impact for individuals with disabilities and their families. Together, we raised \$7,910, making 2025 a record year for us.

We're excited to continue this important work together in the year ahead.

Thank you!



[www.arcofbuffalocounty.org](http://www.arcofbuffalocounty.org)



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2026

**MEMBERSHIP  
CAMPAIGN**

Register Before Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>  
to enter our  
Gift Card GIVEAWAY



# JOIN THE ARC OF BUFFALO COUNTY

**Support Inclusion. Strengthen Community. Empower Families.**

## Why Join the Arc?

## MEMBERSHIP PERKS



When you become a member you help create meaningful opportunities for people of all ages and abilities in Buffalo County.

- Discounts on Arc events
- Member-Only Scholarships for events when financial needs arise
- Priority emails & newsletters with updates and resources
- Local business discounts with your Arc membership card
- Early access to new programs and opportunities

**How to Join:** Fill out the membership form (scan the QR code to find the form), return it with payment, receive your membership card. **Questions?** Contact us!

## THE ARC OF BUFFALO COUNTY OFFICE

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**\$25** SINGLE MEMBERSHIP  
**\$50** FAMILY MEMBERSHIP



### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thearcabc>
- Instagram: @thearcabc
- TikTok: @thearcofbuffaloco





# UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a lot of great upcoming events. We'd love to see you. If you have questions or suggestions, give us a call at 308-237-4343 or email [ArcofBuffaloCounty@gmail.com](mailto:ArcofBuffaloCounty@gmail.com)

## JANUARY

### **Arc Night Out -Mixer**

**Tuesday - January 13**

5:45 pm -The Cellar

You are responsible for providing your own transportation and paying for your food and drinks.

### **Craft Class- Heart Puzzles**

**January 27**

4 - 5 pm

at the Arc Office

Cost: \$10 per member/\$15 non-member

Limited to 10 people

### **Winter Step Challenge**

**November thru March**

Cost: FREE

We want to encourage you to get active over the Winter with a step challenge.

**To sign up:** Email or call the office.

**Prizes awarded monthly.**

*Save  
The  
Date*

The Arc Formal - *Everyone's A VIP*  
will be March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn  
6-9pm Dinner & Dance  
More details to come!



### **Buddy Bowling - Wednesdays**

**February 4 - April 1**

Skipping March 18 due to Spring Break  
Registers by Jan. 28  
\$40 members/\$50 non-members

### **Valentine's Dance**

**February 12**

6pm - 7:30 pm

at the Harmon Park Activity Center  
\$3 member/ \$5 non-member

### **Arc Night Out -Mixer**

**Wednesday - February 18**

5:45 pm -Cunninghams by the Lake  
You are responsible for providing your own transportation and paying for your food and drinks.

Save the Date

*The Arc of Buffalo County*

**FORMAL**

*Everyone is a VIP!*

*MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2026*

*HOLIDAY INN- KEARNEY*

*6PM- 9PM*

*DINNER & DANCE*



*The sweeter way to say  
I love you!*

Give the gift that is meaningful,  
delicious and community  
supporting this Valentine's Day

## *Sweeten The Day*

Local Nebraska Honey  
by the bottle or case.  
\$7 each  
\$160 per case of 24.



All Proceeds from Honey Sunday are used locally in Buffalo County to ensure activities and supports for children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities will continue.

## *Order Form*

# OF BOTTLES \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL COST \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_



TO ORDER BY PHONE  
CALL THE ARC OFFICE  
AT 308-237-4343



TO ORDER BY MAIL:  
SEND FORM WITH CHECK TO THE  
ARC OF BUFFALO COUNTY  
4511 6TH AVENUE,  
KEARNEY, NE 68845



TO PLACE ORDER BY EMAIL:  
ARCOFBUFFALOCOUNTY@GMAIL.COM

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# BUDDY BOWLING

## BOWLERS

**Cost: \$40 for members  
\$50 for non-members**

**Register by: January 28**



**Scan for Bowler  
Sign Up**

## VOLUNTEERS

**Volunteers can sign up to help  
as individuals or as part of a club  
or organization.**



**Scan for  
Individual Volunteers  
Sign Up**



**Organization / Club  
Volunteers  
Sign Up**

**Wednesdays  
February 4<sup>th</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>  
from 4-5 pm at The Big Apple,  
500 West 4th St. in Kearney**

Buddy Bowling is an 8-week bowling program that brings together people (ages 6 & up) with disabilities and volunteers for an hour of bowling and community building each week.



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The Arc relies on fundraising and donations to make our events and programs possible. Ways to Donate: Cash, Check, or Card. Scan the QR Code to donate at our Website.



## EVENTS REGISTRATION FORM

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional limitations and/or information that will benefit the staff helping you or your person:

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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the participant have any food/drug allergies? If yes, please list:

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Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Wheelchair      Walker      Crutches

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Events:

Craft Class

Arc of Buffalo County

Winter Step Challenge

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Valentines Dance