

THE CONNECTOR

NEWSLETTER

August 2026



"THE WORLD WORKS BETTER WITH US!"



On July 10, our community came together at the Holiday Inn in Kearney for The Arc of Buffalo County's fourth annual Disability Pride Day. This year's theme, **"The World Works Better With Us,"** was on full display as friends, families, and neighbors filled the room with energy and joy. More than 30 vendors joined us, sharing valuable information, resources, and services for individuals with disabilities and their families. Between vendor visits, guests got creative with a collaborative art project, face painting, sparkled with hair tinsel, and struck a pose at the photo booth.

The day wasn't just about fun, it was about our voices, too. We gathered for a listening session to learn about the latest local, state, and federal news affecting the disability community, and to talk about what matters most to us right here in Buffalo County.

And finally, to cap off a day of pride, the Show Your Glow dance brought everyone to the floor, glowing, as we danced the day to a close.

A special thank-you to our sponsors:

Molina Healthcare, Parker Hannifin, The Holiday Inn in Kearney, ILC, Frontier Home Medical, Kids & Dreams Foundation, Spectrum Center for Autism, Nebraska Total Care, People First of Nebraska, Mosaic, Arc of Nebraska, Nebraska AIDS Project, Schrock Medical Clinic, and MSSTS Megan Smith, Speech Therapy Services. **Your generosity made this day possible, and your commitment to inclusion in Buffalo County means the world to us.**

Thank you as well to every vendor, volunteer, guest, and friend who made this day shine. You are the proof that the world truly does work better with us.

We can't wait to see you next year!
-The Arc Board of Directors





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

August

Arc Night Out - Mixer at 5:45 pm

Tuesday, 8/11 at The Toasted Goat

Please plan to pay for your own meals and drinks. And provide your own transportation.

Summer Luau Dance

Friday, August 14

6:30 pm to 8 pm

at the Harmon Park Activity Center

Cost: \$3 member \$5 non-member

Sno-Cones Provided!

September

Arc Night Out - Mixer at 5:45 pm

Tuesday, 9/8 at Location: TBD

Please plan to pay for your own meals and drinks. And provide your own transportation.

Fall Buddy Bowling

Wednesdays: 9/2 - 10/7

at the Big Apple

Cost: \$40 for members;

\$50 for non-members. See flyer for details.

Register by: August 26

Bowler Sign Up:

<https://forms.gle/ELnCdXHLHGDNhCyq6>

Volunteer Sign up:

<https://forms.gle/LzTPsAZNyDkG9ABQ6>



Help us Celebrate these member August Birthdays!

August

Travis Davis

James Plate

Joyce Peterson

Samantha Perdue

Rick Strickland

Jozlyn England

Karen Noltensmeier

Patricia Nordues

LeeAnne Carlson

Marti Cramer



Stop and see us at:

Kids & Dreams Foundation

Autism Conference:

September 11, 2026

Details Here:

<https://www.kidsanddreams.org/conference>



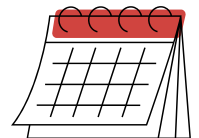
Save the Date for these future events:

Homecoming Parade 10/3

Arc Night Out 10/13

Halloween Dance 10/30

Honey Sunday 11/1



Do you have an event or activity coming up? Let us know, and we will add it to our newsletter for you!



The Arc of Buffalo County

BUDDY BOWLING

Wednesdays

September 2 - October 7
from 4-5 pm at The Big Apple,
500 West 4th St. in Kearney

BOWLERS

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

Register by: August 26



**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**



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Member Spotlight



Hunter is Self Advocate board member for the Arc of Buffalo County.



Volunteer & Donation Needs

Volunteer Needs: Volunteers are needed for upcoming events. You can sign up online:

[CLICK HERE.](#)

Or contact us by phone or email.

308-237-4343 or

ArcOfBuffaloCounty@gmail.com

Donation Needs: Truck/Trailer for Homecoming Parade, Dance/Party Decorations



Resource Corner

We're working to build out our Resource Directory. If you have resources to add or share to our website. Please let us know at

ArcOfBuffaloCounty@gmail.org

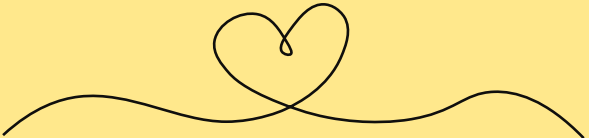
[Visit the site here:](#)

<https://arcofbuffalocounty.org/resources/>

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EVENTS REGISTRATION FORM

Participant Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Wheelchair Walker _____

Crutches _____

Other _____

Events: _____

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

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

Card Payments can be accepted over the phone. **Please make checks payable to:**

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