The Arc
Buffalo County

Connector

May—June 2016

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Mission Statement

The Arc of Buffalo County advocates for the rights of citizens with developmental disabilities and their families.

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Graduation party! Celebrate UNK Graduation and Farewell for our Staff on May 2nd from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Annual Membership Meeting

Friday, June 10th from 6-8 pm

All Arc members, plan to attend our annual meeting where we elect new board members and officers, recount the year's successes, and present the CJ Willis Award. This award is given annually to an individual who has done outstanding volunteer work, serving people with developmental disabilities. Please come celebrate this year's surprise recipient! Plenty of time for fellowship and refreshments too!

If you would like to be taken off the Arc mailing list please call The Arc office at 308-237-4343.

Disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society, pursue meaningful careers, and integration in the economical, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society. -1992 Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act

Challenger Baseball

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm

June 1– June 29

Kearney's SW Field on West Lincoln Way (by the west overpass)

$25 registration

For youth ages 5-high school transition who have a physical or mental challenge that prevents them from safely participating in other baseball programs. Registration is $25. Registration forms are available at the Arc office or on the arc website. Email Becky Crocker at 2browndogz@charter.net for an application and more info, or call The Arc office at 308-237-4343.

Kearney Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program

The Kearney Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program will soon begin summer riding sessions and welcomes both new and returning riders. For more information call Carter at (308)-224-1236 or Tanya at (308)-293-6025. Volunteers over the age of 16 who would be interested in helping should also call! Many Arc participants have thoroughly enjoyed this program!

KidZone Respite

The Arc provides free respite at the Kidzone Children's Museum the first Thursday of each month for member youth ages 2-12 who have a disability or delay and their siblings. Respite is **May 5** Pre-registration is required and is limited to the first 25 youth. In June registration forms for July, August, September will be sent to previously registered families. If you have not yet registered your children for this program, please call the office to request a form. (308)-237-4343. This is a pre-planned event and we must arrange adequate coverage—no phone registrations or walk-ins are accepted.

June Respite will look a little different this year! We are going to have a **family night**! Parents and children are invited to go to the Jubilee dinner before hand and then come to The Arc office for a movie as a family! All siblings invited with parents in attendance!

AKtion Club

Monday May 9

Monday June 6

1:30 pm (Board meeting at 1 pm)

DSN conference room

1709 39th St.

AKtion Club is a service club for adults with disabilities that gives members an opportunity to serve in their community.

May Birthdays

Dustin McNew-5/9

Dustin Henderson-5/11

Robin Anderson-5/11

Angel Atkinson-5/13

Brian Rolfsmeyer-5/16

Marissa Webster-5/21

Cordell Richards-5/22

JJ Phillippi-5/25

Tropical Dance

Friday, July 8th: 7:00-8:30 pm

Harmon Park Activity Center

Admission $3/member or $5/non-member

If your last name begins with letters A-L please bring a dessert/sweet to share. Last names beginning with letters M-Z bring a side dish to share.

June Birthdays

June Zuellner-6/6

Matt Young-6/16

Cade Miller-6/17

Tatum Meads-6/20

Scott Hickle-6/21

Brian Peterson-6/21

Kearney People First Meetings

May 26, 4-5 pm

June 23, 4-5 pm

Kearney Manor Pavilion

People First meetings are usually held the fourth Thursday of the month, 4-5pm at Kearney Manor Pavilion. People First of Kearney is affiliated with People First of Nebraska, the only state-wide, non-profit self advocacy organization for adults with developmental and physical disabilities. The purpose of People First is to encourage self-advocates to speak for them, learn their rights and responsibilities, and to work together to make services better for people with disabilities.

Registration Form

Arc's 2016 Summer Sessions

Summer Programs: *Check the boxes of the activities you plan to join*

___ ***$_____*** ***Fishing Club:*** Every Tues. from May 31– July 19 (Not July 5th) at 9:30-11am at Cottonmill Lake. Fee is $20 for Arc members/$25 for non-members. Bring your own pole if you can, bait supplied. Regular & disability permits available online at www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov. **If you are 16+ or older you must have a fishing permit**.

___ *$____* ***Swim Club:*** Fridays: June 17, 24, July 1,15, 22, 29 from 3-5 pm at Harmon Pool. For ages 11 and up. Must pay for their ticket into pool. There is a one time fee of $15 for Arc members /$18 for non-members to cover Arc supervision.

___ *$____* ***Craft Class:*** Saturdays June 18th, July 16th, Aug 20th from 10-12 at The Arc office. For ages 18 and up. Cost **per class** is $8 for members $10 for non-members.

Other events:

Challenger Baseball: Arc helps support this program on Wednesday evenings June 1– June 29.

Kearney Park & Rec Cottonmill Fun Day: Includes paddle-boating, water play, games, hikes, and visit to Rotary Nature Barn. Friday, June 10 from 1-5pm. For participants ages 10 and older. Cost $17 **and you must register through KPR.** Arc staff plan to help too!

Kearney Park & Rec Adaptive Tennis Lessons: Meets July 11-14 at Harmon Park Tennis Courts, 8:45-9:40am. Participants ages 10-30. **Register at KPR (# 237-4644).** Cost is $15. Arc staff plan to help too!

$_____ I am paying for an annual Arc Family membership-$40.00 OR Individual Membership-$20.00

$_____ Donation for Scholarship Fund Enclosed

$_____ **Total Fees enclosed** **Cash or Check** **(Please circle one)**

Participant's Name _____

Age _____ Birth date_____

Parent or Guardian Name_____

Parent's email address _____

Address _____

Zip Code_____

Phone Number (____)-_____

Cell Number (____)-_____

Participants disability:

_____

_____

Wheelchair_____ Walker_____ Crutches_____

Additional limitations and/or information that will help the staff helping your child

_____

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Does your child have any food/drug allergies? If yes, please list:

_____

This is not a Kearney Public School event

Please make checks payable to:

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The Arc Annual Family Picnic

Sun., June 26th

Serving between 5-6:30 pm

Yanney Park Rotary Shelter & ERC Building

Attraction: Food, splash playground, fishing, & paddle boats. Bring a swimsuit or change of clothes for the splash playground.

Special Event: Crane Theatre play, Wizard from 7-9 pm at Yanney Amphitheater. Bring a blanket or lawn chair!

Cost: No charge if you bring a dish or $5/person without a side dish.

Sloppy Joes, beverages, and table service provided.

What to Bring: If your name begins with letters A-L please bring a dessert to share. Last names beginning with letters M-Z bring a salad or side to share.

*If you are over 16 you need a fishing license! Discounted permits are available for individuals with disabilities on the Nebraska Game & Parks website.

CP Midwest Group

June 10th-12th

Friday meet & Greet p.m. Saturday 9a.m.-4p.m. Sunday 9a.m.-12 noon

For more information:

Kellie Ellerbusch (402) 559-4892

Christi Crosby ccrosby5@cox.net

Ramada Plaza Omaha Hotel & Convention Center

3221 S 72nd Street, Omaha, NE

Conference Registration $65.00 (includes conference & lunch on Saturday)

Connect with other Adults with Cerebral Palsy

Become a Member of the New Midwest CP Network

Meet National Board Members and become a part of the National CP conference in October

For hotel reservations contact the Ramada Plaza Omaha at **(402) 339-3950**

Rooms are reserved under **"UNMC" Double or Single Room $89.00 + tax**

Transportation to/from the airport provided free with reservation. Call **hotel Five days prior to arrival** to reserve shuttle service.

Additional Info: Breakfast Buffet available in hotel for $10.00 + tax. CoCo keys is attached to hotel $10.00 per person (at discounted price)

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	*2* Farewell Party 5:30-7:00	*3*	*4*	5 Kidzone Respite 6-8 pm	*6*	*7* Outdoor Expo at Ft. Kearney 9-4pm
8	9	*10*	*11*	*12*	*13*	*14*
15	*16*	*17*	*18*	*19*	*20*	21
22	23	*24*	25	26 People First at Kearney Manor Pavilion 4-5 pm	27	28
29	30	31 Fishing Club 9:30-11 @ Cottonmill				

June 2016

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			1 Challenger Baseball 7:00-8:30 pm	*2* KidZone Respite 6-8pm At Arc office	*3*	*4*
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Photo Booth Scenes from our Valentine's Day Dance