

May 2013

**Briefs:**

May 8 is Bike to School Day. Families are encouraged to bike to school together, so strap on that helmet, hop on your bikes, and enjoy a little early morning exercise. For more information, visit [activatebuffalocounty.com](http://activatebuffalocounty.com).

Walk Out on Your Job is taking place Wednesday, May 15, at noon. If you are interested in registering, the deadline is May 3. Applications can be found at [kearneycoc.org/Partners](http://kearneycoc.org/Partners).

**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](mailto:dzwiener@bcchp.org)

Donate on our website, [bcchp.org](http://bcchp.org), by clicking the blue "Donate" button.



## Activate Buffalo County Upgrades

Started in 2008, the Activate Buffalo County coalition has worked to encourage healthy eating habits and active lifestyle choices as part of the Community Partners 2020 Vision Goal. This year, they chose a new logo and upgraded their website in an effort to better promote those goals.

“The website is much cleaner and easier to navigate. There’s also a focus on sharing more photos and videos to really try to connect with our community,” said Coalition

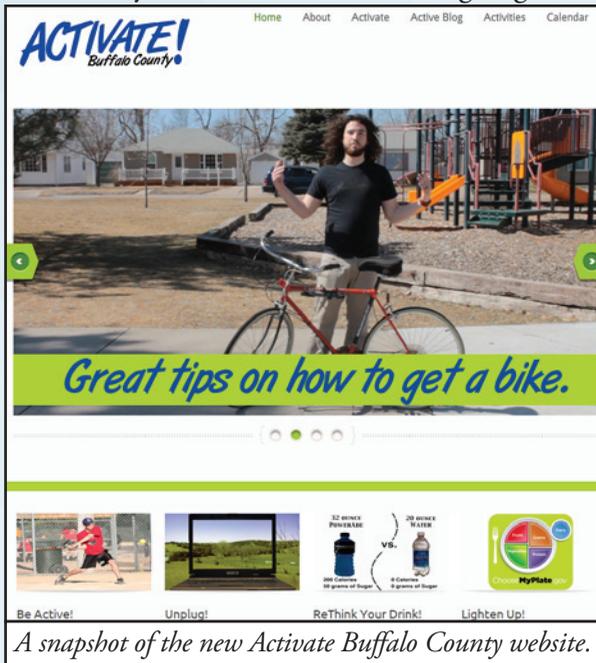
Coordinator Holden Armstrong.

The coalition has also embraced other online mediums such as YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram, under the username “ActivateBC”, in an effort to better spread their message.

“Our YouTube channel provides exciting new opportunities for collaboration. Promoting and strengthening the health of Buffalo County is part of the core mission of Community Partners and this is going to be a great method

of disseminating information on outcomes and successes,” said Suzanne Brodine, chair of the Community Partners board of directors.

Visit [ActivateBuffaloCounty.com](http://ActivateBuffaloCounty.com) to see all the changes and find out how you can be active!



*A snapshot of the new Activate Buffalo County website.*

# Board Gains Two New Members, Bids Farewell to One

Buffalo County Community Partners is rounding out their board with two new members: Marion McDermott, executive director of the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Ken Shaffer, physician at Kearney Clinic.

“As a board member of Buffalo County Community Partners, I hope to gain knowledge



*Marion McDermott*

about each of the various partnerships and apply that knowledge to strengthen the Bridges Out of Poverty coalition. Sustainable employment that provides a livable wage and safe, affordable housing are keys to

the success of building a healthier community. Bridges Out of Poverty, with the assistance of

## New Collaboration Council Aims to Unite Coalitions

While every one of Buffalo County Community Partners' coalitions is working towards the same goal of building a healthier Buffalo County, that doesn't always mean they're able to work together. Each coalition faces its own challenges and holds its own schedule, so getting everyone from every coalition together at the same time is nearly impossible. With the formation of the new Collaboration Council, Community Partners aims to improve inter-coalition communication and expand not only how coalitions help each other, but also how they get help from Community Partners.

“Today, our coalitions and organizations are asked to do more with less,” said Community

Partners, is taking steps towards those goals,” said McDermott.

Community Partners would also like to thank board member Michelle Reed for her time serving, and wish her good luck as she moves forward to a new stage in her life. Thank you, Michelle. You've been a great board member and friend to us all!

Community Partners has two open spots left on the board in the following constituencies: “government” and “civic groups, churches, and consumers”. If you or someone you know would be interested

in filling those spots, please contact Denise Zwiener at 308-865-2280 or [dzwiener@bcchp.org](mailto:dzwiener@bcchp.org).



*Dr. Ken Shaffer*

Partners Director Denise Zwiener. “The newly formed Collaboration Council will work to bring a deeper integration of services and programs in our community. At our next meeting, we will be unveiling new data to illustrate the impact community coalitions are making in Buffalo County.”

Scheduled to meet quarterly, the Collaboration Council will give coalitions a chance to share their successes and strategies, get help and advice from other coalitions, and stay unified in achieving Community Partners' ultimate goal. It will allow everyone to “collaborate to innovate” and grow a support system between all of Community Partners' hard-working coalitions.

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# School is Simmering Down, but YAB is in Full Swing

The school year is slowly coming to a close, but that doesn't mean the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is slowing down! At their April meeting, the board discussed recruitment, the Youth Academy for Democracy, and Show Me the Money, and they had time for a photo shoot to spruce up their website: [bcyab.org](http://bcyab.org)!

On top of flyers, school announcements, and press releases, YAB sent a travelling recruitment team, equipped with a PowerPoint and plenty of enthusiasm, to Buffalo County schools to speak to potential members. The board will begin interviewing YAB applicants in person in June.

Also on the docket was the Nebraska Youth Academy for Democracy, a youth-led event aimed at encouraging young people to become involved in politics and government by reminding them that their voice counts. The ambitious day-long event hopes to connect young people with state senators, area representatives, and possibly even Governor Dave Heinemann.

The group also talked about their annual Show Me the Money Scholarship workshop, discussing potential keynote speakers, what colleges would be attending, and how to make the event even better than it was last year. Expect some exciting announcements about the Show Me the Money Scholarship workshop, scheduled to take place October 3.

For more information on YAB, visit [bcyab.org](http://bcyab.org), and be sure to check out their new Facebook page!



Growing up doesn't mean growing apart.

## Parents, Take a Stand

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### 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 facilitates 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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## Calendar of Events

- **Activate Buffalo County** meets the fourth Wednesday of the month, 10-11 a.m., Community Partners offices.  
For more information, contact [staff@bcchp.org](mailto:staff@bcchp.org) or visit [ActivateBuffaloCounty.com](http://ActivateBuffaloCounty.com).
- **Alzheimer's Coalition** meets the fourth Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Community Partners offices.  
For more information, contact Alexandra Dillion at [Alexandra.dillion@alz.org](mailto:Alexandra.dillion@alz.org).
- **Buffalo County Health Ministry Network** meets the second Thursday of the month, 12-1 p.m., Good Samaritan Hospital, Telehealth, Suite 1.  
For more information, call 308-865-7741.
- **Buffalo County Tobacco Free Coalition** meets the first Thursday of the month, 1:15-2:15 p.m., Region 3 Conference Room.  
For more information, contact [jbrown@region3.net](mailto:jbrown@region3.net).
- **Community Health Access Team (CHAT)** meets the third Thursday of the month, 12-1 p.m., Community Partners offices.  
For more information, contact [chathub@bcchp.org](mailto:chathub@bcchp.org).
- **Positive Pressure Coalition** meets the first Tuesday of the month, 12-1 p.m., Region 3 Conference Room.  
For more information, contact [positivepressure@bcchp.org](mailto:positivepressure@bcchp.org) or visit [PositivePressure.org](http://PositivePressure.org).
- **Violence Prevention Coalition** meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 4 p.m., Community Partners offices.  
For more information, contact [admin@bcchp.org](mailto:admin@bcchp.org).
- **TIPS Trainings.** For more information, contact [positivepressure@bcchp.org](mailto:positivepressure@bcchp.org).
- **Youth Advisory Board.** For more information, visit [bcyab.org](http://bcyab.org).