

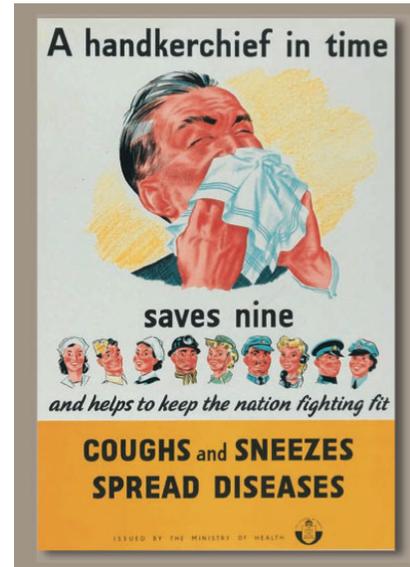
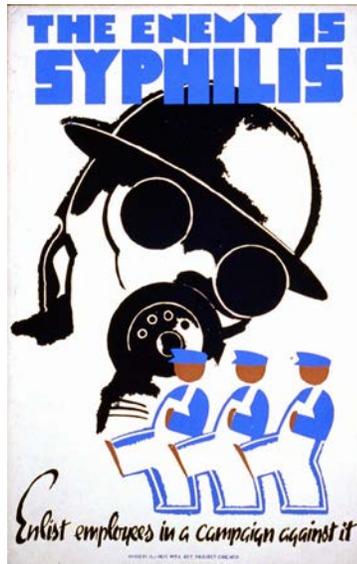


**JACKSON CO PUBLIC HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT**

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**Serving our community since 1971**

**2015**

# Vintage Public Health Posters from the 1940's



## Jackson County Public Health Programs and Services:

### Child Care Certification

Jackson County Public Health certifies family childcare providers, ensuring certified childcare provide the children in their care in a safe, clean and nurturing environment. The certification process ensures quality childcare in a number of ways.

- Criminal background checks are done on all individuals living in the home that are 12 years and older, the child care providers and their staff. The sex offender registry and CCAP are monitored monthly for changes in background status. A complete background check is completed annually.
- The homes must meet standards of cleanliness and hygiene. They must have smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in good working order. The sites are inspected for safety to ensure that the facility is free of hazards. Some possible dangers are medications, poisons, guns, knives and other sharp things, matches and fire hazards and plastic bags.
- Certified homes must have safe play areas, both inside and outdoors with multiple options for the children to do. Above all, they must provide an enriching, healthy environment for children to learn, grow, and develop.
- Regulated childcare providers must provide healthy meals and snacks on a regular schedule.
- Certified providers must follow group size rules, which require low child to staff ratios.



**During 2015, Jackson County regulated a total of 11 childcare providers throughout the year.**

During 2014, Jackson County regulated a total of 10 childcare providers throughout the year. .

## Communicable Disease Control and Prevention



One of the many roles of public health is to provide surveillance, investigation, prevention and control of communicable disease. This is done through source investigation, notification and treating contacts as needed, and providing individual and public education. There were **342 Communicable disease reports for Jackson County processed in 2015**, in 2014 total numbers were 346. Diseases are reported and tracked through the WEDSS (Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System).

### Jackson County Communicable Disease Reports 2015

Disease Report	Confirmed	Probable	Suspect	Not A Case
Aroboviral Illness, Powassan				1
Blastomycosis				1
Campylobacteriosis	6			
Chlamydia	71		1	1
Cryptosporidiosis	2			
E. Coli Shiga Toxin Producing	1			1
Ehrlichiosis, A. Phagocytophylium	4	4	7	10
Ehrlichiosis, Undetermined			2	3
Giardiasis	3			
Gonorrhea	7			2
Hepatitis B			3	1
Hepatitis C *	3	6		3
Herpes, Genital 1 <sup>st</sup> Episode			1	
Influenza Associated Hospitalization	2	4	6	1
Lyme Disease	5	6	4	18
Lyme Laboratory Report			57	1
Measles				2
Meningitis, Aseptic (viral)	1			
Metal Poisoning (Non-Lead)				4
Mumps				5
Mycobacterial Disease (non-TB)	1			
Parapertusis	1			
Pertussis	1			49
Pesticide-Related Illness			1	1
Q Fever			1	
Salmonellosis	2		1	
Streptococcal Invasive Other	3			
Streptococcus Pneumoniae	8			
Syphilis Reactor				2
Toxoplasmosis				1
Tuberculosis, Latent Infection	2			
Tularemia				1
Varicella		2		

\*Hep C confirmed cases have dropped from the 14 reported in 2014 to 9 cases in 2015 however, the probable number remains high and may later become confirmed with further testing. CDC reports that the possible significance in Hepatitis C cases could be due to improvements in surveillance, test methodology and electronic lab reporting. In 2013, reports of acute Hep C increased by 62% from the previous years. The age distribution is changing and recent cases reported in Wisconsin are younger than in previous years. Historically a disease prominently of males, Hep C is now frequently reported in women as well. Today, most people become infected with Hep C by sharing needles or other equipment used to inject drugs. (Info from WI DHS, 2013 WI Hep C Surveillance Summary)



Vaccines save lives! Vaccination saves the lives of more than 3 million people worldwide each year and prevents millions of others from suffering from diseases and permanent disabilities. Routine childhood vaccinations have made such an impact on public health that **immunizations are considered one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20<sup>th</sup> century**. Through the introduction of routine vaccinations many diseases are becoming rare in the U.S.; however, the viruses and bacteria that cause them still exist. Vaccination is the best way to protect our communities!

The Jackson County Public Health Department (JCPHD) continues to educate and encourage routine vaccinations among all ages within the county. In 2015, strategies that started in 2014 to assist in increasing vaccination rates within Jackson County continued. Reminder/Recall letters continued to be mailed out monthly for each child that reaches 20 and 22 months of age and 11 and 12 years of age. WIC Monitoring also continues to be a strong connection in keeping children up-to-date or getting them on a catch up schedule.

In 2015, Jackson County Public Health had the following success:

- June 2015-Successful completion of site visit/audit by Jim Zanto from the State of Wisconsin. This involves a day of review of policy and procedure, immunization room and refrigerator/freezer set-up, eligibility criteria and WIR documentation. This is done every 2 years, usually as a scheduled visit; however, the state can visit at any time without notice.
- October 2015-Jackson County Public Health was able to purchase a Panasonic MPR-715F-PA pharmaceutical refrigerator and freezer. At any given time the health department has **\$10,000.00** worth of vaccine in the refrigerator/freezer, and that increases to at least **\$20,000.00** when flu vaccine comes in. PH staff is mandated to check temps 2x/day during business days, however, the lab alert computer system that came with the appliance can notify staff 24 hours a day/7 days a week if temps go out of range.

The JCPHD provides immunizations to both adults and children through regularly scheduled immunization clinics and/or by appointment. Vaccines for children are provided by the state Vaccine for Children Program and are made available to children free of charge. This program is a resource for families that are uninsured or whose insurance does not pay for vaccine. Vaccines for adults are provided for a nominal fee.





## Fluoride Mouth Rinse

Cavities used to be a fact of life but over the past few decades tooth decay has been reduced dramatically due primarily to fluoride!

- Fluoride, reduces cavities between 20 –40% in children and 15-35% in adults.
- Fluoride, repairs the early stages of tooth decay even before the decay becomes visible.
- Fluoride, when added to community water systems, is the single most effective public health measure to prevent tooth decay
- **In Jackson County the only adequately fluoridated municipal water systems are the City of Black River Falls and the Ho-Chunk Nation**
- Jackson County Public Health works with the 5 elementary buildings in the 3 Jackson County school districts to provide a school based fluoride mouth rinse program to grades 1-3. In 2014-2015 this program supported **over 900 Jackson County elementary school children** in “swishing” weekly with a 2% sodium fluoride solution. This program addresses a national public health 2020 objective to reduce tooth decay in children less than 9 years of age to 42% or less.



## Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP)



The Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP) provides preventive health screening services to women with little or no health insurance coverage. Well Woman pays for mammograms, Pap tests, certain other health screenings, and multiple sclerosis testing for women with high risk signs of multiple sclerosis.

In December, 2013, the Department of Health Services proposed a restructure of the WWWP to ensure that it remains viable and available for women who need the program, even as many women served by the screening program found they could access comprehensive coverage through Badger Care or the federal health insurance marketplace.

Eau Claire City-County Health Department was chosen to take over the coordination of the program for Jackson County as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 with a transition period starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. At that time, Jackson County had a caseload of 1 woman, so transition went well.

Jackson County stopped receiving funding as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, however, the health department continues to promote, educate and refer women as needed for services.

The Eau Claire City-County Health Department provides coordination of the Well Woman Program for Eau Claire and 7 surrounding counties: Chippewa, Dunn, Jackson, Pepin, Pierce, Trempealeau, and St. Croix.

To learn more about the program or the eligibility requirements, contact the local Wisconsin Well Woman Program Coordinator at (715) 839-4718 or visit the Eau Claire County Wisconsin Well Woman Program website at the link below.

## WIC (Women, Infant, and Children)



Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is the public health nutrition cornerstone for building healthier women, infants, children, families and communities. The WIC Program serves as an adjunct to health care during critical times of growth and development by providing participants with nutritious

supplemental foods, nutrition and health education, and referrals to area physicians, public health nurses and other community services. In June 2015, WIC went paperless. The card works like a debit card utilizing the same benefits that WIC participants had with the paper checks.

In 2015,

- Less than 6% of WIC-enrolled infants were born at low birth weight
- 8 out of 10 WIC-enrolled infants begin life with their mother's breast milk
- 1 in 3 children are overweight or obese and nearly 2 in 3 women are overweight or obese at the start of their pregnancy.

WIC recognizes and promotes breastfeeding as the optimal source of nutrition for infants. For women who do not fully breastfeed, WIC provides iron fortified infant formula. Special infant formulas and medical foods may be provided when prescribed by a physician for a specified medical condition.

### Farmers Market Nutrition Program

The WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program continued in Jackson County during the summer of 2015. This program provides participants in the WIC Program with vouchers to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs at authorized Farmers' Markets' and Farmstands. Markets in Jackson County include: Black River Fall Farmer's Market and Taylor Area Farmer's Market. Each WIC family received \$17.00 in market vouchers for the summer which they could use to purchase fruits, vegetables or herbs at authorized Farmers' Markets or Farmstands. A total of 119 families received these coupons through the WIC Program during the summer of 2015.

#### WIC Staff



#### Linda Cameron, Interpreter



### *By The Numbers.*

**625**

**Women, Infant, and  
Children served by WIC**

**84%**

**Babies Start  
Out Breastfeeding**

**149**

**Referrals to other  
resources within Jackson  
County**

**\$319,000+**

**Revenue to Jackson**

## Community Human Health Hazards



To protect the health of the citizens of Jackson County, Public Health investigates situations that are reported as potential human health hazards. The Health Department may provide enforcement to bring them to resolution.

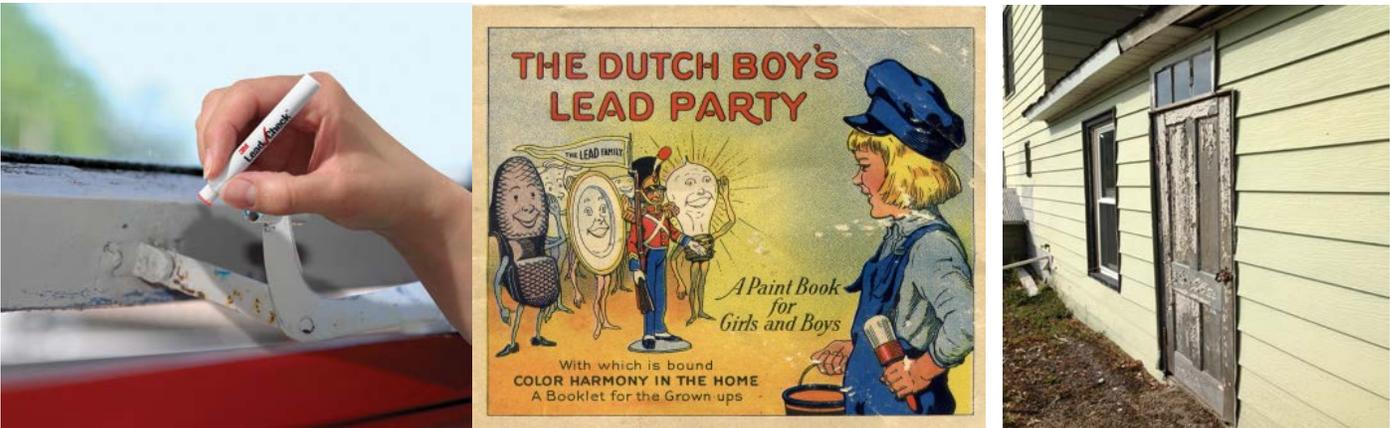
- *In 2015, 18 Human Health Hazards were investigated with 3 homes and one hotel placarded as unfit for human habitation. Two of these homes had issues that were resolved so that family members could return to their home. The hotel and two homes remain placarded.*
- *In 2014, 15 Human Health Hazards were investigated and 2 homes were deemed unfit for persons to reside in.*

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## Childhood Lead Poisoning

There is no safe level of lead in the human body; even very low levels of lead exposure can cause permanent brain damage and negatively affect health throughout a child's life, especially those between 6 months and 6 years of age.

- There were 6 children with documented lead poisoning or elevated blood lead in Jackson County in 2015. Collaboration to assess and abate lead hazards associated with these children occurred with the Ho-Chunk Nation and other agencies.



## Water Quality Issues

- Safe, clean water is one of the most important substances in our lives - for drinking, cooking, bathing and cleaning. It's up to private well owners to test their well water. Well water should be tested annually for Bacteria and Nitrates.
- Jackson County offers bacteria testing in our laboratory at Public Health for county residents. Test kits are available at the DHHS building and at Jackson co. Zoning. The cost for 2015 was \$20.00.
- Jackson County provides fee exempt water test kits for all WIC and low income families with children. These kits test for coliform bacteria, nitrate, fluoride and metals panel
- In 2015, 68 well tests were completed. Residents with unsafe water results are contacted and provided with information about how to remediate the problem.

2013	32 wells tested
2014	58 wells tested
2015	68 wells tested

## Transient Non-Community (TNC) Water Systems

In 2011, Jackson Co signed a contract with the Department of Natural Resources to monitor all Transient Non-Community (TNC) water systems. TNC systems are public facilities on well water that serve 25 or more people 60 days of the year. These systems include churches, taverns, motels, restaurants, convenience stores, parks and campgrounds.

- The purpose of this program is to ensure that these facilities are in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The contract includes: collecting drinking water samples for bacteria, nitrates, and nitrites, conducting all required follow-up needed based on sample results, and evaluating the sanitary condition of 20% of the TNC wells and pump installations.
- This year, Jackson Co sampled at 78 facilities and conducted 16 sanitary surveys. Three unsafe well samples required follow up. Two high nitrate wells continue to be monitored.

2013	78 Well samples	19 Sanitary surveys
2014	79 Well samples	19 Sanitary surveys
2015	78 Well Samples	16 Sanitary Surveys

## Food Safety and Recreational Licensing

- The Environmental Health section licenses and inspects all restaurants, hotels, bed and breakfast establishments, public swimming pools including water park attractions, campgrounds, and tattoo and body piercing establishments and temporary food stands that operate within the County's jurisdiction.
- The goal of the licensing and inspection program is to prevent food, water-borne, and other illnesses from affecting County residents and visitors and to keep all establishments operating in a safe manner in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code DHS 196.
- On July 1, 2014 we became agents for the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). This added 28 facilities to our inspection program. These facilities are made up of gas stations, grocery stores, retail establishments, small wineries and retail meat plants.

### Public Inspections Completed

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Restaurants	81	82	87	71
DATCP (Started July 2014)			8	18
Hotels/Motels/Tourist Rooming Houses	24	24	22	18
Swimming Pools/Water Attractions	18	18	19	15
Campgrounds	23	24	26	19
Tattoo/Body Piercing Establishments	2	2	2	2
Temporary Food Stands	5	9	14	14
Schools	14	14	14	15



## BIRTH TO 3

*Birth to 3* is Wisconsin's early intervention program for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities and their families. The Department of Health Services oversees the Birth to 3 Program in Wisconsin and has rules (HFS 90) that specify the program requirements. The Birth to 3 Program is for children ages birth to 36 months. Eligibility is based on a diagnosed disability or significant delay in one or more areas of development.



<i>In 2015 Jackson County Birth to 3 had:</i>	<i>In 2014 Jackson County Birth to 3 had:</i>
143 Children referred to the program	146 Children referred to the program
103 Children screened	120 Children screened
36 Children evaluated	21 Children evaluated
20 Children and their families receive ongoing Birth to 3 services	22 Children and their families receive ongoing Birth to 3 services
22 Children and their families were referred for Infant Mental Health Services	23 Children and their families were referred for Infant Mental Health Services

### Child Safety Seat Program

\*Any family who lives in Jackson County may get a free child safety seat check by a certified technician by making an appointment with Public Health, the Ho-Chunk Nation, or the Black River Memorial Hospital.



\*In Jackson County, approximately 98% of child safety seats have been installed incorrectly.

\*Generally, children must be properly restrained in a child safety seat until they reach age four and 40 lbs. and in a booster seat until they reach the height of 57 inches.

\*In 2015 Public Health received an **\$8,000** grant from Wisconsin Department of Transportation, along with **\$1,000** from the Greater Black River Area Safety Council and **\$2,000** from the Black River Area Foundation to purchase child safety seats for low income families.

**\*In 2015, 85 car seats were checked and 64 seats were given to low-income families.**

\*In 2014, 30 car seats were checked and 27 seats were given to low-income families.

This program started at the end of **2006**, since then we have received **\$45,500 in grant funds** to purchase seats, have checked **679 child safety seats, and given 530 child safety seats** to low income families.

For more information call Anita Leis at 715-284-4301 ext. 301 or Chelsey Yeskie at 715-284-4301 ext. 385.

## Maternal Child Health (MCH)

The MCH program provides an informal parent and baby home visit from a Public Health Nurse (PHN) to assist families after the birth of their baby whether it is their first baby or if they already have children. Mothers receive support and education, baby weight checks, health teaching on parenting and child development and referrals to community services. This program is voluntary and short term.



### Birth records received in Jackson County

252 in 2015  
276 in 2014  
237 in 2013  
243 in 2012  
249 in 2011



The MCH program provides a voluntary parent and baby home visit from a Public Health Nurse (PHN) to assist families after the birth of their baby whether it is their first baby or if they already have children. Mothers and families receive support and education, baby weight checks, health teaching on parenting and child development and referrals to community services. If appropriate and needed they also receive education, support and guidance for successful breastfeeding. This program is voluntary and short term.

In 2015, **59 women and their family's assistance started prenatally and 35 women and families started their support during the postpartum phase.** A total of **94 families** expecting or with new infants were assisted through MCH programing in 2015, compared to 96 families in 2014. In 2014, a total of 121 families expecting or with new infants were assisted through MCH programs. 27 families were identified through record review 45 families were identified through provider referral

The breakdown as follows:

- 59 women screened for PNCC (Prenatal Care Coordination Services). 32 of the 59 women were enrolled at Jackson County PNCC. 27 of the 59 women were screened and were offered services. They refused full benefitted services or were not eligible for the Badgercare<sup>+</sup> benefitted program. They were all assisted with finding a medical and/or dental home and provided with any necessary referrals to community programs/resources as needed.
- 11 women and children received lactation consultation support only
- 24 new women were provided with postpartum supports and new parenting guidance.

In 2015 the Consolidated Contracts for MCH programming continued with the Healthiest Families Initiative and further implemented programming started in 2014. In continuing with this objective the following was done in 2015:

1. Collaborated with community partners through "The Children's Coalition" on existing supports in the community for families expecting or with young children.
2. Through coalition support; PNCC and Infant Mental Health services grew in referrals, and Strengthening Families Program continued. New projects in Jackson County were stronger Fatherhood involvement in WIC, PNCC, MCH programing and implementation of an Early Headstart program.
3. Attended core trainings to improve the MCH core competencies.
4. Provided training on the Life Course Framework to community partners at Children's Coalition meeting in November.
5. Updated the Logic Model and completed the reports needed to update the Consolidated Contract on the Children's Coalitions progress.

## Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC)

The new home visitation program that has been implemented is the MA Prenatal Care Coordination Program. Prenatal Care Coordination is a Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus benefit that helps pregnant women get the support and services they need to have a healthy baby. Prenatal Care Coordination services include:

- Help getting health care.
- Personal support.
- Information on good eating habits and health practices.
- Information and help finding needed services in your community.



IN 2015,

45 families were identified through provider referral;  
39 women screened for PNCC (Prenatal Care Coordination Services) of which  
30 were enrolled at Jackson County PNCC and 9 women were referred to Krohn Clinic for PNCC enrollment at their agency.  
10 women were assisted via pregnancy testing, benefit assistance or assisted with setting up and OB medical home.

## CYSHCN



The CYSHCN program in 2015 was no longer fiscally supplemented and supported by a contract with the Western Region for Children and Youth with Special Health Care needs. Special health care needs included premature births, twin births, club feet, narcotic withdrawal, and children at risk for nonspecific developmental delays. Followed means families received a face to face home visit and/or WIC visit with nursing assessment; telephone support; and referrals to resources as needed.

**In 2014, the goal was to identify 7 children through this contract. Via referrals and birth record review, 32 children were identified and followed throughout 2014. In 2015 numbers were tracked as a whole for Maternal Child Health Services. In preparing for the annual report 34 families were quickly identified as meeting the CYSHCN past definition. The 34 families resulted in 50 home visits and 53 follow up visits via phone or at WIC.**

**\*Note that in 2016 the CYSHCN will not be reported on separately.**



## OUTSTANDING PH PARTNERS RECOGNITION



**Karen Faust** receiving certificate from  
Public Health Manager- Christine Hovell



**Kim Schlifer** receiving certificate from  
County Board Chair-Dennis Eberhardt

### ***Resolution for PH partners recognition approved by Jackson County Board of Supervisors:***

*WHEREAS, the Jackson County Public Health Department recognizes that in order to improve the health of a community, partnerships and collaborations are imperative and would like to recognize important community partners who continue to advance Public Health in the community and create opportunities for a Healthier Jackson County, and WHEREAS, each year a community partner/partners are chosen to be recognized due to their exemplary collaboration and dedication to Public Health initiatives and, WHEREAS, partners such as Kim Schlifer, Respiratory Care Specialist at Black River Memorial Hospital and Karen Foust, Project Director for Interfaith Caregivers Kids, have collaborated and provided leadership to carry out Public Health community interventions, WHEREAS, Kim Schlifer and Black River Memorial Hospital have demonstrated commitment and excellence in leading or assisting in creating and carrying out interventions such as Tobacco prevention in youth, creation of cessation programming and support for citizens of all ages, and support for persons dealing with respiratory issues, and WHEREAS, Karen Foust and Interfaith Caregivers have worked tirelessly to create opportunities to decrease hunger in Jackson County, have provided opportunities for families to obtain needed supplies for their families, support for youth and seniors and coordinated volunteers for individual need in the community,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Public Health Department, the Jackson County Board of Health and Human Services and the Jackson County Board of Supervisors would like to express thanks and appreciation to **Kim Schlifer and Black River Memorial Hospital as well as Karen Foust and Interfaith Caregivers for their creative initiatives, leadership, dedication, collaboration and support of Public Health priorities and community need** in helping to continue to move Jackson County away from one of the least healthy counties in Wisconsin toward one of the healthiest.*

## Diabetes Health Fair

The Annual Community Diabetes Health Fair was held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Skyline Golf Course Clubhouse. The 16<sup>th</sup> year of this event included educational presentations from the BRMH sleep disorder program, Chair Yoga exercise and Mindful Eating Practices.

Total attendance was 75+ Vendors present for informational purposes included pharmaceutical companies, Ho-Chunk Nation, and Aging and Disability Resource Center. Blood sugar testing was available for clients was provided by Krohn Clinic.



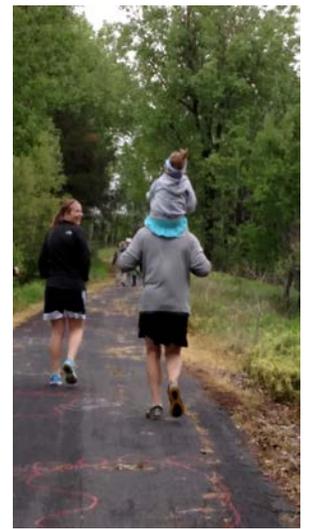
## Living Well With Chronic Disease Workshops

Living Well with Chronic Conditions” is a six-week program for people with chronic disease and their caregivers. Chronic disease are ongoing health conditions and include diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, depression, heart disease, chronic pain, anxiety, multiple sclerosis, fibromyalgia and others. In April of 2014, Tammy Danielson and Kristi Hanson from Jackson County Public Health and Shawn Calisto and Judy Hanson from Black River Memorial Hospital were trained to be leaders in the Living Well With Chronic Disease Workshop program.

During the workshop, participants receive support from trained leaders and other workshop participants, learn practical ways to manage their pain and fatigue, learn about nutrition and exercise options, understand new treatment choices and learn better ways to communicate about their conditions with doctors and family members. The goal is to help people better manage their health conditions and deal with the frustration, fatigue and pain that can accompany chronic disease. Past participants report increase energy, reduced stress, more self-confidence and fewer doctors’ visits as a result of taking the workshop

In collaboration, Jackson County Public, Jackson County Aging Unit, Black River Memorial Hospital and Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers offered two “Living Well” Workshop series in May/June of 2014 and Sept/Oct of 2014. The first workshop, led by Tammy Danielson and Kristi Hanson, was at the Black River Falls Public Library on Tuesdays from 1:00-3:30 pm, May 13<sup>th</sup>-June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Ten people attended the required 4 of the 6 sessions. The second workshop, led by Shawn Callisto, Tammy Danielson and Kristi Hanson, was at Black River Memorial Hospital on Tuesdays from 1:00-3:30pm, September 9<sup>th</sup> –October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 where three people attended the required 4 of the 6 classes.





**SECOND ANNUAL  
PACE AND PEDAL**

A family fun fitness event was held at Lake Wazee with collaboration from community agencies who are part of JACKSON IN ACTION COALITION such as Ho-Chunk Nation, Jackson County Forestry and Parks, Together for Jackson County Kids and Public Health with planning and leadership from Black River Memorial Hospital



## *Proclamation: Jackson County Fitness Day*

*Whereas the Jackson County Board of Supervisors would like to proclaim Jackson County Fitness Day and,*

*Whereas, on Fitness Day, the County Board of Supervisors would like to encourage citizens of Jackson County to get active and challenge everyone to join the movement for a happier, fitter County and,*

*Whereas, the Jackson in Action Coalition has provided opportunities to increase awareness of the health of our county, promoted physical activity and increased nutritional education in Jackson County and through collaborative efforts between community agencies has increased community understanding of the importance of building programming and resources in our community to support active lifestyles and,*

*Whereas, by leading more active lifestyles, we can invest in our futures and encourage our children to do the same and,*

*Whereas, June 28th, let us champion fitness to our family, friends, and colleagues and give young people the chance to find a sport or physical activity they love, boost their energy and confidence, and reach their fullest potential.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Eberhardt, Chairman of the Jackson County Board, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States do hereby proclaim **June 28th** as Jackson County Fitness Day. I call upon the people of Jackson County to make daily physical activity and good nutrition a priority in their lives.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.*

*Dennis M. Eberhardt*  
Jackson County Board Charman





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## ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE

The Jackson County Tobacco-Free coalition, which has been in existence over 15 years had focus activities in 2015 that included:

### TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use)

\*The 16th year of this peer education program that trains 40 local teens that present an anti-tobacco message to 350+fourth grade students throughout the county.

### Other Tobacco Product Education

\*Smokeless tobacco/E-cigarettes/OTP (Other Tobacco Products) presentations for all Jackson County middle school students on the dangers of newer tobacco products

### Cessation

\*Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) available at both Black River Memorial Hospital and Ho-Chunk Nation. First Breath training for staff at the hospital, Ho-Chunk Nation, Krohn Clinic and Jackson County WIC to assist pregnant mothers to quit smoking.



Alma Center-Humbird Merrillan



Black River Falls



# NO SMOKING



Melrose Mindoro



Tobacco-Free Coalition members and TATU adult leaders

2015 Safety Camp-Thanks to all our volunteers and participants!!

*Giving back for those gifts you have been given is to volunteer your own time, resources, or abilities so that others may also move forward. Byron Pulsife*



*Jackson County  
Public Health Staff.*

**Christine Hovell, RN BSN**  
Health Officer/Public Health Manager

**Kathy Rumsey, RN BSN**  
Public Health Nurse

**Tammy Danielson, RN BSN**  
Public Health Nurse

**Kristi Hanson, RN BSN**  
Public Health Nurse

**Anita Leis, CSW, ECSE**  
Birth to 3 Teacher & Coordinator

**Susie West, RS**  
Environmental Health Specialist

**Amy Gunderson**  
WIC Nutritionist

**Barbara Schmidt**  
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**Chelsey Yeskie**  
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