



REFLECTIONS ON LEADERSHIP

Lunch 'n Learn and Advanced Leadership Graduation

Thursday June 15, 2017

11:30-1:15 p.m.

UW-Extension, 211 Hickory Street, Mauston, WI



Chris Hardie
Executive Director
Black River Area Chamber
Of Commerce

Chris Hardie, is the Executive Director of the Black River Area Chamber of Commerce, a position he took in March 2015 after more than 30 years as a journalist. He serves on the Jackson County Economic Development Committee and is a Director on the 7 Rivers Alliance board. He has also worked as the Executive Editor of the La Crosse Tribune and publisher of the River Valley Newspaper Group's weekly division, which includes the Tomah Journal and Jackson County Chronicle.

The recipient of nearly two dozen state and national journalism awards, Hardie was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 2001 for ground-breaking reporting and a civic journalism project on stray voltage. He is a former member of the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council and past President of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association.

Hardie is a graduate of the Jackson-Monroe-Vernon Leadership program. He is a guest columnist for the Agri-View and LaCrosse Tribune where he writes about rural life and farm living. Hardie has been in numerous leadership roles in his career. He was a featured panelist at a recent Lunch 'n Learn featuring the topic of Ethics, and co-hosted the Advanced Leadership Program Economic Development seminar in Black River Falls. Hardie was a key partner in the SET (Stronger Economies Together) USDA Grant program for Juneau, Jackson, and Monroe counties.

Hardie lives in rural Jackson County, where he and his wife Sherry own and operate Brambleberry Bed and Breakfast and Brambleberry Winery, established on his great-grandparents' farm. The Hardies also raise Scottish Blackface sheep and Scottish Highland cattle.



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The Juneau County Advanced Leadership Program 2016-2017 Graduates

The **Advanced Leadership Program** strives to identify, cultivate, and support existing and emerging leaders within the Juneau County area. Sessions focus on community issues providing participants the opportunity to increase their awareness of county-wide issues, developing networking and leadership skills while expanding the participants' understanding of the diversity of Juneau County. Classroom settings, as well as field experiences provide a preferred learning structure and has been the key to the success of the program with over 150 graduated participants. Each graduate will give a brief summary of their ALP Leadership experience and the impact the program has had on them.



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As part of the *Lunch 'n Learn* Educational Program Series brought to you by Juneau County UW-Extension

RSVP by Tuesday, June 13, 2017 4:00 p.m.

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[Pre - registration is appreciated due to limited seating and meal planning.](#)

Adults \$15 - Students \$10 Includes lunch, program, and materials.

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