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Jackson County Farmers Market Returns June 7

The Jackson County Farmers Market (JCFM) will begin selling fresh produce and other hand-made items on Diploma Drive, next to the Lunda Community Center on June 7, 2018. Together for Jackson County Kids, UW Extension, Jackson County Public Health, Lunda Community Center, Black River Memorial Hospital and members of the Master Gardener Program, agreed the Jackson County Farmers Market had a very successful year in 2017.

Some Farmers Markets don't require produce and crafts to be grown or made by the vendors themselves. Every vendor at the JCFM grows or makes the items sold at the market. Market Manager, Ron Gososke stated, "We want the customers to know where their fruits and vegetables are coming from." He also added, "Customers not only are able to purchase good quality food, they help support our local farmers who raise the crops. It's a win-win."

New to the market this year are \$100 voucher booklets. Anyone can purchase a booklet that contains twelve \$5 and twenty \$2 vouchers. The vouchers are accepted as cash by the vendors. These booklets can be purchased as gifts for friends or family. Many area businesses offer wellness benefits and booklets can be purchased to give out to employees. These booklets provide a great opportunity to get fresh food into the homes of all Jackson County residents. For information on where to purchase a booklet, visit www.jcfarmmarket.org/news or check us out on Facebook.

Ho-Chunk Nation, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Black River Falls EMS and Black River Memorial Hospital promote car seat safety. In addition to the food vendors, these agencies will be hosting a car seat safety check the first Saturday of each month June through October. They encourage anyone who transports young children to get their car seats including infant carriers, forward seats and booster seats checked to make sure



the young passengers are correctly buckled in. The staff will make sure the right seat fits each child correctly. These car seat safety checks could save a child's life.

For more information on the Jackson County Farmers Market, visit www.jcfarmmarket.org.