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## **BLACKWELL JOB CORPS CENTER PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL GROUNDHOG JOB SHADOW DAY**

### **Laona, WI – February 22, 2011**

On February 2, 2011 Punxsutawney Phil, the wise and famous rodent, emerged from his hole and declared that Spring would come early this year. With all the crazy winter weather the nation has experience in the last few months, this was good news to hear. During the same time Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center students were receiving a positive forecast on their careers and their lives.

Blackwell JCCCC participated in the annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day, that has taken place across the nation for the past 15 years. This initiative has been to engage students in the world of work by pairing student “shadows” with workplace “mentors” to introduce students to the workplace and demonstrate the connection between academics and careers.

This year 115 students and 13 staff members from Blackwell JCCCC participated along with community partners in Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2011. The local community opened their arms and allowed Job Corps students to come in to their places of work and learn about real life experiences. The electrical trade visited Wabeno, WI high school to examine their auditorium to get some good ideas for the auditorium being built on campus. Students were also able to shadow the American Red Cross during their blood drive at Blackwell JCCCC. Nu-Roc Community Healthcare in Blackwell, WI sponsored students at their facility, which allowed for some good experience for the Health Occupations students. Other trades visited advanced training sites in their perspective areas, while others participated in job shadowing on the Blackwell JCCCC campus. The event was a success and we look forward to working with the local community for next year’s Groundhog Job Shadow Day.

Blackwell JCCCC has partnered with businesses and organizations in the community for this event. If your business or organization would like to be part of this event next year, please contact Dax Allcorn, Business Community Liaison at 715-674-7675. For information about Groundhog Job Shadow Day, please go to [www.jobshadow.org](http://www.jobshadow.org).

The Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center is associated with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. The Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center serves 205 students. The USDA

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The Blackwell Job Corps Center is located in Laona, WI. For more information on the Center, please call (715)674-2311 or visit the website at <http://blackwell.jobcorps.gov>