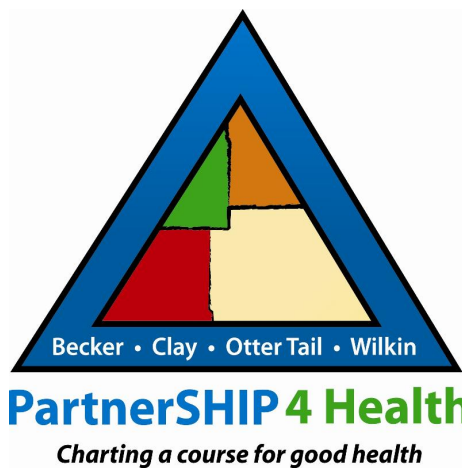


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## PartnerSHIP 4 Health

e-newsletter

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Dear Keely,

Welcome to this month's PartnerSHIP 4 Health e-newsletter.

Highlights include:

Minnesota State Legislature creates opportunities to improve citizen health  
Fergus Falls School implement Grab N Go breakfast program  
Area health organizations strengthen their role in discussing preventative health with patients  
River Inn apartments goes smoke free to protect the health of residents and visitors

**Tobacco  
prevention bills  
aimed at helping  
reduce youth  
initiation**

During each legislative sessions a handful of bills focus on important public health issues. Two such bills to watch this session is the [Little Cigar Bill HF-284](#)

&  
[Increase Tobacco Tax HF-91](#)

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## Minnesota Legislative Sessions Creates Opportunities for Improved Health

In 2008, the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) was supported by bipartisan efforts under Governor Pawlenty. The work of developing longterm solutions to address the human and financial cost of chronic disease in our state begun. Key partnerships were established and successes started forming.

Unfortunately in 2011, SHIP was cut back by 70% due to a down economy and this important preventative work was carried out by just a few local SHIP programs, PartnerSHIP 4 Health being one of them.

Because of the success of SHIP there is a move to once again continue the efforts statewide so that all Minnesotans benefit.

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**Historic River Inn  
Apartments in**

## **Fergus Falls goes smoke free for all its residents**

Located right on the banks of the Otter Tail River, The River Inn served as the premiere guest inn for nearly a century. It was a hub for entertainment, nightlife and host to area visitors. In those days smoking was the norm. In the late 20th century the property was turned into residential apartments and a few commercial businesses. Still an unique site and home for many Fergus Falls residents it has decided to become smoke free to better protect the health of its residents and public visitors.

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Benefits of smoke-free housing



## **Grab N Go Breakfast Becoming Popular Among Students**

When Fergus Falls School officials were looking for a way to support early morning nutrition and increase participation in their High School breakfast program, they found an answer in the Grab N Go method

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## **Area health organizations strengthening their role in preventable health**

Read more on how medical providers are having natural conversations with patients to support healthy lifestyles.

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