

News Release for Immediate Release

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### **4-H'ers Develop Their Communication Skills**

Youth from throughout Lincoln County were provided with an opportunity to practice and enhance their speaking skills during this year's Communication Contest. During this pre-fair event, youth were able to share a puppetry performance, do a demonstration on one of their 4-H projects, give an original speech, read poetry or a story. The contest was held on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at Our Saviour's Church in Merrill. Thirteen youth from three 4-H clubs participated in this year's event. Renee Williams, Stephanie Zoellner and the Rock Falls Rascals 4-H Club coordinated the contest.

The Communications Contest is open to all youth grades kindergarten to 13<sup>th</sup> grade (one year out of high school). Through their preparation for and participation in this event, young people are developing their speaking abilities and confidence in performing in front of an audience.

Participants included:

#### CLOVERBUD DIVISION – K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

“Little House in the Big Woos”

Reading of Prose by Molly McGinn, member of the Barnes Creek Buccaneers 4-H Club  
Participation Ribbon

#### ELEMENTARY DIVISION – 3<sup>RD</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

“To Autumn”

Reading of Prose by Lisa Krueger, member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club  
Red Ribbon

“The Alien Farm”

Puppetry performance by Michelle Evans, Trinity Evans, Bethany Williams, Brittany Williams, Julie Williams and Kate Williams, members of Rock Falls Rascals 4-H Club  
Blue Ribbon

#### JUNIOR DIVISION – 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Original Short Story*

Storytelling by Dillon Chieves, member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club  
Red Ribbon

*The Wemmicks by Max Lucado*

Reading of Prose by Laura Weiland, member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club  
Blue Ribbon and Best in Show Ribbon

#### SENIOR DIVISION - 9th Grade and Older

“Are Angels Real?”

Reading of Prose by Brenda Krueger, member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club

Red Ribbon

*“In the Children’s Hospital”*

Reading of Poetry by Erin Riddle, member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club  
Red Ribbon

*“Creativity”*

Original Speech by Myria Kludy, member of the Barnes Creek Buccaneers 4-H Club  
Blue Ribbon

The 4-H program in Lincoln County continually offers opportunities for youth that build assets and enhance life skills. 4-H is open to all youth in grade Kindergarten through 13 (one year after high school graduation), regardless of where you live. For more information on what 4-H has to offer and to get involved, the Lincoln County UW-Extension office at 539-1072 or visit our website at [www.lincolncounty4h.com](http://www.lincolncounty4h.com).



Front row (left to right): Molly McGinn, Lisa Krueger, Julie Williams, Trinity Evans, Kate Williams, Michelle Evans

Back row (left to right): Brenda Krueger, Myria Kludy, Erin Riddle, Dillon Chieves, Bethany Williams, Brittany Williams, Laura Weiland