

News Release for Immediate Release

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Discover the Adventure Called ... 4-H

Discover all the possibilities of the 4-H program in Lincoln County! Lincoln County 4-H has several programs occurring during the upcoming months that are open to all youth in Lincoln County to participate in and/or for the public

- **Saturday, February 16, 2008 – Speaking and Puppetry Contest at 9 a.m. at Our Savior’s Church in Merrill.** The public is invited to attend this event and hear speeches, poems, stories or view puppetry performances performed by youth from throughout the county. No admission charge.
- **Project Discovery Days - Tomahawk on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at Tomahawk Middle School and in Merrill on Saturday, March 10th at St. Stephan’s Fellowship Hall.** These events allow youth from all over the county to sample the projects that the 4-H program offers. Anyone is welcome to attend and you do not need to be a 4-H member to participate. Sessions run from 9 am to 1:30 pm and will be taught by 4-H youth and adult leaders, as well as community volunteers. Choose from exciting topics such as juggling, model aircraft, basket weaving, woodworking, crocheting, scrap booking, photography and much more....

The overall event is free with only small charges for some of the sessions.

Registration forms can be found at the Tomahawk and Merrill libraries as well as the UW-Extension office in Merrill (1106 E. 8th Street in Merrill). Registration deadline for Tomahawk event is Monday, February 18th and for the Merrill event is Monday, February 25th.

- Now is also the time for youth to join our 5th Annual **4-H Youth Market Place group**. Through this group young people learn about running a small business, make items to sell and operate the market place during the Lincoln County 4-H Fair. If this sounds like some thing that you might be interested in, people can contact Art Lersch, CRD Educator or Debbie Moellendorf at the Lincoln County UW-Extension office to learn more about this group. We will be holding an informational meeting on February 26th from 7-8 p.m. in the Land Resource Center Meeting Room (1106 E. 8th Street in Merrill) to get this year’s program started.
- **Saturday, March 15, 2008 – 10th Annual Lincoln County 4-H Auction beginning at 10 a.m. at Les and Jim’s Lincoln Lanes in Merrill.** Over 70 Sport and Celebrity (athletes, musicians, writers, authors, actors and actresses) items will be auctioned off. 100% of the funds raised from the auction will be utilized to support the Lincoln County 4-H program. For more information or if you are interested in contributing articles or financial donations to the auction, please contact Mike Kunkel at 536-3209 or the UW-Extension office at 536-0304. Your support is greatly appreciated and benefits the many youth in our community who participate in these programs.
- **Saturday, April 5, 2008 – 4-H Drama Festival beginning at 9 a.m. at St. John’s School in Merrill.** The public is invited to view plays performed by 4-H members from throughout the county. No admission charge. Refreshments will be available.

For more information on any of these events visit our website at www.lincolncounty4h.com, click on Activities and follow the links to the specific event or contact the UW-Extension office at 536-0304.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H is about having fun, learning, exploring and discovering. In 4-H, young people make new friends, develop new skills, become leaders and help shape their communities. 4-H is open to all youth in grades kindergarten through 13th grade (one year after high school graduation), regardless of where you live. We are also always looking for adults who are interested in volunteering in the program as club leaders, project leaders or activity leaders.

Individuals interested in learning more about Lincoln County 4-H can visit our website at www.lincolncounty4h.com. You can also contact us at the Lincoln County UW-Extension office at 536-0304 and we will be happy to send you an information packet about 4-H.