

**News Release for Week of July 21, 2008**

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**“After the Bell” Program Receives Donations to Continue for Fifth Year**

River Valley State Bank and the Lincoln County Safe and Stable Families grant have kicked off fundraising efforts to continue the “After the Bell” program during the 2008-09 school year. A total of \$13,000 is needed for supplies and hiring staff to provide daily supervision and coordination of the 2008-09 program. In addition to financial donations, the program is also in need of donations of supplies (craft items, used or new board games, and snack items).

This is the fifth year the “After the Bell” program will be available for all middle school students whether they attend public or parochial school from 3:05 – 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Auditorium Lobby (enter the school through Door 22) at the Prairie River Middle School on regular school days. Over 100 youth participate in this program each year with an average of 20 students participating each day. The program offers participants a safe, easily accessible place to go after school where they have the opportunity to participate in positive enrichment activities. Students are offered a variety of activities and programs, can play board games, make crafts, visit with friends and have a snack. Participants are supervised by one-two adult supervisors with assistance from high school students.

The program is also seeking volunteers to teach projects to the youth, whether a one-time session or a series. If you are interested in sharing your talent or hobby or if you are interested in making a donation to the “After the Bell” 2008-2009 school year program, please contact Julie Odden, Program Coordinator at 432-7646 or Debbie Moellendorf, UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent at 536-0304 or via e-mail at [deborah.moellendorf@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:deborah.moellendorf@ces.uwex.edu).



Ken Maule, Community Bank President of River Valley State Bank, presents Tara Snethen, “After the Bell” Supervisor with a \$200 donation to support the 2008-09 “After the Bell” program. This is the second year River Valley State Bank has provided financial support for this program.