

# Connections

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## CUMING COUNTY FOURTH GRADERS GAIN INSIGHT INTO THE GENEALOGY EXPERIENCE



*Recipients of the "My Family Tree" competition are pictured with Mrs. Judy Johnson. They are from l to r: Taylor Leffler, Jessica Strehle, Maryia Schneider, Jordan Paulson, Matt Reppert, Ryan Vanek, Aaron Daberkow, and Oliva Brichacek.*

Cuming County fourth graders were invited to take part in the "My Family Tree" booklet competition sponsored by the Leila Stahl Buffet Genealogy Center in West Point and the Sunshine Lady Foundation, Inc.. All fourth grade classrooms from West Point took part as well as those from Beemer, District 82, and St. John's Lutheran of Wisner. The students had several weeks over the winter to collect family stories, histories and photos from their families and put them together in the book, "My Family Tree." The books were given to the students through the Sunshine Lady Foundation, Inc. at no cost to the school districts or students.

Following the judging, a reception honoring those students receiving their classroom's top honors was hosted by the genealogy center on April 27th. The nine fourth grade students each received a \$50 US Savings Bonds and a certificate for their achievement. Judy Johnson, past coordinator and Sunshine Lady sunbeam, was on hand to present the awards to the students. The students receiving the awards included: Maryia Schnieder from Beemer Public School; Olivia Brichacek, from District 82; Ryan Vanek, Taylor Leffler and Jessica Strehle from West Point Guardian Angels Catholic; Matt Reppert from St. Paul's Lutheran in West Point; and Aaron Daberkow and Jordan Paulson from West Point Public. Several parents and relatives, fourth grade teachers and members of the Cuming County Historical and Elkhorn Valley Genealogical Societies, Library Foundation and board members were in attendance to congratulate the winners. Katelyn Carson, award winner from Zion-St. John's was unable to be there.