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## **Bushnell-Prairie City 4<sup>th</sup> Graders Are “Can-Do” Recyclers**

**Macomb, Illinois, December 28, 2009** – To celebrate America Recycles Day on November 15, the Tri-County Resource & Waste Management Council (TCR&WMC) sponsored its annual aluminum can recycling contest. Since early September, the students collected and recycled aluminum cans. This year, the participating classes recycled over 8,000 pounds of aluminum! The contest provided the opportunity for students to apply what they learned about recycling with ongoing and future curricula and to earn dollars for their classroom in recycling buy-back dollars. By using a wall chart, students recorded their progress in pounds and income for future classroom projects, activities and field trips.

Totals for the Bushnell-Prairie City 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Elementary classes: Mrs. Allaman’s class collected 351 pounds of cans and earned \$106 in classroom cash; Mrs. Rodeffer’s class collected 141.6 pounds of cans and earned \$42, and Mrs. Hensley’s class collected 112.5 pounds of cans and earned \$33.

The Can-Do Contest provides a great opportunity to all who participate, students and community alike, by increasing awareness of recycling and its benefits to the environment, and by students earning classroom cash, making all classes winners.

CAPTION: Pictured are Mrs. Allaman’s, Mrs. Hensley’s , and Mrs. Rodeffer’s 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.