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(**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Images of the book cover and the author are available by request to [Rae Hostetler](#).)

**New book by Hoosier author Lorene Burkhart
focuses on Indiana farm life, features favorite farm recipes**

**Burkhart calls on readers statewide to submit
Favorite farm recipes at www.BurkhartNetwork.com**

**Portion of proceeds from *Home on the Farm: If Chickens Could Talk*
to benefit Indiana 4-H Foundation**

INDIANAPOLIS—Dec. 11, 2007—The newest book by Hoosier author and Burkhart Network owner Lorene Burkhart about life growing up on an Indiana farm is now available. *Home on the Farm: If Chickens Could Talk* is a series of vignettes that range from nostalgic to fanciful. Some are funny, some are poignant, but all will appeal to anyone who has ever lived on a farm or anyone who wanted to live on a farm.

The new book picks up where Burkhart's first, *An Accidental Pioneer: A Farm Girl's Drive to the Finish*, left off. That book described Burkhart's young years growing up on her family's southern Indiana farm just outside of Vincennes. Both books don't just include stories, but also feature popular farm recipes, including Burkhart's family favorites Mother's Noodles, Emma's Hermits, Lazy Daisy Oatmeal Cake and more.

Both books are available in hard copy at www.BurkhartNetwork.com and retail at \$24.95. The books are published by Burkhart Network, whose tagline is Business for Causes. A portion of profits from each of the company's books or products benefit a community non-profit or related cause. Burkhart Network will donate 10% from the sale of *Home on the Farm* to the Indiana 4-H Foundation. To designate a contribution, use code "IN 4-H" when placing an order on the company's Web site.

Burkhart calls on Hoosiers statewide to share their family farm recipes

All Hoosiers are invited to share their family's farm recipes at www.BurkhartNetwork.com. The Web site includes a page about *Home on the Farm* where readers will find a special promotional box to email favorite farm recipes. All recipes will be shared on the Web site.

"One of the things readers have commented on time and time again is the recipes in the book. They love them!" As we were developing our Web site, we thought let's try recipes from other families around the state. I can't wait to see what people share," says Burkhart.

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Burkhart Network ties to Indiana 4-H Foundation

Home on the Farm was launched in November at an event in conjunction with the Indiana 4-H Foundation. Former Hoosier 4-H members, including Randall Tobias, Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman, Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Suellen K. Reed, and Burkhart, each spoke about their days and memories in Hoosier 4-H clubs throughout the state.

During the event Burkhart was presented with the Indiana 4-H Foundation Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of her achievements in business, community leadership and philanthropy, and for her dedication and acknowledgement of the importance of Indiana 4-H in developing life skills significant to success.

About 4-H

Chartered in 1961, the Indiana 4-H Foundation supports the statewide Indiana 4-H program that is administered by the [Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service](#) in all 92 counties. As the largest youth development organization in the state, Indiana 4-H includes nearly 300,000 youth and involves nearly 20,000 adult volunteers in 3,200 clubs, camps and school enrichment units. Indiana 4-H has been empowering youth to reach their full potential for over 100 years. Children and youth who are involved in 4-H are better equipped to become contributing, caring and capable members of society.

Youth participating in 4-H programs:

- gain valuable leadership skills;
- develop their decision-making capabilities;
- increase their appreciation for community service; and
- learn to set goals, plan projects and solve problems.

For more information visit www.in.4h.org.

About Burkhart Network

Based in Indianapolis, Burkhart Network LLC is owned and led by central Indiana entrepreneur and philanthropist Lorene Burkhart. Burkhart's first book, *An Accidental Pioneer: A Farm Girl's Drive to the Finish...*, was released in September 2006 (retail \$24.95) with its sequel *Home on the Farm: If Chickens Could Talk* launching in November 2007 (retail \$24.95). She currently is test marketing her *Raccoon Tales* book series in central Indiana as well. Burkhart serves as the center of the energy for the creativity and focus of the company. Her vision is to share her life experiences through books and related items. The rotating circles, stars and sunrays in the company logo are the projects, people and causes who benefit from the nucleus of energy. For more information visit www.BurkhartNetwork.com.

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