



# Drill Team Competition

## More Than Just Moves

by **Brittany Rieckmann, Rocky Ridge Riders 4-H**

A drill is just a bunch of moves on horses, but when you put music to the drill it becomes something more, a performance. It doesn't take much skill to put music to a drill. When picking out music, you have to make sure it has the right beat, not too fast and not too slow. Also you have to take into consideration what the whole team likes. If the whole team doesn't agree then the music won't work.



It also takes more than just added music, it needs choreography and teammates. Teammates should be people who are dedicated and willing to work hard, commit to practices and work well with others. Throughout many of our practices we had are highs and lows but in the end we come together as one family and put on the best performance we can do!

Why do we do drill team? We do it simply because it's fun, not because of winning or being competitive. We have a great time and



grow many bonds and friendships. What do we get out of drill team? We learn to be a good sport, no matter what. Winning or losing as long as we know we did well that's all that matters. It might be nice to win, but you need to focus on how well you did as a team.

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# The Adranetta E. Weimer Scholarship 4-H Incentive Program

## To 4-H members:

A decade ago Bill Weimer and wife, Kathy, decided to invest in your future by establishing an endowed scholarship program in his mother's name. He grew up in 4-H and knows first hand how full participation positively affected his life and, consequently, the lives of those around him. For the scholarship, they chose to focus on a life skill, communication arts, that Mr. Weimer has found invaluable in his work as a career educator and very successful businessman.

The purpose of the Incentive Program is to broaden participation and quality in 4-H contests that enhance communication skills resulting in youth who are well-spoken, articulate, and poised. Scholarship money may be the reason members get started in the program, but the growth in communication skills is the real benefit.

This opportunity takes work, but any worthwhile endeavor requires you to invest time and effort. It is not a "winner takes all" scholarship but everyone who does the work reaps the rewards. Hanover County is the only 4-H program in the commonwealth to offer this opportunity.

Bill and Kathy Weimer have invested in your future; now invest in yourself.

**Contact the Extension Office for the guidelines.  
The first contest is Power Point in December.**

### Contest Form

#### Contest Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Contest: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:  
Hanover Cooperative Extension  
P. O. Box 9  
Hanover, VA 23069  
or by email to  
dwevans@vt.edu

### Contest

<b>December 7</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>PowerPoint</b> <b>Hillcrest Baptist</b>
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<b>January 11</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Public Speaking</b> <b>Doswell Ruritan</b>
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<b>February 17</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Presentations</b> <b>Doswell Ruritan</b>
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<b>March (TBA)</b>	<b>Share the Fun</b> <b>Details to follow</b>
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## The Adranetta E. Weimer Scholarship

Hey remember me, Caroline Nepomuceno, tiny but able to accomplish BIG things or anything that I set my mind to accomplish. Every chance there is to try something or learn a new skill well I am right up there at the front of the line. I do not let my height keep me from anything, and this is a trait that I polished in 4-H communication arts program. So I started out as a "cloverbud" with all the other 4-8 year olds. In 4-H I learned that I could do whatever I set my mind to. I started out doing the horseless horsemanship project. I was assigned a horse to take care of every Friday night. I was extremely intimidated at first, but knew this was something that I wanted to do. My experience with horses through the 4-H program built my confidence and encouraged me to see what other projects 4-H has to offer. I tried a few small projects with dogs, cats, sheep, shooting, and communication arts. In the communications project I had to do at least four speeches each year. One was a power point presentation, one presentation, one public speech, and one performance (share the fun); for all of these we were allowed to pick our topic. The first time I did these speeches I was terrified, but each year I did them I grew more confident to speak in front of people. With the communications project I was given the chance to speak in front of the Virginia General Assembly at a budget meeting, (I was 10 years old) and represent the 4-H program that helped me grow bigger and stronger in spirit and personality, and helped me become a leader for others. But let me take you back to the beginning. When I first started I was shy and afraid to talk in front of a group, even if it was just my friends. To me they were all an intimidating crowd of critics. My very first public speaking contest I did I was terrified shaking up on my milk crate that I had to stand on so you could see me over the podium. I finished that night swearing up and down to my Mom, saying that I would never do this again. But I came back each year to do these contests and grew more confident sometimes over confident. I remember one year my brother, Vance, came to do it too. However, he had more trouble with it and got very frustrated and upset. He did finish and everyone told him that he did a good job, but the ride home was a long one. He was upset telling my Mom she was a terrible parent (which was his complaint for everything) for making him do it and I wasn't helping much by telling him "well its not a big deal, I do it." That just made him madder. He did not go on to continue the program in 4-H with me, instead he participated and completed the public speaking and communications merit badges through Boy Scouts. For him public speaking was an obstacle that just took him a longer time and more work to

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Today he is an excellent public speaker and has used his skill to produce public recordings and videos for his college department. The public speaking program has helped me go and do many things like go and talk to the General Assembly at a budget hearing. It has also helped me become more comfortable in speaking to groups, classes, and just in general public. It has made me a very outgoing person, not that I wasn't already. Today I am continue working with the youth at 4-H camps and clubs to help them get started in the communication arts program so they too can acquire this important skill. Public Speaking is one of the most important skills I have gained and appreciate. It is one of the life skills that will continue to benefit me as I continue my college education and in my future career. So take advantage of the 4-H communication arts contests, power point, public speaking, presentations, share the fun, writing, and dairy poster. And if you do this every year, you will become a confident communicator and you will also be eligible for the Weimer Scholarship. Thank you, Mr. William Weimer for establishing this scholarship and helping all 4-H members to be the best! W



## Hanover County Animal Control Wish List

**We greatly appreciate your donations!  
Below is a list of the items we need most.**



**Canned dog and cat food  
Towels, sheets, blankets and soft mats  
Newspaper (Bundled)  
Shredded Paper (bagged)**



**Raw hides and other chew treats  
New or used collars and leashes  
Grooming brushes and shampoo  
New and used carrying crates and kennels**



**Cat litter  
Animal Beds  
Small Animal Cages (wire or glass)  
Doggie Comfort Sweaters**

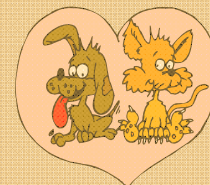


**Incubators  
Neonatal care items  
Formula for young Kittens and Puppies  
Large animal and livestock handling equipment**



**If you have questions call the County Pound at**

**804-365-6485**



# Fun Show



# NEW CLUB IN TOWN...

## **Pine Hill Boots & Spurs**

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I would like to introduce our new 4-H Club, Pine Hill Boots and Spurs.

The club began on October 4th 2010.

We meet the first Monday of each month,  
with special activities planned throughout the year.

Our leader is Ms. Vickie Holstein.

We currently have seven people in our club.

They are as followed;

Millie Young (vice president),

Hailey Barber (secretary),

Ruby Young,

Madison Barrett (reporter),

Sadie Hite,

Jennifer Barrett (president),

Jackson Barrett.

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At our first meeting we had two guest speakers. First was Mr. Matthews with Hanover Animal Control. He discussed about rabies and the importance of getting your animals their vaccines. Mr. Matthews also explained his duties as an officer. The second speaker was Russell Hite Sr., a horse farrier. He talked about how to take care of your horse's feet. A horse on site was having a problem, so he was able to demonstrate what he looks for on a sore hoof. He fixed the problem and bandaged it up. It was very interesting. Our Club is going to do the horseless project, learning about horses. We also have some that will be doing poultry and showing chickens. We will be doing photography and cooking. All of us plan to participate in the State Fair in one or more events.



**Thank you for reading,  
Madison Barrett  
Reporter**

# 4-H Calendar of Events

For more information on any of these camps please contact:

**Airfield 4-H Center**  
**757-899-4901**  
[www.airfieldconference.com](http://www.airfieldconference.com)

## Legend

**Camp**

**Contest**

**School Holiday**

**Special Events**

**Youth Livestock**

## December 2010

**7 PowerPoint 6:30 pm**  
**Hillcrest Baptist**  
*Deadline 2 Dec. See attached registration form.*

**11 Dist. Horse Bowl 9:00 am**  
**Hillcrest Baptist**  
*Fee: one can of tuna*  
 Register at [http://ned4horsecouncil.clubspaces.com/publicform\\_css.aspx?fid=4663&o=19645](http://ned4horsecouncil.clubspaces.com/publicform_css.aspx?fid=4663&o=19645)

## January 2011

**11 Public Speaking 6:30 pm**  
**Doswell Ruritan**  
*Deadline 6 Jan. See attached registration form*

**17 Hanover School Holiday**  
*Good day to plan club team building activities*

**18-20 Temple Gradin**  
*Western VA Sites Go to <http://vaforages.org> for details.*

**28 Hanover School Holiday**  
*Good day to plan club team building activities. start planning your Global Youth Service Weekend project*

## February 2011

**8 4-H Day at Capitol All day**  
**Richmond**

**11-13 Southeast District Winter Horse Camp**

**12 District Hippology**  
**Hillcrest Baptist**

**17 Presentations 6:30 pm**  
**Doswell Ruritan**

**21 Hanover School Holiday**

**26 Youth Swine Day**  
**VA Tech / Dr. Cindy Wood**

## March 2011

Share the Fun - Details to follow

**25 B&B Stockmens, Meats & Livestock Judging Contest**  
 Virginia Tech, Contact: Mark Wahlberg

### Spring Livestock Events

**TBA**  
**MAJAC Regional Angus Show**  
 Rockingham County Fairgrounds  
 Harrisonburg, VA  
[www.angus.org/NJAA/NjaaShows.aspx](http://www.angus.org/NJAA/NjaaShows.aspx)

### Southwest Virginia Youth Cattle-Working Contest

Gene Copenhaver's Farm, Meadowview, VA  
 Contact: Mark Wahlberg

### Shenandoah Valley AREC Youth Cattle-Working Contest

Steeles Tavern, VA  
 Contact: Mark Wahlberg

### Madison County Youth Cattle-Working Contest

Tucker Livestock, Radiant, VA  
 Contact: Mark Wahlberg

### New River Valley Youth Cattle-Working Contest

NRV Fairgrounds, Dublin, VA  
 Contact: Mark Wahlberg

## April 2011

**15 Weimer Scholars Writing Contest**  
*Topics and guidelines to be issued in March. Essays due in 4-H Office e-mail or hard copy)*

**15-17 Global Youth Service Weekend**  
*Do a well planned and executed service project really benefits others.*

**15-17 VA Beef Expo**  
 Rockingham County Fairgrounds  
 Harrisonburg, VA  
 Contact: Bill McKinnon or Mark Wahlberg  
<http://www.vabeefexpo.org/> <http://www.vacattlemen.org/>

**16 Youth Cattle-Working Contest State Final**  
 Rockingham County Fairgrounds  
 Harrisonburg, VA Contact: Mark Wahlberg

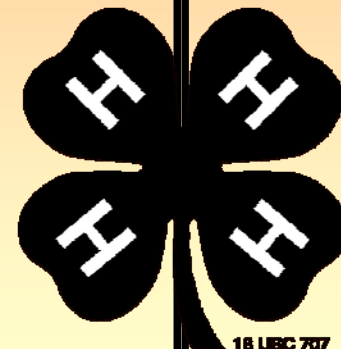
**18-22 Hanover Spring Break**

**23 Little International Livestock & Horse Show**  
 VA Tech  
<http://www.blockandbridle.org.vt.edu/>

## May 2011

**7-8 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival**  
 Howard County Fairgrounds  
 West Friendship, MD

**13-15 4-H LEGO Robotics Camp**



**18 UBC 707**

## June 2011

**19-24 Central District Summer Horse Camp**

## July 2011

**17-23 Southeast District Summer Horse Camp**

## August 2011

**15-19 4-H/NRA Shooting Education Camp**

**1-5 4-H Junior Camp**  
 Brochures available in early March

## September 2011

**15-18 State 4-H Championship Horse and Pony Show**  
 Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA  
 Contact: Celeste Crisman  
 540-231-9162/ccrisman@vt.edu  
 or  
 Joi Saville  
 540-231-2257/joi.saville@vt.edu

## October 2011

**1-9 Keystone Livestock Expo**  
 Harrisburg, PA  
<http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/kile>