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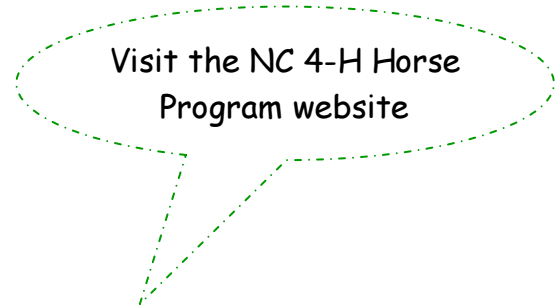
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RAILBIRDS- THE CARTOON

One of North Carolina's veteran volunteer leaders and long-time supporter of the 4-H Horse Program, Bill Comninaki, has authored a book entitled *Railbirds*. Bill was a former 4-H volunteer horse club leader who was instrumental in introducing and developing the non-trotting division in the NC 4-H Horse Program. He currently lives and works on the family farm in Hoffman, NC surrounded by his wife, grandchildren, horses, cows, dogs, and various other animals. Although most of us remember Bill as a dedicated horse club leader, parent and walking horse enthusiast, his life-long pursuit has been working at cartooning events, including political cartoons.

Railbirds is a 155 page illustrated cartoon publication that reflects happenings around the farm, stables, horse show arena, field trials and associated events like grooming, mucking, financing, teaching, training and everyday barn situations involving horses and the people they have dominion over. The cartoons provide a light hearted humorous look at the horse industry from the horses' point of view. The publication would make an excellent gift for the horse lover, both young and old.

Bill Comninaki's support of the 4-H Horse Program is centered through the marketing of *Railbirds*. The book is available at \$22.00 plus shipping and handling. Mr. Comninaki is offering a special fund raising opportunity to the NC 4-H Horse Program county clubs that wish to promote and sell *Railbirds*. To purchase the book or obtain more information on the special marketing opportunities for 4-H Horse Clubs, contact Mr. Comninaki at www.RailbirdsTheCartoon.com; wyc@pinehurst.net or write W.Y. Comninaki, P.O. Box 148, Hoffman, NC 28347.

-Bob Mowrey

2010 SOUTHERN REGIONAL HORSE BOWL TEAM

The 2010 N.C. State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest was held on Saturday, March 6th at North Carolina State A&T University in Greensboro. The contest was the largest in the past four years attracting 40 teams from 21 counties. Complete contest results can be found at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_State_Contest_Results.html.

The Horse Bowl contest was sponsored by Southern States Cooperative, Inc. and Triple Crown Horse Feeds. Letter of appreciation thanking our donors should be mailed to:

Mrs. Meredith Bernard
Equine Feed Sales and Technical Rep.
Southern States Cooperative
52 Mountain Hill Rd.
Milton, N.C. 27305

The sponsorship funds will help to provide a partial travel scholarship for the North Carolina State Horse Bowl team members and coach that represents North Carolina at the Quarter Horse Congress contest in Columbus, Ohio and the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky. The following Volunteer leaders and 4-H members have indicated an interest to try-out for the N.C. State 4-H Horse Bowl team.

Team Members

Morgan Rich- Cumberland Co.	Ruth Vorder Bruegge- Cumberland Co.
Michelle Reichl- Rockingham Co.	Elizabeth Rhodes- Johnston Co.
Allie Riddell- Alamance Co.	Eric Wright- Union Co.
Kathryn Williams- Currituck Co.	Whitley Wilson- Edgecombe Co.
Crosby Reed- Burke Co.	Coy Herbert- Nash Co.
Rhonda Armstrong- Edgecombe Co.	Julia Fritschel- Edgecombe Co.

Sandy Wright, Coach, Union County

Jessica Hicks, Extension Horse Technician at NCSU, will work with Sandy Wright to coordinate and prepare the Horse Bowl teams.

The top 10 ranked team members will represent North Carolina at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships in Clemson, S.C. in July. A final five member team will be selected after the Southern Regional Contest to represent North Carolina at the National Contests held in the fall of 2010.

-Bob Mowrey

2010 SOUTHERN REGIONAL HIPPOLOGY TEAM

The 2010 N.C. State 4-H Hippology Contest was held on Saturday, March 6th at North Carolina State A&T University in Greensboro. The contest attracted 198 4-H members from 24 counties. Complete contest results can be found at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_State_Contest_Results.html.

The Hippology contest was sponsored by the North Carolina Horse Council, Carolina Farm Credit and the West Central 4-H Horse District Advisory Board. Letters of appreciation thanking our donors should be mailed to:

Sue Gray, Executive Director
NC Horse Council
4904 Waters Edge Dr., Suite 290
Raleigh, N.C. 27606

Mr. Randy Ratliff, President
NC Horse Council
441 Plainfield Rd.
Greensboro, N.C. 27455

The sponsorship funds will help to provide a partial travel scholarship for the North Carolina State Hippology team members and coach that represents North Carolina at the Quarter Horse Congress contest in Columbus, Ohio and the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky. The following Volunteer leaders have agreed to coach and the 4-H members listed below have indicated an interest to try-out for the N.C. State 4-H Hippology team.

Team Members

Morgan Rich- Cumberland Co.	Coy Herbert- Nash Co.
Taylor Knittel- Johnston Co.	Faith Fulbright- Gaston Co.
Ruth Vorder Bruegge- Cumberland Co.	Rhonda Armstrong- Edgecombe Co.
Michelle Reichl- Rockingham Co.	Crosby Reed- Burke Co.

Chris Fulford, Coach, Edgecombe County
Lori Stroud, Assistant Couch, Johnston County

Jessica Hicks, Extension Horse Technician at NCSU, will work with the coaches to coordinate and prepare the Hippology teams.

The top 8 ranked team members will represent North Carolina at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships in Clemson, S.C. in July. A final four member team will be selected after the Southern Regional Contest, to represent North Carolina at the National Contests held in the fall of 2010.

The 2010 Junior and Senior Horseman of the Year awards were sponsored by the following individuals:

Junior Division Horseman of the Year Award

Lyndsie Young
Davie Co. 4-H Agent
108 S. Main St., Suite 210
Mocksville, N.C. 27028

Senior Division Horseman of the Year Award

Mr. Bill Miller
Carolina Farm Credit Service
P.O. Box 238
Graham, N.C. 27253

-Bob Mowrey

NC 4-H HORSE PROGRAM CERTIFIED EQUINE MEASURERS

The NC 4-H Horse Program provided training to 4-H Horse Volunteer Leaders on the proper techniques to measure and certify the height of equine for 4-H Horse Program events. Effective January 1, 2010, only certified Volunteer Leaders or carded USEF Show Stewards are authorized to determine the height of equine participating in NC 4-H Horse Program events that restrict participation for specific events/classes based on the animal's height (ex- pony show divisions).

All ponies without a permanent USEF height card for animals six years of age or older must be measured in 2010 in order to participate in a 4-H Horse Program event. Specific NC 4-H Horse Program rules regarding the heights of ponies can be found at:

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_Rulebook_ChapterIII.html

A current list of NC 4-H Horse Program Certified Measurers can be found at:

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_Certified_Measurers.html

Show/event managers are encouraged to contact a certified NC 4-H Horse Program Measurer to measure ponies for select events.

-Bob Mowrey

The North Carolina 4-H Horse Program Newsletter is distributed to 4-H agents and volunteer leaders to assist in the development and management of the county 4-H Horse Program. Agents are encouraged to submit the name and e-mail address of volunteer leaders who should receive a notification of current newsletters. Agents and volunteer leaders are encouraged to download the newsletter and enclosures from the Extension Horse Husbandry web site.

NC 4-H Horse Program Website, which can be accessed through the Extension Horse Husbandry website at: <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/>

Educational Contest Entry Forms

Entry forms are available on the NC 4-H Horse Program Website, which can be found at:

<http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/>

An agent or county extension director's signature verifying 4-H eligibility and age will continue to be required on all entry forms. Entry forms can be submitted via mail by either agents or volunteer leaders prior to the postmarked deadline date and MUST accompany a check for the correct amount of entry fee. If entry forms are returned, they must be sent by a county extension agent prior to the advertised post mark deadline date. Receipt of an electronically mailed entry form from an agent verifies the 4-H members' eligibility. *However, the entry is not complete until the entry fee is received via mail prior to the contest or events.*

For copies of any entry form go to the particular event on the following webpage: <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/horse-husbandry/>

**Bookmark the following links for easy access to information about the
NC State 4-H Horse Program.**

NC 4-H HORSE PROGRAM WEBSITE

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2010 4-H HORSE PROGRAM CALENDAR EVENTS

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_Calendar.html

2009-2010 STATE 4-H HORSE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_4H_Advisory_Board.html

2009-2010 NCSU EQUINE SHORT COURSE AND CLINIC SERIES

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_Short_Course_Series.html

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