On Monday morning on July 8th, 2013, a small 4-H group met up to volunteer at the Coventry Community Garden. Although all of the Raising and Grazing 4-H Club members' families had their own vegetable gardens, many of them had never actually spent hours gardening and learning how to grow and take care of their own plants. Three hours later and covered in dirt, they all had learned something about the plants growing in their very own backyards.

The Coventry Community Garden was started by Gail Tatengelo in 2009. She wanted to help the families in Coventry who fall on hard times, by starting a garden which donates all of the vegetables to the Coventry Food Bank. The garden is run mainly by Tatengelo and other volunteers, now including the Raising and Grazing 4-H club.

When they arrived, the 4-H group was quickly put to work cutting up some of the full-grown garlic, weeding, watering, spraying plants with a natural bug spray, checking plants for “potato bugs,” and even helping set up a new bed of dirt where more vegetables and plants will grow. The club enjoyed learning new things about the care put into gardening, and were happy to know that by volunteering for just a few hours of their time, they were helping people in their community by providing fresh produce in a time of need.
Helping Hands: Trail Blazer’s 4-H Club

BY: ISOBEL McCONNELL

Our club decided to make the food bank our Community Service Project for 2013. The food bank is held at Faith Fellowship Church, West Greenwich every third Saturday in the month. Two members from our 4-H club go to the church each month and help pack food into peoples bags, carry the bags to their cars and put them in. We also help with sign in paperwork at the table. Anybody that needs food can come and collect it.

Our club held a competition to see who could buy the heaviest amount of food from Aldi’s for $10.00. The winner, Riley, bought 12.1 lbs of food and she won a 1st place ribbon and bag of Rolo’s. So far we have collected nearly 75 lbs of food from club members and collection boxes and we are still collecting.

Oklahoma Tornado Disaster

The Oklahoma Tornado Disaster was a mess. When the Cantering Colts 4-H club heard of this disaster, we wanted to help right away and make a difference. So, we decided that the members and families of our club could donate as much money as they wanted to the families who lost a lot in this tragedy. We raised a total of $330.00 and sent it to help the 4-H families in Oklahoma. Over all we believe that our club has made a difference in other peoples lives.

-WRITTEN BY: ALEX BOURQUE, CLUB HISTORIAN

The Aquidneck Riders club also sent money to support the victims of this tragedy. They voted to send $100 to the OK 4-H Foundation to help 4-H families affected by the tragedy.

Project: Baby Hats

Everyone in Trail Blazer’s 4-H Club asked everyone we knew to start knitting baby hats for the new born babies at Women & Infants Hospital. We collected a total of 63 hats! This was a fun project that we would love to do again next winter.

"I consider the work of the 4-H Club in building character one of the finest undertakings in all America."
- Albert S. Goss, Master, National Grange. April 1948.
It’s Your Turn! Become a 4-H SPIN Club Volunteer

What is a 4-H SPIN?...
A 4-H SPIN Club is a short-term, special interest club. Topics vary and include interests such as nature, heritage arts, science, engineering, gardening, technology, etc.

Who is 4-H looking for?
YOU! We are looking for adults that have a talent or interest that they are willing to teach to young people in local communities.

Why should you become a SPIN club volunteer?
You can have a positive impact on the next generation of young people in your community by sharing your experience and knowledge in a subject area you’re passionate about.

When and where will the meeting be?
SPIN clubs are planned around the volunteer’s availability. Meeting dates are set by the volunteer, based on the availability of the potential participants. The meeting location is selected for the type of activity and number of participants.

We would like to meet with you and discuss opportunities for you to become a 4-H SPIN club volunteer in your community.

If you are interested, contact your URI State 4-H Office

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4-H Announcements

If your club has announcements you would like to see here, please email them to kouss345@yahoo.com by the 15th of the month. Thanks!

Special Volunteering Opportunities at the Washington County Fair

The Exeter Grange is looking for help at the French Fry Booth at the following times:
- Wednesday– Sunday 10am-3pm
- Wednesday– Sunday 7pm– 10:30pm
- Friday– Sunday 3pm-7pm
If you’re interested in helping, call Peggy Fish at 397-8058.

The Richmond Grange is looking for help at the fair also.
- Shifts are 10 am to 2 pm, 2 pm to 6 pm, and 6 pm til 10 pm.
- Get a gang together to come work, it makes it fun.
- We appreciate all the help we can get.
- Text or email Paul at 218-9526 or pbrodeur@msn.com or call Haven Nelson at 829-3105.

Free Animals Looking for Good Homes

Flemish Giant Rabbit
- I adopted a rabbit as a pet and have since found that he isn't really working out for me. It honestly kills me to have to rehome him, I've NEVER let a pet go before, but he just isn't getting the attention he seems to crave. He is litter trained, show quality (according to his breeder) and very very friendly. He is about 7 months old.
- Contact Emma: emonte239@gmail.com

I have a RI Red Rooster looking for a home with a 4-H family as a pet, not for food.
- Contact Dena: drollysmom@yahoo.com

Team Riders Annual Horse Show

The Team Riders 4-H Club is again hosting their annual horse show at the Washington County Stables on Saturday, September 7th. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded as well as day end championships!
- Divisions will include: Walk-Trot, Walk-Trot-Canter, Green Horse, and more.
- Please email Teamriders4h@gmail.com for any questions or to ask for a class list. We hope to see you there.

In Club Record Book Workshops

Hello Everybody, I know that in the midst of summer record book time still feels far away but October will be here before you know it! To help, the State 4-H Office will now be offering trips out to individual clubs on the days and times of their choosing to do in club record book workshops. These workshops will go over the format of record books, what should be in them, how to add some flair, and anything else members or volunteers have questions on. We can also bring some unique scrap booking supplies to help with decorations. If you are interested in reserving a day for your club to have a record book workshop please email me, Samantha Tickey, at samanthatickey@yahoo.com.

Dear 4-H Members,
Did you attend a camp this summer that you really liked? Would you like to tell others about the great time you had?
In the September issue of The Wave, we would like to share great camp experiences. It can be any type of camp - it doesn't need to be 4-H - just a really great time others should know about.
Please send your 2-3 paragraph “Letters from Camp” to Natalie by August 15.
kouss345@yahoo.com