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June 10

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June 11

SRI 4-H Fair Clean Up
June 24 & July 1

SRI 4-H Fair
June 28-30

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July 1

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July 7

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Cantering Colts 4-H Club

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Ah...SNOW. We held 3 successful Public Sleigh ride days at Paine Farm this winter, with 87 sleighers, and delicious snacks supplied by 4-H’ers. Many Cantering Colts 4-H Club members participated in the poultry workshop at Rocky Hill Grange, E. Greenwich, and the Rabbit workshop in Upton, MA. They learned a lot of valuable information! 16 members participated in the 2013 District and State Public Presentation contests. Many blue ribbons and cash awards were won. Daniel Kuyoth will represent RI at the Regional Horse Contest in October. His winning Power Point /Illustrated Talk on Horse Cloning was in the Senior Equine division, followed by Katelin Kuyoth and Louise Wear. Younger members put on a skit: “Donkey to Market”, an Aesop Fable adaptation.

18 members entered artwork in the annual state 4-H photo/Fine Arts Fair. They were Nicole Needham, Xen Fay, Dan & Kate Kuyoth, Courtney Lambert, Emily & Holly Lotter, Rebecca & Megan Natale, Bethany & Kaitlyn Wear, Nathaniel Manock, Sabrina Peltier, Victoria Chalko, Noah Harris, Alex & Lauren Bourque, & Grace Barden. The drawings, sculpture and photos were judged and displayed at the Warwick Mall. There were 3 Best of Show awards and many Blue ribbons. 3 Cloverbud members, Emily & Melanie Brown, and Joey Parent, displayed paintings at the Voila Art Gallery in Wickford. During February vacation we had a tour of the Providence Mounted Police Horse facility at Roger Williams Park by Officer Patty and her draft horse, Hooligan. We toured OSEA, a large Animal Vet facility in Smithfield, had a pizza/movie party, and went ice-skating. Some members went to 3 area Nursing Homes and shared baby bunnies with the clients. If you know a local Nursing Home who might like us to visit, please contact Virginia Ross at 647-7230.

The URI 4-H Program is an educational program that combines hands on education and life skills. Youth can join community clubs, do 4-H in after-school settings and join as individual members. To join 4-H contact Kristy Horan at kstone@uri.edu.

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The University of Rhode Island is an equal opportunity employer committed to community, equity, and diversity and to the principles of affirmative action.
Early this spring I received an interesting email from Joan at the American Hopping Association for Rabbits and Cavies, inviting me to learn more about this new performance sport. I thought about my own bunny, Petunia, just sitting in her cage all day and everyday and then I thought of my precious Sweetie the Guinea Pig and how she would love an adventure outside her cage. What a great activity for pet bunnies, cavies and their owners! So I began my investigation. Sure enough the AHARC has a super informative website with documents on selecting hopping rabbits, safety, building jumps, training and so on. Then I emailed Joan to find out if there are any New England Hopping Clubs or events. She was great. Within a couple days, I received another email from Monica Gray, the 4-H club leader of the Paw Prints Club in Blackwood, New Jersey. Coincidently, she has family right in Kingston and they usually come for a visit in the summer – this year on the same weekend as SRI Fair, June 28-30! Monica and her daughter offered to give us a hopping and agility demonstration on Saturday evening and I said “Hooray!”

The Paw Prints 4-H Club has been hopping for 3 1/2 years. They have run the hopping competitions at the Pennsylvania ARBA conventions for the past 2 years, and will be running the hopping competition at the ARBA convention in Harrisburg this October. The Paw Prints club is not only a 4-H club, it is also an ARBA chartered youth club. They have visited many groups and done demonstrations in hopes of getting more people interested in hopping. They started out with 5 kids 3 years ago, and now have 20+ members and several other counties nearby are starting their own hopping clubs.

The American Hopping Association for Rabbits and Cavies is the national performance club for rabbits and cavies (Guinea Pigs) chartered by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA). Rabbit Hopping was developed in the early 1970's in Sweden, but has just recently become popular in the United States. The Swede's developed rules, jumping equipment, and guidelines for rabbit hopping and called it rabbit show jumping. The model these ingenious people used to create rabbit hopping was horse show jumping. Rabbit Agility was developed by the Canadian Hopping Club and Dell Robins from MN (USA) independent of each other. Cavys Obstacle Course is another very new and exciting sport for youth and adults to pursue with their pets. Lots of valuable information on choosing the right rabbit, safety and training, proper harnesses and building hopping courses is available on the AHARC website.

To learn more about rabbit hopping visit the Paw Prints 4-H Club website: http://pawprint4h.webs.com/ and the American Hopping Association website: https://sites.google.com/site/americanhoppingassociation/home.
Photo Fine Arts – Foundation Award Winners

Congratulations to the Foundation Award winners at the recently held Photo Fine Arts Fair. The winners are:

- **Jessica Elliott**, 4 Ever Amigos 4-H Club for her Acrylic Painting of “Hydrangea Flowers”
- **Katelin Kuyoth**, Cantering Colts 4-H Club for her photo of “Katie” (the chicken)
- **Colleen McKenna**, Jitterbugs 4-H Club for her acrylic painting called “Crater Lake”
- **Meghan Morrissey**, Rhody Riders 4-H Club for her pen drawing “Balloon Flower Evolution”
- **Nicole Needham**, Cantering Colts 4-H Club for her painting titled “Spring”

Samples of some of the award winning art appear below:

Blank notecards have been created using the winner’s artwork and are available for purchase: $2 each or 6 for $10. If you would like to purchase this beautiful notecards, please e-mail Deb Imondi at dimondi4@etal.uri.edu for more information and to place your order.

Foundation Raffle

The RI 4-H Club Foundation sponsors a number of fundraising activities throughout the year and the proceeds go to supporting RI 4-H programs. One of the Foundation’s biggest fundraisers is our Annual Raffle. Tickets will be on sale at our Golf Tournament (June 8th) and at all the Fairs this summer. Tickets can also be purchased from any Foundation Board member.

So, why not take a chance to win these great prizes and support RI 4-H?

R.I. 4-H Club Foundation

**LAWN TRACTOR RAFFLE**

Drawing to be held on October 26, 2013 at the RI 4-H Club Foundation Annual Alumni Event at Metcalf Elementary School, West Greenwich, RI

**TICKETS $20.00 EACH – MAX 1000 SOLD**

- **First Prize**
  2013 John Deere X300 Lawn Tractor with 42 inch deck and 10P Utility Cart
- **Second Prize**
  Timberwolf TW-P1 Log Splitter
- **Third Prize**
  Honda Generator EU2000I
HARTFORD COUNTY 4-H CAMP

The Hartford County 4-H Camp is located in Marlborough, CT and runs all through the summer, the 4-H Horse Camp operates June 23-29 and June 30-July 6. Each camper brings their own horse for the week and is grouped according to his/her level of riding. Trailers may be left at camp for the week. Good quality hay and shavings provided, you bring your own grain/pellets, water bucket, mucking tools, tack, riding clothes/helmet etc. There are 4 large riding rings equipped with sprinklers and an outdoor hunt course as well as trails through Blackledge River Forest. There is also a tennis ball court, basketball court, volleyball court, soccer field and low ropes and a one acre pond for swimming or boating. Meals are fabulous, especially the always fresh salad bar! There are evening activities and campfires each night with a snack before bedtime. Non 4-H campers are also welcome and there are a handful of camp school horses available. Rainy Day has been the camp riding director for years and years, Diane Martin assists with the riding program. The camp fee is $370 for 4-Her’s and $410 for non 4-Her’s. A great opportunity to ride several times a day with quality instruction. A great way to have campers gain hands on responsibility for the complete care of their horse away from mom and dad, while being closely watched by camp riding staff.

For more information and to sign up for camp, contact Elsie Woolam (203)289-4177 - To get more info about the day to day riding activities, etc., feel free to contact Diane Martin at (401)692-6354

New London County 4-H Camp

New London County 4-H Camp is in Franklin, CT, an overnight summer recreational camp for ages 6-17. There is Clover Camp for the 6-8 year olds, Teen Leadership for 14-17 year olds and General Camp for 8-14 year olds. For more info, visit nlc4hcamp@aol.com.

2013 SRI 4-H Fair Schedule

June 28th - June 30th 2013

Fair Clean Up - Monday June 24 at 6:00 pm
Clean up is mandatory either Monday before or after fair!!

Exhibit Hall Open - Thursday June 27 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm
All Entries Due, Pinewood Derby Cars, Floral Arranging & Wreath Contest

Friday June 28th

2:00 – 8:00 pm 
All Animals Arrive – No Late Arrivals
5:30 pm 
Pinewood Derby
6:00 pm 
Egg Toss – Large Ring
6:30 pm 
Opening Ceremonies & Banner Contest
7:00 pm 
Farm Chores
7:00 pm 
SRI Talent Show “SRI Idol” (will start after opening ceremonies)
8:00 pm 
Beef Weigh in

Saturday June 29th

9:00 am 
Goat Show – Show Barn
9:30 am 
Dairy Show – Large Ring
10:00 – 6:00 pm 
New England Garden Tractor Pull
1:00 pm 
Poultry & Rabbit Showmanship
2:00 pm 
Beef Show – Lower Ring
3:00 pm 
Sheep Show
5:00 pm 
Egg Toss
5:30 pm 
Pie Eating Contest
After Dinner 
Hay Loading & Hay Bale Toss
6:00 pm 
American Rabbit and Cavy Roping Association Demonstration
6th Annual 
Cow Hop Bingo

Sunday June 30th

8:00 am 
Goat Obstacle Course – Goat Barn
8:00 – 8:30 am 
4-H Dogs Arrive and Check In
9:00 am 
4-H Horse Show
9:00 am 
4-H Dog Show
9:00 am 
Washington County Puifiers
10:00 am 
Swine Show – Show Barn
12:00 Noon 
Premier Showmanship – Show Barn
2:00 pm 
Scholarship Awards – Show Barn
3:30 pm 
Pet Talents Show – Show Barn
4:00 pm 
Egg Toss
5:00 pm 
Fair Closes after Clean Up

Monday July 1st

6:00 pm 
Fair Clean up
The members of the Rhode Island State Dairy program with members from the SRI 4-H Dairy Club, traveled to UMass to attend the 2013 Dairy camp. 4-H youth learned new techniques in fitting, farm management, nutrition, judging, linear appraisal, DNA and genes.

Pictured from left to right Raquel T. Dakota B., Liz S., Emily M., and Austin P.

Libby Walker of the 4-Ever Amigos was recognized by the Chariho School Committee and Superintendent Barry Ricci on March 27, 2013, for her 4-H leadership project: The Chariho Shovel Brigade. The Shovel Brigade is a free snow shoveling service for elderly and handicapped residents of Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton. With the help and cooperation of her 4-H Club, administration of each of the three Chariho towns, and Superintendent Barry Ricci, Libby designed a system that allowed residents in need of help to sign up by email or at their town hall. Volunteers to do the shoveling are recruited largely from the 4-Ever Amigos Club and from the greater community. Libby started the Brigade during the winter of 2011-2012 in response to the very heavy snowfall of the previous winter. There are currently twenty-five residents signed up for help and a total of twenty-two volunteers. Libby hopes to expand the volunteer base by working with church groups and other volunteer organizations in the three towns. She also plans to work with town welfare officers to identify residents in need of help. The group’s work can be followed on its facebook page.

Team Riders

Rainbow Race

John and Cindy’s Harvest Acres Farm in West Kingston was the location for the annual Rainbow Race held Saturday, May 4, which offered either a 5K walk or a 10K run. Team Riders members Anna Masson and Kayla Whittier, working with their leader Don Kettle provided wagon rides with all proceeds being donated to the Rainbow Fund. The Rainbow Fund was started in May, 2011, in memory of Cassie Duncan to bring awareness to Mental Health issues and to remove the dark cloud of stigmatism and fear away from mental illness and replace it with the Rainbow of Hope. All proceeds from the day were donated to NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in hopes of getting the word out and helping as many people as possible.