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The Wave

Upcoming Events Calendar

Beef Heifer Forms
due
May 10

URI East Farm
Festival
May 11

NRI 4-H District Horse
Show
May 12

Spring Horticulture
Program
May 18

Poultry Project Field
Trip
May 19

Swine, Dog & Goat
Management Forms
due
June 01

SRI 4-H Fair
June 29-30

Wings N Things 4-H Club

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I would like to take some time to introduce our new 4H group Wings-N-Things. We started our group in October of this 4H year with people who wanted to do everything 4H has to offer. We have such an excited and involved group and that's why we now have 39 members! We participated in things like public speaking, art shows, workshops, the greens workshop, etc. This year we ended up having several from our group participate in the District Public Speaking and eight of us

went on to the State Competition. Twenty kids from our group submitted art work for the Photo Fine Arts Fair and the Clover Bud Art Show.

We chose the name Wings-N-Things be-

cause it says that we do all the four H's Head, Heart, Hands and Health. Our group meets twice a month. The first meeting of the month is at Heritage Haven Homestead. There we do the Junior Master Gardener book with Mr. Dave Sutherland our very own science teacher. We have studied seeds, dissected plants and made gallon green houses.

Heritage Haven Homestead is located at 1189 Hartford Pike in Scituate. Mr. Lee and Miss Tammy Martin started this farm in order to preserve our past. They use heirloom seeds in their gardens. They are concerned about preserving Heritage Breeds, such as Nankin chickens and Leicester Long Wools. We volunteer there every Saturday morning with farm chores, while learning about these breeds. On May 4,



2013, our group will be having a breakfast in the barnyard. If you are interested in preserving our past by learning about heritage breeds and heirloom seeds, you should plan on being there.

Our second meeting is at the West Warwick Senior Center. There we have our business meeting, arts and crafts and games. We volunteer by giving out Thanksgiving baskets to those in need. We are planning to do a show for the Seniors in May, during their monthly dinner.

We are currently working on several fundraising events. One of them be-

ing a Square Dance on November 2, 2013. We heard that square dancing used to be a 4H event and we thought it would be fun to have a family dance. This will be where parents and children can learn together and have a night of fun! You can go to the 4H website and look for more information on the calendar page.

We are enjoying everything 4H has to offer and we are excited to be a part of it. We can't wait to meet more of you when we present our banner at the SRI Fair. The fairs will be a great opportunity for our group to meet all of you! 4H has been a really fun experience for me and that's why I tell everyone about it.

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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RI 4-H Robotics Clubs

AIR Strike

FIRST Robotics Team #78, AIR Strike, participated in the 2013 BAE Systems Granite State regional this past weekend.

Approximately 20 students, 15 mentors and their families attended the competition, which was held on February 28th through March 2nd at the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Over the course of two days of qualifying, the team compiled a 6-4 record to finish ranked as the 14th seed out of 45 teams. AIR Strike was chosen as the second pick by the 8th seeded alliance. Their partners were team #2791, Shaker Robotics from Latham, New York, and team #3467, the Windham Windup, from Windham, New Hampshire. Their alliance was pitted against the 1st seeded alliance in the elimination round quarterfinal matches. Their alliance was unfortunately outmatched, losing both matches and getting knocked out of the

tournament by the eventual overall competition winners.

AIR Strike also competed at the Maine Regional in Lewiston, ME on April 4th through the 6th. They won the Chairman's Award, qualifying them for the FIRST Robotics World Championship in St. Louis MO, April 24-27, where they will compete against hundreds of teams from around the world.

This is just the start of the 2013 FIRST competition season for AIR Strike. Later in the spring AIR Strike will hope to compete at several area off-season events in addition to local outreach. For information on how to help AIR Strike get to St. Louis, visit www.air4h.org.

FLL is the FIRST LEGO League, a robotics program for 9-14 year olds.

FTC is the FIRST Tech Challenge, designed for 7th-12th graders.

FRC is the FIRST Robotics Competition, a more competitive program designed for 9th-12th graders.

These programs are designed to get children excited about science and technology, as well as equip them with valuable employment and life skills.

Finding Blue Moose

In November, team #5468, Finding Blue Moose, was 1 of only 3 FTC teams asked to go to FIRST headquarters in New Hampshire to film a new promotional video for FTC. Will.I.Am. was also in it and it was released worldwide in January.

The RI State Championship went well for the Finding Blue Moose Team and they were nominated for 2 awards. They then went up to the Vermont State Championship and won the Motivate Award there.

Finding Blue Moose Team has also been invited to the World Championship in St. Louis, MO which took place April 24-27. They were part of the Opening Ceremonies for FLL and they are very excited about it. This is the third time that they have gone to the World Championship. They have also signed up to volunteer at the 4-H booth there.



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Foundation Corner

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Let's Play Golf!

The RI 4-H Club Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 8, 2013

Noon Registration, 1:30 pm Shotgun Start

Laurel Lane Country Club

1 Laurel Lane, West Kingston, RI

The RI 4-H Club Foundation will hold its annual golf tournament on June 8th at Laurel Lane Country Club.

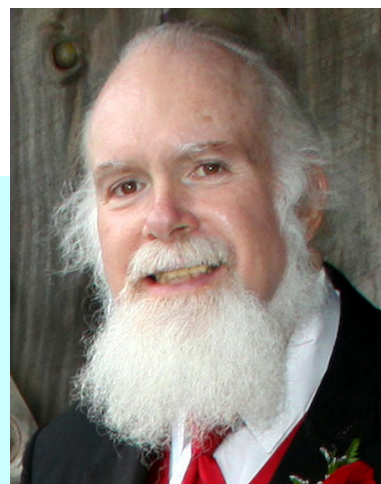
The Tournament will be "Best Ball" format, with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams, closest to the line, longest drive and closest to the pin. There will also be putting contests and betting holes.

This year, our tournament honors the memory of **David Burnham**. Dave was a long time, avid friend and supporter of RI 4-H and served on the Board of Directors and as President of the 4-H Foundation.

The registration fee of \$125 per golfer includes green fees, cart, favors, lunch "on the turn" and a delicious BBQ dinner. A raffle and silent auction will take place during the dinner. There are also plenty of opportunities for sponsors. Please see the Foundation website for details and registration forms at <http://www.ri4hclubfoundation.org/golftournament.htm>.

Another upcoming Foundation event:

Annual Alumni Event – A Spaghetti Dinner and Square Dancing evening will be held on Saturday, October 26th. Stay tuned for more details!



In Memoriam Joseph M. Hunt

On March 9, 2013, R.I. 4-H lost a dear friend, avid supporter, and tireless volunteer, Joseph (Joe) M. Hunt, 63, of Canterbury, CT.

Joe lived in Harmony, RI for 28 years before moving to Canterbury in 2006. He was a Master Craftsman for the Adams Printing Co. in Pawtucket for the past 10 years.

He was the husband of Cheryl R. (Grant) Hunt for 30 years. Besides his wife, he is survived by his daughter Heather R. (Hunt) Crecco of Canterbury and his son-in-law Robert Crecco. Farmer Joe also left behind his menagerie of animals.

He was a 17 year member of the R.I. 4-H Club Foundation and was on the Scholarship Committee and helped organize the annual golf tournaments. He was a leader of the R.I. 4-H Teen Council. For many years he operated the 4-H chicken barbeque booth at the Foster Old Home Days and the 4-H pizza booth at the Washington County Fair.

A moving and fitting tribute to the great man was held on March 24th in North Scituate. The Memorial Service was attended by many representatives of his 4-H family. In lieu of flowers, his family asked that donations be made to the R.I. 4-H Club Foundation, Inc. in order to make sure his legacy and dreams continue. Joe will truly be missed, but his 4-H spirit lives on!

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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 25th of the month. Thanks!

SRI Pinewood Derby Cars

Pinewood Derby cars are now available!
Anyone who wants a pinewood derby car should contact Lisa Dallas

(ljldallas@cox.net). The SRI Pinewood derby is open to all RI 4-Hers and is held on Friday June 28th 2013 at 5:30 PM at the SRI 4-H Fair. Prizes will be awarded for placings (1st - 3rd), best appearance, most unusual, most 4-H spirit, most likely built by a 4-H'er, most creative, most agricultural, and most patriotic.

SRI 4-H Fair Important Dates

The SRI 4-H Fair is June 28 – June 30.

All applications are due by June 1st.

The Cleanups at the fairgrounds will take place the Monday before and after the fair. Please try to come and help out for a little while.

Rhody Warm "Name the Blanket" Contest

The purpose of this contest is to choose a name for the next edition of the Rhody Warm Blanket and honor a Lost Village of RI.

Contestants shall choose a "Lost Village" in RI to write an essay on. A "Lost Village" is considered to be a village that was abandoned, destroyed, or not known by many people today. The essay should include the history of the village, what it was known for, and how it became a "Lost Village".

The contest is open to RI youth under 18 years old. Entries must be between 250 words to 500 words. Entries must be post marked by June 8, 2013.

The winning essay will be used in the commentary describing the Lost Village in the next blanket brochure. The winner will be recognized in the blanket brochure and win a Kindle Fire.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.risheep.org/essay->

URI East Farm Festival

The eleventh annual URI East Farm Spring Festival is a fundraiser organized and hosted by the URI Outreach Center & URI Master Gardeners. The event, started in 2002 by a group of URI Master Gardeners who volunteered at the farm, has grown into the biggest public showcase for URI drawing close to 3,000 visitors to the 79-acre research facility. The festival's main goal is to educate the public on sound environmental practices through workshops and informational exhibits.

- * Admittance & Parking is Free!
 - * Free workshops & Demonstrations!
- The East Farm Festival is 5/11 this year



The Aquidneck Riders 4-H club is holding a bake sale on Saturday May 4th,

from 9am to 1pm at Clements Market, 2575 E Main Rd, Portsmouth, RI.



Go where you want to go!



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