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NEW SOAPS

The Pawtuxet Village Farmers Market welcomed a new vendor last week, Donna Dunn of Rhode Island Spa Products. Donna makes soaps and washes with ingredients from Rhode Island farms, including goats milk from Borderland Farm in Ashaway and honey from Ashaway Apiary. Her products have no artificial colors, no artificial fragrances and minimal packaging. In addition to buying local, Donna tries to buy organic and fair trade ingredients.

The market previously had two soap vendors, Sandy Agronick of Surfside Soaps and Micki Whelan of Baby Greens, but neither will be returning to the market this year.

A resident of North Kingstown, and former resident of Buttonwoods in Warwick, Donna also attends markets on Aquidnick Island, Goddard Park and Fishermen's Memorial State Park. More information is available at www.buttonwoodsbathworks.com.

In addition to Donna's soaps, this week's market will have flowers, salad greens, vegetable starts, garlic, eggs and Palmieri's baked goods.

PLAYING OUTSIDE

The PBS documentary, "Where Do Children Play?" will be shown at Cranston's William Hall Library, Tuesday May 18 at 7 PM. The film, which explores the limited opportunities for children to play outdoors without supervision, will be followed by a panel discussion with Chris Hitchener, Roger William Park Zoo early childhood coordinator, Janice O'Donnell, executive director of the Rhode Island Children's Museum, Edgewood family physician Jeanne Swen and Steve Stycos, a member of the Cranston School Committee and a founder of ExploreCranston.

The event is free and open to the public.

BIRD WALK

May 22 the market will feature a bird walk along the Pawtuxet River guided by Mike Kieron, assistant curator of the Roger Williams Park Museum of Natural History. The walk will start at 8 AM from the lower Rhodes on the Pawtuxet parking lot. Please bring binoculars, but not dogs. Children are welcome, but should be at least seven years old.

See you at the market.