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FREE MILK, YOUTH JOBS & DREAMS

FREE MILK

Free samples of Rhody Fresh milk, an all Rhode Island product available at local groceries, will be offered Saturday at the Pawtuxet Village Farmers Market. Rhody Fresh is the brand name of the Rhode Island Dairy Farms Cooperative which has grown from five to eight Rhode Island farmers since its formation in 2004.

In addition to Rhody Fresh, Pak Express, Moosup River Farm, Zephyr Farm, Blue Skies Flower Farm and Palmieri's Bakery will be at the market's second week. Asparagus, flowers, salad mix, spinach, eggs, bread and other early vegetables will be on sale. We will also have Friends of the Pawtuxet newsletters with a calendar of upcoming market events.

Mary Hastings of Farmacy, a Providence based community health center which offers herbal remedies, will return to the market in June.

Special thanks to all our intrepid customers who came to the market during last week's downpour. Farmers have little winter income, so attendance at spring markets, especially when it rains, is appreciated.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER JOBS

Cranston and Providence 14-15 year olds are eligible to apply for summer jobs with REACTRI, a youth health career exploration initiative of the Central RI Area Health Education Center (CRIAHEC) at St. Joseph Health Service of RI. The summer employment program lasts six weeks and has two components: Friday 10am-2pm trainings on health topics and medical skills and fifteen hours per week in a local hospital for hands-on experience. There is a small weekly stipend to participate in the program. The stipend does not equate to minimum wage, as students are not paid to work, but to explore career options.

Those interested must live in Cranston or Providence and apply by June 1. Check the website, www.reactri, for more information.

WALK

Steve Stycos will lead a one hour kids walk Saturday. We will learn to use a simple tree identification guide and do a small cleanup. All ages welcome. Meet at 10 AM at the market's recycling table.

Four free walks will be offered this year. June 20, Roger Williams Park Museum of Natural History assistant curator Mike Kieron will lead a bird walk at 8 AM. June 27, former Rhode Island city forester John Campinini will lead a tree walk at 10 AM and Sept 19 URI professor Robert Kenney will

lead a mushroom walk at 10 AM.

THEATER AT HALL LIBRARY

“American Dreams,” directed by Bob DiMartino, will be presented at Hall Library May 15 & 16 at 7 PM. The dramatic pieces are based on Studs Terkel interviews and will be performed by the Young Actors Ensemble. In this work, they discover the intricate weave of American culture and dreams as they study the Terkel text.

CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE MEETING

James Epperson will speak on “The P.O.W. Cartel,” at the Rhode Island Civil War Round Table meeting, May 19 at 6:30 PM at Hall Library

See you at the market.