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Springtime & Strawberries

By Amy Reihl

Mark your calendars for the June 4, 2011, annual Strawberry Festival at Christ Church. The crowd-favorite, strawberry shortcake, plus hot dogs, chips, soda and ice cream will be served to the beat of live music performed by two groups. From 12:30 to 1:30, the NicePeople band will perform Contemporary Christian music followed by Brennen and Company performing Bluegrass. This year's festival will also feature pony rides with "Peaches the Pony", a used book sale, a bake sale and a moon bounce. Other family fun activities include a beanbag toss and duck pond.

Christ Church was built in our Village of Lucketts in 1868. It operated continuously until its minister, Mr. Howard Cady, died in 1956. Because he was a roaming minister, sharing his time with Round Hill and Hamilton as well as Lucketts, there was no replacement available and the doors were closed for several decades. However, in 1986 two forward-thinking Lucketts residents, Mrs. Cora Kohlhoss and Mrs. Jean Callahan were inspired to restore the empty church. The big question was how to raise the money for it. Since no one project would raise enough funds in one "fell scoop" (pun intended) the annual Strawberry Festival was born. The tradition continues to generate funds and it provides a time of fellowship. For more information call 703-771-2196 or visit us online www.christchurchlucketts.com.



All above photos provided by Christ Church

*"Y'all come on out rain or shine
from noon to 5:00pm
at the intersection of
Route 15 and New Valley Church Road."*



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Rural Enterprise Heather Heider

By Doug Fabboli, owner/vintner of Fabboli Cellars



Did you know that for centuries horses have been an integral part of life in Northern Virginia? Yet, the care, training and maintenance of these noble creatures is an often an under-valued part of our diverse rural enterprises. This led us to shine our spotlight on Heather Heider and the equestrian business she runs from her home at Vixen Farm just north of Lucketts on Cherry Spring Lane.

Having grown up on her family's breeding farm in Lovettsville, Heather is no stranger to horses. She began foxhunting at the age of 9 and as a college co-ed at Virginia Tech, Heather was one of the founders of the nation's first student-run riding companies in the Inter-collegiate Horse Show Association.

Fast forward a few years, Heather expressed her love of horses when she worked as a nutrition specialist for Southern States Cooperative.

Thereafter, she took on the role of advertising account executive and publisher with the Greater Washington Publishing Company, a subsidiary of the Washington Post. As her salary increased and her time at home with horses and family decreased, Heather decided she needed a change.

So, she left her 6 figure salary and the commute to start a riding camp on Vixen Farm. Heather runs the summer "Pony Camp" for youngsters between 5 to 16 years of age. The campers enjoy riding, grooming, feeding and general maintenance of the ponies. Heather has 2 apprentices and 6 counselors who assist her. Heather states that "Working with these majestic animals builds both confidence and humility for each of our campers". The camp focuses on hunt seat equitation and horsemanship, which is a good fundamental base for all disciplines of equine. In addition, her company provides after school programs as well as adult programs.

Heather experienced a banner moment when a pony she bred and trained, Meadow Fox Jubilation, ridden by Lucketts resident, Makala Benjamin, came in 11th in the Green Large Pony Division at the 2010 National Pony Finals!

Heather has found a comfortable work-life balance, the likes of which are made possible in our lovely Village of Lucketts. A few slots are left in this summer's Pony Camp. If you are interested, feel free to contact Heather at 703-431-1613 or email her at HeatherHeider@hotmail.com. 🍃

Top Brenda Hutchinson on Mosby, one of the Pony Camp's excellent mounts; **Middle** Exuberant campers; **Bottom** Heather with husband, Scott, and daughter, Allison.



Photos by Heather Heider

Village Volunteers Needed

By Kay Quitter



Did you know that our Village of Lucketts thrives on VOLUNTEERS? A volunteer is a person who has a passionate, committed interest in something he or she believes in. If you believe our community is worth the investment of your time then please heed this call: **Our village needs you.**

Consider that churches would be unable to provide programs for the community they serve, without volunteers. The trash and recycle collection service every Saturday would not be possible without the volunteers from the Lucketts Ruritan Club. In the spring, roadside cleanup would never take place without volunteers from the Village of Lucketts. Your house or place of work would burn to the ground without the volunteer Fire Company from the Village of Lucketts. Similarly, the Boy Scouts would never have the programs and events made available for them to learn from and enjoy, without volunteers from the Village of Lucketts. The annual Lucketts Fair would NEVER happen without volunteers from the Village of Lucketts. Finally, much-needed programs and events held in the heart of our village, the Lucketts Community Center, could not exist without volunteers from the Village of Lucketts.

Yes, the very heart of our village needs YOU. Our community is growing, but our volunteers numbers are shrinking. The Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board issues this urgent 911 for volunteers from the Village of Lucketts to help us to continue to thrive!

Please join the unique, dedicated group of VOLUNTEERS on the Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board to become an integral part of “the Heart of Lucketts”.

The Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Lucketts Community Center. **For additional information, please call LCCAB Officer Matt Quitter 571-214-3907.** 

There are so many ways that you can help and enrich your community by volunteering. Do you want to meet your neighbors? Hear the stories of Lucketts? Come and help make your own story. Volunteer!

Recycling & Trash Collection

Brought to you each Saturday 8am-noon by the Lucketts Ruritan. Suggested donation \$4 for 4 large trash bags; larger loads—larger donation. You must be from Loudoun County. **Recycled boxes must be flattened!** Steel, aluminum, plastic may be co-mingled.

Not accepted: liquids, yard waste, large furniture, toxic chemicals, car batteries, industrial waste. Trash service closed Christmas and New Year’s Day.

Interfaith Relief

Drop off canned/non-perishable food every Saturday during trash service. This is extra important during the holiday season. For further info about Interfaith Relief please call 703 777-5911.

Join the Ruritans

Meetings are held at SkillsUSA during renovations to the Community Center. They are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. No invitation needed, just join in. Meetings include dinner (served by ladies of the Furnace Mountain Church), a guest speaker and business meeting. Email us at luckettsruritan@gmail.com for more information.



Lucketts Baseball Players Come Home

The anniversary was held at the Lucketts Community Center September 18, 2010. We thought our readers who were not able to attend would enjoy reading about our local boys, and girls, of summer.

Reprinted from an article by Margaret Morton, Staff Writer for Leesburg Today, September 24, 2010

About 80 people gathered at the Lucketts Community Center Saturday to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Loudoun County Baseball League, particularly one of the clubs in the league—the Lucketts Baseball Association.

Matthew Kohlhoss and his mother, 93-year-old Cora Heflin Kohlhoss, were among those who attended the reunion.

It was Matthew's uncle, Walter Kohlhoss, who helped found the Lucketts club when he returned from World War II. During its 20-year span, the club won eight county championships, a feat that was relived Saturday by 20 living members of the team along with friends and family. After a hearty lunch, including a large cake depicting the original team, Cora Heflin Kohlhoss posed along with the team members, who included two players from the first Lucketts team—Marshall Fleming, 82, and Jack Arnold, 78.

Matthew Kohlhoss said during the years 1947-66, there were 92 players in the Lucketts team. After the club disbanded in 1966, "the team manager, Tommy Heflin, and a couple of guys went up to Lovettsville and kept going for another five or six years," Kohlhoss said.

Saturday's event was organized by Cheryl Peyton, wife of team member Jackie Payton. "There were memorabilia, some jerseys, including the old ones made out of wool, and it was a lovely turn out," Kohlhoss said.

One of those who came the farthest for the reunion was Buddy Frye, a pitcher, now living in South Carolina. He had enjoyed great success and pitched professionally for the St. Louis Cardinals organization, almost making it to the big league before hurting his arm, Kohlhoss said. Others among Saturday's attendees included local resident Jimmy Athey, whose father was one of the original members, and Ted Jenkins, third baseman and "a great hitter," Kohlhoss recalled. Other early team members included Bob Flynn, A.D. Bogle and Jay Carnes, along with Carl Carnes, a pitcher who won more games for Lucketts than anyone. Rounding out the roster of former players were Maury Brumm, Jackie Peyton, Dickie Jenkins, Lennie Lindsey, Gary English, Bob Moore, Roger Brumm, Bobby Brumm and Ron Williams. 🍀

Look for Cora Marshall Heflin Kohlhoss's "The Lucketts Baseball History" in our next issue.



LUCKETTS BASEBALL PLAYERS AT THE LUCKETTS REUNION, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

Kneeling L-R Matthew Kohlhoss, Jackie Peyton, Dicky Jenkins, Maury Brumm, Tom Heflin, Roger Brumm, Gary English. **Back row L-R** A.D. Bogle, Jimmy Athey, Lennie Lindsey, Buddy Frye, Robert Flynn, Cora Heflin Kohlhoss (member of the Lucketts Baseball Association), Jay Carnes, Carl Carnes, Jack Arnold, Marshall Fleming, Ted Jenkins, Bobby Brumm and Ron Williams



Reunion cake with the 1950 Lucketts Baseball Team pictured on top at a game against Middleburg.



At the reunion, several of the original Lucketts Baseball team Marshall Fleming, Jack Arnold, Bobby Flynn and Buddy Frye enjoy the day like old times.

Springtime in Lucketts



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1 & 4 Boy Scout Troop #1910 lead by Kay Quitter collect items for the Boy Scout portion of the community yard sale. 2 & 3 April 30 and a beautiful dawned for the community yard sale. 5, 6 & 7 Children and families get a work out at the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Center. Thanks to staff, Pat Howder, Nancy Radcliffe, Hilary Cooley and Eleanor Tillet. 8 & 9 A good time was had by all at the Easter Egg Hunt at Sky Blue Farm to help raise money for the Japan Relief Fund. Thanks to the Kennas for a donation of \$200 to aid victims in Japan. 10 On March 29 under the "Running with the Stars" program, 21 Lucketts Elementary school children, ran a total of 47.58 laps for Japan disaster relief. Their efforts generated over \$2,200 which was donated to the American Red Cross. Congratulations to all who participated in this very worthy cause!



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11 Stan Sorrell donates one of the forty-four bicycles which were received during the April 9 Bikes for the World fundraiser. The bikes will be shipped to Central and South America. The program teaches poor people to repair and refurbish the bicycles, providing them with an occupation; the bicycles are needed as transportation to work, school, and health services. 12 Phil Ruth, a Bikes for the World volunteer, was surprised and pleased by the generosity of our local families. "This will help a lot of people," he said. Faith Chapel serves as a collection point for this charity every two or three years.



1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 & 12 Steve Hillbrand

10 Nicole Anderson

2, 3, 8 & 9 David L. Crooks

Church Calendar

Furnace Mountain Presbyterian Church

Worship Service on Sundays at 9:30am

Faith Chapel Presbyterian Church

Worship Service on Sundays at 11am.

Christ Episcopal Church

Saturday, June 4
Strawberry Festival (see story on front page)

Bible Study every Wednesday night beginning March 2 from 7:30-8:30pm in the church house (white house next to church).

Sunday morning service start at 9:30am. All are welcome. 703-771-2196 or visit www.christchurchlucketts.com

Bethel United Methodist Church

All are welcome at the Bethel United Methodist Church's Food, Funds Celebration. This food feast features Ham and Turkey dinners plus live music! All proceeds will benefit three distinct relief efforts. So stop by, (Rain or Shine) between 5-7 pm on:

Saturdays:

July 16 proceeds benefit UMCOR-Haiti Relief

Sept. 17 proceeds benefit Stop Hunger Now

We are located at: 41799 Stumptown Road Lucketts, VA. Free-will offerings accepted. 703-779-7745, www.cometobethel.org.

Sunday morning service starts at 11sm

Towing, Tolling and Telling: a Bell Tower Story

By Steve Hillebrand



Driving past the Lucketts Community Center building, you cannot help noticing that the bell and tower have been removed due to the building's on-going restoration. When photos of the bell's removal appeared on the Loudoun Times Mirror website, Lucketts photographer Steve Hillebrand learned this was not the original bell. His curiosity led him to a discussion with long-time resident and local carpenter, Dick Snooks, who launched into telling the story of the 1913 original bell:

The building once housed the Lucketts School. After the school closed in 1972, the building fell into disrepair and was slated for demolition by the county. The county

removed the bell and placed it in the courtyard of the new Lucketts Elementary School. However, concerned Lucketts citizens succeeded in having the demolition stopped. In 1979 the Lucketts Ruritan Club secured funding to begin rehabilitation. Thereafter, the county Parks and Recreation office took charge and the Community Center was born. However, the building had no bell, and the county would not tow the original bell back to the renovated building.

Undaunted by this news, a graduate of the original Lucketts School, Bill Sinclair, now deceased, located a matching bell, purchased and donated it to the new Community Center. Snooks donated his time and expertise and along with the use of a crane donated by Gull Corporation, installed a new 560 pound replacement bell.

In recognition of his generosity, Bill Sinclair was the first person to toll the new bell at the opening of the annual Lucketts Fair. Snooks installed a 100 foot rope from the bell to the porch of the Community Center to enable Sinclair, who used a wheelchair, to sound the bell. This began another Lucketts tradition, the tolling of the bell at the start of every annual Lucketts Fair!

So, when you hear the bell toll again, think of Sinclair, Snooks, the Lucketts Ruritan Club and all the concerned Lucketts citizens whose volunteer efforts continue to impact the quality of our lives in our lovely Village of Lucketts.

Plus, Steve Hillebrand's curiosity revealed yet another Lucketts story. This one is about a road in our Village. Although it is misspelled, Saint Clair Lane was intended to be named in honor of Sinclair! 🍀



Photos by Steve Hillebrand

Crossing the Rubicon into Lucketts

By Mary Gustafson

The Rubicon River in northern Italy was the boundary that, once crossed by Caesar in January 49 BC, marked the point of no return and “the die was cast” to fight for Caesar’s position as leader of the Roman Empire. Eric Williams of Rubicon Farm in Lucketts says the purchase of the property was like crossing the Rubicon River. Hence, they selected the name, “Rubicon”.

Eric and his wife Sheryl both worked at Hewlett Packard along with Dan Wiseman, a Lucketts Ruritan luminary. The couple searched and searched for property in Northern Virginia where they could create a top quality venue for the equestrian sport of eventing. In 1999, Dan introduced them to Lucketts. Through a series of steps, the Williams acquired a one hundred acre property and their dream of creating a premiere equestrian venue had found its home.

Eric was an active eventer and he and Sheryl both enjoyed foxhunting. These mutual interests fueled their desire to create a facility for others to experience the excitement of eventing. Eventing is sometimes called the triathlon of equestrian competitions because both the rider and the horse together must complete three separate phases and are judged on obedience, precision and fitness.

Along with David O’Connor, Eric and Sheryl designed their beautiful and challenging cross country course. David is the 2000 Olympic Individual Gold medalist, as well as team Bronze medalist in 2000 and team Silver medalist in 1996. Later, the couple added nationally renowned jump builder, Gregg Schlappi, to build the jumps that David designed.

In the fall of 2003, during construction, the Williams’ hosted an abbreviated competition called a Combined Test. The following spring, of 2004 all poised to begin a full horse trial, Mother Nature intervened and rain cancelled the competition. However, on a beautiful fall day in 2004, nationally recognized event rider, Stephan Bradley, FROM LUCKETTS, was the inaugural rider to leave the cross-country start box.

Throughout the years, Rubicon has grown in popularity with the sport of eventing and has been cherished not only for the quality of the venue, but for its amazing owners. Eric and Sheryl are dedicated to our Lucketts community. They believe that they could never have realized this dream without the help and cooperation of so many who live here. Especially the Lucketts Ruritan Club who, organized by Dan Wiseman, so masterfully park the shiny vans with living cargo and with riders who are on tight schedules.

A day at Rubicon is a brilliant way to get some sun, visit neighbors and experience the thrill of eventing. Pack a picnic or treat yourself to one of the food vendors. The spring event is June 11 and 12, 2011. Spectators and cheering sections are always welcome!

As an eventer myself, I have experienced the fun, excitement, victories and defeats of eventing at Rubicon. Eric and Sheryl never let you forget how important you are. The feeling is mutual!



Diane Hutchinson

The dressage test—the first phase of the triathlon. It is ridden in a small arena.



David L. Crooks

The show jumping test—the second phase. The rider must navigate their horse around a course of colorful jumps without pulling a rail down.



Diane Hutchinson

The cross country test—the third phase. The pair must gallop over a long course of more natural, immovable jumps. Horse and rider wear required safety equipment.



Diane Hutchinson

Spectators and cheering section are always welcome. They can make all the difference!

Bethel Church Apple Butter

By Jan Benjamin



Photo by Jan Benjamin

If you are a fan of this tasty twist on jam, check out the apple butter made by members and friends of Bethel Church. Volunteers meet early in the morning to set up for the day long process of making this delicious treat. First, they start the fire. Next, the apples are sliced and placed in copper kettles along with spices. Volunteers take turns stirring the contents. They also enjoy a hearty breakfast and return to stirring until lunchtime.

But, everyone saves room for the tradition of “cleaning” the pots, later. After several hours of stirring, volunteers form an assembly line to bottle the apple butter in pint and quart-size jars. And, finally, with pieces of bread in hand, volunteers make certain none of the apple butter at the bottom of the kettles is wasted.

Bethel Church on Stumptown Road, sells their apple butter at the Lucketts Fair and this year on June 4, 2011, it can be found at The Olde Tyme Country Fair at the Loudoun County Fair Grounds. Plus, this great alternative to jam is always available at the church. Simply call their office at 703-779-7745. 🍏

- June 4** Strawberry Festival. 12noon to 5pm. Christ Church. (see article front page). 703-771-2196
- June 7** Lucketts Ruritan meeting 7:30 at SkillsUSA

Preschool Camp with “Mrs Donna” VonWagoner at the Lucketts Community Center. 9am-2pm. \$126/week. 703-771-5281

June 6-10, June 13-17, June 20-24,
July 11-15, July 25-29, Aug 1-5

- June 11-12** Rubicon Horse Trials. 8am-evening. 703-777-6799
- July 12** Lucketts Ruritan meeting 7:30 at SkillsUSA
- July 16** Ham & Turkey Dinner. 5pm to 7pm. Bethel Church. 703-779-7745.
- July 18** Celebrate Ice Cream Day 12noon-2pm. Join us for an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social at the Lucketts Community Center. 703-771-5281
- Aug 20-21** The Lucketts Fair. 10am-5pm. Admission \$5. Volunteers needed. Call 703-771-5281
- Sept 17** Ham & Turkey Dinner. 5pm to 7pm. Bethel Church. 703-779-7745.

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