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Roots & Shoots After-school Club!

ROOTS & SHOOTS started up again in January. This environmental stewardship program is sponsored by Bethel United Methodist Church on Stumptown Road and takes place on Wednesday afternoons, from 3–4:30 P.M. The program is open to children in first through fifth grades. You may remember Roots & Shoots from the Lucketts River Fair—they had the “Find Your Watershed Address,” the “ID the Frog Call,” the “Raindrop to Bay” stations and the watershed model sandbox. They do a wide variety of activities that are both fun and educational. A small yearly fee and occasional parental participation may be required. Call 703 777-8147 or e-mail them at roots-shoots@cometobethel.org.



Ruritan Scholarships

Each year the Lucketts Ruritan Club provides scholarships to high school students living within the Lucketts area, regardless of which high school they may attend. To apply, students should complete an application, and submit it to the Lucketts Ruritan Club, Attn.: Scholarship Committee, 42361 Lucketts Road, P.O. 1291, Lucketts, VA 20177. The deadline this year is **April 21st, 2008**.

Once the applications are received, the club forwards them to the Point of Rocks Ruritan Club for their impartial review. Scholarship awards are determined by an applicant's personal achievements. Both academic performance and community service are weighted equally at 50% each in the evaluation. Letters of recommendation are accepted as well.

Students may obtain an application through their school's guidance office or by contacting club member Doug Fabboli at vinofab@aol.com. The Lucketts Ruritan Club's Scholarship Awards Program is just one of the many ways that the club gives back to the community. Good luck!

APPLY NOW!

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Loudoun Archaeological Foundation (LAF)

Is the LAF Coming to Lucketts?

By Thomas Hyland

THE ANSWER seems to be maybe! The foundation hopes to visit us soon for an archaeological dig focused on Nolands Ferry. This abandoned ferry crossing was once part of the old Carolina Road and a main thoroughfare. The dig taking place remains contingent however, on gaining permission from affected property owners to gain access to the site. At one location, where a customs house/warehouse once possibly was, the owner is out of the country and has been unreachable. If you have information about this individual or any other absentee landowner, the LAF would appreciate your help. The LAF may be contacted at the address shown at the end of the article.

Early research in the Nolands Ferry area has found indications of prehistoric occupation. Additional research on the ferry and the Old Carolina Road has turned up diary entries by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson speaking of traveling across the Potomac at Nolands Ferry.

Once the necessary permissions are established, exploration of Nolands Ferry's past will be lead by Dr. David T. Clark. Dr. Clark is the founder of the LAF. He's a professional archaeologist of more than thirty-five years and a resident of Loudoun County. He teaches at both the Catholic University of America and the Loudoun Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) and heads the Catholic University Zoo-Archaeological Laboratory. He's also a Board member for the NVCC Historic Preservation Program, Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, and the Thunderbird Archaeological Foundation.

The LAF was founded in January, 2007 as a non-profit organization whose major goals include scientific archaeological investigation and reporting though a "whole community" approach to protecting and preserving the cultural and natural resources of Loudoun and its environs. The negative impact of current fast-paced development on our heritage resources here in Loudoun and elsewhere in Northern Virginia led to the creation of the foundation. Our rapidly growing community is often unfamiliar with its rich and diverse history. Key to LAF's mission is its free community-service archaeo-

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logical research and educational programs whose purpose is to first promote the community's appreciation, and understanding of its historic and prehistoric heritage while raising awareness of its endangerment.

The Foundation's first-year public archaeology program has been widely successful, both in terms of public recognition and support and substantive accomplishment. In addition to holding twenty specific "dig days" at three separate sites in Loudoun County—Claude Moore Park, Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, and the Schafer Pottery—the Foundation has also held two Mobile Archaeology Lab/Training sessions (MALTS) where adult volunteers and children participated in the washing, cleaning, and classification of artifacts recovered at those digs. In addition, the Foundation participated in the Leesburg kick-off event for the 250th Anniversary of the establishment of Loudoun County, the Lucketts Fair, the Waterford Fair, and a number of other local Loudoun community programs. Sterling Elementary School also became the first public school to actively participate in the Foundation's "School Public Archaeology Adventure Program." During all these various activities, over three-hundred adult volunteers came out to conduct our dig activities while an estimated five-thousand children of all ages, and nearly as many adults, learned to screen soil for artifacts, and to collect, wash, clean, and classify those artifacts.

LAF's research/educational programs are professionally linked to a series of archaeological classes taught by Dr. Clark and affiliated with the Historical Preservation Certificate Program, Humanities Department (Northern Virginia Community College-Loudoun Campus) and GIS Program (NVCC-Reston Campus). These classes are also linked to an extensive archive research program at the Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg. Much of this archival and archaeological research is geared toward developing sites celebrating the 250th anniversaries of Loudoun County and Leesburg.

For more information, contact the Loudoun Archaeological Foundation, P. O. Box 2201, Leesburg, VA 20177.

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An Ice Cream IQ Test

What Every Lucketts Resident should Know About Ice Cream

The PTA at Lucketts Elementary School is already gearing up for their annual Ice Cream fund-raising effort. This is a huge months-long effort that is capped by the all day churning event and selling of the wonderful ice cream at the Lucketts Fair. We need volunteers to help us with tasks like ordering supplies, getting permits, and processing fruit (we get fresh, local fruit and process it ourselves). Most importantly, in August we need over a hundred people to help us hand churn the delicious stuff and to dish it out at the great Lucketts Fair. Don't worry, we've been doing this for over 30 years. We'll teach you everything you need to know! Won't you help us this year? It's a great cause and it's great fun. Plus, you'll meet many of your Lucketts neighbors! Please contact Jan Fearing at janandsyd@yahoo.com or 703 771-9477.



1. How much ice cream is produced annually in the U.S.?

- A. Enough to fill the Queen Mary
- B. Enough to fill the Rose Bowl
- C. Enough to fill the Grand Canyon

2. The largest banana split ever made was...

- A. Almost as long as a football field
- B. More than 4.5 miles long
- C. As heavy as a fully loaded Boeing 747

3. What is the biggest fund-raiser for the Lucketts Elementary PTA?

- A. Bake sales
- B. Selling hand churned ice cream
- C. Doing home improvement projects for Lucketts residents

4. How much ice cream does the Lucketts PTA make to sell at the Lucketts Fair?

- A. 50 gallons
- B. 200 gallons
- C. 300 gallons

Trivia questions from: www.users.nwark.com/~piperw/iepage.htm#trivia, Doc Wilson's Ice Cream Trivia Quiz

Answers: 1. C; 2. B; 3. B; 4. C

BLUEGRASS

The Lucketts Blue Grass Concert Series concludes for the season with the show on April 26. It begins again on October 4. One of the reasons Lucketts has been able to host top quality bands for more than 30 years is that the musicians are paid most of the cash that's taken in at the door. A dedicated team of volunteers does nearly all the work that makes each concert season a success. Since it still takes money to put on a show, the Lucketts Bluegrass Foundation relies on generous donors who have contributed to the "Friends of Lucketts Bluegrass" Fund. These contributions help keep ticket prices low and spirits high.

Tickets are \$13, available at the door. All tickets are General Admission (no reserved seats).

Doors open at 6 pm, Show starts at 7 pm!

April's Schedule

Apr. 05 John Starling and Carolina Star

Apr. 12 The Scott Brannon Band/
The Wildwood Valley Boys

Apr. 19 Norman Wright and The Travelers/
Carolina Road

Apr. 26 The Patuxent Partners/
Patent Pending

Note: Information and pictures on most bands without web site links can be found on either DC Bluegrass Union or iBluegrass.com.

Refreshments (hot dogs, barbecue, snacks and sodas) are available from our snack bar. There is no smoking, and the use of alcohol, coolers, or recording devices is not allowed.

Potomac River Fair

by Lauren Lang

OVER 150 STUDENTS, parents, and community members enjoyed the Potomac River Fair at Lucketts Elementary on Thursday, November 8. The fair highlighted 5 areas about the Potomac River basin: conservation, ecology, geology, history, and recreation. Since the majority of presenters were from outside groups and community members, most parents were able to walk around the fair with their children, which enhanced the learning and enjoyment of children and parents alike.

Some highlights of the fair were looking at aquatic insects through a microscope with the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, climbing into the Kayak of World Champion Kayaker Seth Chapelle, rock formation and weathering experiments, and hands-on watershed demonstrations.

Three student groups: the Harper Park Middle School Ecology Club, the Bethel Church Roots and Shoots Club, and the Webelo II's of Cub Scout Troop 965 led participants through hands on activities. The Ecology Club helped students make buttons and examine their live turtle and tree frog. The Cub Scouts conducted experiments to demonstrate how difficult it is to remove pollution from water. The Roots and Shoots Club helped parents and children find their watershed address, explore river related web sites, and helped children and their parents explore a watershed and riparian buffer through a hands-on model.



Participants learned about the role of the Potomac River in the civil war through tasting hard tack and beans similar to what civil war soldiers ate and a diorama of the Battle of Balls Bluff. Digging for pieces of earthenware collected on archaeological digs in the Potomac River Basin in Loudoun County and matching animal skulls with the animals were among the hands on activities provided by the Loudoun Archaeological Foundation.

The Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District led participants in planting Chestnut Oak Acorns to take home, and learning about the role of trees and vegetation in healthy streams. Friends of Catoctin Creek taught students about Native Virginia insects and fish through a fishing game, and displays.

The evening was very informative and entertaining as these quotes attest: Anne Larson of Friends of Catoctin Creek said, "This River Fair was just outstanding. One thing after another that the kids were excited about." Participants collected stamps at each station throughout the fair. As Temple Douglas commented, "The kids liked collecting the stamps. They were especially entertaining to the younger kids." Holly Heffner of BTI Whitewater said, "The setup was excellent, I thought it was great for the kids."



Lucketts Ruritan Happenings

The Lucketts Ruritan held its annual Awards Banquet on December 8th, 2007 at Skills USA—still known to many in the community as VICA. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal and an evening of socializing. As always, new officers were installed. The main event however, was the awarding of the honor of **Lucketts' Citizen of the Year**. This year's recipient was the Community Center's own Hilary Cooley. Within the letter from the club's Nominating Committee to the Board were numerous examples citing the "care and concern that she has for the integrity of the Lucketts community...its history and people."

For example, it was noted that "Hilary is actively involved in the Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board as secretary. She helps the Board in supporting community activities such as the Lucketts Fair, the Antique Car shows and the Bluegrass Concerts. When the community building housing the Waterford Concert Series burned to the ground, she immediately offered the Lucketts Community Center as the location to continue the concerts until the building is rebuilt. She managed the transition and helps oversee the event, often putting in long, unpaid hours." In addition it was noted that she has made "tremendous, positive changes...expanded the child care capacity, preschool classes...takes a personal interest...mops floors, removes trash, moves and sets up tables and chairs as well as decorating with a flair" Thanks, Hilary for your hard work!

Our Lucketts Ruritan Club was chartered in May of 1979. Throughout the 1980s and '90s the club grew and prospered. However, over the last few years we've seen many changes in Lucketts along with a drop in club membership. We should all be reminded of Hilary Cooley's example about taking time out from our busy schedules to give back to our community.

Your Ruritan club supports the community through sponsorship of, and participation in, community activities as well as raising funds for over \$23,000 in annual contributions to worthy causes. These include: youth activities; scouting; churches; fire and rescue; emergency response; food relief; shelters; a free clinic; adult day care; college scholarships; schools; and citizen awards.



In addition, with the support of Loudoun County, the Lucketts Ruritan Club provides the trash pickup and recycling program at Lucketts Elementary each Saturday morning from 8 'til noon.

You too can become involved. Come meet others, share a meal and listen to guest speakers discuss topics of interest to the community. Meetings are generally only an hour and a half. Call John Adams at 703 777-7814 for information on participating and an invitation to one of our dinner meetings. Lucketts Ruritan Club, PO Box 1291, Leesburg, VA 20177

Bulletin Board

Community Center Advisory Board

The Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board (LCCAB) sponsors the Lucketts Fair and other programs and activities. Meetings, open to the public, are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Call 703-771-5281 or visit www.lucketscommunitycenter.org for info.

The Fair Committee

The Fair Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. Everyone is encouraged to come and get involved. This year's fair will be August 23 & 24, from 10 am–5 pm, both Saturday and Sunday.

History at the Lucketts Fair

Some of you have visited the Lucketts history exhibit at the fair during the last couple years. We're the fortunate ones situated just inside in the front door of the Community Center. Maybe you've come in to cool off, or maybe it's to learn about the colorful past of your home town.

This exhibit features a different aspect of our community each year. For example, we highlighted someone who's lived, farmed, and raised a family here, helping us to feel what life was like before many of us came on the scene. You don't have to be born and raised in or around Lucketts to appreciate our history. While you're at the fair, stop in and you may catch a good local story. Or, maybe you have one of your own to tell.

This year we will be featuring a place. The place is known as Selma and we'll be telling its story. If you'd like to be involved in this year's project, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Mary Gustafson 703-777-6368 or e-mail dddesign2@mindspring.com.

Nine Patches and Fat Quarters!

By Sally Keefer

WHAT DO NINE-PATCH, Irish Chain, Courthouse Steps, Virginia Star, Fat Quarters, UFO's, Pickle Dish, hand piecing, and Drunkard's Path have in common? These are all names of "quilt blocks" or "terms" that relate to quilting. The Lucketts Community Center staff will be giving you a chance to learn much more than just the lingo!

A Quilting Bee has been scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month, at 7:00 P.M. at the Community Center. The monthly get together offers a chance for "not yet" quilters, experienced and novice quilters, or anyone just eager to learn more about the craft to meet, get acquainted, and share their creativity. There is a pay-at-the-door fee of \$3.00 to defray the cost of refreshments and copying of information or handouts.

For the uninitiated, quilting is the process of stitching together layers of fabric that are filled with a soft textile, usually cotton. In a sense, quilting is like making a "textile sandwich." Quilts are traditionally used as bed coverings because of their warmth and comfort, but they are also used in clothing, upholstery, and home decorations.

Quilting has a fascinating history and has been around for centuries. It is often believed to have been invented by the Americans in the

19th Century. This is not true however.

Although the exact origins are not yet confirmed, historians know that quilting, piecing, and appliquéd were used for clothing and furnishings all over the world. It is assumed that quilting orig-

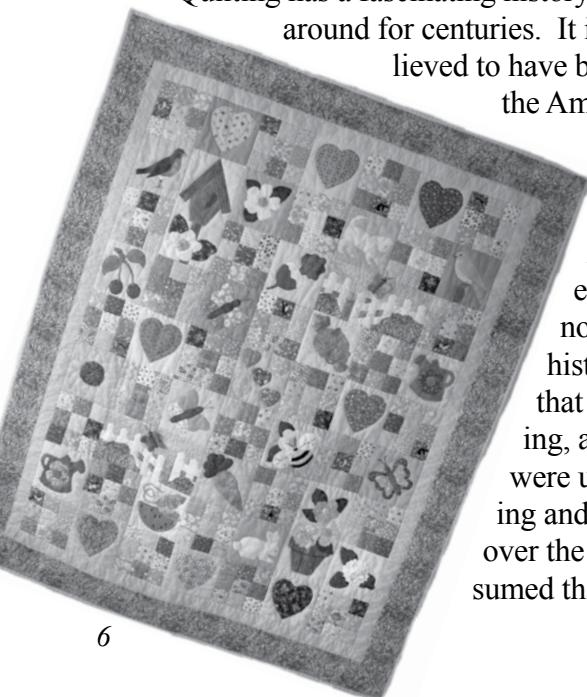


inated in China and Egypt simultaneously. The earliest recorded quilted garment was found on a carved ivory figure of a pharaoh from the first dynasty and is dated around 3400 BC!

Today, many quilts are created, not only for home furnishings and new baby gifts, but as works of art—submitted to national and international shows well known in the quilting circles.

Our own Lucketts neighbors cherish quilts that they have made or were created by their mothers and grandmothers. These quilts still see everyday use or are used for decorative purposes as wall hangings.

One of the best things about quilting is that every one you make is uniquely yours. You can take a design and adapt it to your own needs, changing the fabrics, textures and colors in whatever way you choose. The resulting possibilities are as limitless as your own creativity and imagination. ♡



Livin' in Lucketts

by Andy Pitas

ANIMALS CAN BE BOTH fun and recreational. Here are some examples. We have a "Manx" cat. Manx cats are completely tailless. I walk a mile each morning and evening and she can't wait to walk with me. She also likes to talk to us, or I should say "chirp", rather than meow. The more fuss we make over the prize dead mice she brings to the back door,

the more she talks and carries on by rolling over on her back for a belly rub.

She's just like a dog.

If I'm working in the yard, she will follow me around. If I'm in

the garden, she gets in the shade and waits for me to get done. She just loves to be part of the family and waits for us to come out and sit with her in the shade under one of the apple trees in our back yard.

Having been born and raised on a dairy farm I've seen a lot of cats come and go, but this one has more personality and charm than anything I have ever encountered.



We had a bumper crop of apples this year despite the talk about the bee shortage and this year's drought.

Although the ground hogs love those apples, the cows in our back field do too. So, rather than letting many of the apples rot, we pick them up and dump them over the fence for the cattle to eat. Soon one very friendly white-faced Angus, ear tag number 32, would show up each morning and evening looking her apples!

She even announces her presence! Although cows ordinarily don't like to leave the rest of the herd except to calf, this lady would abandon the rest of her friends and come from the farthest corner of the field to get her apple treats. Oh, and of course the cat has to be there too! But, when we dump the apples over the fence, the cat always makes sure she stays on the safe side.

Who said things can get dull in the country. ♡

Editor's Note: Thanks to all those who expressed their appreciation of our Livin' in Lucketts article last Fall. The story was about a hen, hatched by a duck, who would lay her eggs in strange places. She's still alive and doing well. As a matter of fact, she recently surprised us yet again by hatching 4 baby chicks under the front porch! Each day she can be seen with her brood, foraging for goodies all around the yard!



Waterford Concert Series

The Waterford Concert Series season is being held at the Lucketts Community Center again this year (as a result of the Waterford Old School fire in January 2007). This concert series is a terrific way to enjoy top-quality classical music without the drive to Washington (or even Waterford!)—and the musicians are as good as those you'd hear at the Kennedy Center. Tickets are \$25 at the door (under 12 free), or \$100 for the five-concert season (a savings of \$25). For full information about all the concerts, visit www.waterfordva.org or call the Waterford Foundation's office at 540 882-3018.

SPRING CONCERT LINEUP

New Century Saxophone Quartet

Sunday, April 13, 2008, 4 p.m.

Saxophone quartet—soprano, alto, tenor, baritone. A versatile repertoire of Bach to Bernstein to today's composers. New Century has won critical acclaim for recordings and performances of Bach's *The Art of the Fugue*, works by 21st century composers and jazz.

Next Generation

Sunday, June 1, 2008, at 4 p.m.

Young competition winners from the Levine School of Music once again perform a concert that has become a favorite among Waterford Concert Series goers. Virtuosi of elementary, middle school and high school ages play their very best. You saw them here first! ♡

Lucketts Community Center News & Events

Lil' Kids Get to Go!

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in February to celebrate a new rest room facility in the child care room at the Community Center. A large closet was renovated to accommodate the new bathroom for the 3–6 year olds. Previously, the children had a long trip through the gymnasium, down the stairs, and into the basement to use the potty. Many thanks to the LCCAB for providing the funding for this welcome addition. Oh, what a relief it is!

The Movies Come to Luckettts

The Luckettts PTA is hosting a “Community Fun Movie Night,” May 30th at the Community Center Pavilion. This fund-raiser will showcase a professionally staged family movie. The PTA will offer hot dogs, chips, drinks and baked goods for sale. Free to the public, donations will be accepted. Mark your calendar, dust off your lounge chairs, bring the whole family. The event will move to the Elementary School should there be inclement weather. Contact Courtney Toriano at 703 777-3549 or more information.

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Hours: Monday, 7 am–8 pm; Tuesday–Thursday, 7 am–9 pm;
Friday, 7 am–6 pm; Saturday: 9:30 am–12:30 pm

No School Workshops

These all-day workshops are 8 am–6 pm. Grades 1–5. Cost is \$35 1st child, \$24 ea. add'l child/day.

April 12

Red Cross Babysitter Class.

9 am–3 pm. Cost is \$65.

April 13

Waterford Concert Series

New Century Saxophone Quartet. Sun., 4 pm.
See page 7 for additional information.

April 19

Discussion Session: Future

Improvements to the Community Center.

Saturday, 10 am. Also Wed, May 14, 7:30 pm

April 26

Playground Day/Community Yard Sale.

9 am–1 pm. Music, clown, hot dogs, lemonade

During the next couple of months, The Growing Stage Drama Company will be presenting many different drama workshops on Saturdays, 9 am–3 pm, cost is \$50.

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Don't Forget to Bring Nonperishable Food to Luckettts Elementary School on Saturday Mornings to Support

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