



News and Notes

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REMARKS - Lucketts Ruritan Club invites your comments and suggestions on this occasional newsletter. We hope to keep you informed of matters of interest to the Lucketts Community. You may contact us at P. O. Box 1291, Leesburg, VA 20177, by FAX at 703-777-5529, or by e-mail at LuckRur@aol.com.

LUCKETTS COMMUNITY DEFINED - The area of concern is that part of Loudoun County north of Leesburg, west of the Potomac and east of the Catoctin Ridge, including the Catoctin Rural Historic District.

SCHOLARSHIPS . Congratulations to **Erin Beales, Danica Riesberg,** and **Stephanie Jurenko** who each have been awarded a \$1000 scholarship to the school of their choice. This scholarship program is a memorial to deceased Ruritan members **Buck Lawson, Aldridge Trittipoe, Red Royston, Eddie Frye, George Ray, George Heater, Berkely Barnhouse, Millard Luttrell, Homer Barnes** and **Yeager Gum**. For information about this program, contact Committee Chairman Don Morrell at 703-771-4111 or via e-mail to don@morrellcpa.com

STUDENT CITIZENS OF THE YEAR - Special recognition and a series I US Savings Bond is awarded to a Lucketts student at the Elementary, Middle and High school level each year. This year's awardees are: **Alison Richards** (Lucketts Elementary), **Kristina Woodruff** (Simpson Middle), and **Dustin Gustafson** (Loudoun County High). **Alison** receives a \$100 bond, and her name will be added to a brass plaque at the Lucketts school naming past awardees. **Kristina** receives a \$100 bond, and **Dustin** receives a \$200 bond. Congratulations to these fine young citizens.

4-H TEEN PROGRAMS - **Jamie Beamer** will be participating in a one-week **Citizenship-Washington Focus** educational program July 8-14, 2001.

LUCKETTS COMMUNITY - The Community Center continues a full schedule of excellent programs for all

ages and is a tremendous asset for all. For information about the Center, its operation and its schedules contact **Don Obert** at 703-771-5281.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 1910 - Scoutmaster **Lee Herlocker** has turned the reins over to new scoutmaster **Sandy Collins**. Our thanks to Lee for his three years of dedicated and outstanding service, and our assurances of our continuing strong support to Sandy. The Troop holds a regular weekly meeting at 7:00pm each Thursday at the Community Center. If you would like to learn more about scouting, support or participate in Troop 1910 activities you are welcome to attend any meeting, or you can contact **Lee Herlocker** at 703-777-4708.

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION - The PTO continues to explore the possibility of sponsoring a new Cub Scout Den #1910, and seeks adult volunteers to serve as advisors and assistants on a regular basis. **Volunteers** are needed to assist with the hand-cranking of home-made ice cream for sale at the Lucketts Fair next month. This is the major fund raiser for the PTO each year. For information contact PTO President **Joanne Hart** at 703-777-5080.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY - Ruritan collects food and supplies for **Interfaith Relief** the first Saturday of every month in conjunction with our trash/recycling project from 8AM to Noon at Lucketts School. Mark your calendars for **4 AUGUST, 1 September, and 6 October** so you can remember to bring your contributions for the needy.

LUCKETTS FAIR - Preparations for the annual fair are proceeding apace for this all hands activity. Let's all pitch in to ensure this year will equal or exceed the success of past years. The Fair is always scheduled for the last Saturday & Sunday in August, which fall on 25 & 26 August this year. For further information about the Fair and how you can help, call **Sally Wrenn** at 703-777-8491, or the Community Center at 703-771-5281.

ROUTE 15 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - The Ruritan Transportation Committee meets regularly with VDOT, FHWA and State Police representatives for updates on this program, and is pleased with progress to date (section 1, Tutts Lane to Whites Ferry Road).. Next meeting will occur after this newsletter goes to press. We will prepare a summary for email availability later. Those interested should send a request with their email address to [<LuckRur@aol.com>](mailto:LuckRur@aol.com), subject "Route 15 Safety".

INDEPENDENCE DAY - With our annual July 4th celebrations fresh in memory it is well to remember that our government is of, for and by the people who condemn autocratic decision making contrary to the needs and wishes of the people.

ROUTE 15 ALTERNATIVES - One way to relieve traffic congestion on Route 15 is to increase its traffic capacity to four lanes; a preferred way is to provide another river crossing and traffic corridor further to the east, such as the Western Transportation Corridor (WTC). This mile wide general location was approved in 1995 and is clearly mapped in the existing Countywide Transportation Plan (pages 34 – 36). The Board of Supervisors will vote whether to delete this option at their meeting on July 16, 2001.

The Ruritan Club has urged the Board not to remove this option from the Plans. An independent countywide Citizens Committee ([<isupportwtc@aol.com>](mailto:isupportwtc@aol.com)) has gathered over 600 signatures on a petition urging the Board to keep the WTC option in the Plan. A Countywide survey sponsored by the County demonstrates that over 68% of Loudoun residents, countywide, support the need for new north-south roads and new bridges connecting Loudoun with Maryland. The Town of Leesburg needs an alternate roadway to divert the traffic onslaught now crushing the County Seat from the north and south (Route 15), east and west (Route 7).

Catoctin District Supervisor Sally Kurtz has rejected these many appeals, and appears ready to vote in favor of deleting the WTC from County Plans, as well as in favor of allocating most transportation resources outside her District for the next 20 years.

Other proposed revisions to the General Plan affecting transportation issues in the "Rural Policy Area" (Catoctin Rural Historic District, Route 15 and the entire County west of Route 15) of particular

interest state "...the rural road network will receive no improvements over the next 20 years ..." (Section 3-2), and "Overall, the policies affirm that the County will divert most of its transportation resources in the next 20 years to the 'Suburban Policy Area' [generally, east of the power line easement]" (Section 3-15).

About 60% of the traffic on Route 15 through Lucketts originates north of Point of Rocks, MD in that part of Frederick County with a projected 70% growth in the next 20 years. Loudoun's transportation model indicates route 15 traffic will increase a mere 6% over this 20 year period of this substantial growth to the north. The traffic capacity for a two-lane artery is 10,250 vehicles per lane per day (20,500 total per day). Route 15 traffic south of Lucketts already exceeds this capacity. Despite the model's mere 6% traffic growth projection, the plan concludes that it will be necessary to four-lane route 15 to reach the necessary traffic capacity, **unless** an alternative traffic corridor is provided.

The Board of Supervisors will take a final vote on these proposed revisions to the General (including Transportation) Plan at their meeting on July 16, 2001. This is your last opportunity to make your voice heard.

PUBLIC MEETING - Catoctin District Supervisor Sally Kurtz has indicated a desire to hold a public meeting, with VDOT representatives present, at the Lucketts Community Center on the afternoon of 22 or 29 July (a Sunday). This will be AFTER Ms. Kurtz has cast her vote on the General and Transportation Plan revisions on 16 July. That promises to be an interesting session, and we urge a large turnout .

When Ms. Kurtz' schedule is confirmed, we will post announcements at the Community Center and local convenience stores.

CITRUS SALES - We expect to offer fresh Florida citrus in time for delivery before Thanksgiving again this year. Look for our later announcement.

