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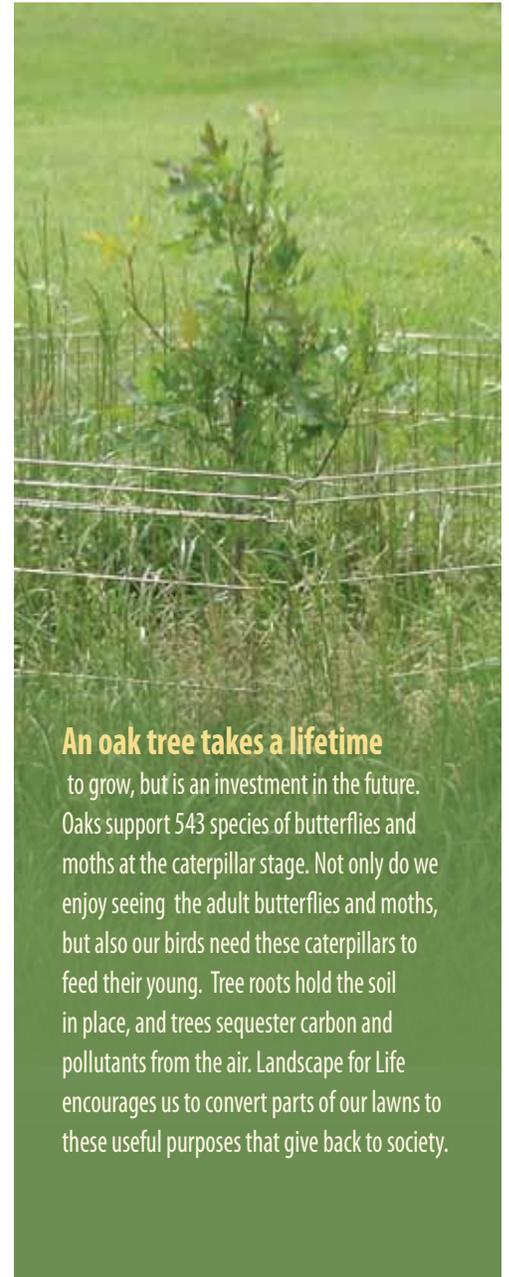
Landscape for Life. Nurturing Mother Nature.

By Nan McCarry

Nature performs services for us every day, whether we are aware of it or not. Plants and healthy soils break down and bind water pollutants. Insects pollinate our crops. Trees take in pollutants from the air. These are examples of ecosystem services.

In our yards and gardens we sometimes unknowingly work against nature. The good news is that we can garden in a way that mimics natural processes and maximizes ecosystem services. This is the message of Landscape for Life, a sustainable gardening course designed by the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center and the U.S. Botanic Garden. Each home landscape can have a positive or a negative impact on both the local community and the environment. Landscape for Life is being offered through the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy in partnership with Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District at Morven Park.

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An oak tree takes a lifetime

to grow, but is an investment in the future. Oaks support 543 species of butterflies and moths at the caterpillar stage. Not only do we enjoy seeing the adult butterflies and moths, but also our birds need these caterpillars to feed their young. Tree roots hold the soil in place, and trees sequester carbon and pollutants from the air. Landscape for Life encourages us to convert parts of our lawns to these useful purposes that give back to society.

Butterfly weed,

Asclepias tuberosa, is one of the milkweeds recommended to feed Monarch butterflies, but also attracts many other butterflies such as these fritillaries, and native bees, which are important for pollinating crops.



Photos by Nan McCarry



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Blazing star, *Liatris spicata*, attracts many kinds of butterflies including this Eastern tiger swallowtail.

In the course, students learn how to reduce the use of “potable” or drinking water in the home landscape. On average, 30% of the water consumed in U.S. households is devoted to outdoor uses, such as watering lawns and gardens.

Providing habitat is another topic in Landscape for Life. If we enjoy seeing butterflies and birds in our yards, we need to plant the native plants that these animals are adapted to foraging on. In addition, some of the many non native plants already in our yards are invasive. In Lucketts, for example, we see large swaths of Autumn Olive taking over meadows.

Another way we can mimic natural processes in our gardens is by controlling stormwater runoff, a major contributor to pollution of the Chesapeake Bay.

Homeowners are encouraged to put in rain gardens to slow water flow. Water that seeps into a yard slowly can be cleaned by the roots and soil, and also the water is available to plants.

The upcoming class of five sessions is March 12 through April 9, 2pm to 5pm. If you are interested in how you make a positive contribution to your region through your home landscape, you can go to landscapeforlife.org or email landscapeforlife@lifelife.com.

To use less potable water, we can use rain barrels that collect water from roofs when it rains, and reduce the size of lawns.



Water is diverted into a rain garden

after a heavy rain instead of flowing down the driveway and carrying sediment and pollutants into local waterways. The soil and plant roots clean the water.



The same rain garden serves as a pollinator garden with native plants.

Calling all Ladies in Lucketts!

By Abby Eddy McMillan

Living in Lucketts has so many great perks—our sprawling communities feature great big skies, beautiful mountain views, and the occasional low of a cow or sheep’s baa in the background. We love our rural homescapes and tight knit neighborhoods. There are also many small businesses tucked into our community, and many opportunities to commune with our neighbors and participate in small business and community led activities. With the vast distance between our neighborhoods (and some of our houses!) it is sometimes difficult to stay on top of the local events, and getting out to meet other people can be a challenge with commutes, and children’s schedules, etc.

Enter Ladies of Lucketts! This Facebook based group is an opportunity and common ground for the women in our area to network, exchange referrals and ideas, socialize, and even track Santa! We welcome all women in our area, whether you live or work here. We are here to support each other as we maintain our busy lives that combine the hustle and bustle of the DC Metro area with the added responsibilities and challenges of rural living.

As the community continues to grow and expand, we welcome you to join us and add your special touch to our network. If you have a vision to plan local gatherings, volunteer in your community, stay on top of local events, get solid local referrals, or just to know what is going on down the street, this is the group for you.

To find our group, please log into your Facebook account, and search for the group “Ladies of Lucketts”, then request to join. If you have any questions, please contact Abby McMillan (571-882-0188 or Oil.Apropos@gmail.com) or Naomi Hattaway (Naomi.Hattaway@gmail.com) for more information.



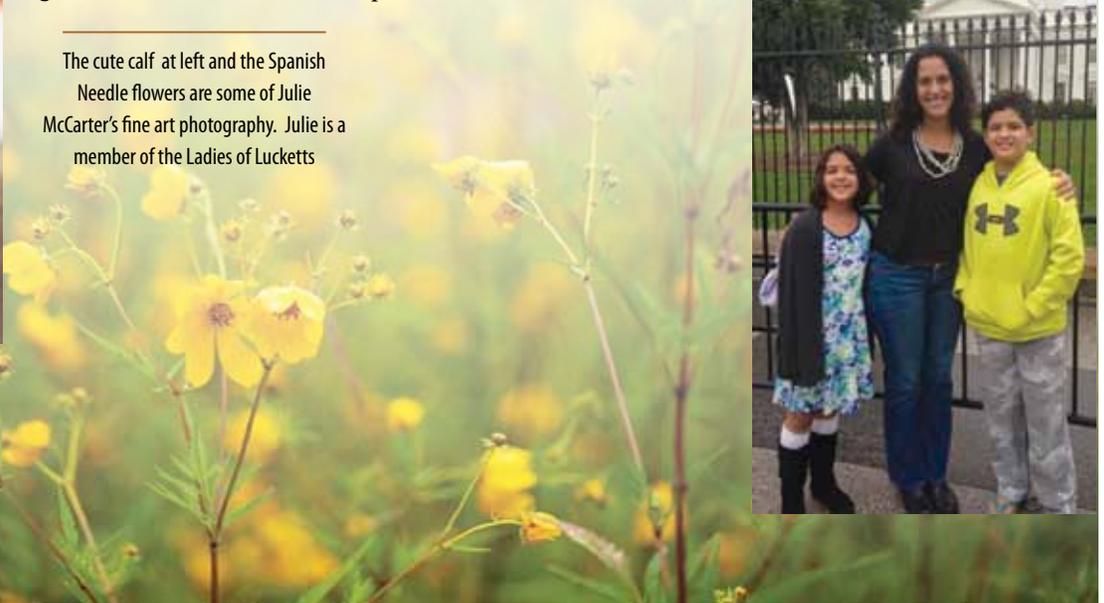
Above Abby McMillan (Glynn Tarra Place) is thrilled to help bring the community together. She and her husband have a toddler son and a daughter on the way. Abby is a Wellness Advocate for DoTerra Essential Oils, and an IT Recruiter.

Below Naomi Hattaway (Limestone School Road) is a real estate agent/relocation expert who loves all things community and adores country living. She enjoys highlighting local business and the amazing gems hidden in Lucketts.



Big Thanks to Julie McCarter, a fellow “Ladies of Lucketts” member for providing the photos. She is a local Portrait and Fine Arts Photographer. To reach her, please go to her website: www.shootphotoinc.com

The cute calf at left and the Spanish Needle flowers are some of Julie McCarter’s fine art photography. Julie is a member of the Ladies of Lucketts





...of Coats, Shoes and Citizen of the Year.

By Doug Kemp

On Wednesday December 17, 2014, the Lucketts Ruritan Club, now in its 35th year of service to the Lucketts community, delivered over 60 coats, pairs of tennis shoes and gloves to Lucketts Elementary School to distribute to children.

In September the Club invited the new Principal, Carolyn Clement, to speak at their monthly dinner meeting. In her remarks she mentioned that some children needed coats and tennis shoes. Subsequently, the club's Board of Director's discussed the matter and approved a budget for the coats and shoes and appointed the "Coat Team" to purchase and deliver them. The team, consisting of several Ruritan and their spouses, purchased the coats, shoes and gloves and delivered them to the Lucketts Elementary School.

"The Lucketts Ruritan Club is well known for its charitable donations to community organizations and its weekly trash and recycling program. This donation is what our Club is all about – identifying where we can help our community and making a difference for those affected", said Peter Gustafson, Club President.

Principal Clement noted, "Although we live in one of the wealthiest counties in this nation, we have many families, right here in our own community that need support. Especially at this time of year, when giving and good will are in our thoughts, we truly appreciate that the Lucketts Ruritan Club is here to provide a coat and shoes for any of our students who are in need. Thank you to all those who have participated in these efforts".

The Club has subsequently been approved by Loudoun County Public Schools to be a partner with Lucketts Elementary School. This will allow the Club to enhance its ability to support the school and its students.

From the top The winter coats purchased at Walmart included a light weight inner jacket; Ruritan "Coat Team" making delivery to the Lucketts Elementary School; coats being sorted for pick-up by children's parents; **L to R in photo**– Cindy Walton, LES; Cheryl Hillebrand, RC; Jackie Cleland RC; Carolyn Clement, LES Principal; Gerry Sorrell, RC; Ramon Rodriguez, LES; Steve Hillebrand, RC; Stan Sorrell, RC.

(LES Lucketts Elementary School, RC Ruritan Club–Coat Team. RC members not pictured are Rich and Emily Cleland).



Photos by Steve Hillebrand

Joyce Webb Awarded 2014 Lucketts Ruritan Club's Citizen of the Year

It has been a long standing tradition within the Lucketts Ruritan Club to recognize one citizen outside the club who has given selflessly of their time in giving back to the community. Joyce Webb, who has supported the community and those in it for many years with her good deeds and tireless dedication, has been recognized by the Club as the 2014 Citizen of the Year. She has been involved in Lucketts since birth. She is fully vested in her community having grown up here. She was instrumental in the formation of the Lucketts Citizens Association that saved the old Lucketts School (the current Lucketts Community Center) from demolition, and its subsequent renovation and the formation of the Lucketts Community Center



Joyce Webb—2014 Citizen of the Year

Advisory Board (LCCAB). She was one of the very early activists involved in the creation of the Lucketts Fair. The Fair's initial purpose was to raise funds for the Old School's renovation. Joyce has coordinated and hosted class reunions of those who attended the Old Lucketts School when it was still operated by Loudoun County as a schoolhouse. As a caring and concerned community member she has many times been known to take soup and meals to those who are homebound. Joyce has voluntarily created generously appointed Easter baskets to be given as prizes during the Community Center's program "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny". She now serves as President of the LCCAB and is always present at the LCCAB tent during the Fair with a smile on her face and a raffle ticket to sell!

Ruritans Rock in the Nationals!

The Lucketts Ruritan Club proudly accepted Ruritan National awards in February for the Lucketts website and for their contribution to the Lucketts News & Notes. They were awarded first and third respectively. Congratulations to all involved!



Attention High School Seniors

The Lucketts Ruritan Club has awarded scholarships to deserving Lucketts area high school seniors since 1989. Scholarships are presented to students who demonstrate scholastic excellence and possess a sense of community and charity—given in memory of our departed members.

Scan this QR code for application or see your guidance counselor today.

USE YOUR SMART PHONE TO SCAN THIS QR CODE & GO TO OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS PAGE @ WWW.LUCKETTSRURITAN.ORG

Deadline is May 1st!



The Lucketts Ruritan Club, a nonprofit [501(c)(3)] community service organization, gathers for monthly dinner meetings at the Lucketts Community Center on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Members volunteer their time in support of area schools, scouting, shelters, churches, emergency response, food relief, youth activities, adult day care, college scholarships and citizenship awards.

www.luckettsruritan.org

RURAL ENTERPRISE

Lucketts Mill & Hopworks

By Doug Fabbioni



The governor of the Commonwealth came to our little village of Lucketts in late November. My wife and I were there among the 200 guests at the announcement of an exciting agricultural business that is starting up right here on Route 15 in Lucketts. The Lucketts Mill and Hopworks received a grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia and Loudoun County to build a hops processing facility that will process the hops grown on their farm as well as commercially grown hops from farms in a 50 mile radius. This operation, the largest by far in the mid-Atlantic region, will greatly impact Loudoun's agricultural community for the next generation, and that is a great thing.



Photos by Steve Hillebrand

Top Governor of Virginia Terry McCaulliffe visited Lucketts Mill & Hopworks on November 24 speaking to an audience of 200; **left to right** Laurie Mills, Matt Brophy, Jonathan Staples and Ben Savage in front of the barns. The barn at left will house portions of the hop processing facility. The building on right will be a brewing area and Tasting room for Farmworks Brewery; **opposite page** Hops as they appear reaching the top of the trellis and ready for harvest.

The property, about one quarter mile north of the Lucketts traffic light on Route 15, was purchased by Jonathan Staples, an investor and entrepreneur based in Frederick, MD. He passed the farm on a regular basis travelling to one of his businesses in Richmond. Hating to see this farm get turned into houses by another potential buyer, he purchased it to initially have a horse farm. Laurie Mills, Jonathan's project manager, helped develop the farm plan into what it is today, a future premier hops and beer facility.

Hops are grown on very tall trellises and are harvested in 20' bines that have the hops combs and leaves attached. A bine is a twining stem or flexible shoot. The first step of the process is to rake off all of the hops from the bine. The material is then sorted using screens and fans, which remove the leaves from the hops combs. The hops combs are then put into a drying space to reduce the moisture down to about 5%. The hops can then be frozen and pelletized without turning to mush and having the acids break down. The timeliness of this process is critical to maintain the quality and value of the hops.

Having this processing facility in Loudoun is as important to our local businesses as, say, a local dairy is to dairy farmers. Dairy farmers rely on a dairy cooperative to process and distribute their milk. The lack of a processing facility means no business growth. For example, the Loudoun County dairy cooperative shut down a generation ago, and as a result, the farmers sold their herds and many of the farm lands were sold.

The Lucketts Mill and Hopworks will create a huge economic opportunity for local farmers and landowners in the area. They can plant and grow hops, which will be processed at the mill and used by our growing community of local craft brewers. Currently we have eight craft breweries in Loudoun County alone that could use these processed hops. In the processed state, the hops can be used by brewers anywhere. As hops are not the only crop used to make beer, many predict a malting facility popping up next, encouraging the grains to be grown here as well.

Along with the hops farm and processing facility, Farmworks Brewery of Lucketts, in partnership with Flying Dog Brewery of Frederick, MD, will be opening a new operation on the premises of Lucketts Mill and Hopworks. Matt Brophy, Brewmaster, is excited to create a brewery that is farm inspired using many ingredients that will be grown on the farm and by local producers. This facility will focus on sour beers and wild fermentation. These beers are difficult to make but can be very expressive and flavorful when successful. Ben Savage, Farmworks Project Leader, says "This venture will celebrate and highlight the Virginia agriculture community and spirit." They have already mapped out plots for planting in the spring that will include a variety of spices as well as pumpkins. There is much interest in buying from local producers as well as increased opportunity for more land owners to plant and produce crops that will have a home in the local brew. It is possible that Farmworks Brewery will be open by mid August 2015. There will be a hospitality area and tasting room for folks to visit and enjoy the brews and atmosphere.

The overall movement of wineries, breweries and distilleries in the area has had a positive economic impact on our lands. Keeping the farms, and retooling them to grow high value crops that can be preserved will encourage entrepreneurs to make this economically successful. Beer, wine, produce, local beef, eggs, berries and honey are just some of the products and farm experiences that add to the rural economy and the culture that results from being financially viable. It's a good life, it's sustainable and it gives folks who live and work in the concrete jungle something to eat, drink and visit.





PUT A FINGER ON IT!
WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.

Loudoun County Fire & Rescue Spring into Safety

By Michael Burrier, Captain, Lucketts Fire Station #10



Michael S. Burrier, Captain
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Spring Cleaning for Safety

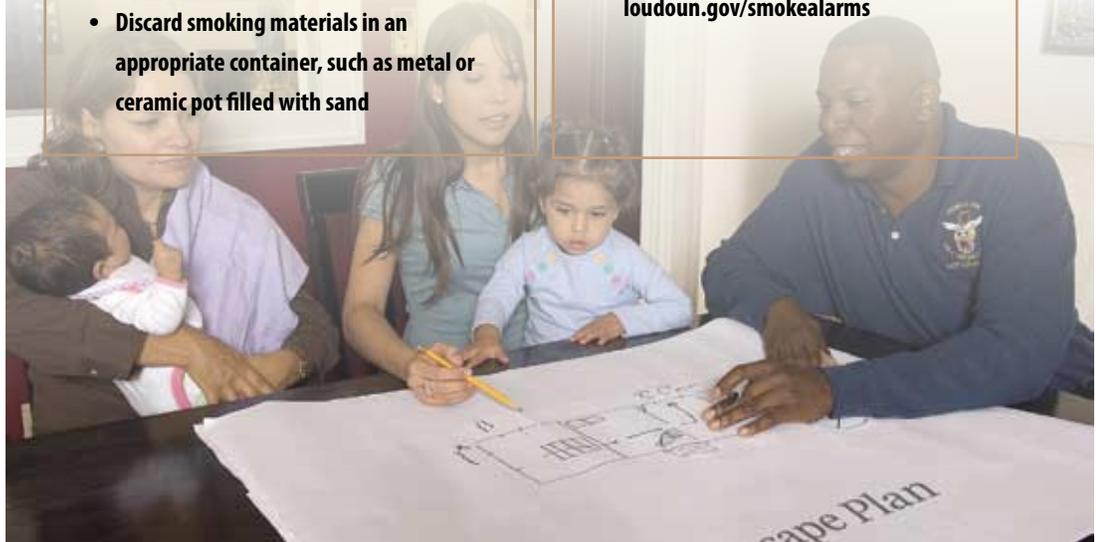
As warmer weather approaches, so begins the annual task of spring cleaning inside and outside the home. Loudoun County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management remind residents of important safety considerations as spring draws near.

- Clear at least 3 feet around your furnace, hot water heater, fireplace, space heaters and dryer
- Have furnaces, chimneys and air conditioning units inspected by a licensed professional
- Check electrical outlets, extension cords and power strips to ensure they not overloaded
- Trim bushes, plants and trees surrounding your home and keep vegetation at least 10 feet from the structure
- Keep gutters and roofs clear of debris
- Spread mulch at least 1 foot away from the house with a non-combustible barrier in between, such as rock or gravel
- Discard smoking materials in an appropriate container, such as metal or ceramic pot filled with sand

Spring Forward

As daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 8, Loudoun County Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management reminds residents to check their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

- Check manufacturer's expiration date on the label
- Check batteries, replaced if needed and clean off any dust or debris
- Loudoun County Fire and Rescue's "Put a finger on it" smoke alarm campaign offers free home safety inspections and smoke alarms to all Loudoun County residents
- If your smoke alarms are broken or outdated the department will replace them with battery powered alarms at no cost and install additional alarms as needed.
- For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the department hotline 703-737-8093 or visit www.loudoun.gov/smokealarms



LUCKETTS PHOTO ALBUM

The Holidays in Lucketts



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Bottom photo by Stacy Kelly

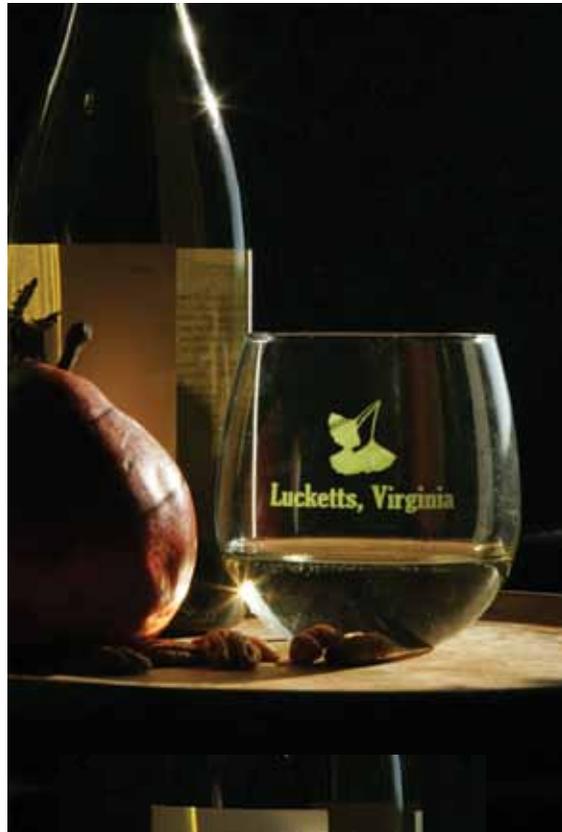
16th Annual Boy Scout Yard Sale—April 25th

held in coordination with the Lucketts Community Yard Sale at the Lucketts Community Center.



It's time to set aside your treasures from the winter cleanup and spring cleaning as donations to Boy Scout Troop 1910 for the Annual Yard Sale. Donations can be brought to Lucketts Elementary School from 8am to Noon on Saturdays, April 4, 11 and 18. We respectfully ask that all donated items be of resale value. Donation suggestions are: cars, bicycles, tools, current style clothing, furniture, working chain saws, exercise equipment, baby furniture, baskets, working generators, small appliances, lamps, glassware, sports equipment, camping gear, rugs, working lawn mowers, pianos, toys, motorcycles. No mattresses, please and have all electrical and mechanical items in working condition.

If you have large or heavy items, you may contact Matt Quitter at 571-214-3907 for further information.



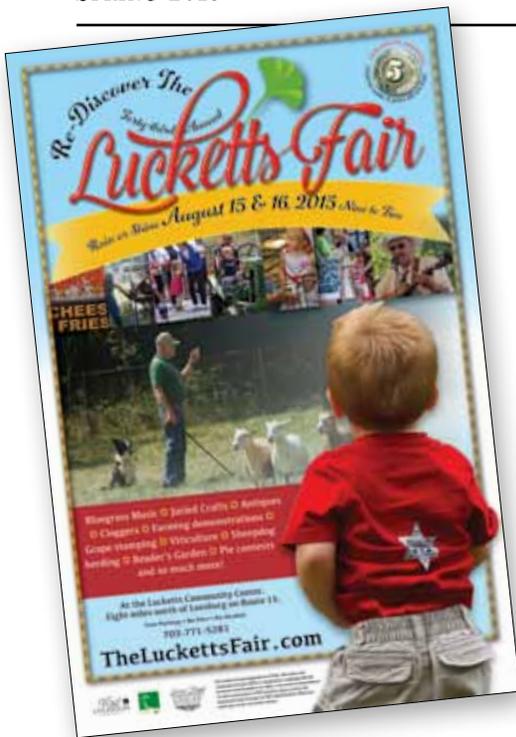
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Gifts with a touch of Lucketts.

Visit the Lucketts Community Center and find a special gift that proudly says Lucketts on the label! Available now are wine glasses, coasters and whole bean Old Schoolhouse Brew coffee.



Photos by Steve Hillbrand



Save the Date for the Lucketts Fair!

When making your summer plans consider leaving the weekend of August 15 & 16 available to come and have some fun at the Lucketts Fair! The Fair features the truly American tradition of Bluegrass music, sheepdog herding demonstrations, grape stomping, a variety of fair cuisine including hand churned ice cream made by volunteers of the Lucketts Elementary PTA, juried crafters and artisans, antiques vendors, a Reader's Garden, a hay maze for the pint sized, a mechanical bull for the larger sized, and so much more! Visit our website and like us on Facebook. TheLuckettsFair.com

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Spring is Keep Loudoun Beautiful time!

Keep Loudoun Beautiful is looking for a chairman for the western portion of the Lucketts community. You will be responsible for organizing friends in your community to work in groups to pick up roadside litter on given back roads in Lucketts. The clean up dates are April 1-30. Orange bags can be picked up at the Lucketts Community Center starting in March.

Interested in leading or volunteering? Email:
HillsboroJudy@hotmail.com.



Furnace Mountain Presbyterian Church

Worship Service on Sundays at 9:30 am.



Faith Chapel Presbyterian Church

Worship Service on Sundays at 11 am.
703-777-7836



Christ Episcopal Church

Bible Study every Wednesday night from 7:30-8:30 pm in the white house next to church. Sunday service starts at 9:30 am. Godly play for children through 5th grade during service. Tweens & teens youth group 6th grade and up following service. All are welcome. 703-771-2196 or visit us at www.christchurchlucketts.com



Bethel United Methodist Church

Sunday morning service starts at 11 am. All are welcome. 41799 Stumptown Road, Lucketts, VA. Call us at 703-779-7745 or visit us at www.cometobethel.org.



Elijah Gate Christian Center at Freedom Center

Sunday mornings at 10 am. Pastors Lyman and Jennifer Eddy. 13850 Freedom Center Lane. Call us at 703-777-8800 or visit us at www.elijahgate.com

Churches

Spring Events

at the Lucketts Community Center

- March 10 Lucketts Ruritan** 7:30-9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting
- March 18 Senior Potluck Luncheon** Noon; Bring a dish to share; great food, good conversation
- March 28 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** Two seatings, 9am and 11:30; \$20/family of six or fewer. Join the Bunny for a full breakfast or brunch, photo op and egg hunt. Advance reservation required.

- April 14 Lucketts Ruritan** 7:30-9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting
- April 15 Senior Potluck Luncheon** Noon; Bring a dish to share; great food, good conversation
- April 17 Ronald McDonald** comes for a visit at 10am
- April 25 Annual Spring Yard Sale & Playground Day**
8am - 1pm. Playground Day includes refreshments. Yard Sale includes the thrill of finding cool stuff! \$10 to rent a table.

- May 12 Lucketts Ruritan** 7:30-9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting
- May 20 Senior Potluck Luncheon** Noon; Bring a dish to share; great food, good conversation

For more information about these programs and more at the Lucketts Community Center please call 703-771-5281.



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