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Bonfire Celebrates Success!

By Pat Logue

It is never too early to learn what it means to be part of a community and to experience the satisfaction that comes from knowing your actions have made a difference for another person. In Lucketts, the Rudy Juniors Club at Lucketts Elementary School gives our 4th and 5th graders an opportunity to gain this important life experience.

For the past three years they have worked on a Coat Drive for the benefit of local families that has provided warm winter clothing for Lucketts families in need. More than 150 coats have been collected and distributed through this project each year. School administration assists with identifying the families in need and the process is confidential.

This hard work on the part of the Lucketts Rudy Junior Club was recognized in November with a Bonfire Party to celebrate the success of this year's Coat Drive. The event was hosted at Daydream Farm by Peter and Mary Gustafson and was staffed and provisioned by the Lucketts Ruritan Club. An afternoon of games, fellowship, community spirit and roasting hot dogs over an open campfire was planned for the Rudy Junior families.

The event started with the arrival of our local Fire and Rescue team who came – sirens blazing – with a full complement of their equipment. Children had the opportunity to “tour” each piece of equipment with the fire fighters and learn the ins and outs of the important service this team provides to our community. The Daydream Farm tractor was all set with a wagon and hay for rides around the farm before the competitive games began.

Whenever Ruritans or Rudy Juniors meet, there is a Pledge of Allegiance to our country's flag. Following that custom, all assembled participated in the Pledge and a short recognition program before the competitive games began. Each Rudy Junior received a Club T-Shirt, Club carry bag, and Club car magnet as a gift from the

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Lucketts Ruritan Club. Club officers were recognized and the local fire department was thanked for their wonderful contribution to the festivities.

The first competitive game was a “Needle in the Haystack” where the children dove into the haystack to find the prizes hidden inside. More than forty prizes were hidden in the 16-foot by 20 foot “haystack” created by Ruritan Steve Hillebrand and his wife Cheryl.

The second game was a three-legged race – first for the kids and next for the adults, which was followed by the most competitive game of all – the potato sack race!! The local fire fighters decided to compete against the Rudy Juniors for this race and the Rudy Juniors handily carried the day!

In addition to the games, Hugh Ghiringhelli was on hand providing demonstrations of his drone. The drone was able to take aerial photographs of the games and the campfire. Children got to learn how this technology works as well as see the results up close and in real time.

Food over the open fire followed the games. Hot dogs (with all the fixings), potato salad, cole slaw, apple cake, s’mores, hot chocolate and hot cider rounded out the late afternoon menu. Ruritan volunteers had constructed a giant campfire earlier in the week so the hot dogs and s’mores were cooked over a large open fire.



The crowning event, however came at sunset when the bonfire was set! Brush from the farm property and discarded wood from a barn renovation





allowed for the construction of a bonfire that could easily be seen from Route 15 (and probably Sugarloaf Mountain) as people were traveling to and from Leesburg and Frederick that evening. The Lucketts Firefighters demonstrated equipment they use to measure the heat of a fire. At its peak, the fire was measured to have a temperature of more than 1200 degrees Fahrenheit!

Rudy Juniors in Lucketts work throughout each school year on service projects to benefit the environment, animals, their school and people in Lucketts. Karyn Price and Cristina Petruzzi are the Elementary School parents and PTA members who facilitate the monthly Club activities. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each calendar month after school. In planning for the 2017 and 2018 school year and following the Coat Drive, the Rudy Junior Club is focused on:

- 1) **improving the landscaping at the school through weeding and planting,**
- 2) **donating to the local animal shelter,**
- 3) **supporting Senior Citizens with a field trip to a nursing home for an afternoon of games**
- 4) **re-launching the 2017 Buddy Bench project to make sure children understand it's purpose and how to use the Bench**
- 5) **regular cleanup efforts to demonstrate their pride in their school.**
- 6) **a signage or other program to make our roads and streets safer for children.**

Lucketts is in good hands with these budding leaders! Look for more news about their hard work in future issues of LN&N. If being part of working with our local youth is of interest to you, please join the Ruritans at our next monthly dinner meeting. The Ruritan Club is a community service organization and meets at the Lucketts Community Center on the second Tuesday of each calendar month at 7:30 PM.

Game Day – A Thank You to the Ruritan Club



The Rudy Juniors hosted Lucketts Ruritan Club members on December 12th after school at Lucketts Elementary School for a special game day celebration to say thank you for the Bonfire celebration.

With updated versions of Charades to Trivial Pursuit for Families, the Ruritans and the Rudys pitted their wits in individual and team competitions and shared many a good laugh. The Rudys hope to take a Game Day like the one shared in December with the Ruritan Club to a local nursing home as one of their projects in the coming year.





Lucketts Citizens Work with Supervisor Higgins and VDOT to Improve Safety NOW on Route 15

By Pat Logue

LUCKETTS RURITAN

Calendar

February – April

Every Saturday at Lucketts Elementary School

Trash and recycling 8-noon. \$6 suggested donation for average household. Recycling is co-mingled. Please flatten boxes. Do not use plastic bags for recycling.

February 13 at Lucketts Community Center

Lucketts Ruritan 7:30-9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting

March 13 at Lucketts Community Center

Lucketts Ruritan 7:30-9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting

April 10 at Lucketts Community Center

Lucketts Ruritan 7:30-9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting

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 7:30 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

Join our Lucketts Ruritan Club and experience the fellowship and goodwill that comes from meeting the needs of your community. Men and women, young, old and in between contact John Adams, Membership Chairman, for how to **join, call 703-431-7621.**

The death of a young mother in the early morning hours of January 3, 2017, Amanda Shontere from Brunswick, Maryland, inspired long-time Lucketts residents Steve and Cheryl Hillebrand, to begin a concerted effort to improve US Route 15 safety. Then, in March, a second person, Michael Larrick of Cross Junction, Virginia, lost his life in a similar accident further south on Route 15. They had to ask: Could these deaths have been avoided? What did the accidents have in common? A closer look revealed that both fatalities were the result of head-on collisions with oncoming vehicles that had crossed the double yellow centerline and red medians in early morning hours.

The Hillebrands, along with Peter Gustafson, measured and mapped where safety warning shoulder and centerline rumble strips were, and were not present, along the entire stretch of the road from immediately north of traffic light at White's Ferry Road to the Point of Rock Bridge. They then created a detailed, eight-foot long by two-foot wide map and aquired aerial drone photos of the fatal accident sites showing that, in each case, there were no centerline rumble strips where the accidents had occurred.

In May they presented this map to Supervisor Geary Higgins. As a result, his office set up a meeting with VDOT staff, at which the Hillebrands, Gustafson, and several other concerned citizens shared the map and appealed to VDOT for action. VDOT replied that requests had recently been made for contractor bids to determine what work would be required and a price-to-complete the missing centerline rumble strips from Leesburg to the river. That work is now completed (as of this past Fall), but focused only on centerline rumble strips. It did not address citizens' requests for similar safety improvements on the shoulders.

Follow-up meeting's in July and November discussed the additional citizens' requests. VDOT pointed out that some shoulders required additional widening (up to two feet in certain areas) to accommodate shoulder rumble strips. Funds have now been allocated for this project from the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program—from Whites Ferry Road to the Potomac. VDOT expects to award a contract and complete as much of the work as possible in the summer and fall of 2018. Should funds allocated in 2018 fall short of what is needed to complete this work, priority will be given to improving the most dangerous areas of the road first, and then complete the scope of work when funds become available in 2019.

Also at the May meeting, residents brought hazardous driving behavior at several points along Route 15 to VDOT's attention. The first issue is the use of the long northbound right-turn lane from Lucketts Elementary School to Lucketts Road being used illegally as a passing lane. They noted that unclear road markings and inadequate signage were contributing to this dangerous situation.

Subsequently, VDOT has now improved the road markings in front of the school, added two "Right Lane Must Turn Right" signs making it clear that the northbound lane past the school is for turning right onto Lucketts Road only. Additional enforcement has also been added.



In addition, citizens reported to VDOT that southbound through traffic has been routinely using the red-textured shoulder on the west side of Route 15, opposite Spinks Ferry Road, to illegally pass vehicles waiting to turn left onto Spinks Ferry. This increases the risk of collision with left-turning vehicles from Spinks Ferry turning onto Route 15. VDOT has now installed a “Do Not Drive on Shoulder” sign to minimize this dangerous practice and plans to add white diagonal striping to the shoulder to further discourage illegal passing on the shoulder.

Citizens will meet with VDOT and Supervisor Higgins’s staff again in February to review the completed shoulder rumble strip improvements. Look for updates on future safety improvements in up-coming issues of Lucketts News and Notes.

Ray Sullivan 2017 Lucketts Citizen of the Year



Ray Sullivan assumed the job of his late father-in-law, Buddy Moreland—that is collecting the weekly proceeds from the Lucketts Ruritan Club’s Saturday morning Trash and Recycling Service. He arrives each week like clockwork, and every club member working the service knows that when Ray arrives, their shift is over! Since Buddy’s passing in December 2013, Ray has missed only one work-related day!

Service is nothing new for Ray. Originally from Danvers, MA, near Boston, he joined the US Air Force after High School. While stationed in Okinawa, he was assigned to K-9 Duty. He then served as a member of the Honor Guard for President Gerald R. Ford.

After his military service, he came to Leesburg, joining the Town Police and started their K-9 Unit. He then joined the Sheriff’s Office—starting a K-9 Unit for the County as well. He retired after 33 years service with the Sheriff’s Office—39 years of service since his enlistment in the US Air Force.

The Lucketts Ruritan Club wants to thank Ray for his many years of service to our community, our county and to our country. It is with great pleasure and pride that we designate Ray as Lucketts’ Citizen of the Year for 2017.

The Gift that Keeps Giving



AutoNation Toyota Leesburg made a generous donation to the Lucketts Ruritan Club which will support the many initiatives the Club has established for Lucketts citizens and youth. Club President Jim McKenzie and Club Member Peter Hart received the award that will help support the Club’s 2018 giving activities. AutoNation Toyota Leesburg is located at 1 Cardinal Drive, east of downtown Leesburg just south of Route 7. They proudly serve greater Leesburg and work to give back to organizations that support their local community.



Lucketts Ruritan Peter Hart presents an award to Paul Garvin of the Lucketts Blue Grass Foundation from the Lucketts Ruritan Club. The non-profit Lucketts Bluegrass Foundation was formed to sustain the uniquely American tradition of live Bluegrass performances. Loyal fans in Lucketts and surrounding communities have been treated to performances for over 42 seasons every Saturday night from October through April at the Lucketts Community Center.

"We aim to deliver a casual but refined atmosphere for couples who want to host a unique experience on their wedding day."



Kelly Ewell, co-owner



This is what 48 Fields—Lucketts’ newest wedding venue—does best, says co-owner Kelly Ewell. Located off of Spinks Ferry Road, just a quarter mile from Hiddenbrook and Lost Creek wineries, the 48-acre property has three historic barns and two farmhouses among rolling hills, trees, and streams.

She and her husband co-owner, Steve Ewell, have met many couples as they plan their weddings. One of the common themes is that many want a relaxed, laid back environment that also delivers a comfortable and memorable celebration. As Kelly puts it, “There are a lot of barn venues in the area, and they all have their own unique features. With us, for example, we’re not a working farm. Instead, when we thought about our plans for 48 Fields, we knew that we wanted be more of a refined countryside space that focused on hospitality and celebration.”

48 Fields strives to provide a personalized experience for every couple. The Ewells have enjoyed seeing the variety of wedding styles that 48 Fields has hosted, from small and intimate gatherings to big dance parties, including everything from food trucks to elaborate gourmet and farm-to-table meals. Memorable guests included a US Marine groom who rode in on his custom motorcycle and brought a “Semper Fi” decorated corn hole game for guests. Another client brought in a bright teal restored pickup truck and served milk and cookies from the tailgate as guests arrived. “One of the things we truly believe is that the wedding day is all about the couple. We love hearing all the ideas couples have that will make their wedding feel more personal to them,” says Kelly. “We’re here to help couples deliver the experience that they imagine giving to their guests.”

“One of the things that will never be lost on me is the privilege we have of being invited to be witness to such important and milestone moments for our couples. They have gathered all their most treasured friends and family to witness and celebrate with them as they pledge their devotion to one another. They’re starting a new life together and we get to be part of that. I think that’s amazing,” says Kelly.

Kelly, who is originally from New Jersey, and Steve, who hails from Connecticut, met in DC after college and had their own wedding in 2005. A professional wedding photographer, Kelly spent many years documenting couples’ big days at locations around the DC area. At some point, she began to muse if she were the venue owner, how she would deliver a unique and compelling client experience. Steve, who runs a charitable foundation, also has significant experience in event management. Together, they realized they had the right mix of skills to achieve their vision.



Eventually, the couple settled in Leesburg in 2007. When looking for a location to build their dream business, they looked at several locations around Loudoun County, but the decision to open the business in Lucketts came together fairly quickly. What was appealing about Lucketts? “It feels secluded and peaceful, but at the same time it’s close to our home in Leesburg, with hotels and shopping, which is important to many of our clients. But right down the street from us are wineries, breweries, and bed and breakfasts that also appeal to our clients,” says Kelly. The local antiques stores are a plus as well she says—some of their clients will find items there to give their event just the right touch. The Ewells also plugged themselves into the Lucketts Business Collaborative as a way to connect with other business owners in town.

Kelly and Steve launched their business casually, hosting their first event in July 2016 for friends, who wanted a scenic, low-key setting for their wedding. While they have done relatively little formal advertising so far, it has not stopped their business from growing. When they began renovations, they kept a blog to document their before-and-after work, which attracted attention and generated many inquiries. “Things have been taking off quickly, through word of mouth mainly. It has been a nice surprise,” says Steve. This is fine with the Ewells, who aren’t looking to host an event every weekend; they’re making sure growth is measured as they continue to renovate and modernizing all the facilities. Heating and air conditioning were recently added to the main barn, for example, and a new Amish-built barn was constructed to provide “getting ready” space for brides and grooms before the ceremony.

They have made significant renovations to the property since they purchased it four years ago. The prior owners had not lived on the premises for about 10 years, so major work was needed to bring the property and buildings up to current standards and expectations. “We knew it would be a long-term investment, but we fell in love with the main barn as soon as we saw it,” says Steve.

With every project and every event, there is always something new to experience. For example, one couple wanted to shuttle in guests on a 55-passenger bus. Steve and Kelly weren’t sure the entrance would accommodate a large bus, but they discovered they were indeed able to get it in. “You don’t know how things will go unless you try,” says Steve.

The Ewells say they’ve truly enjoyed meeting neighbors and engaging with Lucketts residents, and they hope to be a valuable addition to the community. For more information, visit 48fields.com.



Keep it Clean!

By Tim Bowser

Every Fall and Spring, Troop 1910 does a trash pick-up walk on Spinks Ferry Road and Limestone School Road in Lucketts. We do it to help the environment so that this road stays clean and looks good. You would think that doing this twice a year, this road would be very clean, but it becomes outstandingly dirty. Trash is there left and right, it's unbelievable. Even though it's difficult, we scouts have a lot of fun doing it especially with friends.

Overall, this job we do is a very important one. Thought it might seem disgusting at times. However, we can look past that and see all the good things like your neighborhood looks better, you are doing a good deed and most important keeping the environment clean. That - is just a day of service.



Scouting for Food.

Annually, the National Capital Area Council for Boy Scouts conducts "Scouting For Food" to help fill the area food banks. Boy Scout Troop 1910 has participated in this November event for 20 years. This year, the generous community of Lucketts donated 1,683 lbs. of non-perishable food to go to Loudoun Hunger Relief. **Thank you Lucketts!**



Scouts from Troop 1910 deliver a van load of non-perishable food to Loudoun Hunger Relief.

Small Island Helps Cubs Scouts Grow into Boy Scouts

Every year around Veterans Day, Troop 1910 has an annual event for a two-fold purpose. One, to invite the local Cub Scouts to join in events for the day and to work on requirements for their "Arrow of Light" award to cross over to Boy Scouts. And two, to celebrate Veterans Day. They end the event with an American Flag Retirement Ceremony.

The Scout Senior Patrol Leader oversees the time management of events for the day and the execution of the camp jobs - Monkey Bridge, Latrine and Campfire Build.

This event is held on Small Island in the Potomac River, which the owners have generously allowed Troop 1910 to use for just such functions. **Thank you for the use of such a unique area!**



Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts work together to create the Monkey Bridge.

Amazon Smiles on Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 1910 performs many duties in the Lucketts community that make it a better and more interesting place to live. Amazon offers a way for shoppers to donate to civic organizations including the Boy Scouts. Here's how you can be a part of this program: ❶ Log onto "Amazon Smile"; ❷ enter your account log-in or use your Prime account; ❸ designate "Lucketts Ruritan Club" as the charitable organization (Lucketts Ruritans are the Troops chartering organization), ❹ a portion of your purchases through Amazon Smile will be donated quarterly to Boy Scout Troop 1910. Every little bit helps, and your shopping experience with Amazon will turn into a charitable experience. **Thank you from Lucketts Boy Scout Troop 1910 - Celebrating their 20th year in service to our community.**

The County Offers Help with Septic Pump Out

By Jay Frankenfeld

The Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District has initiated a Septic Tank Pump-Out Rebate Program. The program will provide a \$50 rebate to Loudoun landowners towards the pump-out of their septic system. Proper septic system use and routine care are vital to protecting public health, preserving our groundwater, lakes, streams and waterways, and avoiding costly repairs that can result from neglect. Loudoun County ordinance requires conventional septic tanks be pumped out every 5 years by an approved pumper. A limited number of rebates are available.

The funds used to start the Septic Tank Pump-Out Rebate Program project come from the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program, or VCAP. VCAP is a program of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts which allows non-agricultural landowners the chance to receive cost share funds to install conservation practices. For decades, Loudoun farmers have been able to take advantage of the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost Share Program to help protect soil and water resources, and now with VCAP, urban and suburban residential, business, HOA, church, and school properties are able to install practices such as rainwater harvesting, impervious surface removal, permeable pavements, green roofs, conservation landscaping, rain gardens, wildflower meadows, and tree plantings. Rainwater from your roof can be collected, stored, and used later for watering plants and lawns during dry spells. Impervious driveways can be removed and replaced with permeable pavers. Turf lawns can be replaced with native plants and wildflowers. Storm water drainage areas can be re-vegetated with native plants to reduce erosion and allow for more infiltration.

Maximum cost share rates range from \$3,500 for a rain garden to \$15,000 for green roofs and permeable pavements. Each VCAP practice installed in Loudoun, funds another 10 septic pump outs.

To find the application for the Septic Tank Pump-Out Rebate Program and more information about VCAP, go to www.loudounsoilandwater.com and scroll to the bottom of the "Forms" section or contact Jay.Frankenfeld@lswcd.org.



Example of a Vegetated Stormwater Conveyance installed in the River Creek Community

Committed PTA Members Secure Solutions for Lucketts Elementary Classroom Shortage

By Pat Logue



From left Serene Irani, Phyliss Randall, Amy Tribié, Alice Arnold and Karyn Price

Lucketts Elementary School first offered full-day kindergarten in the 2016-2017 school year. In September of 2017, the school was not able to continue full-day kindergarten as the County Board of Education and its administrative staff worked to balance enrollment with the existing facilities not just in Lucketts, but countywide. In addition to losing full-day kindergarten, the school lost its art and music classroom.

Then PTA member and Lucketts Elementary mom Amy Tribié wrote to the School Board in November of 2016 asking for classroom trailers as a solution to the loss of the arts and music classroom. Eric Dekenipp, the representative to the Board of Education for Lucketts requested one trailer to solve the problem, but the Board did not approve the request. A longer-term solution was needed, and Lucketts Elementary was only one school of many that experienced reductions in programs during that school year.

Amy Tribié consulted with school Principal – Carolyn Clement, then PTA President Karyn Price and former PTA President Naomi Hattaway on a course of action to keep pressing for a solution to this issue. For the next twelve months Amy, Karyn, and PTA

members Alice Arnold and Serene Irani began attending the bi-monthly meetings of the School Board Finance Committee, the bi-monthly Board of Education meetings and the monthly Board of Supervisors meetings. Amy and her team spoke at every meeting they attended as advocates for a temporary classroom solution. When critical agenda items required support additional parents from Lucketts attended the meetings as their show of support for the cause.

In addition, the Lucketts PTA invited all School Board and Board of Supervisor members for personal visits to Lucketts Elementary to see first hand the shortfall in classroom facilities. This relentless focus on communicating paid off in November last year when the School Board voted to approve \$3.1 million dollars to add not one, but three classrooms to the school. Effective outreach and communication with the Board of Supervisors sweetened the pot when the Board of Supervisors voted on January 2nd to fund this from the County's 2017 surplus. This accelerated the implementation of the classroom addition to this summer for the start of the 2019-2020 school year!

Congratulations Amy, who now serves as President of the school's PTA, her team and all of the parents who made this happen for our children in Lucketts! Well done! All of Lucketts thanks you for this amazing effort and the contribution it has made for the benefit of our children!

Relative to "The Lucketts Fair Says So Long" article in the Fall 2017 Lucketts News and Notes,

it was incorrectly stated that "Within a year of closing its doors the Old School was given a new lease on life by way of a \$20K grant for basic renovations such as a new heating plant and repairs to the roof and windows." **Correction:** After the Old School closed its doors in 1971 the Lucketts Citizens Association continued to stage square dances and Bluegrass music concerts in the auditorium as well as conducted the Lucketts Fair on the grounds. It was 10 years later in 1981, that the Lucketts Ruritan Club went before the Board of Supervisors to secure \$20K to improve the auditorium for continued use as a community center.

Winter at the Lucketts Community Center

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Saturdays **Lucketts Bluegrass** | Now through 4/28 at 7pm-10pm
- March 17 **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** | 9am-11am and 11:30am-1:30pm
- April 20 **Late Night at Lucketts and *Candy Bar Bingo** (*for grades 6-8 years) | 7am-10pm
- May 5 **Family Field Day** | 11am-2pm
- May 12 **Annual Spring Yard Sale** | 7am-3pm
- May 12 **Spring Vendor Market** | 7am-2pm

PROGRAMS

Parent & Child

Tuesdays **Toddler Gym Jam** | 3/6 through 5/22 at 10am-11am

Preschool

- Wednesdays **Little Scientists** | 2/28 through 3/21 at 11:30am-1pm
- Fridays **Lunch Bunch** | 2/9 through 5/18 at 11am-1pm
- All Week **Spring Break Fun** | 3/26 through 3/30 at 9am-1pm
- Thursdays **Make Mom a Gift** | 5/10 at 11:30am-2pm
- Mondays **Amazing Athletes** | 4/16 through 5/12 at 11:30am-12:15pm

Elementary Age

- Tuesdays **Kindergarten Lunch Bunch** | 3/6 through 4/26 at 10:45am-1pm
- Wednesdays **Cookbook Club** | 3/14, 4/11 and 5/9 at 3pm-4pm
- Fridays **Parents Night Out** | 3/9, 4/13 and 5/18 at 6pm-9:30pm
- Mondays **USTA Tennis Lessons** | 4/16 through 5/12 at 2:45pm-3:45pm

Adult Programs

Mondays **Zumba** | Now through 5/21 at 6:30pm-7:30pm

Senior Programs

- Thursdays **Senior Book Club** | 3/28, 4/25 and 5/23 at 10am-11:30am
- Wednesdays **Pot Luck Luncheon** | 3/21, 4/18 and 5/16 at noon



Congratulations!
to Hilary Cooley, Lucketts Community Center Manager. She celebrates 20 years with Loudoun County Parks and Recreation.

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PTA Kicks Off Reflections Fine Arts Competition at Lucketts Elementary

Despite the lack of classroom space, the arts and music are alive and well at the school as evidenced by the Reflections Fine Arts competition at the school held on November 29th. Fifty-two students submitted fine arts projects for review by a committee of local artists. The competition is sponsored by the National PTA and involves local, regional and national levels of competition. Barbara Quast (artist and interior designer), Caleb Nei (musician), and Luke Denton (musician) served as judges for this year's competition.

Local potter, Shawn Grove set up a pottery wheel to demonstrate his skills for children. The Lucketts Chorale (4th & 5th grade Chorus) performed along with their teacher Briana Nei who performed a duet with her husband and judge, Caleb Nei.

Lucketts Reflections winners' submissions will be presented at the Hunt District PTA District Awards Ceremony on February 28th, 2018 6:30-8:00pm (doors open at 6:00) at Trailside Middle School in Ashburn.



Congratulations to our Lucketts Elementary 2017 Reflections winners:

- Photography** | Katie Brunton
- Visual Arts K-2** | Eleanor Arnold
- Visual Arts 3-5** | Ella Quist
- Literature K-2** | Jessica Knauer
- Literature 3-5** | Ella Kemp
- Music Composition** | Soren Williamson

Admiral



Bridle Paths, equine-assisted activities and therapies program, proudly announces that the Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) recognized Admiral, a Percheron-Thoroughbred cross gelding standing 17.3 hands high, as winner of the Fifth Annual WIHS Klinger Perpetual Award for Honor & Service, presented by EQUUS Foundation, The Stephens Family and the American Horse Council. Admiral was recognized during a presentation at center ring at Capital One Arena with Klinger and representatives of the Caisson Platoon, WIHS, EQUUS Foundation and the American Horse Council on Friday, October 27, during the annual WIHS Military Night.

The award recognizes a horse, individual, or organization that best demonstrates the values of honor and service as embodied by Klinger, a special horse who has touched the lives of many in his life of service with the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Caisson Platoon.

Admiral is a mainstay of the Bridle Paths program, working with clients in therapeutic riding, equine-assisted learning, and equine-assisted psychotherapy sessions. Perhaps nowhere does Admiral shine more than in his work with veterans, service members, and their families. In both mounted and unmounted work, he inspires those who serve to connect with honesty and authenticity.

You can support the healing work of Admiral and his herd mates with a donation through our website at www.bridlepathsva.org