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Lucketts Fair 40 and Fabulous

By Teresa McKenzie

Saturday, August 18, 2012 marked the opening of the 40th Lucketts Fair. The festivities began with the sounding of the bell in the newly restored School House Tower and the dedication of a new flag pole. Accompanied by members of Boy Scout Troup 1910 serving as color guard, Mr. Ross Mink and Representative Joe May officiated the ceremony which launched 2 days of fun as fair-goers wandered amongst juried crafters, exhibitors, antiques, authors, and of course great Bluegrass music and delicious food.

Fairgoers were greeted by 11 food vendors, 12 demonstrators and 96 crafters with over 15 crafters participating for the first time. Other new offerings included a Civil War Camp with a descendant of Clinton Hatcher, a local man killed at The Battle of Balls Bluff in 1861; 14 antique dealers; the Loudoun Farm Museum and an antique tractor display from the collection of Lovettsville native, R. T. Legard.

Shoppers enjoyed browsing through a wide variety of vendors, selling literally everything from soup to nuts! The juried crafters included long-time fair vendors, such as Sally Biondi (who has been with us almost 20 years), and new comers Ralph Daniel and Jean Marie Downing of Sungold Crafts. Ralph said he “loves the Lucketts Fair and intends to return next year”. He also said that “The Lucketts Fair is the only one he participates in, in Virginia”.

The “Country Store” section featured several long-time and new vendors. Margaret O’Neill of Gypsy Hill commented on her affection for the community of the Lucketts Fair and “the friendly atmosphere” and how much she looks forward to seeing her repeat customers each year. Shannon Fletcher Studios was a new vendor this year. Ms. Fletcher, who typically sells her painted glass specialty items at wineries, states that she was very pleased with her first venture at a local fair.

The “Reader’s Garden” made its second consecutive appearance at the Fair and showcased over 20 local authors who autographed their books and

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Dawn on the morning of the Lucketts Fair; Danish, fruit, coffee and a fine “how do you do” at the BS Troop 1910 hospitality tent; the Hon. and Mrs. Joe May opened the Fair on Saturday before sharing a moment with Ross Mink, President of the Fair committee; Civil War reenactment with Doug Smith, a new history exhibit for the Fair.



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answered questions. This popular offering is destined to continue. Antiques are an integral part of the Fair. Many of our vendors in “Antique Alley” have been with us for many years. Bluegrass music, as always, was a hit. The Patuxent Partners, Skystone, The Scott Brannon Band, The Hillbilly Gypsies were among the many entertainers. Fans return year after year to listen to the talented bands.

Also, we had a variety of activities for the children. With the petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, sand art, the balloon man and the rock wall, the children were actively engaged. Several children listed the rock wall as their favorite. In fact, one little girl said climbing down “felt like she was flying” while her dad said that the best part for him was the fact that it was free!

Of course, no fair would be complete without the food. This year featured hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ, Greek food, Thai food and other Asian offerings. For the lovers of sweets, there were funnel cakes, shaved ice, kettle corn and the famous hand-churned ice cream provided by the Lucketts PTA.

Volunteers are the mainstay of the Lucketts Fair. While individual names are too numerous to mention, we would like to acknowledge the Lucketts Ruritan Club, Boy Scout Troop 1910, the Community Center staff, and all others who helped make our 40th Fair a smashing success!

World-class Bluegrass music creates a hub of the Lucketts Fair; The Reader’s Garden had 20 local authors; the mechanical bull challenged riders to stay on top; young farmer on an antique tractor, “Been farming long?”; BS Troop 1910 raise the flag on the new pole during opening ceremonies; rain can’t keep the Lucketts Ruritan from performing the important task of directing Fair traffic.



Photos by Ann-Marie Puccio

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The overall grand-prize winner for the Pie contest was 5 year old Peyton Carr who commented that she has been baking "her whole life"!

Lucketts Fair

40th Anniversary 🐾 August 18-19, 2012

Our traditional competitions featured the Quilt Raffle, Cake Walk, Pie and Vegetable contests. Contest winners were:

Vegetable

- Pete Webb—Largest Tomato (Joyce Webb pictured with tomato)
- Todd Dorsey—Largest Zucchini
- Pam Bove—Largest Sunflower

Pie | Adult Division

- Ann Ryan for her luscious Apple Pie
- Zoe Irwin for a tasty Black & Blue Berry Pie

Pie | Junior Division

- Peyton Carr for her scrumptious Blueberry Horse Pie

Overall Grand Prize Pie

- Peyton Carr

Quilt Raffle

- Ken Lampe—first time visitor to the Fair

Lifetime Lucketts Fair Tickets

- Patrice Rehrig
- Mary McDuffie
- Both first time visitors to the Fair

Our thanks to Supervisor Geary Higgins and Chef Vaughn Puccio of Wegmans who served as judges for the pie and vegetable contests.

Several VIPs were honored at the Fair who had been there in the very beginning and have been there ever since. Dick Snooks in front of the early morning Ruritan BBQ; Eleanor Tillet organizes and "mans" the Cake Walk; Joyce Webb has served over the years as all officers of the Fair committee.



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Two photos at right by David L. Crooks

Ruritans Sponsor Blood Drive

By Doug Kemp

On June 2nd, the Lucketts Ruritan Club sponsored a blood drive led by Inova Blood Donor Services at Lucketts Elementary School. Inova provided their mobile donor vehicle for the event. Twenty five people registered to give blood and 22 units were collected.

This successful community event was the brain child of Nick Karstetter, a recent graduate of Tuscarora High School. Nick presented his idea to the Club a few months ago and it was met with immediate and enthusiastic support. Nick, organized the event in conjunction with Inova Blood Donor Services.

Robyn Kaplan of Inova Blood Donor Services expressed her appreciation of all the donors who willingly gave this life saving gift and the Ruritan Club for sponsoring such a worthy cause—replenishing blood supplies—and ultimately saving lives! To this end, the Ruritan Club is looking at sponsoring a recurring blood drive event to be held quarterly at the Lucketts Elementary School.

The Ruritan Club extends its thanks to Nick who is the son of Ruritan member, Mark Karstetter.

Above Nick Karstetter registers a blood donor; Nick pictured with his proud Dad, Mark Karstetter, a Ruritan member; **Below** Nathan Ellis receives his Student Citizen of the Year award from Club President Peter Baker; Sophie Frey is given her award by Club Treasurer Steve Scheibhofer; Peter Baker presents Tife Adetunji with her award.

Student Citizens of the Year are Named

By Doug Kemp

Each year, the Lucketts Ruritan Club presents a certificate and an award to a student at each of the public schools where Lucketts area students attend. The individual receiving the award is selected by the school's teachers based on their observations of students who best exemplify citizenship in their school and community. This year's Student Citizen of the Year awards went to Nathan Ellis, a past 5th grade student at Lucketts Elementary, Sophie Frey a past 8th grade student at Smarts Mill Middle School, and Boluwatife (Tife) Adetunji, a recent graduate of Tuscarora High School.

Congratulations to these fine young people in our community. We are very proud of you.

Happy Birthday to our dear friend and fellow Ruritan member, Carl Seibentritt!

Carl celebrated his 90th birthday at the August Ruritan meeting.



Photo by David L. Crooks



Three photos at left by Steve Hillbrand

Ruritans Reward Local Youths

By Doug Kemp

The July Lucketts Ruritan monthly meeting was dedicated to honor and recognize the recipients of the 2012 Lucketts Ruritan Memorial Scholarships and to recognize the efforts of the club members who had a hand in the fund raising, the scholarship evaluation process and award presentations. The Lucketts Ruritan Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually to Lucketts area graduating seniors who have chosen to extend their education and have excelled in their academic and community service endeavors. Scholarships totaling \$12,000 were awarded this year to four deserving graduates:

Amanda Presgraves—Amanda was accompanied by her parents Andrew and Sandy Presgraves and also her brother Sam. She is attending James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA.

Rhiannon Blakeman—Rhiannon was accompanied by her parents Todd and Kate Blakeman. She is attending the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA.

Katie Wormald—Katie is our first recipient who was home schooled. She is now attending Cedarville University in Cedarville, OH. Katie was accompanied by her parents Edward and Patty Wormald.

John Meyerhoffer—John was unable to attend our July meeting. He is attending St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA.

Special thanks and recognition also went to our neighboring Ruritan Club at Point of Rocks whose members work diligently each year in our scholarship evaluation process. Dennis Galvin spoke as representative from the Point of Rocks Club and described how the scholarships are evaluated. Recognition was also extended to Marcel Aillery and Julie Doyle. The Club is truly grateful for their skill and willingness to participate in our scholarship program. The efforts of our participating club members including the staff of the Club's primary fund raising activity, our weekly trash and recycling program were also recognized.

Special thanks were given to Tom Howder, Steve Hillebrand, Steve Scheibelhofer, Gretchen Burgin, Peter Baker, Mark Karstetter, David Crooks, Darrell and Sue Ernst, and Stan Sorrell for their special contributions to the scholarship program this year.

There is no better way to serve our community than to promote and encourage the education of our youth. Please come to one of our monthly meetings to see how you can be part of something very special.



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Above Amanda Presgraves with parents chat with Ruritan Stan Sorrell, scholarship committee member; Rhiannon Blakeman with parents and President Peter Baker; Steve Scheibelhofer, scholarship committee member, talks with Dad, Edward Wormald and scholarship recipient, Katie Wormald; Dennis Galvin from the Point of Rocks, MD Ruritan Club who evaluated the scholarship applications



Meet David L. Crooks, member of the Lucketts Ruritan and administrator of the new Lucketts Ruritan website. Please visit us to learn more about the club and what it does to serve you, your family and your community and how you can be involved.

www.luckettsruritan.org



RURAL ENTERPRISE

Lucketts is Wine Country

by Doug Fabbioni

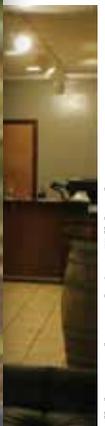
Movies, books and even the Bible have references to the passion and devotion of the vintner that turns the grapes from the land into the fabulous food beverage that we call wine. Over time, this commitment to the land and the people that work it creates a culture of good food, good people and good life. Lucketts is fortunate to be the home to four wineries that make up the Potomac Cluster in DC's Wine Country.

Over 20 years ago, Whitie and Margaret Hubert took advice from Virginia Tech and others that their land on Lost Corner Road would be appropriate to grow high quality vinifera grapes. What started as a small project is now over 55 acres of grapes used to make close to 10,000 cases of wine. Jordan Harris joined the team 5 years ago and is the winemaker and general manager of the 475 acre farm and facility. The wines that Jordan holds closest to his heart are the Nevaeh Red and White wines. These estate grown wines fermented with the natural yeasts of the site are a true reflection of the climate and soils, or Terroir, of where the grapes are grown. Along with these and other fabulous wines, Tarara is known for its Summer Concert Series, and a great music venue under the trees and alongside the lake in the center of the property.



Top left to right

A cask at the entrance invites you to visit Tarara; visitors enjoy a glass of wine on the deck overlooking the Potomac River valley; The Cave where Tarara creates their wine. Tours held daily; tasting room; two of the broad selection of Tarara wines; music lovers spread out their chairs, pour a glass of wine and enjoy the Saturday night concerts at Tarara.



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A father and son team down the road realized that more wineries in an area would help bring more customers to all the businesses. Already engaged with another business, Bob Hauck (the father) and his wife Carol opened up Lost Creek Winery in 2002. The winery's well-crafted and maintained landscaping create an enchanting tone for their customers' experience. Bob said "The harvest this year is phenomenal. Longer hang time creates great flavor. Look for great improvements over the next 6-9 months." Lost Creek has a large selection of wines available at the winery and at a few select off site events.

Eric, Bob's son, and his wife Debbie have been cultivating their land as well. Located right next door you can often see Eric in the vineyard pruning and training the vines to grow the best grapes possible. Hidden Brook Vineyards is in a picturesque log cabin nestled within a grove of white pines on Spinks Ferry Road. Tasting room manager Emily loves the village of Lucketts and that this business is part of our quaint culture. The Vidal Blanc with its tropical fruit flavors, slight sweetness and pretty blue bottle is one of their best-selling wines.

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Three of Hidden Brook's wines. Note the "pretty blue bottle"; owners Debbie and Eric Hauck; visitors enjoying a tasting in the log cabin tasting room at Hidden Brook; Lost Creek's offerings; Bob and Carol Hauck enjoy a glass of their "art" on the patio.



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At six years old, the newest winery in the cluster actually has one of the most seasoned winemakers in the county. Doug Fabbli started working in the wine industry right out of high school and now has over 30 years experience as a grower, vintner, wine consultant and educator. His entrepreneurial spirit has enabled the Fabbli Cellars venture to grow to 4000 cases of production without any investors or major debt. “We are boot strappers here at Fabbli. Sacrifice by my family and good planning have allowed us to grow in quality and size in a very sustainable way.” Doug says that the Raspberry Merlot is the wine that people remember but the 2009 Tannat won Best of Class in the Los Angeles County Fair Wine Competition.

There are more wine grapes being planted each year in the state and here in Lucketts. We have at least two more wineries slated to open in the next couple of years and a few other farms that will stay just grapes. The county and the state recognize that this growing sector of agriculture is not only a positive economic industry but a stimulant for other sectors including restaurants and tourism. Be sure to visit these wineries and others soon to taste what is new and to see how our culture has evolved. Cheers.

Top left to right

Doug Fabbli displays his Pear Wine. How does the pear get in the bottle? It has been grown there.; Fabbli's 2009 Tannat won Best in Class in Los Angeles County Fair Wine Competition; visitors enjoy a summer afternoon on the Fabbli patio; the family of Fabbli's wines



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Sprinklers offer comic relief from the heat during Summer Daycare at the Lucketts Community Center

Summertime

and the livin' is...wet, entertaining and sudsy.



Loudoun County Fire and Rescue members spent a day playing with the kids and staff at the Lucketts Community Center



Babe the Sheep-Pig, a production of the youth theatre of Franklin Park Performing Arts Center came to the Lucketts Community Center Daycare

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Lucketts Gets Flagged

Our Community Center received a new flag pole as a part of a local Scout's Eagle project. Dakota Puccio, of BS Troop 1910, planted the gleaming new flag pole. This two-day project consisted of Dakota supervising the removal of the existing pole, pouring cement and installing a new pole.



Dakota Puccio

Flowers were then planted at the baseline for decoration. Dakota and his fellow Scouts, participated in the raising of the colors ceremony at the Lucketts Fair, when they raised the new flag for the first time. Now our beautiful flag and flag pole shines where it stands. The flag pole built by Dakota should hold up for many years to come.



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Troop Travels Tough Terrain

by Sam Fabboli

In summer 2012, for 14 days, BS Troop 1910 traveled to Cimmaron, New Mexico where we visited the infamous Philmont Scout Ranch. The Troop formed two crews, the Bushwackers, and the Prospectors. I was assigned to the Prospectors.

Albuquerque was our first stop in New Mexico. During our trek to the top of Baldy Mountain, we were surprised to learn that we had reached 10,066 feet. After two days at Kirtland Air Force Base, we moved on to Philmont. We started out on our trail at Ponil. Now that we were officially on the trail we were given a guide to help us get started in Philmont and eventually we would be on our own. Our first true activity was spar pole climbing. Using an old fashioned belt and spiked heels to climb up, we traversed the 40 foot pole. Although it was difficult to do, we could not have done it without our hilarious instructors and our safety "Donkeys". Next, we stayed at Rich Cabins, where Austrian settlers made their home in the early 20th century.

While we had fun at Rich Cabins, soon it was time to move on to Fort Henry, where we enjoyed a blacksmithing demonstration and tried our luck at panning for gold. Despite our ironic name of Prospectors the only thing we found were flakes of copper and fool's gold. That night we stayed at another campsite, Copper Park. The next day we woke up before daybreak to get an early start on Baldy. As we sat waiting for the first glimpse of light so we could head out, the stars above had never been so bright and clear. We hiked up and out of the valley. The 3,000 foot elevation climb was challenging beyond belief and even though we had many stops along the way we only reached the summit by 10am. The view was so breathtaking that I could have sworn that I had an asthma attack while looking at it! After Baldy it felt as if our journey in Philmont was almost over and that the hard part had already come and gone. How wrong we were.

Cruising down the mountain on the other side we reached Baldytown and then headed to our campsite at Baldy Skyline. The next few days consisted of continuous hiking. We eventually stopped at Head of Dean for some true mountain climbing. We climbed up two courses; Natalie Portman, and the harder course, Queen Latifa. We completed part of a trail for a conservation project and then had a blast at the burro races, and for some of us, it was almost fatal. I'm just kidding about that last part, although someone did almost get hit by a burro. We were then deep into the wilderness of Philmont and nearing the end of our journey.

Finally, we reached our last campsite at Clarks Fork where we went horseback riding, lassoing, and then finished off the day with a chuck wagon dinner. At this campsite we ended our last night on the trail with a hilarious performance by the cowboy staff. This final day we ventured up the Tooth of Time Mountain and then switched back six miles all the way down to the finish line. Our trip to Philmont was a wonderful experience.

Our crew leader, was Tyler Raffensperger; our flying chaplain, Randy Bowser, and our wilderness Gump, Anson Brasselle. Other scouts included Ben Fuhrmann, Matt Lancaster, Jake Yates, and joining us, despite their aching knees, were the adults: Mr. Raffensperger, Mr. Fuhrmann, Mr. Bowser, and young Mr. Raffensperger. Throughout two weeks of breathtaking views and endless uphill climbs all 11 of us hiked a grand total of 86 miles, give or take a few.



October 6	Bill Emerson & Sweet Dixie
October 13	Remington Ride / Mill Run—featuring Bob & Billie Sue Goff
October 20	Travers Chandler & Avery County / Mark Templeton & Pocket Change
October 27	No Show Tonight
November 3	The Scott Brannon Band / David Davis & The Warrior River Boys
November 10	The Hillbilly Gypsies / Gary Brewer & The Kentucky Ramblers
November 17	Nothin' Fancy
December 1	Ralph Stanley II
December 8	Springfield Exit / The Stevens Family
December 15	Lucketts Christmas Jamboree with Santa Claus—many of Lucketts' popular performers will mix and match their talents to perform the bluegrass favorites you know and love.
January 5	Dark Hollow / The Virginia Ramblers
January 12	Larry Stephenson Band
January 19	Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper
January 26	Randy Waller & The Country Gentlemen
February 2	Dry Branch Fire Squad
February 9	James King
February 23	Kody Norris & The Watauga Mountain Boys
March 2	Ted Jones & the Tarheel Boys / Lonesome Highway
March 9	The Travelers—featuring Norman Wright & Kevin Church
March 16	Larry Sparks & The Lonesome Ramblers
March 23	Bill Yates & The Country Gentlemen Tribute Band
March 30	Audie Blaylock & Redline
April 6	Junior Sisk & Ramblers Choice
April 13	Scott Brannon / Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass
April 20	David Parmley & Continental Divide
April 27	The Patuxent Partners / Patent Pending

General Information about the Lucketts Bluegrass Concerts

- 🎷 All Shows \$15 at the door
- 🎷 Doors open at 6pm. Show time is 7pm. The concert season will open at the Lucketts Elementary School but the shows will return to the Lucketts Community Center later this year.
- 🎷 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services is committed to complying with the ADA. If you need reasonable accommodations in order to participate, please call Adaptive Recreation 10 days prior to the start of the activity **703-777-0343** TTY# **703-771-5352**
- 🎷 A smoke and alcohol free environment. No coolers, no audio or video recording. Visit our website **www.luckettsbluegrass.org** for links to band websites. Call **703-771-5281** for more information.
- 🎷 The Lucketts Elementary School and the Lucketts Community Center are located on James Monroe Highway (US Route 15), 8 miles north of Leesburg, VA and 4 miles south of Point of Rocks, MD
- 🎷 "Like" Lucketts Bluegrass on Facebook



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 Wed. night from 7:30-8:30 pm in the church house (white house next to church). Sunday morning service start at 9:30 am. 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. Free-will offerings accepted. 703-779-7745 or visit us at www.cometobethel.org.

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The Proud Pooch Show held on September 8 was serious fun! The victors: **Top row** Smallest—Midgy; Most Talented—Blaze; Most Handsome—Sydney; Most Glamorous—Ladybug; **Bottom row** Largest—Neo; Delilah—Best Costume; AND Best in Show—Remy!

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Lucketts Community Center
and surrounds

- Oct.-April** **Lucketts Bluegrass.** See schedule on inside of this issue.
- Oct. 8** **Columbus Day—School's Out Camp** Field Trip, snacks and games. 8am–6pm. \$65/child, \$55/ additional child. At the Community Center.
- Oct. 9** **Lucketts Ruritan Meeting** 7:30–9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting. At SkillsUSA
- Oct. 13** **Lucketts Wide Fall Yard Sale.** Sat. 8am–1pm. \$10 space rental. On the Community Center Soccer Field.
- Oct. 26** **Halloween Trunk or Treat** Fri. 6:30pm–8pm. \$5/family. Bonfire, snacks and a pumpkin. At the Community Center parking lot.
- Nov. 5 & 6** **Student Holiday Camps** Mon. & Tue. 8am–6pm. Field trips, snacks and games. \$65/child, \$55/ additional child. At the Community Center.
- Nov. 13** **Lucketts Ruritan Meeting** 7:30–9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting. At SkillsUSA

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