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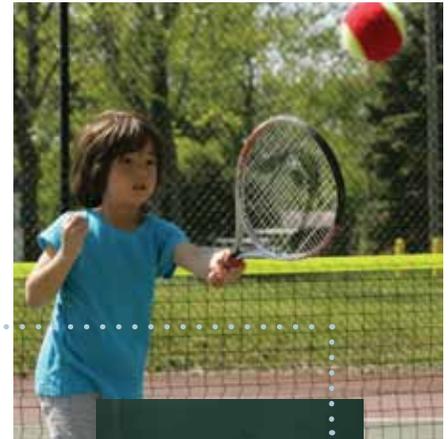


Summertime at the Lucketts Community Center

By Cathy Kilfeather

There is a full schedule of activities planned for the Lucketts Community Center this summer. The staff is happy to be back in the newly renovated building and will once again offer camps and programs for a variety of ages. For the preschoolers there will be Preschool Summer Fun Camps. Also offered for this age as well as elementary age children are Challenger British Soccer, FirstServe Tennis, Amazing Athletes Sports Mix Camp and Play-Well TEKnologies Lego camps. The

FirstServe Tennis



Yoga

Growing Stage Theater returns this summer with a three week Drama Camp for children ages 10 to 13 with a performance of *My Son, Pinocho Jr.* Longtime Lucketts resident Peggy Leung is offering yoga classes currently and throughout the summer on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. At this writing, summer crochet classes are in the final stages of planning. To add to this list the Lucketts Bluegrass Foundation proudly announces its sponsorship, for the first time, of summer Bluegrass Camps. Professional musicians will teach banjo, fiddle, bass and mandolin and how to play together as a group.

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Photos by Steve Hillebrand

Amazing Athletes



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If you are planning a picnic or a special event of any kind, consider holding it here at the community center. We have a wonderful picnic pavilion and our indoor facilities are beautiful with a fully certified kitchen. The rental fees are very reasonable and are available upon request.

If you have any suggestions regarding activities that you would like to see offered at the Center or if you have a special skill or talent that you would like to share with the community as an instructor please let us know.



Photo by Steve Hillebrand



For information about any of our activities or to register for any of the above offerings please email Cathleen.kilfeather@loudoun.gov or call 703-771-5281.

Crochet

The Rain Barrel Project at the Lucketts Community Center

With Jay Frankenfield



From pickle barrel to rain barrel.

- 1** Rain barrel parts ready to be installed.
- 2** Lucketts resident Heather Clark installs the overflow.
- 3** Jim May displays the rain barrel faucet.
- 4** Jay assists in attaching the top screen.
- 5** The finished rain barrel ready for installation under a downspout.

Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District will be selling rain barrels all summer long. Contact Jay at 571-918-4530 ext. 106 to purchase one.



Photo by Steve Hillebrand

RURAL ENTERPRISE

Arbor Artists have Passion for Trees

by Doug Fabboli



Photos by Steve Hillbrand

Our featured rural business this quarter is Arbor Artist, Inc., a full service tree care business based on Lost Corner Road. Trenton Thomas started this business out of his parents' house off Taylorstown Road back in 1998. The operation has grown in size and reputation ever since, employing up to ten staff members, depending on season and workload. Christine is the office manager who keeps all the pieces in place and the face of the business looking sharp.

Arbor Artist is clearly passionate about trees and their care, as well as service to their owners. This family business focuses on preservation and maintenance of trees. They will safely and effectively do difficult tree removals, but would much prefer to keep them healthy and fix any issues through pruning, cabling, bracing and other management tools. They also install lightning protection systems as well. As this business has grown to a sound



business, Arbor Artist is looking to be more involved in the community. They have some great skills that can benefit the community either through youth training, land and arbor preservation, or through the growing rural economic community.

Trenton is a Certified Arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). He is involved at the local, national and international levels in Tree Climbing Competitions. He has been a competitor and now serves as a judge. He is looking to share his knowledge and passion with the next generation. It is a pleasure to see the success of our local folks, and to have them continue to serve the community.

For tree work, large or small, contact Arbor Artist
703-777-8806.
 Visit their website,
www.arborartistinc.com.

The Lucketts Fair Is On Its Way

By Mary Gustafson

Winter is a dim memory and the arrival of spring turns our sights toward summer. Planning vacations, enjoying outdoor activities, serving refreshments festooned with paper umbrellas on the deck are all part of the good summertime life in Lucketts. And, unique to our community is the one and only Lucketts Fair. This year we celebrate the 41st annual Fair on August 17th and 18th on the grounds of our beloved and newly restored school house, home to the Lucketts Community Center.

The Fair will offer great antique finds, hand-churned ice cream, juried artisans and crafters, family centered activities, fabulous food and nationally acclaimed Bluegrass music. This old-fashioned country fair also features a pie contest (adult and junior divisions) and a biggest tomato and best dressed vegetable contest.

Enter the Best Pie, Largest Tomato or the Best-dressed Vegetable Contests and you could win a prize and have total bragging rights. Call the Lucketts Community Center for details 703-771-5281.

The Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board will sponsor two fundraising raffles. The first raffle is the traditional quilt raffle and will feature two beautiful quilts hand stitched by the Amish women from Pennsylvania. The second raffle is for a "Lifetime Pass" to the Lucketts Fair. The proceeds from these raffles as well as the overall proceeds from the Fair help to continue the Board's contribution in bringing enriching programs to the Lucketts Community.

Some folks will remember the days when the auditorium of the old school bustled with civic groups and home bakers selling home-made baked goods. During the recent two year building renovation, the bakery was closed. We are pleased to announce that **The Bakery will be back** for fairgoers who are hungry for a "taste of Lucketts".

The list of things to do at the Fair is long. Don't miss the grand Lucketts Cake Walk, a fun and raucous event where the winner takes home a delicious home-made cake. The pony rides and petting zoo are back as well the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum exhibit, balloon sculptors, rides on a horse drawn wagon, demonstrations by artisans and crafters, the Reader's Garden, and for the daring kid at heart, the mechanical bull.

There is so much to see and do, all for the admission price of \$5.00. Children six and under are free. Lucketts welcomes everyone from near and far to come and celebrate summer with us at the 2013 Lucketts Fair.



• Still only \$5 admission •
• Children under 6 years old are free! •

Photos by Steve Hillbrand exclusive of ticket and muffins

Would you love to donate a cake for the Cake Walk? Call the Lucketts Community Center 703-771-5281.

Landfill Waiver Approval is Good for Lucketts

By Doug Kemp

With approval of the fiscal 2014 county budget, the Loudoun Board of Supervisors has maintained the landfill waiver for non-profit organizations for another year. This is an important outcome for the Lucketts Ruritan Club and other organizations in the county which depend on this program to provide important services for our communities. Through the hundreds of volunteer hours the Club's members provide yearly supporting the refuse collection program, the Club is able to pass on donations to deserving organizations providing services for youth and those in need. Donations also help fund the Club's scholarships given to deserving high school seniors in the community.

During last year's budget discussions, the Club was not sure that the program would continue. Interest was expressed by a member of the Board of Supervisors in discontinuing support of the waiver program as a means of reducing county expenses. Through community feedback to the Board and advocacy by Catoclin district supervisor Geary Higgins, the program was allowed to continue for the 2013 fiscal year, but was identified for reconsideration during the 2014 budget deliberations. Supervisor Higgins worked on behalf of the Club and the community, educating the members of the Board as to what the Lucketts Ruritan Club and other Ruritan clubs in the county do as community civic groups and how the waiver program is a win-win for the County and its communities. It was in part through supervisor Higgins's support that these organizations are able to continue the partnership that the Ruritans and the County have fostered for over 25 years.

Not only is trash accepted during the Ruritan sponsored collection event, but containers are also provided by the county for disposal of recyclables. Glass bottles and jars, plastic (#s 1 – #7), aluminum and steel cans, cardboard, junk mail, cereal boxes, and newspaper can be disposed of by members of the community. Those disposing of their refuse by other means can still utilize the recycle containers. Every item recycled, reduces the amount of trash that ends up in the county landfill.

Refuse and recycled material is collected at Lucketts Elementary School every Saturday (except Lucketts Fair weekend and Saturdays that occur on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day) from 8 am to 12 noon. A donation of \$4 is requested for 4 large trash bags—larger loads, larger donation.



Got Community?

The Lucketts Ruritan do, and it is you! Please join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Lucketts Community Center. Meetings include dinner, a guest speaker and club business. **All are welcome.** Visit us on our website for more information luckettsruritan.org



Lucketts Below the Surface

By Ryan Reed

Driving north out of Leesburg towards Point of Rocks the other day, I was quickly reminded of the unique beauty of the area. East of the Catoctin Ridge and west of the Potomac River lies a land known for both its landscape and what is beneath the surface. Even before leaving the town limits, I pass by several of the many rock outcrops that will line my path for the next 12 miles. These monoliths are representative of the limestone geology that lies beneath much of the area. Limestone refers to a variety of rock that is made up, in part, by carbonate materials. Carbonate is unique in the geologic sense, because it will dissolve over time when exposed to slightly acidic water. Many areas throughout the world and the nation are famous for their limestone formations, including Kentucky (think Mammoth Cave) and Virginia's own Shenandoah Valley directly to our west. In Loudoun, the majority of the limestone geology is different from what is found in the "Valley" or regions of Kentucky. Much of our limestone geology is

a conglomerate rock, or rock that is the result of cobbles, gravels and stone being cemented together with carbonate rich mud and then hardened. Think concrete. In fact, a common observation people make when observing Loudoun's limestone conglomerate is that it looks like concrete.



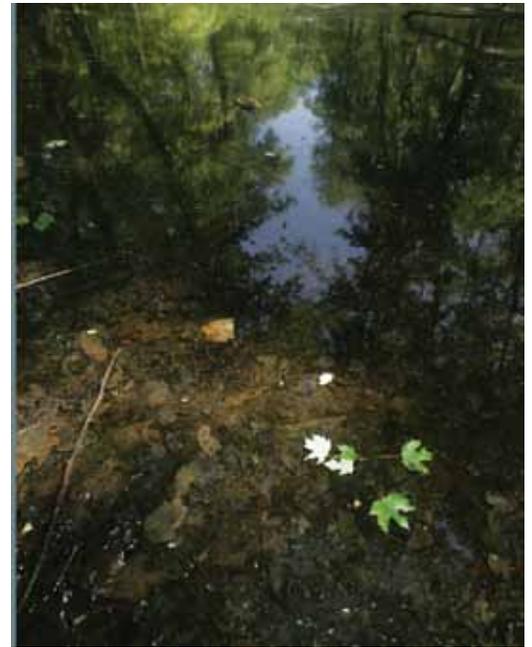
Top left to bottom right Lucketts resident John Adams stands next to one of the many stone outcrops on his property; closeup of the conglomerate rock; cattle on Adam's farm mingle freely with the massive outcrops.



All photos by Steve Hillebrand

On the shoulder of the road, just north of Whites Ferry, I peer down the hole at the base of another outcrop, observing any changes. Not only the outcroppings suggest of what lies beneath, but these openings as well. As water has moved throughout the area, over the surface and through the earth, it has slowly dissolved channels of this rock. Few channels have grown large enough to form caves, but many subsurface voids exist. Much of the evidence is not as obvious. Attentive observers mark an undulating landscape, the patterns bumps and dips, hills and dales irregular. Few notice the depressions, vernal pools, the streams that have less water flowing within their banks as they progress downstream. A bowl shaped area in the grass of the front yard of a resident near Saint Claire Lane, an odd circular pond beside Montessor Road and many others features evidence past events where the soil sank as the channels underneath collapsed.

Farmer John and Brossmans roadside stands reflect the natural fertility of the soils; the houses, both new and historic represent the allure of the location, and the rolling fields, grazing livestock, tree groves and open views allow the scenic intrigue. Living, working and enjoying the limited, but fascinating area of Loudoun County includes an understanding of what makes it just a little bit different.



Above Vernal pool located on the Gum Farm. **Below** John Adams walks among the many outcrops on his farm; tiny ferns gain a foothold in a crack in one of the outcrops.



White's Ford Regional Park

By Ben Bilko

Welcome to White's Ford Regional Park, located just north of Leesburg, Virginia! This park is owned and operated by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, the area's only regional park agency. NVRPA's offerings – which currently include 25 parks – span across three counties and three cities in Northern Virginia, including Arlington County, Fairfax County, and Loudoun County, and Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax City. Locally, the agency is best known for great family fun sites such as Temple Hall Farm Regional Park (home of the Corn Maize and Fall Festival), Red Rock Overlook Regional Park, Ball's Bluff Battlefield Historic Park, the W&OD Trail, and most recently, Rust Manor House.

White's Ford Regional Park sits approximately two miles from Temple Hall Farm, on the banks of the Potomac River. White's Ford was an important ford over the river during the Civil War. It was used in many major actions, including the crossing into Maryland of the Confederate army prior to the Maryland Campaign.

The 295-acre park is currently slated to begin operations in the summer of 2013, where it will serve as a boat launch for canoes and kayaks. The property is an ideal place to launch, as White's Ford is the northern-most point of water access for NVRPA, and provides a dramatically different view of the Potomac and regional wildlife.

In April of this year, NVRPA conducted a tree planting on over 20 acres of open fields, putting in more than 1,600 trees on a new area of parkland along the Potomac River. Part of protecting this half mile of river frontage was to greatly expand the riparian forested buffer. The benefits of creating expanded vegetative (forested) buffers along rivers and streams are great. It is one of the most effective methods of environmental protection available. The results of this kind of tree planting include: holding together the shoreline, filtering storm water run-off before it hits the river, absorbing more of the rain fall so it does not need to run off into the river, absorbing carbon in the air (reducing air pollution), cooling the area in the summer and creating an expanded wildlife habitat for flora and fauna. The White's Ford tree planting, which was done in partnership with the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (Cadillac Crew), included the region along the river as well as some upland area.

This is the first of many more tree plantings to come in the next five years. The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority has set expanding riparian buffers and partnering with community groups to plant more trees on our parklands as major goals of the 2012 - 2017 Strategic Plan for the agency.

Lucketts lies only about 10 minutes from this beautiful new property, providing a quick and easy route (straight down Route 15) to a wonderful day of paddling on the Potomac. It's easily the closest canoe and kayak access point for residents.



Photos by Steve Fillebrand

Above Boy Scouts, Ruritans, Potomac Appalachian Trail Clubs and many Lucketts residents joined the work party to dig holes, sort bare root trees, gently plant and tube and stake the saplings.

LUCKETTS
Photo Album



Spring is heralded by
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Easter Egg Hunt.
Great finds and fun were found at the Lucketts Community
Center Yard Sale & Playground Day.



Girl Scouts Clean-Up Community, Finish Cookie Sales

By Christine Breighner

Lucketts Girl Scouts—Junior Troop #4920, Brownie Troop #2753, and Daisy Troop #5783—continue mixing fun, friendship, learning, and service.

During March, the troops focused on final weeks of Girl Scout cookie sales and National Girl Scout Week (March 10-16).

A big THANK YOU goes to The Old Lucketts Store for letting us set up our cookie booth right on their porch. Their support was key to our success, and we're also grateful to all of our Lucketts neighbors who bought cookies.

—Junior Leader
Michelle McKenzie-Duncan

Profits from cookie sales fund troop events like campouts and the appreciation breakfast “buffet” the troops sponsored for Lucketts Elementary School staff on March 15. Profits also help to purchase badges, pins, and patches for members’ uniforms.

In April, Junior scouts prepared for their May campout. The girls practiced setting up tents, building a campfire, and using pocket knives for camping needs. They also did a full gear check. Shish kebabs and S’mores, anyone?

Brownie scouts took the lead and beautified the Lucketts community with a clean-up on April 21. One of the girls was heard saying, “I didn’t think we would find so much trash around here!” and “I’ve found the JACKPOT of trash!”

What was the best thing they found? Well, besides the skunk tail and the snake protecting an egg, the scouts delighted in finding a big sign with ‘Trash’ on it—it had been knocked over and then tossed into the trees. It was faded out and looked like a ‘this community trash is cleaned up by ...’ type sign.

Daisies, the youngest girl scouts, smiled their way through Spring activities, earning new petals for their uniforms. In addition to two trash-pickups, the girls made pine cone bird feeders to hang around Lucketts. They also visited the the Lucketts Fire Department, which will help them earn their “Respecting Authority” petal.

All the Lucketts scouts wish the News & Notes readers a safe and happy summer!



Firehouse photo by Steve Hillsbrand

From top left Girl Scouts pose after an April trash clean-up around Lucketts; Brrrr!! Early Spring Girl Scout cookie sales at The Old Lucketts Store. Scouts are: (l-r) Maia Grove, Rhiannon Kristan, Virginia Breighner; Junior scouts (and a sibling!) visit the Lucketts Fire Dept.; Deployed-to-the-Middle East U.S. troops show their appreciation for delicious donations of cookies from Lucketts Brownie Troop #2753; Junior Troop #4920 shares cookie donations with Lucketts first responders.



Girl Scouts.

Membership in Girl Scouts is open to girls in grades K-12. Contact local field director **Diana Kane at dkane@gscnc.org or call 703-777-5644**

The Boy Scout Jamboree— A Rally to Remember

By Ty Raffensperger, Senior Patrol Leader of Troop C219, Home Troop 1910, Lucketts, Virginia

The National Scout Jamboree is a gathering of scouts from around the United States to one location for many fun activities and learning experiences. This year is the first year for the United States to have a site owned by the BSA: the Summit (Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve), an adventure center for the Boy Scouts of America located in the wilds of West Virginia. For the past few decades, we have been using Fort AP Hill, Virginia, to host our national Jamborees. Recently, there has been a large increase in participation, and AP Hill just didn't have enough room. These Jamborees are huge. At the 2010 event, there were 40,000 scouts in attendance with 80,000 guests visiting throughout the 10 day experience. From archery to electronics to cooking, the Jamboree has it all. Scouts can experience all of this great fun this coming summer.



Since not every scout from every troop can attend, the National Council decided to make district-wide troops, pulling scouts from each local troop to form one normal-size troop from each district. Leadership positions are selected, and these troops plan and cooperate as if they were any ordinary Scouting Troop. This year, the Jamboree will be the biggest, the baddest, and most fun yet, and I cannot wait for this experience of a lifetime.

Lucketts BSA Troop 1910 honored two new Eagle Scouts in April by holding two special Courts of Honor celebrating their achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout. In addition to earning over 21 specific merit badges for the rank, they each planned and lead a community project and were deemed worthy of this highest award.



Top New Eagle Scout Andrew Gonzalez and his parents at his ceremony honoring his achievement. **Bottom** Ruritan President Peter Gustafson congratulates new Eagle Scout Jake Yates on earning the highest honor in Scouting.



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.

Churches

Summer Events at the Lucketts Community Center

June 3–August 3 Preschool Summer Camps. Trips, crafts, games and fun. 9am-1pm. \$135.00/week.

Sessions: June 3–7, June 10–14, June 17–21, June 24–28, and July 8–July 12

June 24–28 Lucketts Bluegrass Summer Camps. Ages 9 & up. 10am-2pm. \$300.00/session.

Sessions: June 24–28 and July 8–12

June 10–July 19 Challenger Soccer Camps. Ages 2-3, 4-5 & 6-14. Call for times and price.

Sessions: June 10–14 and July 15–19

June 17–28 Play-Well TEKnologies Lego Camps. Ages 5-6 & 7-11 Call for times. \$150.00/session.

Sessions: June 17–21 and June 24–28.

July 9 Lucketts Ruritan Meeting. 7:30–9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting.

July 15–August 2 Growing Stage Theater Camp. Ages 10-13 9am-3pm \$150.00

July 22 Celebrate Ice Cream Day. 12 noon-2pm. Free ice cream.

August 13 Lucketts Ruritan Meeting. 7:30–9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting.

August 17–18 The Lucketts Fair. 10am-5pm. Celebrating 41 years of old-fashioned country fun.
\$5/ages 6 and up.

September 10 Lucketts Ruritan Meeting. 7:30–9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting.

September 14 Proud Pooch Dog Show. 10am. Dogs rule. \$5.00/one category; \$10 all categories.

For more information contact the Lucketts Community Center at 703-771-5281



at Christ Episcopal Church

June 1, 2013 • noon to 5pm

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