

Lucketts Photo Album

Proud Pooch Dog Show September 11, 2010



Steve Hillebrand

Morven Park Races October 9, 2010



David L. Crooks

Coming Soon— Rudolph the Red-nosed Firetruck?

That's right! Santa will be appearing in Lucketts, ferried by the firetruck of the Lucketts Volunteer Fire Company. He will travel a mystery route through the backroads of Lucketts spreading cheer and ho, ho, ho's. We must be ever watchful as Santa is very busy this time of year and has not been able to lock in on a date for his visit. He says to keep your eye on the sign board at the intersection of Lucketts Road and Rt. 15 for his arrival time. For more information please call Jim Hobbie at 703-777-7859.

Lucketts Halloween Trunk or Treat

October 29, 2010

The mood was festive at the Lucketts Community Center as little goblin lookalikes made their way from scary trunk to scarier trunk for Halloween Treats! Well over 30 trunks participated in the fun making it a successful community event. A cozy bonfire provided warmth as neighbors and friends sipped warm cider and enjoyed each other's company. The Community Center staff extends their appreciation to all for making it such a fun event.



Trunk or Treat photos by Nancy Raddiffe



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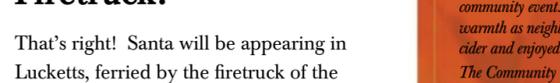
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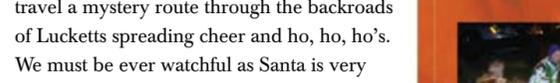
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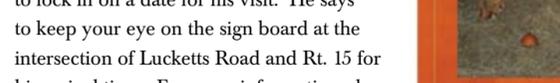
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A Lucketts Beekeeper's Story

Long-time Lucketts resident, Louise Mayr, is known as the local beekeeper. Several years ago, the Mayrs bought 20 acres with an old rundown log cabin named it 'Snake Hill' for obvious reasons. As they began to renovate the cabin, it occurred to them that they needed to do something with all that land. It just did not feel right to have and not do something with it. Raising livestock was out of the question because the Mayrs lived in DC. And then they realized they could have bees. So, Louise and her husband Otto enlisted the services of their 3 children who put together bee boxes and frames. In fact, one winter they all took a class on beekeeping. They started with 2 packages of bees and were amazed and gratified at how quickly the bees set about their work. The bees provided delicious wildflower honey and wax for candles. Over the years, the beekeeping venture has seen its ups and downs. At one point there were 12 hives. And, one year they all died. Currently there are 6 hives.

In early Spring, the beekeeper has to pay attention to reversing, being queen right, putting on supers in time, taking measures to cut down on swarming and dealing with varroa mites.

If this inspires you to start a bee colony but the beekeeper's job sounds completely foreign to you, the Loudoun Bee Association offers a course in March to potential beekeepers (www.Loudounbee.org) and has a stand at the Lucketts Fair to educate the public and sell honey of local beekeepers. —Louise Mayr, Lucketts beekeeper

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Winter 2010-11 at the Lucketts Community Center and surrounds

- Dec 23- Jan 2 Loudoun County Schools closed. Classes resume Jan 3
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve services at area churches. See side bar page 4.
- Dec 25 Trash Service cancelled
- Jan 1 Trash Service cancelled
- Jan 8 Ruritan Trash Service resumes. Extra trash trucks and recycle bins provided. Please flatten boxes. Extra donations appreciated for extra trash.
- Jan 11 Lucketts Ruritan meeting. 7:30 at Skills USA
- Feb 8 Lucketts Ruritan meeting. 7:30 at Skills USA
- Feb 10 Lucketts Elementary Potomac River Rangers Fair. 6:45-7:45 at Lucketts Elementary. See article in sidebar on front page.

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Lucketts Celebrates America's Love of Cars

It was early 1998 when Don Obert, Lucketts Community Center leader, searched for a better use of the Community Center. Don Kidwell, a car collector and restorer in Lucketts, suggested a car show. Thus, the "Annual Lucketts Car Show" was born.



Typical of the cars that are shown at the Lucketts Car Show is Don Kidwell's 1931 Model A Ford.



Corvette owned by William & Jennifer Stone.

The first show had only 12 registrants. But, before the day ended, over 60 cars showed up and sat proudly on the field. Many more people than expected came to show. That year, Marty Smith's 1934 Chevrolet Coupe won Best of Show.

This community event has continued uninterrupted for 13 years. It has grown dramatically. In fact, the record is 220 cars. It is now managed and produced by members of the Loudoun/Douglass Alumni Association. Proceeds from the show are used to fund scholarships for college bound Loudoun County students.



Ford owned by Dennis Holsinger.



At rest after a day's work setting up cars, from l-r Norman Brooks, James Gormes and John Middleton, all members of the Loudoun/Douglass Alumni Association.

Planning is underway for the 2011 show which will take place on the last Sunday of September. Anyone with a 25 year or older car is welcome to participate. —Don Kidwell, Lucketts resident

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Students Learn at Local Fair

All are invited to the Lucketts Elementary Potomac River Rangers Fair on Thursday, February 10, 2011 from 6:45-7:45. The Fair will feature stations with hands on activities relating to the history, ecology, geology, recreation, and conservation of the Potomac River Watershed.



2011 marks the fifth year that Lucketts Elementary has participated and it will be a little different since there will be an extracurricular emphasis on the Potomac River. The Potomac River Rangers is sponsored by the PTA, with the enthusiastic support of the school administration and teachers. The emphasis is on the Lucketts area watershed, which is primarily the Clark's Run Watershed. What is especially neat is that students have located the specific stream closest to their homes and have determined the flow of a drop of water from their homes to the Potomac River, on to the Chesapeake Bay and then ultimately to the Atlantic Ocean!

Students are learning about karst topography, flora and fauna of our watershed, and what families can do to protect our watershed. —Lauren Lang, Leader of Potomac River Ranger Club run by the Lucketts Elementary PTA.

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Rural Enterprise Local Artists Beautify with Wood



their studio and a very unique look to their art.

Shawn grew up in PA and studied Art Education at Longwood College in Farmville, VA. He has taught our children for many years here at Lucketts Elementary, and now is the art teacher at Woodgrove High School in Purcellville. He devotes his time to his wife and three children and is an active member of the Lucketts community.



Wood Fired Pottery

is open each weekend, (Saturdays 10-5, Sundays 12-5) 703 771-4264. This is another fine example of a blend of business and home and it is a uniquely flavored lifestyle in the Lucketts community. 🐿️ *—Doug Fabboli, owner/vintner of Fabboli Cellars*

The natural beauty of wood combined with pottery are the inspiration behind **Wood Fired Pottery** on Browns Farm Lane. Located at the base of Furnace Mountain, this local business is owned by Shawn Grove and his partner in clay, Bryan Mattraw.

Shawn started the business in 2004 when he and Bryan built a special wood fired kiln. The process they use to fire the pots is a throwback to centuries ago and they incorporate the knowledge of today. The combination of the old and the new creates a special nostalgic atmosphere in



Lucketts Bluegrass Wins Award

On September 18, 2010, at the annual festival of the prestigious Virginia Folk Music Association (VFMA), “Lucketts Bluegrass at the Old Schoolhouse” received a Special Recognition Award for their many years of promoting Virginia’s Heritage Music:

“The VFMA is proud to recognize Lucketts for the years of efforts in preserving and promoting Virginia’s Heritage Music. The concert series continues every Saturday night, October through December and then, after a break, January through the end of April. Visit their site: www.luckettsbluegrass.com.”



Bob Veatch of The Lucketts Bluegrass Foundation accepts the award and announcement from the VFMA.

The Lucketts Bluegrass tradition was started by individuals from the community in 1974. Thereafter, volunteer members of the Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board took the helm and since 2007, the concert series has been managed by The Lucketts Bluegrass Foundation.

The VFMA was founded in 1947 and later sanctioned by the Governor “to promote and preserve country, bluegrass and Gospel music, the music of our heritage—Virginia Folk Music.” As a major part of this mission, the organization honors Virginians for their contributions to this goal, including inducting Virginians into the **Virginia Country Music Hall Of Fame** and presentation of other awards. The Hall of Fame includes such luminaries as Mother Maybelle Carter, Roy Clark, The Stanley Brothers, Patsy Cline, Jimmy Dean and The Statler Brothers, among others.

This 2010 Special Recognition award placed the name of Lucketts with some of the most widely recognized artists in the world of bluegrass and country music. Congratulations to the many volunteers and community center staffers who worked so hard for so long to make Lucketts Bluegrass such a success. 🐿️ *—Paul Garvin, Lucketts Bluegrass coordinator*

Remember all Bluegrass performances will be moving to the Lucketts Elementary School as of January 8, 2011 due to renovations to the Lucketts Community Center.



A recent Bluegrass performance at the Lucketts Community Center

Recycling & Trash Collection

Brought to you each Saturday 8am-noon by the Lucketts Ruritan. Suggested donation \$4 for 4 large trash bags; larger loads—larger donation. You must be from Loudoun County. **Recycled boxes must be flattened!** Steel, aluminum, plastic may be co-mingled.

Not accepted: liquids, yard waste, large furniture, toxic chemicals, car batteries, industrial waste. Trash service closed Christmas and New Year’s Day.

Interfaith Relief

Drop off canned/non-perishable food every Saturday during trash service. This is extra important during the holiday season. For further info about Interfaith Relief please call 703 777-5911.

Join the Ruritan

Meetings are held at SkillsUSA during renovations to the Community Center. They are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. No invitation needed, just join in. Meetings include dinner (served by ladies of the Furnace Mountain Church), a guest speaker and business meeting. Email us at luckettsruritan@gmail.com for more information.

A Call for Members *Do you have the right stuff?*

Who The Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board (LCCAB), Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization actively works to preserve/support the Old Lucketts School Building, which is known as the Lucketts Community Center, and serves as our “Village Center.” LCCAB is the primary source for the planning, preparation and execution of the annual Lucketts Fair, and is the sponsor of many of the special events at the center such as Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and the Annual Playground Day and Community Yard Sale.

What The historic building and surrounding grounds serve as a backdrop for local activities including daycare, preschool, after school activities, Ruritan, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Bluegrass concerts, and private parties for Lucketts residents. The organization also provides assistance to local shelters, and provides most of the funding to purchase surrounding land which is used as community park featuring softball and soccer fields, and bike and running paths.

Where The Lucketts Community Center

When The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm

Why Membership on the Advisory Board is made up primarily of local Lucketts residents who together help preserve the character and traditions of the Lucketts Community. Members help nurture understanding of this unique community and grow new ventures while maintaining and preserving our rich heritage.

We invite you to become an active resident of our Village by joining the Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board. If you have any questions, please feel free to join us at a meeting, or contact any of the following:

President: Lynn Wahl 703 777-2328
Vice-President: Ross Mink 703 737-0771
Treasurer: Matt Quitter 571 214-3907

Facelift Gets an Update

The long awaited Lucketts Community Center’s facelift is fast approaching. Renovations will begin over the Christmas holiday. We will be in our temporary home on January 1, 2011.

After many years of service, the old schoolhouse will receive several improvements including central air conditioning and heating. There will be new bathrooms and windows and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, newly installed lifts to the second floor and the stage area will improve access for all. The offices will be relocated to the front of the building and the front door will serve as the primary entrance.

Despite the many upgrades, architects and county planners alike have been careful to preserve the “feel” of the building. For example, the auditorium will retain its wainscoting while the tin ceilings remain along with the traditional blackboards.

We anticipate the project taking about two years to complete and we are certain it will be a great boost to our community.

Frequent updates will be provided. The center manager and staff are happy to answer your questions as we await the transformation of our Lucketts landmark.

🐿️ *—Hilary Cooley, Manager, Lucketts Community Center*

Church Calendar

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Furnace Mountain Presbyterian Church

Worship Service on Sundays at 9:30am

Faith Chapel Presbyterian Church

Candle Light Service Sunday, Dec. 19 at 5pm

Christmas Eve Service Friday, Dec. 24 at 5pm



On October 3 our 11am worship service was the 125th Anniversary Celebration and Homecoming 2010. There were about 80 people in attendance. After the worship service a potluck dinner was held on the church grounds.

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Christ Episcopal Church Bible Study every Wednesday at 7pm in the church house (white house next to church).

Sunday morning service start at 9:30am. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. The service has been carried on in this historic church since 1773. Friday, Dec. 24 at 7:30pm. Music before service from 7-7:30. Join us at 14861 New Valley Church Road. Visit us at www.christchurchlucketts.com