

Lucketts NEWS & NOTES

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Lucketts Community Center Gets a Facelift

The highly anticipated renovation of our beloved Community Center building is scheduled to begin in January 2011. The makeover is expected to take up to two years. Loudoun County officials have contracted with a Boston, Massachusetts architectural firm to oversee the project.

Although the building will be closed, the Community Center will continue to serve you by providing preschool, day care and after school programs in two new onsite portable classrooms. Plus, the playground will be accessible.

This temporary inconvenience will be worth it because the Center will be transformed into a state of the art facility that retains its old-fashioned charm and will remain on the Virginia and the National Register of Historic Places!

For more information, please stop by the Center and the staff will be more than happy to share their knowledge about this exciting undertaking.

Boy Scouts Host Court of Honor Ceremony

Local Boy Scout Troup 1910's Court of Honor Ceremony featured a surprise guest! Former Secretary of the Navy, Secretary B.J. Penn attended the event on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at the Lucketts Community Center. Secretary Penn reminisced about his experiences as a Boy Scout. He told the Scouts how, in his current life, he still uses Scout law and the Scout Oath. Secretary Penn also told the Scouts how he proudly served our country as he displayed a helmet and a poster of one of the planes he flew. Mr. Penn stressed the importance of education and having a strong work ethic. Following a Q&A, Secretary Penn shook hands with the Scouts. A good time was had by all.

Troop 1910 holds quarterly Courts of Honor to recognize the accomplishments of the Scouts in rank advancement and merit badges.



At top Scoutmaster Hal Raffensperger, Troop Committee Chairman Matt Quitter and Former Secretary of the Navy B.J. Penn. *Above* Formal Flag Ceremony *At bottom* Troop 1910 with Ruritan Scout coordinator Judge Tom Howder and Former Secretary Penn.



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Rural Enterprise



Doug Fabboli with his vines, one of the many successful new crops for the Lucketts area.

By Doug Fabboli

Living in the country is both a pleasure and a challenge. It takes a certain kind of person to commit to owning and maintaining the land that we all cherish. Whether it is one acre or hundreds, the country life and work is unique. In this area, I know of many landowners where one spouse will go into the city to work the corporate job while the other works the land. I am also seeing more folks telecommuting or running home based businesses from their farmhouse. Another option that people use is to contract with a custom farmer to work the land. There are people who will manage your vineyard, cut your hay, lease your land or truck farm a plot of your land. Each of these are creative ways to use the land, create real economy and keep people from traveling down congested highways on a daily basis. We need to look harder at where we live as well as where and how we work in order to make decisions about how this landscape will look in two or three generations. In the country farming lifestyle, there seems to be little separation between life and work.

Maybe that is an unhealthy thing to some degree but consider that the work environment is totally different than most of the current workforce and much more in tune with what people did for many thousands of years.

In this column, I will be featuring businesses and families that make their living on the Lucketts land. Some may be in the house, some may be in the shop and many others will be agriculture based. As chairman of the Loudoun County Rural Economic Development Council, I am very interested in promoting and protecting our rural businesses and lifestyle and land for generations to come. The tapestry of agriculture, tourism, country stores, value added businesses, retreat facilities, artist studios and other interesting ventures is what makes living here in Lucketts so special. Suggestions for subjects and comments are welcome at vinofab@aol.com.

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 should be co-mingled.

Not accepted: liquids, yard waste, large furniture, toxic chemicals, car batteries, industrial waste.

Interfaith Relief

You can drop off canned/ non-perishable food every Saturday during trash service. Extra, fresh garden produce can be donated, too. For more info about produce please call Interfaith Relief 703-777-5911.

Join the Ruritans

Starting in July, meetings will be 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.

Ruritan Awards Lucketts Scholars

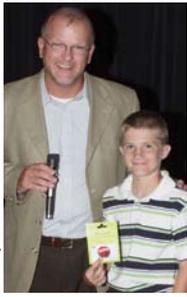


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Peter Baker (Ruritan) and Carson Wagner

Since 1982, the Lucketts Ruritan Club has presented a very deserving student from Lucketts Elementary, and area Middle and High Schools, the Student Citizen of the Year Award. Members of the faculty from each school select the student. Criteria for this prestigious recognition include, scholastic achievements, extracurricular involvement at their school and a positive attitude toward their classmates. Each recipient receive a \$100, \$200 or \$300 gift certificate to a local school supply store. This year's deserving winners are:

- Carson Wagner–Lucketts Elementary School
- Chiara Solitario–Smarts Mill Middle School
- Virginia Collins–Loudoun County High School



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Chiara Solitario and Tom Howder (Ruritan)

Our club has awarded general scholarships to deserving Lucketts area High School Seniors since 1989. The scholarship is presented to students who demonstrate scholastic excellence, and a sense of community and charity. This year's scholarships, which total \$11,000., are given in fond memory of long-time Ruritan members Andy Pitas and Tom Keefer who both passed away in 2009. The recipients are:



Photo by David L. Crooks

Tom Howder (Ruritan) and Virginia Collins

Ms. Temple Anne Douglas of Thomas Jefferson High School, who received \$6,000. Temple will be attending Princeton University where she will study Bio Medicine and Chemical Engineering. This accomplished co-ed is the recipient of a number of scholastic awards. Most notably is her National Merit Finalist achievement and the Intel Science Talent Search Finalist award for her senior research paper on diagnosing Lyme disease. She has been involved in the Relay for Life, and has served as co-chair of the Luminaria Committee. Her other interests and activities include service trips to coastal Mississippi, cheerleading, running track and field, and playing violin in the school orchestra.



Photo by Steve Hiltbrand

Temple Anne Douglas and her family

Ms. Hinna Amjad of Loudoun County High School, who received \$2,500. Hinna will be attending Virginia Tech where she will study medicine. She is a National AP Scholar with Honors and a National Latin Exam Cum Laude. This aspiring young woman has been involved with the Future Educators of America Association, ESL For Families, a Volunteer at INOVA Loudoun Hospital, and has participated in the Megan's Cystic Fibrosis Walk. Hinna has also been involved with the Keyettes, the Latin Club, and the Senior Class Council. Hinna's professional aspiration is to become a pediatrician and to practice medicine in her native country of Pakistan.



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Hinna Amjad, Doug Fabboli (Ruritan) and Margaret Erickson

Ms. Margaret Erickson of Loudoun County High School who received \$2,500. Margaret plans to attend either Princeton University or the University of Virginia. She, too, is the recipient of a number of scholastic awards including National AP Scholar with Honors, the National Honor Society and the Regional Award from the PAVAN Governor's School for the Arts. Margaret has been involved in ESL For Families, the Future Educators of America Association, Relay for Life, and Cystic Fibrosis Fundraisers. Her other interests and activities include ice cream churning for the Lucketts Elementary PTA Fair fundraiser, Keep Loudoun Beautiful, Interfaith Relief, the Art Club, Senior Class Council and the Keyettes.

The Lucketts Ruritan Club wishes all of the recipients the best in their future endeavors. 🌿

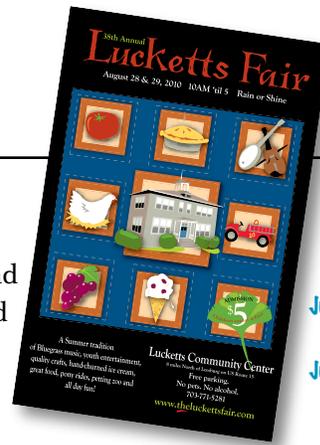
The Lucketts Fair

The 38th annual Lucketts Fair will be held on August 28th and 29th, 2010. The Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board (LCCAB) and other local non-profit organizations are busy getting ready for this old-fashioned country fair that brings our community together and which has delighted children and adults for many years. For those of you new to our area, prepare to find quality crafts, youth entertainment, great food (including hand-churned ice cream), antiques, pony rides, a petting zoo, cake walks, a pie baking contest and

renowned Bluegrass music. The proceeds from the fair are invested in the historic Old Schoolhouse building which serves as the local community center and to support important community programs. The Fair also offers a fund raising opportunity for many non-profit groups such as the Lucketts Elementary PTA, the Lucketts Volunteer Fire Department and local churches.

The fun starts at 10am both Saturday and Sunday and continues to 5pm. Rain or Shine has always been the motto. The entrance fee is \$5 per person and children under six are free. No Pets. No alcohol. Call 703-771-5281 for more information or visit our website

www.theluckettsfair.com.



Summer 2010

Summertime 2010

at the Lucketts Community Center

- July 19** Celebrate Ice Cream Day. 12noon-2pm. Free ice cream!
- July 30** Summer Movie Night. 6pm-9pm. Pizza & movie. \$5/person.
- Aug 10** Lucketts Ruritan meeting. 7:30pm **at SkillsUSA**.
- Aug 28 & 29** The Lucketts Fair. 10am-5pm. Old-fashioned country fun. \$5/ages 6 and up.
- Sept 11** Proud Pooch Dog Show. 10am. Dogs rule. \$5/one category; \$10 all categories.
- Sept 14** Lucketts Ruritan meeting. 7:30pm **at SkillsUSA**.
- Sept 18** Father-Daughter Dance. 7pm-9pm. \$20/couple; \$15 each additional child.
- Sept 16** Antique & Classic Car Show. 10am-4pm. \$5; \$3/ages 65 & up; Free under 12.
- Sept 24** Family Movie Night. 6pm-9pm. Pizza & movie. \$5/person.

For more info, call 703-771-5281.

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