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LCCAB/Ruritan Merge Efforts Combined Newsletters' First Issue

by Peter Gustafson

IF YOU HAVE LIVED in the Lucketts area for awhile, you probably have received a community newsletter in the past. The Lucketts Ruritan Club's newsletter, *News & Notes*, began a number of years ago. Their "occasional newsletter" generally highlighted the Club's fund-raising efforts on behalf of Lucketts and the surrounding community. More recently, the Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board (LCCAB) published an issue of *Lucketts News* beginning in January of this year. It was recently decided to combine these efforts into this new *Lucketts News & Notes*.

The purpose of this community newsletter—your newsletter—is to get news about Lucketts to area households. Additionally, the two organizations hope to increase membership and promote community fellowship. Look for features such as a community calendar of events, announcements; personal or business profiles, local history, news of area churches, the Lucketts Volunteer Fire Company, and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Issues are to be published in April, June, September, November and February, or 5 times a year. There will be no issue published in August, as our efforts will be of course focused on the Fair.

The **Lucketts Ruritan Club** invites all those interested in serving their community to explore the opportunities provided by membership and participation in club activities. Club fund raising efforts return over \$20,000 to the community annually. Meetings are the **second Tuesday** of each month at Faith Chapel on Lucketts Rd. (662) at 7:30 pm. Our club was chartered in May, 1979. Ruritan National, headquartered in Dublin, Virginia was founded in 1928 in Holland, Virginia and is the leading community service organization in the United States. Ruritan is committed to creating understanding among people and, through volunteer service, to making our communities a better place to live and work.



The **LCCAB** is a volunteer community service organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for the Lucketts community by providing resources to facilitate recreation, educational, cultural, and charitable services and opportunities. The LCCAB meets the **third Tuesday** of every month at the community center. The board works closely with the county parks and recreation department in helping the community center be a gathering place for the Lucketts community. LCCAB fund raising helps with community projects such as purchasing land for the community park. Currently, the board is working on upgrading the kitchen so groups can use it for events. If you are interested in becoming a member of the LCCAB, please attend a meeting to get details. New members are always welcome!

This newsletter is produced by volunteers. You too can be a part. 🌱

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Personal Profile: Reverend Fletcher Hutcheson *by Peter Gustafson*

MANY FINE PEOPLE have contributed to the Lucketts community throughout the years. In this and forthcoming issues we hope to highlight individuals who have made their mark on Lucketts. This month we feature the Reverend Fletcher Hutcheson. He arrived in Lucketts on Memorial Day weekend in 1982. Unfortunately for us, he will soon be leaving to continue his ministry elsewhere. Fletcher has presided over the congregations at both Faith Chapel on Lucketts Road and Furnace Mountain Presbyterian Church. He's also been a member of the Lucketts Ruritan Club since 1982 (or '83), serving as club Chaplain since that time. He was club treasurer from 1985 to 1990 and secretary in 2005.

Fletcher was born on March 25th, 1952 in Richmond, Virginia to Mary and Rev. Fletcher Hutcheson, Sr. The Hutcheson family were of Scotch/Irish descent and arrived in this country during the colonial period. His maternal grandfather Maxwell, came from England at the turn of the last century. He moved quite a bit throughout his growing up as his father met the calling of numerous Presbyterian congregations. When only 6 weeks old, his family moved from Richmond to Tabor City, North Carolina. The family moved to Alta Vista, Virginia when Fletcher was 3. At 8, he moved again, this time to Saint Petersburg, Florida. Fletcher's High School years were spent in Virginia Beach. After graduation he attended Bethany College in Wheeling, West Virginia followed by four years, 1974-1978, at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

His duties have been typical for a pastor: visiting the sick; counseling couples prior to marriage; and presid-

ing over weddings, funerals, baptisms and confirmations. His sermons would be prepared each week by either: utilizing a set of pre-selected scriptures; using scripture text of his own choosing; or preaching on a subject concerning an immediate life issue. He would first deliver the sermon to the Furnace Mountain Congregation each Sunday at 9:45. He would then travel the 4 miles to Faith Chapel for the 11:00 service, preaching to approximately 150 to 175 members.

Fletcher has witnessed many changes in his 24 years in Lucketts. A small farming community in 1982, Lucketts now has become more diversified with many more families, horses and vineyards. He has warm memories of accompanying youth group outings to Hershey Park, Kings Dominion, Skyline Caverns in Front Royal, trips to the movies and roller skating in Purcellville, ice skating in Ashburn, and more seriously, yearly participation in

Keep Loudoun Beautiful's campaigns and sponsoring a Sri Lankan child overseas.

One of his most vivid "Lucketts" memories was of the Fall gathering of two dozen or so people for butchering six to eight hogs at Roy Stream's place. Not a scrap was wasted. Everyone took a break to enjoy dinner in the middle of the day.

Fletcher sees his greatest achievement in Lucketts as just being part of peoples lives—through the good times and the challenging times—growing in faith together. He says his experiences in Lucketts have been a blessing and a very rich time in his life for which he is grateful. He will be sorely missed. 🐾



PLEASE CARE

Support Interfaith Relief by Carl Siebentritt

WINSTON CHURCHILL said, *"We make our living by what we get, but we make our lives by what we give."*

Yes Virginia, there are hungry people in Loudoun County. Loudoun Interfaith Relief, Inc. (LIR) provides food supplies and groceries to 3,000 Loudoun residents each month, including 1,800 children who would otherwise go hungry. The Lucketts Community has a strong tradition of supporting the Interfaith Relief mission through cash and food donations. Let's keep up this good work. Bring a food donation with

you every week. The Ruritan places food collection containers at the school every Saturday between 8:00 AM and Noon. The Boy Scouts of Troop 1910 transport the donations to LIR the first Saturday of each month. The Ruritan's would welcome volunteers to handle delivery to LIR for other Saturdays. Contact Carl Siebentritt at 703-777-4474. 🐾



Bulletin Board *by Rebecca Kite*

Lucketts Community Band

We have started rehearsing and welcome anyone interested in playing. All instruments are welcome, but we especially need low brass and saxophones. Rehearsals are Monday evenings, 7-8:30 pm. Please e-mail or call Pam Joseph for location and directions. pejoseph@highstream.net or (703) 669-2963

Boy Scouts

Lucketts BSA Troop 1910 is accepting donations for sale at their **annual Yard Sale** fund-raising event. Donations should be brought to the Lucketts Elementary School from 8 am to Noon on Saturday April 8, 15 & 22. The Yard Sale is held in conjunction with the Lucketts Community Center Yard Sale on Saturday, **April 29th**. The Troop respectfully asks that all donated items be of resale value, electrical and mechanical items be in working condition and clothing be of current styles. For more information and pickup of large donated items, please call any of these adult Scout Leaders: Yard Sale Chairman Larry Branch 703-777-8950, Bill Hagen 703-777-7843 or Dave Maynard 703-771-8398.

Girl Scouts

The Lucketts Girl Scouts are looking for girls to join as well as adults to be troop leaders. Please contact Tammy Acup at (703) 779-3546 or e-mail at Tammy@Lucketts.net.



BLUEGRASS *by Sally Keefer*

THERE'S GREAT MUSIC to be had at the Lucketts Community Center each Saturday night, October through April. The long standing tradition of Lucketts Bluegrass is famous throughout the region. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets are general admission (\$12) and available at the door. There are no reserved seats. Refreshments are available at the show. Bands are already being booked for the next season with the first concert to be held the first Saturday in October.

April 15 **Dean Sapp & Harford Express/Leon Morris & Associates**

April 22 **Tom Gray, Les Woodie, Tony Ellis and Dave VERNY/ Shenandoah Blue**

April 29 **Recent Addition / Northwest Territory**

Bluegrass is also one of the popular features of the annual Lucketts fair. The bands have already been booked! Many of the favorites from the regular concert season will appear during the fair, so get ready to claim your seat for some great entertainment!

Friends of Lucketts Bluegrass

The Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board is always looking for patrons for Lucketts Bluegrass. Tax deductible contributions are accepted at the shows in cash or in checks payable to: Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board 42361 Lucketts Road Leesburg, VA 20176.

"Friends" will be recognized on the community center website luckettscommunitycenter.org. 🐾



Keep Loudoun Beautiful

Volunteers are needed to assist with litter pickup along the roads in the Lucketts area. Bright orange trash bags are available from the Lucketts Community Center or Pam Bove, the Keep Loudoun Beautiful area leader. Contact Pam at (703) 779-4624 or e-mail her at tbove@direcway.com (see article next page).

Lucketts Volunteer Fire Company #10

The Lucketts Volunteer Fire Company holds its monthly bingo the first Friday of each month. Doors open 6 p.m. and Bingo starts promptly at 7 p.m. Entry fee is \$20.00, which is used by the fire department to purchase equipment. Most recent proceeds were applied to equipment for the Lucketts Fire Company's new truck. E-mail for more information: luckettsbingo10@yahoo.com.

For more information regarding Company #10, call 703-777-9344, or check the website at <http://www.luckettsvfc10.org>. James Hobbie serves as the Volunteer Fire Company president.

Lucketts Fair Board

Your help is needed to make the annual fair a success. If you have an hour or two or more you can give, please contact the fair cochair at faircommittee@luckettsfair.com. 🐾



Keep Loudoun Beautiful

by Pam Bove

WE WANT TO THANK Betty Hutton for her 30+ years of volunteer service as the Lucketts Area Leader of Keep Loudoun Beautiful. Betty and her husband Frosty have moved from Lucketts to a new home in Pennsylvania.

I am your new "Keep Loudoun Beautiful" Area Leader for the Lucketts area east of Route 15. I hope to promote public awareness, encourage, educate and provide solutions to residents to "Keep Lucketts Litter-free."

"Keep Loudoun Beautiful" is a very committed, well-organized, non-profit, tax-exempt organization established in 1972 to pick up litter, promote recycling, and increase environmental awareness. Each spring, citizens clean up roadsides, streams and other public areas throughout Loudoun County. Thousands of volunteers pick up litter along roads and waterways. We are looking for volunteers to lend a hand in our Lucketts area and to participate in the KLB Canoe Clean Ups, the first of which is scheduled for **Saturday, April 22nd**. For more information, check out our website: www.keeploudounbeautiful.org.

Safety

Safety is our first consideration and I can provide you with safety vests, flags/safety cones, and VDOT approved bright fluorescent orange bags for trash pickup. These bright orange bags provide you with a little extra measure of safety as they are more visible to passing motorists. **Please note: these bags are always available at the Community Center.**

Important!

So now you're thinking:

Question: What do I do with all of this trash in these orange bags?

Answer: Leave the orange bags along the roadside in small 2-3 bag piles (avoid large piles), and then call **Pam Bove** at **703-779-4624** with the following information:



- **Route** Number/Road Name where the bags have been left in small piles _____
- **Distance** that was cleaned _____
- Number of **Volunteers** _____
- Number of Volunteer **Hours** _____
- Number of **Trash Bags** Filled _____

Please leave your name and phone number just in case I need to contact you for more info. As your Area Leader, I will call and have VDOT pick up the bags for disposal.

This information is critical to KLB for continued funding for supplies, signs, education, etc. Even if you just pick up from in front of your home, make it count! The more trash we collect, the more funding we get, and the more appealing our community of Lucketts becomes.

So Please Volunteer!!! Some of our neighbors are already active in roadside litter pickup. Thanks to Tarara Nursery and Winery for participating in the "VDOT's, Adopt-A-Highway" Program in our community. If you, your family, business, civic, or church group would like to adopt a route, please contact me at (703)779-4624 or email at tbove@direcway.com.

Schedule of Events

Keep Loudoun Beautiful Canoe Cleanup

<http://www.keeploudounbeautiful.org/KLBcanoe.html>

April 22, 2006 Goose Creek

Household Hazardous Waste Schedule

April 22, 2006 Loudoun Valley High School
340 N. Maple Ave., Purcellville

May 20, 2006 Northern Virginia Community College
1000 Harry Flood Byrd Hwy, Sterling

Electronics Recycling Event

May 20, 2006 Telos Corporation, 19886 Ashburn Rd.
9am-3pm

For a list of household waste accepted and more information about the recycling events please visit the Office of Solid Waste Management website www.loudoun.gov/oswm.

Rec activity, but needs help to pay for it. This program is available for all ages. To apply, please send a letter describing the activity and requesting the scholarship to Hilary Cooley, Manager, Lucketts Community Center, 42361 Lucketts Road, Leesburg, VA 20176.

Scholarships Available for Parks & Rec Programs

by Pam Joseph

UNDERWRITTEN by the Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board, the Lucketts Community Center has scholarships available to any member of the Lucketts community who would like to participate in a Parks &

Homework Club Roars at Elementary School!

by Nancy Chapin, Principal

DURING THE PAST five months, members of the Lucketts Fire Rescue Squad have been working with many Lucketts Elementary School students in the school's Homework Club. Two afternoons per week, students and Fire Rescue squad members have been reading, practicing math facts, learning social studies information, and getting to know each other.

It's been a wonderful experience for the children as well as for the volunteers. Homework habits have been formed and work seems easier when it is shared with a special friend. Fire and Rescue Squad members have been volunteering to tutor at the Homework Club for the past three years. When you see the big trucks parked outside the school in the afternoon, it is Homework Club day and the volunteers are helping students.



by Sally Keefer

PLANS FOR THE 34TH annual Lucketts Fair to be held the weekend of August 26 and 27 are underway. The Fair Board meets monthly. Tammy Acup, Jan Hyland, Sally Keefer, Julie Metz, Tarra Sullivan and Carter Vest have taken on the tasks of spearheading the components of the fair plan and will serve as the fair co-chairs.

Each year, the fair is run on community "volunteer power," and as little as one hour of volunteer time during the planning and set up stages or at the fair itself, goes a long way in making the event more enjoyable for everyone. The more volunteers there are the greater the reduction in the costs incurred for those special events that fair attendees look forward to experiencing.

Sponsors are an important part of the fair's ability to plan for special activities and to assure a smooth running event. Individuals and families as well as local businesses have the opportunity to sponsor fair activities, demonstrations, contests, entertainment, and fair publications. If you would like to help sponsor a part of the fair, please contact the co-chairs at the email below.

For information how to help make our 34th annual Lucketts Fair the best yet, visit www.luckettsfair.com, or better yet, come to the Fair Board Meeting, or e-mail the co-chairs at faircommittee@luckettsfair.com. The Lucketts Fair is sponsored by the Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board, Inc. and Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

Ruritan Scholarships

by Peter Gustafson

UP-AND-COMING LUCKETTS high school seniors are encouraged to apply for next year's Lucketts Ruritan Club scholarships. Seven thousand dollars was distributed by the Club for 2005. Qualifications for consideration consist of residing within the Lucketts area and being enrolled as a senior in high school or a vocational institute. For example, applications are traditionally solicited from Loudoun County High as well as CS Monroe Technology Center, Thomas Jefferson High School and Notre Dame Academy.

Each year applications received by the Scholarship Committee are forwarded to the Point of Rocks Ruritan Club for an impartial review. Scholarship awards are determined by an applicant's personal achievements. Both academic performance and community service are each weighted equally at 50% in an evaluation. Letters of recommendation are also accepted.

Applications may be obtained through your school's guidance office. Completed applications should be sent to the Lucketts Ruritan Club, Attn.: Scholarship Committee, 42361 Lucketts Road, P.O. 1291, Lucketts, VA 20177.

Loudoun's Newest Winery

by Doug Fabboli

THE NEWEST WINERY in Loudoun County is here in Lucketts and is a little different from most other wineries in Virginia. Fabboli cellars opened for business very quietly in December of 2005. Vintner Doug Fabboli, who has been mastering his craft of wine-making for 25 years, says: "I see our winery as a model for a small vineyard and winery in a developing area. We do not do regular tastings, so there are few traffic or noise issues for our neighbors. I also want the residents of Lucketts to feel that they have a little piece of treasure here that is not regularly shared with the tourists."

The Fabboli's have been residents of Lucketts since 1997, when they moved here from Sonoma, CA. They planted the vines in 2001 on their farm at 15669 Limestone School Road.

Fabboli Cellars focuses on high quality red wines made in small quantities. They will be open for a release tasting on April 23 from noon until 4pm. They will also open by appointment. Check their website at

www.fabboli.com

or for more information, call 703-771-1197.



Lucketts Community Center Events

Address: 42361 Lucketts Road, Leesburg, VA 20176
Phone: 703 771-5281
Hours: Monday, 7 am–8 pm; Tuesday–Thursday, 7 am–9 pm;
Friday, 7 am–6 pm; Saturday: 9:30 am–12:30 pm

by Tiffany Fleming

- April 13 Down & Dirty at Banshee Reeks Day**
Ages 12-18. Thursday 9:00 am–6:00 pm. (\$10.00)
Depart/return from Lucketts Community Center
Dress down for a clean-up day at Banshee Reeks. Includes fresh air, lunch and a great way to earn volunteer hours.
- April 18th Introductory Tennis**
Grades 2-5; Tuesdays
April 18–May 23; cost \$42; time 2:30–3:15 pm
Includes 3 classroom sessions for rules, scoring and proper procedures and 3 court sessions learning the basics. Bring a racquet.
- April 29th Annual Lucketts Community Yard Sale and Playground Day (all ages)**
Saturday 9:00 am. Admission Free.
Call 703 771-5281 to rent a space (\$10.00).
Buy and/or sell wonderful treasures. Socialize on our playground and enjoy food, lemonade and coffee.
- April 29th Annual Lucketts Photo Show**
Ages 16 and up, Saturday 9–1, \$7.00/entry
Enter your pictures of Loudoun taken in the last five years. Categories are: Recreation, Landscapes, Portrait, Animal and Historic Places. Call 703 771-5281 for an application.
- May 3rd Get Acquainted Coffee**
Ages 18+ / \$3 at door / 9:30–10:30 am
- May 5th Cinco de Mayo Celebration**
Grades K–5 / \$10 / 2:40–4:00 pm
- May 8/9 Spectacular Sportsmanship**
Ages 3–5 / 5wks / \$24 / 10:00–11:00 am
- May 12th Mother's Day Loving Moments**
After Lunch Bunch
Ages 3–5 / \$7 / 1:00–2:00 pm
- May 20/21 The Old Lucketts Antique Fair**
All Ages / \$5 at door / 10:00–6:00 pm
Lucketts Line-Up, March Sneak Peek

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