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35th Annual LUCKETTS FAIR

Fresh Squeezed Fun with Home-Grown Flavor

IT'S ALMOST TIME for the 35th annual Lucketts Fair! Mark your calendars and bring out your family and friends August 25 & 26!

In celebration of our 35th year, we are bringing back an old fashioned tractor pedal pull and loads of other county fair fun! True to Lucketts traditions, we're planning more country contests like pie eating, rooster crowing and straw bale rolling!

The Fair committee is busily booking entertainment, planning contests, arranging for demonstrations and other fun stuff. Check the website for schedules and updates. A list of this year's crafters and food vendors is already posted there.

Pick up some post cards from the community center and use them to invite your friends to join us in Lucketts for a weekend in the country jam-packed with fun for the whole family! ***www.luckettsfair.com***

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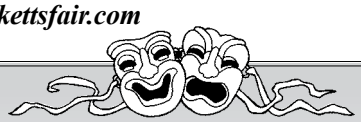

Fair Entertainment

Three Stages with live entertainers, contests, historic and country life demonstrations, and kids entertainment!

Bluegrass Gazebo – Traditional Bluegrass Bands Play Non-stop!

Playground Stage – Cloggers, Magic Shows, Storytellers, Animal Ambassadors, Live Music and More!

Left Field Stage – Rock, Jazz and Country Music!

Kids Stuff – Pony Rides in the Woods, Farmyard Petting Zoo, Hands-On Farm Museum Exhibit, Fire Truck Rides, Dress Up Your Vegetables Craft, Nature Scavenger Hunt in Mrs. Lucketts Garden, and Kid Stops! Don't miss the Tractor Pedal Pull and other fun contests! ***www.LuckettsFair.com***

Fair Contests 2007

Get planting, dust off that old recipe and practice crowing!!

Largest Tomato or Zucchini & Largest Sunflower – Judging begins at 11 a m Saturday. Awarding at 2 pm on the stage.

- *Submit entries by 10:30 am on Saturday, August 25, to the Lucketts Community Center stage*
- *Be prepared to verify entry was grown by contestant*
- *One entry per contest per person*
- *No age limit or pre-registration*
- *No farmer's market vegetables, please!*

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The Inside Scoop!

You can pre-order quarts of Lucketts' famous hand-churned ice cream using the form provided by the PTA. Don't forget to help churn on Saturday, August 11!

Trash Talk

There is NO trash/recycling service Saturday, August 25. Please plan accordingly. This regular service is invaluable and revenue from donations is invested back into our community through scholarships and other programs. When trash drop-off service resumes September 1, we hope you'll consider making an extra donation to the Ruritan Club to cover the extra load.

There are NO road closures planned for Fair weekend, however there will be law enforcement on duty to provide traffic control. Please drive with caution and park only in designated areas.

Volunteer!

We hope to see a lot of you volunteering at the Fair with us and with other community groups. We thank you in advance for your efforts. Never been a volunteer? Well, step on up!

We need help planning and running all those fun contests we're adding, and we always need help on the gates and just about anywhere you'd like to help out.

Call 703-771-5281 and tell them you want to volunteer for the Fair, or email ***faircommittee@luckettsfair.com***. You can always come by our planning meetings – second Thursday of each month at 7 at the community center.

Be a Sponsor!

For families who want to contribute a little extra to this important Lucketts tradition, you can sponsor a page in our program for $100 or make a donation to be listed on our patrons page.

The Fair is a huge undertaking with expanding expenses. We rely on sponsors to ensure the Fair remains viable and to help us offer more entertainment options to fair goers. We hope you will consider sponsoring a page in our program or otherwise making a donation to support the Fair and the community programs its proceeds fund.

What the Fair Means to Our Community

The Lucketts Fair is a long standing tradition where we welcome visitors to our village to celebrate the rural traditions of our community. The Fair is the primary source of revenue for the Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board and for other community organizations such as the PTA, Ruritan Club, Scouts and local churches that serve as vendors at the Fair. Hosting this event is a huge and rewarding undertaking for our community as a whole.

Fair Funds at Work

Over the last two decades, the Advisory Board has invested Fair proceeds in and around the historic Old Lucketts School building, which serves as our community center:

- Upgrading the building's electrical system
- Renovating the stage for musical performances
- Building playgrounds and ball fields
- Acquiring land for the Community Center Park, and
- Supporting programs that serve the recreational interests of our community

The Advisory Board also uses its resources to meet broader community needs by funding preschool and daycare scholarships and making donations to local organizations.

What We're Doing This Year

- Committed to Invest $20,000+ in facility upgrades
- Kitchen to meet commercial codes
- Add a bathroom in the daycare room
- Providing $4,000 in scholarships for preschool, daycare, after-school care and camps
- Providing $5,000+ to fund new and ongoing programs (Halloween Magic Show, Kids on the Block Puppet Show, Christmas Tree Lighting, Community Yard Sale)
- Provided $12,000 to launch English for Families program at the elementary school; provided volunteer resources for the program
- Donated $800 to Loudoun Sherriff's Auxiliary
- Donated $1,000 to Loudoun Rescue Squad
- Donated $2,500 to Lucketts Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad
- Contributed $1,000 to Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter
- Contributed $1,400 to the Waterford Foundation to pay costs of holding concerts at Lucketts after the fire at the Old Waterford School
- Conducted Community Survey and Discussion to better understand community needs and expectations related to the community center
- Published Community Newsletter (published 3-times per year) in collaboration with Ruritan Club
- Upgraded Community Center Website
- Initiated Growing Garden Project for perennial plantings around the Community Center

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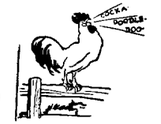
Fruit Pie Baking – Bake traditional fruit pies (no cream, egg or custard based pies or pies needing refrigeration will be accepted). Judging begins at 12 noon Saturday. Awarding will be at 2 pm on the Stage.

- ***Pre-registration is a must****! Call 703 771-5281 by Friday, August 24. The limit is 20 registrants each for* ***Adult*** *(13 years and over) and* ***Junior*** *(12 and under)* ***categories****.*
- *Submit entries by 12 noon, Saturday to Lucketts Community Center Stage*
- *Label with name and address on bottom of the pie plate*
- *One pie entry per contestant*

Pie Eating – Get ready to chow down!!! Fastest to finish a slice wins! Saturday at 3 pm (Playground Stage)

Tractor Pedal Pull – Saturday & Sunday (parking lot). 1 pm for smaller kids. 3 pm for bigger kids



Rooster Crowing – Make the rooster crow! Sunday, Noon (Playground Stage)

Straw Bale Rolling and more – Lucketts Summer games. Sat. & Sun., 1 pm (Left Field)

Name the Horse & Cow! – Our adorable fair mascots are coming back for another year, and now is your chance to name them! Send us your ideas now so we can make up ballots for voting at the Fair! Ideas so far…

- *Horse – "Lucky" or "Stumptown Joe"*
- *Cow - "St. Clairabell" or "Spinks Dairy"*

Please note that entertainment schedules are still being finalized and the timing of events might change. Check the website, ***www.LuckettsFair.com*** for updates.

2007 Lucketts Fair

Individual Sponsorship Opportunities

The Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board's Fair Committee is excited to offer the following opportunities for individuals and families to support the proud tradition of the Lucketts Fair.

Program Page Sponsors–$100

- Name to appear at the bottom center of a page of the Fair Program Book as follows: "This page sponsored by _____"
- Name to appear on a Patron Board displayed at the Fair
- Donor receives four complimentary tickets to the Fair

Friends

- Name to appear in the "Friends" section of the Fair Program Book
- Name to appear on a Patron Board displayed at the Fair
- $50 *(or greater)* –Donor receives two complimentary tickets to the Fair
- $25 *(or greater)* – Donor receives one complimentary ticket to the Fair

Please mail the form below with a check payable to:

Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board
Attn: Lucketts Fair Committee, Sponsorship
42361 Lucketts Road
Leesburg, VA 20176

For sponsorship recognition in the Fair Program, please return by your contributon July 31, 2007.

2007 Lucketts Fair

Individual Sponsorship Commitment Form

Thank you!

YES! I would like to be a sponsor for the Lucketts Fair on August 25 & 26, 2007.

❑ **Program Page Sponsor**–$100

❑ **Friend**– $ _____

_____
name

_____
address

_____ _____ _____
city *state* *zip*

_____ _____
phone *e-mail*

_____
name as it should appear in the program

Agreement: *The Lucketts Fair is held shine or rain. Full payment is due at signing of contract. Sponsors, by signing this agreement, agree to follow the guidelines and deadlines set forth by the Lucketts Fair Committee.*

_____ _____
signature *date*

The Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board is a 501(C)(3) organization.

Bulletin Board

Ice Cream Churning
Volunteers are needed to help the Lucketts Elementary PTA churn ice cream for the Lucketts Fair. This fabulous community event will take place on August 12th at the Elementary School from 7 am till 7 p.m. For more information, contact Jan Fearing at 703-771-9477.

Girl Scouts
Registration for Girl Scouts has begun. If anyone is interested in having their daughter join Girl Scouts at any level for the 2007-2008 school year, please contact Tammy Acup at *tammy@lucketts.net* or (703) 779-3546.

Lucketts Community Band
Do you love music? Did you play a wind instrument in high school? Would you like to play again? We are currently a small wind ensemble that is looking to grow. We are looking for people who love music and who play any of the following instruments: trombones, tuba, baritone sax, string bass. We also have openings for piano, saxophones, flutes, clarinets, trumpets, French horns, and percussion. We are rehearsing now (Monday evenings) in the Lucketts area for our inaugural performance at the Lucketts Fair August 25 and 26. We will be playing a variety of music including Sousa marches and some small ensemble pieces. Call Pam Joseph for more information and directions at 703-669-2963.

Lucketts Fair
The Lucketts Fair is looking for volunteers to help plan and put on the 2007 Fair, our 35th anniversary. Call Jan Hyland (703-443-9140) or Julie Metz (703-777-1562) for more information.

Community Center Advisory Board
The Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board (LCCAB) is looking for volunteers who would like to make a difference in their community. The LCCAB is a 501(c)(3) organization that sponsors the Lucketts Fair, Lucketts Bluegrass, and supports programs and activities that enrich the Lucketts Community and the Community Center. Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at the Community Center at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, please call the Community Center at 703-771-5281.

English for Families
English for Families is looking for volunteers to assist with fund raising for the 2007-2008 program. If you would like to volunteer or help with funding, please contact Lauren Lang at 703-777-4462 for more information.

Furnace Mountain and Faith Chapel Presbyterian Churches
Everyone is invited to Sunday services at either of these churches. Furnace Mountain services are held at 9:45 am and Faith Chapel is at 11:00 am on Sundays. Faith Chapel will have its vacation Bible school in July. For more information, please contact Linda Hobbie. 571-436-9231

Open Air Burning Ban
Now in effect until September 1, all outside burning is prohibited. If you have any questions, please call 703-777-0637.

House Number Signs Available
The Lucketts Firehouse is raising funds by selling green, reflective address signs for $20.00 each. These numbers can be applied to a mailbox post or fence. A sample sign is on display on a pole at the firehouse. Residents are encouraged to make sure their property addresses are readily visible for emergency vehicles. For more information, stop by the firehouse or phone 703-777-9344.

Nancy Chapin

Lucketts Elementary School Principal

By Pam Joseph

After 6 years as the Lucketts Elementary School Principal and 29 years in Education, Nancy Chapin is retiring as of June 29th. Lucketts News & Notes recently had the opportunity to sit down with Nancy and talk about the highlights of her time at Lucketts and her future plans.

LN&N: What kinds of changes have you seen at the school since you first arrived?

NC: The students are much more diverse, coming from many more countries and different parts of the United States. We have quite a mix of abilities and capabilities. We have a class for emotionally disturbed kids from around Leesburg in preschool. The other children in the school have been very supportive of these children. Unfortunately, this program will not continue in the fall.

We also have a group of gifted and talented children in the 4th and 5th grades here that used to have to go to Round Hill to participate in that program. We have 20% of the children in the 4th and 5th grades identified as gifted and talented, compared with 3-4% that is typical. Now they come here along with children from Waterford, Leesburg, Lovettsville, and Catoctin Elementary Schools. This class will continue here in the fall.

The parent involvement has been tremendous and dedicated. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) became the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The parents realized the organization had matured and needed to change to reflect this new level of maturation. The school building itself has undergone a number of changes including the removal of asbestos the first summer I was here – my assistant and I had an office we shared in a kindergarten classroom and the school was wrapped in plastic while they were removing the asbestos. We've also got an actual checkout desk for the library and greatly expanded the shelving, tables, and chairs, so it's a much more functional library now.

The faculty and staff are awesome, just fabulous and very competent. They are welcoming and just want to do so much for the kids.

LN&N: What is your fondest memory?

NC: The community is an absolute treasure. There is a strong sense of community here and involvement. Whenever I've had a need, all I had to do was let someone know and the community has responded whole-heartedly. English for Families is one such example. I'd been wanting to get that program off the ground for several years. Then Lauren Lang took it on and made it happen and it was a huge success.

The people here seem to be looking for a connection, a place with an identity. We have some really wonderful volunteers, who also have other commitments. How they have the time, I don't know, but I am very grateful. The families here have good values that they want to share with their children and they want the school to support that. So we've incorporated honesty, ethics, and manners into our programs here. The teachers started the manners teachings and everyone here treats everyone with respect and courtesy. It is fabulous.

LN&N: What do you wish for the school going forward?

NC: That the staff continues to be so collegial. That the boys and girls continue to care for each other. And everyone keeps learning!

LN&N: What's next for you?

NC: I'll do some traveling. I need to visit Australia and Africa and I will have visited all the continents. I have 5 grandsons that I want to spend more time with – 2 are in Leesburg and 3 are in Bethesda. I also just want to have some time off. I'll probably begin to look for something to get involved with in the fall.

"Lucketts Bypass" Removed from County Transportation Plan

by Peter Gustafson

AREA RESIDENTS were recently surprised to learn of a late addition to the update of the County Transportation Plan (CTP), namely a Route 15 "Lucketts Bypass". The 5-year update to the CTP is mandated by the State of Virginia. A consultant to the Board of Supervisors, Michael Baker, Jr. Inc. delivered it's report containing the bypass recommendation to the Planning Commission on June 18, the day of the public hearing on the CTP. The recommendation as stated in the Office of Transportation Services Staff Report:

"…Replace and relocate the Point of Rocks Bridge to the east as a four lane bridge; Widen to 4 lanes from the relocated bridge to the Leesburg Bypass; Support a new Lucketts Bypass east of Lucketts, traffic calming on the bypassed portion of Route 15, consideration of future 6-laning of portions of Route 15 for HOV use, and provision of park and ride lots and commuter bus service in the Route 15 North Corridor;…"

The bypass as proposed, would have been 8 miles long, provided a parallel road to Rt. 15 north of Leesburg, and cut through local farms and properties, including Temple Hall Regional Park.

see Bypass, page 7

From the Lucketts Ruritan

by Gary Franklin and Peter Gustafson

Meeting Location Changes

The Lucketts Ruritan Club recently found itself having to find a new home after more than 20 years of meeting at Faith Chapel on Lucketts Road. The Club voted to alternate between two available locations before reaching a final decision.

Several meetings have now been held at Furnace Mountain Presbyterian Church, where they went quite well. June's meeting was held at 1 p.m., on Sunday the 10th, at the club's annual picnic at Tarara Winery. Starting in July, the club will move to the Lucketts Community Center for three months. The membership will then decide where it wishes to permanently meet. Thanks to Furnace Mountain Church and to long-time member Whitey Hubert and wife, Margaret for once again providing the picnic venue. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Fund Raisers

A club fund raising activity was completed on May 12th by parking cars at the US–British Polo Match at held Morven Park. The club also assisted in parking cars as a fund raiser on June 9–10 at a Rubicon equestrian event.

2007 Lucketts Ruritan Scholarship Winners

First Year Winners

Luke Mancini: $2,500 *(St. Johns Catholic Prep)*

John Tagg: $1,750 *(Loudoun County High School)*

Andrew Fortanbary: $1,250 *(Loudoun County High School)*

Cathy Minichino: $1,000 *(Loudoun County High School)*

Second Year Winner

John Michael Richards will receive a 2nd year scholarship of $1,100. This award includes matching funds provided by the National Ruritan organization.

Lucketts Fire House New Members

by Sally Keefer

LUCKETTS FIRE COMPANY # 10 has three new members: Eric Arlington, A J Runkles, who are new volunteers, and Mike Elkon, who has moved his membership over from Lovettsville's Fire Company.

Both Eric and A J live in the Lucketts community. Eric is married with a young family and A J is a college student. Eric is currently taking classes to become a firefighter and A J is balancing college studies with the required courses.

Both young men have completed a required basic training class that new members are required to take in order to run calls and assist, but they need to take additional training before they will be allowed to enter a burning building when answering calls. The fire company is pleased with the addition of the two young men who are "full of energy and eager to help in any way that they can" and are excited that someone with a young family is willing to devote the time that the training takes.

Another newer Lucketts Fire Company member is Robert Honec, who has been with the company for about two years now. Robert is single and his responsibilities allow him a little more time for classes, allowing him to register for all of the training requirements that are available. Robert stops at the station to spend the night and run calls as he travels from home to work.

Luckets Fire Company # 10 is always looking for new volunteers, anyone interested in becoming a volunteer may contact the station at 703-777-9344 for an application or they may contact President James Hobbie at 571-436-9231.

Don't forget about the green, reflective address signs for sale at $20.00 each. More info on this Company #10 fund-raiser can be found in the Bulletin Board.

Bypass, *continued*

Local residents and the planning commissioners were in general agreement on the need to resolve the traffic and safety issues on Route 15, however it was determined the public had not had suficient opportunity for participation. Other points made during the public hearing were: Maryland's ownership of the Potomac River and continuing resistance to another bridge crossing; the profound effects such a project would have on our rural community; the general lack of funds necessary for any such undertaking; local Virginia tax dollars being spent to primarily benefit Maryland commuters traveling through Loudoun to jobs in Fairfax; and an attempt to resolve a regional problem with a local solution.

Press coverage of this proposal prior to the Public Hearing focused primarily on the other major recommendation, a "Hillsboro Bypass". For example see the Loudoun Times Mirror article at ***www.timescommunity.com/site/tab1.cfm?newsid=18431176&BRD=2553&PAG=461&dept_id=564239&rfi=6***. Coverage of the Route 15 proposal was spotty at best and even inaccuate, in one instance being refered to as a "Lovettsville Bypass". For more information go to Leesburg Today's article at: ***www.leesburg2day.com/articles/2007/06/22/news/fp901ctp061907.txt***; the Washington Post at ***www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/06/19/AR2007061902520.html***; and the County's CTP Update site at ***http://www.loudounctp.com/.***

Lucketts Community Center News & Events

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Monday, 7 am–8 pm; Tuesday–Thursday, 7 am–9 pm;
Friday, 7 am–6 pm; Saturday: 9:30 am–12:30 pm

THE LUCKETTS COMMUNITY CENTER may just be the best kept "secret" in Loudoun County! Just ten minutes north of Leesburg on Route 15, the "old school house" remains the social hub of our rural community.

The the old Lucketts School, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated as a Virginia historic landmark, serves as the community center which offers a wide range of quality children's programs, a lovely, shaded playground, and the top-rated Bluegrass Concert Series.

As you may already know, your Community Center also serves as home to the Annual Lucketts Fair and the Historic Lucketts Antique and Classic Auto Show.

The Center strives to provide a wide array of year-round family programming and invites you to sample some of their current offerings. To learn more, stop on by or visit the website ***www.luckettscommunitycenter.org***.

The Lucketts Community Center would like everyone to welcome two new staff members: Nancy Radcliffe, who is the new Center Assistant and Joanne Alexander, who is the new Child Care Assistant. Both Nancy and Joanne have come from the Lovettsville Community Center.

The Center still has openings in their summer camps for 7–12 year olds. For more information or to register, call the Community Center at 703-771-5281.

Lucketts Bluegrass

Lucketts Bluegrass will be at the annual Lucketts Fair August 25 and 26, as is our tradition, with performances throughout both days.

The fall season starts October 6th. More information will be available about the upcoming season at the Fair and in the next issue of this newsletter.

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