

Lucketts News

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Great News!

By Pam Joseph

Welcome to the first issue of our new community newsletter. We are very excited to get this newsletter underway and hope you will find it informative and enjoyable. We want to present news and information about what is going on in our community and the people doing it.

We will also present to you opportunities to get involved or to just enjoy. We will also be publishing jointly with the Lucketts Ruritans for some of the issues. We want to publish news items for your group or community organization.

This will be a periodic publication. It will be as lively and fun as you help it to be. So send me your news items or ideas of what you would like to see in this publication and we will get the news out to everyone. My contact information is on the back page.

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LCCAB Annual Meeting & Community Potluck

By Vie Herlocker

The Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board (LCCAB) sponsored the annual community potluck dinner and board meeting on October 16th. Community members attending found the gymnasium transformed into an elegant fall-themed dining room that rivaled the best restaurants in Leesburg! A special thanks for the decorating goes to community center staff member, Pat Howder.

One of the purposes of the annual dinner meeting is to hold elections for the LCCAB officers. The By-laws state that the community, not just members of the advisory board, must be included in the election of officers. A slate was presented, and a nomination was also taken from the floor. Nominees had the opportunity to tell a little about themselves and why they were running for office. Rebecca Kite was re-elected for a second term as president; Sally Keefer was elected as vice-president; and Tammy Acup was elected as treasurer. By-laws provide for the board secretary to be the community center manager, so Hilary Cooley will continue in that position.

Out-going treasurer, Audrey Woods, who has served in this position for twenty years, was honored by the board with flowers and an overnight trip to Harper's Ferry. Audrey will continue to serve the

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Giving Back to the Community

By Vie Herlocker

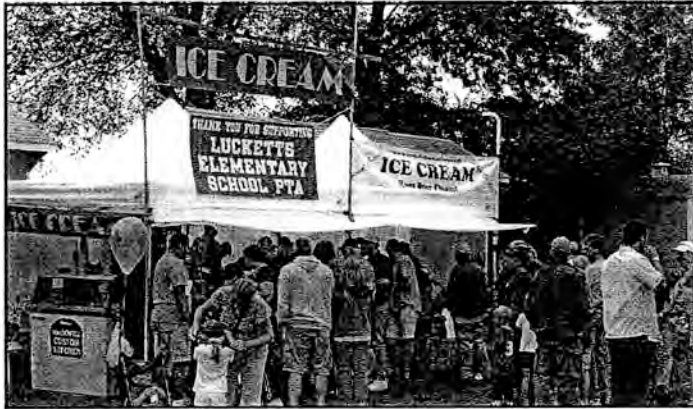
One of the main objectives of the LCCAB is to provide community support, resources, and assistance for the Lucketts community. The board serves as trustee for any and all funds raised or donated to the Lucketts Community Center.

Our primary fund-raiser is the annual Lucketts Fair. The profits are used to help maintain and add to the community center facility, beyond what parks and recreation provides. Additionally, donations are distributed back into the community to support local organizations such as scouts, 4-H, and our Lucketts Fire Company 10; and scholarships are provided for several students attending the preschool at the community center.

Currently the board has additional money in unassigned funds and is in the process of developing a plan to distribute more back to the community. Some of these funds will be needed to implement the suggestions from the potluck dinner, but as always, community input is welcome. The LCCAB board meetings are open to the public, and we are actively seeking new members to join the board. Meetings are held at 7:00 pm, at the community center on the third Tuesday of every month, except for August and December.

2005 Lucketts Fair Highlights

By Jan Hyland & Julie Metz



Each year, we welcome 10,000-20,000 people to our little village for a fun-filled weekend in the country. Everyone who lives here can and should be a part of this wonderful 33 year tradition. Whether you chair a fair committee, volunteer at the gates, work at your non-profit's booth or just stop by to get a bowl of hand-churned ice cream, you become a part of Lucketts' history helping to make this fair a success.

While the Fair is all about having FUN, it is also a significant source of revenue for our local non-profit organizations, churches and the Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board. These organizations accomplish lots of important work in our community with monies raised at the fair. In addition, the fair showcases many of our community's assets and gives us a chance to show off a little to the "rest of the world."

Each year a committee of volunteers forms to continue this proud tradition. The 2005 Fair Committee was small but dedicated. We worked hard, invited new ideas from throughout the community and are proud of what we accomplished.

If you didn't make it to the 2005 Lucketts Fair, you missed some exciting changes. The 2005 Fair Committee:

- Rearranged the site layout for more quality crafters and country-life demonstrators and exhibitors;
- Provided additional tented seating areas, misting stations and water coolers;
- Added a third entertainment stage to compliment our ever popular bluegrass and children's stages;
- Created popular "Kid Stops" to encourage families to visit all the major areas of the fair grounds;
- Printed a quality souvenir program with color map to showcase our event, community and sponsors;
- Developed new sponsorship opportunities, resulting in nearly \$60,000 in cash and in-kind donations;
- Created a vendor hospitality program that's creating a positive buzz about us in the crafter community ;
- Changed to local management of the antique area to a local organization, The Old Lucketts Store;
- Joined efforts with the Firehouse to merge what had become two separate fairs into one.
- Developed a new fair website and significantly enhanced our advertising campaign.

That's a lot of change for one year. Imagine what we could do if we had your help!

Fresh Squeezed Fun with Home-Grown Flavor The Lucketts Fair Needs You!!!

By Jan Hyland & Julie Metz

A new Fair Committee will form January 12, 2006. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Community Center. Everyone is welcome!

Core materials, including a task list, and time line are all on file and ready for a new fair committee to pick up and work with. We just need more volunteers! This is a terrific opportunity to see what it is like to host a 2 day "party" for up to 20,000 people while serving all aspects of the Lucketts Community.

Coordinators (and helpers) are needed for every component of the fair, including:

Crafters – Recruiting, selecting and communicating with crafters; planning layout; providing hospitality functions; coordinating logistics of vendor set-up and break-down; administering contest of juried crafters.

Timeframe: Applications mailed January; Juried selection in March, planning and correspondence May and June; logistics and hospitality work in July and August.

Food and Bakery – Selecting and communicating with food vendors; planning layout; coordinating logistics of vendor set-up and break-down.

Timeframe: Applications sent in February; selection March/April; logistical work in July and August.

Entertainment – Selecting and hiring stage entertainers, coordinating stage logistics (staging, arrival, set-up, etc.).

Timeframe: Booking May and June; logistics in August.

Demonstrators and Contests – Recruiting and arranging participation of historic and other demonstrators; planning, conducting and judging contests.

Timeframe: Booking in May and June; logistics in August.

Kids Activities – Arranging for children's activities including petting zoo, pony rides, sand art and face painting; coordinate Kids Stop program.

Timeframe: Booking April and May; logistics in August.

Sponsorship – Defining sponsorship opportunities; soliciting and recognizing contributions.

Timeframe: Ongoing with major push in July.

Publicity – Drafting, designing and distributing marketing and press materials; updating website; developing fair materials.

Timeframe: Preliminary materials development March and April, materials distribution and other outreach in July and August.

Grounds and Logistics – Coordinating parking and traffic control, signage, grounds layout and set-up.

Timeframe: Ongoing, with major push in the end of July and again at the end of August.

Volunteer Coordinator – Recruiting volunteers to work at the fair, manning gates, helping with set-up and break-down.

Timeframe: Planning, recruiting and coordinating in July and August.

For more information about last year's fair, please visit www.luckettsfair.com. And, please come join us as we work to make this 33 year tradition the best event ever!

2006 Lucketts Fair Organizing Meetings

7:00 pm
Thursday, January 12
Thursday, February 9
Lucketts Community
Center
Come join the fun!



Lucketts Bluegrass

By Sally Keefer

For 32 years, and on any given Saturday from October through April, fiddles and banjos ring and you can hear the distinctive Bluegrass guitar picking and vocal harmonies that remind us of our rural American heritage. Bluegrass nights at the Schoolhouse have helped keep old community ties strong while also bringing new friends to Lucketts.

Tickets are only available at the door. Doors open at 6pm - Show at 7pm and all tickets are general admission (no reserved seats). Refreshments are available at the show. (No smoking or alcohol allowed. Coolers and the use of video and/or cassette recorders are not permitted).

Friends of Bluegrass

By Sally Keefer

The Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board is looking for patrons to help keep ticket prices low and spirits high for Lucketts Bluegrass. Whether you are a regular at Bluegrass nights or just want to help keep up the Bluegrass tradition, support is appreciated.

Tax deductible contributions are accepted in cash at the shows or in checks payable to:

Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board 42361 Lucketts Road Leesburg, VA 20176. "Friends of Lucketts Bluegrass" will be recognized on the community center website:

www.luckettscommunitycenter.org

January - April Bluegrass Concert Schedule

Jan 07 - Phoenix / Michelle Nixon & Drive

Jan 14 - The Virginia Ramblers / Norm Wright and The Travelers

Jan 21 - Dark Hollow / Mill Run

Jan 28 - Jay Armsworthy and Eastern Tradition / The Carroll County

Ramblers

Feb 04 - Mark Templeton and New Vision / Iron Ridge

Feb 11 - In The Tradition / Low Profile

Feb 18 - Capitol Grass / Dan Paisley and The Southern Grass

Feb 25 - Skytone / Stoney Creek Bluegrass

Mar 4 - Country Hollow / The Wildwood Valley Boys

Mar 11 - Larry Sparks and the Lonesome Rambler

Mar 18 - Ernie Bradley and Grassy Ridge / Melvin Goins and Windy

Mountain

Mar 25 - The Page County Ramblers / The Timmons Family

Apr 01 - Dave Evans and River Bend

Apr 08 - The Scott Brannon Band / Carolina Road

Apr 15 - Dean Sapp and Harford Express / Leon Morris and Associates

Apr 22 - Tom Gray, Les Woodie, Tony Ellis and Dave Verny / Darren Beachley and The Maryland Line

Apr 29 - Recent Addition / Northwest Territory

Lucketts Fire House

Lucketts Volunteer Fire Company #10

The Lucketts Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1960 with 1 fire truck and a 2 bay firehouse. A few members of the community recognized the need to start a local fire company and prior to the company's establishment; a fire truck was purchased and kept at a local farm. Dispatch called the Chief's home and his wife called local members by phone to tell them of an emergency. The fire truck was brought to the scene while members were in route. Today, Lucketts' original firehouse provides 7 bays to house their Wagon, Rescue Engine, Tanker, Brush, Jeep, Serve and Command Unit. Lucketts is an ALS non-transport EMS agency and staffing consists of volunteer Firefighters, EMTs, and career firefighter/EMTs.

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.

Residents may stop by the fire house for blood pressure checks.



Fire Truck Rides at Lucketts Fair

Lucketts Community Center Parks & Rec News

By Pat Howder and Tiffany Fleming

We hope to see you at the Community Center for any or all of the following events! Please call (703) 771-5281 for more information.

Registration deadlines are 24 hours prior to an event unless otherwise stated.

January Exercise Class

Beginning January 9th, we are offering Body Genesis, an hour long fitness program that includes an aerobic workout as well as stretching exercises.

The class meets on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:00pm and lasts 8 weeks. The cost is \$80.00 and the instructor is Barbara Talbott. She is highly experienced and leads a great program.

Reptile World Visits Lucketts

Lucketts Community Center is delighted to host a special visit from Reptile World on Sunday, February 10th, from 2:00 to 3:30pm.

Reptile World will be featuring exotic turtles, snakes, alligators, and a really big boal

Doors open at 1:30pm. The cost is \$5 to be paid at the door.

Lucketts Volunteer Fire Company Bingo

The Lucketts Volunteer Fire Company holds bingo at least once a month, usually the first Friday every month (check the web page for any changes or additional information: www.luckettsvfc10.org). Doors open 6 pm and Bingo starts promptly at 7 pm E-mail luckettsbingo10@yahoo.com

Easter Event

We are also very excited about our special Easter surprise, Hoppin' Down the Bunny Trail.

Hoppin' Down the Bunny Trail is open to all ages, Saturday, April 8th from 9:00 to 11:00am. For only \$10 per child, your family can enjoy a special pancake breakfast, rides, and more.

You can even have your picture taken with the Easter bunny and join in a scavenger hunt, winding through the carrot patch!

Lucketts Literati

This book club meets the 4th Thursday of every month from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. There is a drop in fee of \$3.00 for this class. Interested people can call the center for the name of the book that we are reading.

Annual Lucketts Community Yard Sale and Playground Day April 29

This is a wonderful yard sale. In addition to anyone who wants to participate, the local Boy Scouts use this as one of their major fund raisers for the year and they collect and sell some great items. It's also the Center's day to invite families to come and enjoy themselves on our playground and get to know us.

We serve food, coffee and lemonade. The date of this event is April 29th from 9:00am to 1:00 pm. Yard sale tables are \$10.00/space, the rest of the event is free.

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community as a member of the LCCAB.

Local historian and a long-time supporter of the Lucketts Fair and community, Mr. Eugene Scheel, provided an interesting and informative presentation on the history of the area following the dinner.

Community members were then invited to brainstorm and write down ideas that they would like to see LCCAB pursue. These ideas included everything from an indoor swimming pool to kite flying contests to providing a wireless internet hot-spot and coffee house at the community center.

From the many suggestions, five main ideas were refined during planning meetings in November and may become action items for the board. One idea was a LCCAB Newsletter to be distributed to all households in our mailing area. The purpose of the newsletter would be to strengthen communication with all the Lucketts neighbors by sharing information from the board and promoting programs presented by Parks and Recreation at our Community Center. Other ideas included support for the Lucketts Elementary School in the areas of assistance with language classes for non-English speaking parents and helping with projects to educate all new community members about our rural and agricultural roots; consideration of adding a variety of entertainment (in addition to our renowned Bluegrass performances) for families at the community center, with the possibility of outdoor summer concerts; provision of scholarships for community members who would not otherwise be able to participate in parks and recreation programs; and creation of a gathering place at the community center that would provide low-cost wireless internet access for Lucketts neighbors.

Lucketts Community Bulletin Board

Lucketts Community Band Forming

Do you play a musical instrument? Did you play a musical instrument? Are you interested in getting it out and practicing once a week, preparing for occasional performances?

Please contact me if you are interested in joining this band!

Contact Pam Joseph:

Phone: (703)669-2963

Email: pejoseph@highstream.net

Lucketts Teen Advisory Committee

Seeking Lucketts teens willing to attend a special teen planning meeting to suggest activities and ideas that they would like to see happen in Lucketts.

Contact : president@luckettscommunitycenter.org

Lucketts Fair Looking for Volunteers

Everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings are the second Thursday of each month (January 12, February 9) at 7 pm at the Lucketts Community Center.

Contact: faircommittee@luckettsfair.org

News Items Needed

News items for the next issue of the Lucketts News newsletter are needed. Please send ideas, notices, articles to Pam Joseph via email at pejoseph@highstream.net or to Pam c/o the LCCAB, 42361 Lucketts Road, Leesburg, VA 20176.

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