

News and Notes

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REMARKS - Lucketts Ruritan Club undertakes occasional issuance of this newsletter on matters of interest or concern. You may contact us at P. O. Box 1291, Leesburg, VA 20177., by FAX to 703-777-5529 or by email to LuckRur@aol.com.

TRASH/RECYCLING PROGRAM - We sponsor presence of a recycling bin and a trash compactor truck at the Lucketts Elementary School each Saturday morning from 8:00am until noon. This is a self-service function, but two members are on hand to ensure neatness and assist the old or disabled. This service is aimed at eliminating residents' need of a 24 mile round trip to the landfill and reducing private dumps and roadside/stream litter. A donation of \$2.00 per household is requested to help defray expenses; all net income supports other Ruritan efforts in the community. For further information contact Jim Rocks at 703-777-5669.

KEEP LOUDOUN BEAUTIFUL - Every citizen is urged to pitch in during April each year in support of this county-wide volunteer effort to eliminate litter and spruce up the landscape for mutual benefit. This is an opportunity to meet with and join your neighbors in a rewarding activity. KLB "captains" have been named for each neighborhood: seek and ye shall find them.

INTERFAITH RELIEF - In conjunction with our Saturday Trash/Recycling effort at the Lucketts Elementary School, the Ruritans schedule the first Saturday of each month to collect food and supplies for the needy; 1999 gifts totaled 1415 pounds. A Ruritan is on hand to accept your donations for delivery to Interfaith Relief and distribution to needy persons and families throughout the county. Infant and baby care supplies, paper goods and toiletries are always needed, in addition to non-perishable foods. For information contact Glenn Beales, 703-777-5631.

RAIL COMMUTER Parking at theMARC Commuter Train station at Point of Rocks, MD has

become a problem for both commuters and the residents of Point of Rocks. Lucketts Ruritan is consulting with the Point of Rocks Ruritan Club to explore mechanisms to alleviate the parking problem. We welcome your thoughts or suggestions.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE - The Lucketts Community Center is hosting a Yard Sale beginning at 9:00am Saturday April 29th. For information, contact the Center at 703-771-5281. If you would like to donate items to Boy Scout Troop 1910 for their sale at this event, they will be prepared to accept these the mornings of 15 and 22 April in front of the Lucketts Elementary School. For information contact Dave Maynard at 703-771-8398 or Bill Hagen at 703-777-7843.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS - We have now closed applications for the Year 2000 Ruritan Scholarships for post-high school studies with five excellent candidates in the running. The review process is underway, and the three successful candidates will be announced in June. Beginning with the fall 2000 academic year, we will set aside additional funds for second-year awards to the previous year scholarship winners. For information contact Don Morrell at 703-771-1311.

LUCKETTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY - Company 10 has very successfully completed its annual machinery auction which raises funds for equipping and outfitting this essential service. Just as we depend upon these volunteers to come to our aid in an emergency, they must rely upon our contributions to maintain their capability. There is always room for a few more good men and women volunteers willing to be trained in emergency response to fires, injuries, accidents and other disasters in the community. For information call Bud Greenfield, 703-777-3201.

DOG SHOW - One of the biggest east coast events will be held at Morven Park on April 22 with the Old Dominion Kennel Club's Spring Show. Local Irish Setter breeders Nena & Norbert Dee have retired



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“Ch. Kintre’s Debutante”, but will be showing a younger female “Jewelset’s Special Touch” (known as “Meghan”), who needs to win one more major show to make her championship. Ruritans will be earning funds for man-hours spent handling admissions, traffic and parking controls for this event.

CITRUS SALES - In response to several queries, we will have another sale of fresh Florida citrus in the fall, just in time for Thanksgiving. We thank the community for your enthusiastic support of our winter sale and hope you will order from us again. We will plan to mail out order forms during October for fruit delivery in November. For information call Tom Howder at 540-822-5967.

COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAMS - The Lucketts Community Center, 42361 Lucketts Road (at intersection of Route 15 and Route 662) will wrap up the Saturday Blue Grass programs at the end of April, but will resume in October. For information about Community Center activities visit the web page at < <http://www.lucketts.org/> >, or call Advisory Board President Sally Wrenn at 703-777-8491.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Lucketts Ruritan has sponsored formation of a **Girls’ Softball Team** (age 12 and under) which now includes 11 eager players. Most of their games will be at the Community Center, and will begin in May. For information contact Jackie Athey at 703-777-6628. Lucketts Ruritan also sponsors **Boy Scout Troop 1910** which meets at 7:00pm each Thursday at the Lucketts Community Center. The Troop now has 12 boys with an outstanding advisory committee of 20 adults to provide leadership, counseling and technical coaching in scouting. The Troop will participate (2 nights) in the District Spring Camp-O-Ree, and will exhibit “Leave No Trace” camping on May 13th at “Scouting on the Mall” in Washington, DC. June will feature a 2 ½ day Bike & Camping exercise, July brings the annual Summer Camp, and an August fund raising effort finds the Scouts manning the Soda Fountain at the Lucketts Fair.

This month the Troop will man a table at the Community Yard Sale (see that item above). For information, contact Scoutmaster Lee Herlocker at 703-777-4708.

SCHOOL SAFETY - In our last newsletter we noted the difficulty that school buses experience trying to enter the Route 15 traffic stream from Lucketts School during rush hours. A petition from the PTA requesting a deputy to direct traffic during the critical hours is being considered. Deputies expressed considerable reluctance to making such a commitment at this time. We can’t overemphasize the importance of yielding to school buses at all times to avoid jeopardizing the lives and safety of our - and of others’ - children. For information call PTA President Joanne Hart at 703-777-5080.

ROUTE 15 - Safety and improvements of this vital corridor remain perennial concerns, and we continue regular meetings with Federal, State and County agents on these critical issues: **establish a truck inspection/weigh station** on Route 15 north of Leesburg - has been named a top priority by Board Chairman Scott York; **pave shoulders and install turn lanes** at major intersections - is beginning along section 1 (by-pass to White’s Ferry Road), and State funds have been released to proceed with final engineering for sections 2 (White’s Ferry Road to Route 661) and 2 (Route 661 to Route 657); **divert traffic from Route 15** by providing a new river crossing in the 30 mile gap between the Route 495 and Route 15 crossings - Maryland controls the river but declines to consider another river crossing at this time.

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT - In case you missed our last notice, the Catocin Agricultural District is open for new entrants who qualify with ten (10) or more acres. Such districts help maintain the rural environment and control of noxious plants, and may provide a land-use tax benefit for property owners. For information call John Adams, 703-777-7814.