



REMARKS - Lucketts Ruritan Club issues this occasional newsletter to alert the community to ongoing matters of interest or concern. If you would like to comment on this issue, or would like to suggest items for a future issue, you may contact us at P. O. Box 1291, Leesburg, VA 20177, by FAX to 703-777-5529 or email to LuckRur@aol.com.

TRASH/RECYCLING PROGRAM - A recycling bin and a trash compactor truck are available at the Lucketts Elementary School each Saturday morning from 8:00am until noon. Users should pre-flatten any cardboard boxes for one recycle bin; place cans, bottles and plastic recyclables in the other bin; and deposit their own trash in the compactor truck. We ask users: to honor a clockwise traffic pattern in the school drive-through; to exercise caution in view of heavy pedestrian traffic; and to sign in on one of the two logs available. A donation of \$2.00 per household is requested. For further information contact Jim Rocks at 703-777-5669.

INTERFAITH RELIEF - Mark your calendars for **July 1st, August 5th, September 2nd and October 7th!** Lucketts Ruritan schedules the first Saturday of each month at the Lucketts Elementary School to collect food and supplies for the needy. 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.

STUDENT OF YEAR AWARDS - Ruritan honors a Lucketts student in the final year at each school as a "Student Citizen of the Year". This year's winners are: **Carlene Helble** (Lucketts Elementary); **Mindy Chi-Ming Hsiao** (Simpson Middle School); and **Jennifer Marie Strand** (Loudoun County High). Each awardee received a Series I U.S. Savings Bond and a Certificate of the award. Congratulations to all!

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS - Ruritan has awarded \$1000 scholarships to three High School graduates for the coming academic year. Congratulations: to **William James Bethune, III** (Lynchburg College); to **Kristen Marie Johnson** (Randolf Macon Women's College); and to **Michael Ray Stocks** (Shenandoah University). Second year awards of \$500 have been offered

to **Joshua Baker** (Liberty University), **Christopher Bontrager** (Carson-Newman College), and to **Megan Wiseman** (Lynchburg College). For information contact Don Morrell at 703-771-1311.

UPPER LOUDOUN GIRLS SOFTBALL - Lucketts Ruritan is proud to have sponsored the year 2000 **Lucketts Power Puff Girls' Softball Team** (age 12 and under) under the very able leadership of Larry Matheny and Jackie Athey. Congratulations to **Brittney Gibb, Tori Athey, Ashley Gray, Rachel Spencer, Amanda Athey, Cathy Minichino, Shelby Mercer, Clare Matheny, Kerri Oates and Jordan Reedy!** Whether Lucketts will be able to field a team next year will not be known until April 2001. Contact Jackie Athey at 703-777-6628.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 1910 - Lucketts Ruritan also sponsors **Boy Scout Troop 1910** which meets each Thursday at the Lucketts Community Center. 9 Scouts and 6 adults just completed a 2-day, 2-night campout and 55-mile bicycle trek along the C&O Canal from Williamsport, MD to Nolan's Ferry, MD, with a stopover in Antietam.

The second week of July includes Scout Camp at the Del-Mar-Va Council Scout Facility, with another outing planned during August. The Troop will operate a Soda Fountain as a fundraiser at the annual Lucketts Fair. For information, contact Scoutmaster Lee Herlocker at 703-777-4708.

LUCKETTS FAIR - Mark your calendar for **August 26 and 27** for the annual Lucketts Fair! There will be entertainment and activities of interest to all ages, including live music, artists, actors, craftsmen, antiques and contests, not to mention the Ruritan Barbecue Stand, the PTA hand-cranked ice cream, and a host of other delectables. Brenda Beales (Chairman again this year) can be contacted at 703-777-5031.

COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAMS - The Lucketts Community Center, 42361 Lucketts Road (at intersection of Route 15 and Route 662) has just refinished all interior floors and begun exterior preparations for new paint. The Center now has three full-time staff and expects to expand programs for this summer and fall. Visit the Community Center web page at

< <http://www.lucketts.org/> >, or call Advisory Board President Sally Wrenn at 703-777-8491.

CITRUS SALES - We will have another sale of fresh Florida citrus in time for Thanksgiving. We will mail out order forms during October for fruit delivery in November. For information call Tom Howder at 540-822-5967.

LUCKETTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY - Company 10 now has three career staff on board, and the station is manned from 6:00am to 6:00pm daily. The annual fund drive is now in progress, and the company is actively recruiting volunteers. Please note that any **outdoor burning is completely prohibited** from 2 June to 1 September due to continuing drought conditions. For information call Bud Greenfield, 703-777-3201.

RURAL HAMLETS - The proposed "Churchill Downs" hamlet on Evans Pond Road will be the subject of a public meeting this summer. Call J. J. O'Connell at 703-777-2430 about the date, place and time.

The "Elysian Heights" hamlet on Sinclair Road plans a July "pump down" analysis of groundwater, monitoring adjacent wells.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION - Volunteers will be needed to help with the hand-cranked ice cream making and with other preparations for sales at the PTA booth at the Lucketts Fair. For information call PTA President Joanne Hart at 703-777-5080.

ROUTE 15 - We continue regular meetings with Federal, State and County agents on safety improvements to this vital corridor:

The turn lanes at Tutt Lane are scheduled for completion by end of September.

Installation of a traffic signal at White's Ferry Road has been approved, but not yet funded; prerequisite road improvements are not yet designed.

The northbound right turn lane at Lucketts Road, and installation of a traffic signal there, may be completed before late August.

Draft plans for shoulder widening and utility pole relocation in the sections from White's Ferry Road to the Maryland state line are scheduled for a public hearing in the second

quarter of 2001, a final design by end of 2002, and starting of construction in the second quarter of 2003. Several emergency pull out sections are being considered, which would also facilitate commercial vehicle inspection efforts.

The Federal grant supporting special traffic enforcement efforts resulted in issuance of 888 citations in the first five months of 2000, 32% of which were for commercial vehicle violations.

Efforts to ease traffic on Route 15 recognize the need for a new river crossing in the 30-mile gap between the Route 495 and Route 15 crossings. Discussion of alternatives has been initiated between Maryland and Virginia.

RAIL COMMUTER - Those who utilize the MARC commuter train from Point of Rocks into the District (or intermediate points) can expect some easing of the parking space crowding when the branch line into Frederick is opened. Future expansion of the parking area is under active consideration, and may eliminate future parking problems.

CONSERVATION - Riparian landholders may be interested in the new Conservation Reserve Enhanced Program sponsored by SWCS. For information call Larry Wilkerson at 703-777-2075.

The Catocin Agricultural District will be open this fall for new entrants who qualify with ten (10) or more acres. Such districts sustain agricultural and forestal elements of the rural environment, help with the control of noxious plants, and may provide a land-use tax benefit for property owners. For information call John Adams, 703-777-7814.

STEEPLECHASE RACES - The annual steeplechase races at Morven Park will be held the second Saturday of October (14th) this year, featuring fine competition, colorful displays of horses, hounds and carriages, numerous tailgates and hospitality tents making for a great day's outing. Lucketts Ruritan will be handling admissions, traffic control and parking direction again this year. For additional information, contact Gia Anderson at 703-777-2414.