



News and Notes

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LUCKETTS COMMUNITY DEFINED - The 3000 persons residing in that part of Loudoun County north of Leesburg, south and west of the Potomac River and east of the Catoctin Ridge (this approximates the boundaries of the Lucketts Elementary School District). Representatives of all community organizations are invited to coordinate community service efforts with the Ruritan Club. Representatives of the Community Center Advisory Board, the Lucketts Fire Company and the Lucketts Elementary PTO attend and participate in all business sessions of the Lucketts Ruritan Club.

CITRUS SALES - All profits from these sales support Ruritan's diverse community services throughout the year. On the reverse of this Newsletter cover sheet you will find an order form and instructions for submitting your order. Prepaid orders will be given precedence in event there are any shortages. Completed orders can be picked up on 23 November (the Saturday before Thanksgiving) between 08:00 am and Noon at the Lucketts Elementary School. Contact **Tom Howder** at 540-822-5967, or **Darrell Ernst** at 703-777-1135.

SCHOLARSHIPS - Applications for next year's awards will be available early 2003 with a return due date in April 2003. For more information contact Scholarship Committee Chairman **Don Morrell** at 703-771-4111 or e-mail to don@morrellcpa.com. Three \$1000 Scholarships were awarded this year to: **Sally Marie Hobbs (Shepherd College)**; **Jeffrey Michael Nicolette (Messiah College)**; and **Erica Lynn Sjurseth (Longwood University)**. Three second year awards of \$500 each were presented to last year scholarship winners: **Erin Beales (Bridgewater College)**; **Stephanie Jurenko (James Madison University)**; and **Danica Riesberg (Virginia Tech)**.

TRASH / RECYCLING SERVICE - This community service is provided every Saturday morning between 8:00am and Noon at the Lucketts Elementary School. We believe this service is a significant deterrent to litter and illegal dumps in the area, as well as a great

convenience for residents. We appreciate your loyalty and generous donations making this service possible.

FOOD DRIVE - Ruritan collects food and supplies for **Interfaith Relief** the first Saturday of every month in conjunction with our trash/recycling project from 8:00 am to Noon at Lucketts School. Mark your calendars for **5 October, 2 November, 7 December and 4 January** as a reminder to participate.

HOSPITAL RUMMAGE SALE - This annual Ladies' Board event to benefit patients at Loudoun Hospital is being held September 20 & 21 this year at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Volunteer men and women are needed throughout the week of 16 September to assist with set-up as well as actual sales; contact **Gloria Bennett** at 703-777-5707. Volunteers are also needed to assist with traffic management and parking; contact **Bill Harrison** at 703-777-4586.

LUCKETTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY - Staffed 5 days a week and holidays by 4 paid staff, augmented evenings and weekends by 25 volunteers in three crew rotation. More volunteers are needed to keep pace with our growing community: step forward if you can contribute. LVFC has just placed in service a Ford Expedition Command Vehicle with EMS supplies, and is in process of upgrading to the 800MHz communications system. At the end of this year the 1987 Fire Engine will be retired and replaced with a 2002 4X4 Fire Engine with a 5 man cab and a 1250gpm pump. Call **Bud Greenfield (703-777-3201)** for information.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM - This is a concept involving identification and location of private assets (communications, equipment, expertise, facilities) that might be called upon in response to emergencies demanding greater response than is available from publicly provided assets. Individuals interested in the CERT program are eligible for 17 hours free training in non-hazardous support possibilities under the VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program. Lucketts Ruritan is exploring community interest in a local CERT initiative

and would like to encourage such independent activity. Further information is available by calling **Darrell Ernst** at 703-777-1135 (email <ernstclan@earthlink.net>).

PTO - Lucketts Elementary school PTO continues to explore possibility of forming a new Cub Scout Pack 1910. Informational material is being sent home with students early in the school year. Cubs could advance to Boy Scout Troop 1910 as they gain skills, maturity and age. Adult volunteers will be needed to support and guide the Pack. Call Co-Presidents, **Laura Doyle** (703-779-4878) or **Melaney Tagg** (703-771-4922) for information.

GIRL SCOUTS - Activities will begin early in the school year for all ages, 5 - 18 (Daisy to Senior) and adult leaders are needed. Contact **Linda Erickson** at 703-777-8565 for more information.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 1910 - Troop 1910 meets at 7:00pm each Thursday at the Community Center. The Troop earned 50 merit badges during a week at Camp Henson and experienced an 8 day High Adventure to the Boundary Waters Wilderness Area. In September scouts have an opportunity to earn the Aviation merit badge while enjoying the Flying Circus in Bealeton; on 19 September scouts will explore the code of conduct on public lands through hosting the Subaru "Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers". Two Life Scouts have completed their Eagle Projects, and three more have been approved; Troop 1910 expects to have its first Eagle Scout Court of Honor before year's end. For further information see the Troop's web page <<http://www.loudoun.net/troop1910/>> or call Scoutmaster **Sandy Collins** at 703-771-1261.

LUCKETTS FAIR - The 30th annual Lucketts Fair held on 24 & 25 August 2002 hosted nearly 16,000 visitors despite the Saturday rain. The quilt winner was **Jo Moury** of Haymarket. Ruritan **Lloyd Frye** judged the largest tomato, zucchini and sunflower contest. The Fair Committee thanks the entire community for their hard work and dedication to make the Fair successful!

ROUTE 15 ALTERNATIVES - US 15 remains the sole National Highway System arterial crossing the Potomac River in the 50 miles between the capital beltway and Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Regional

growth and increased commerce is projected to generate traffic that exceeds this corridor's capacity within the next decade. Loudoun County plans no Route 15 alternative or major improvement for the next twenty years.

ROUTE 15 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - In 1998 the Board of Supervisors endorsed recommendations to provide corridor-wide Route 15 safety improvements (from Leesburg to the Maryland state line) to include: 1) 8 foot paved shoulders wherever feasible; 2) a 24 foot "clear zone", or traversable recovery area for errant vehicles beyond the edge of the mainline pavement, wherever practical; and 3) turn lanes at major road intersections; special bonds were issued to fund these improvements. Congressman Wolf recommended a Federal/State Task Force be established to oversee the improvement program, arranged annual grants of \$100,000 to fund special State Police enforcement in this corridor, and suggested that the Lucketts Ruritan Club be appointed to the Task Force to represent the Lucketts Community. The Club was so appointed and has attempted to fulfill this public responsibility to Lucketts. Progress updates have been provided in these quarterly newsletters over the past three years. Work in the lower third is well underway and final plans are ready for construction bid for the middle third. The Board of Supervisors has requested major revision of these plans to limit improvements to: the turn lanes at selected road intersections; obstruction removals only in vicinity of these intersections; and elimination of 8 foot paved shoulders everywhere. The Club has advised the Task Force that those changes preclude the recommended clear zone and shoulder improvements, and noted that sod shoulders are neither trafficable nor safely traversable.

POWER PLANTS - Proposals to install several electric generation power plants near Point of Rocks, MD that would extract large volumes of non-recyclable cooling water from the Potomac is of great concern to the Point of Rocks and neighboring communities. There will be a 7:00pm meeting at the Point of Rocks Community Center on 27 September to review issues and impacts. Whatever impacts befall Point of Rocks will likely be repeated directly across the river in our Lucketts community. **Ursula Williams** (703-737-0386) is contact for a Lucketts community focus group on potential impacts.