



FOOD DRIVE - Requests for Interfaith Relief assistance have more than doubled in the past year while contributions have declined. Ruritan's "first Saturday" collections have declined by 60% since January. We suspect this is an artifact of the constant date changes from month to month. To overcome that difficulty, the Ruritan



collection will now be held **EVERY** Saturday morning from 8:00 am 'til Noon at Lucketts Elementary School. The Ruritans monitoring the Trash/Recycling effort will be on hand to advise and assist. We urge all to make it a point to bring some non-perishable food items to the Food Drive every week if at all possible.

TRASH COMPACTOR - Ruritan contracts for a truck and driver to be stationed at the Lucketts Elementary School every Saturday from 8:00 am 'til Noon so citizens can discard their trash quickly and easily without making a 24 mile round-trip to the land fill. This is a



self-serve operation monitored by two Ruritans to ensure safety and cleanliness, and to receive donations (we suggest \$3 per household each visit); users are requested to sign in. The monitors

will assist the elderly/ handicapped , or all when traffic backs up.

RECYCLING - To avoid problems with a permanent recycling bin, the County provides a bin at the Ruritan's Saturday morning trash pickup at Lucketts Elementary. This bin is divided in half: the front half is for cans (aluminum and tin), bottles (all colors) and recyclable plastics; the rear half is for paper and cardboard (please flatten boxes so as to minimize volume.) Rules are posted on the bin and at the sign-in table. The Ruritans on duty monitor safety, cleanliness and compliance with recycle rules.



SCHOLARSHIPS - There were four excellent applicants this year, and each was awarded a \$1000 college scholarship. Ruritan is pleased to recognize 2003 winners: **Brian C. Fox; Jeffrey H. Richards; Reid A. Lilly; and Christopher L. Mullens.**

Last year's scholarship winners who remain in good standing have been awarded \$500 for their second year: **Sally M. Hobbs, Jeffrey M. Nicolette, and Erica L. Sjurseth** . The Ruritan Scholarship Committee Chair is **Don Morrell** at email don@morrellcpa.com or at **703-771-1311**.

STUDENT CITIZENS - Each year a Lucketts student at the Middle'

Elementary, and High school level is recognized for good citizenship. The 2003 selectees were presented a Certificate of Recognition as "Student of the Year" and a Series "I" Savings Bond. The 2003 honorees are: **Christopher B. Brown** (High); **Sharon C. Meehan** (Middle); and **Dylan R. Mercer** (Elementary). Mr. Mercer's name will be added to those of previous selectees on a brass plaque at Lucketts Elementary School.

PTO - The Lucketts Parent-Teacher Organization has shrunk somewhat with recent opening of new schools, and parents of new incoming students are urged to join the PTO. The major fund-raiser is the sale of hand-cranked ice cream at the Lucketts Fair on the last weekend of August. The hand cranking is scheduled for Thursday 14 August and PTO needs extra help this year. Contact **Laura Doyle** at **703-779-4878** for information and to volunteer to help in this worthy cause.

LUCKETTS FAIR - This year's Fair promises to be an exciting event again, thanks to the hard work of the Fair Committee (**Dixie Demory, Sally Keefer, Sally Snidow and Sally Wrenn**). There are the usual gardening and baking contests, arts and crafts demonstrations, an archeology exhibit and history presentations. Lots of entertainment for kids, including fire truck rides (always a big hit!), hayrides, face painting, a farmyard zoo, games and stage presentations. And of course, fabulous musical entertainment at

the gazebo and exciting bargains along Antique Alley. The Fair is open **10:00 am to 5:00 pm** on **Saturday 23** and **Sunday 24 August 2003** at the **Old Lucketts School**, about 8 miles north of Leesburg at the intersection of Routes 15 and 662.

TRANSPORTATION - We thank VDOT for its quick attention to problems reported by our Transportation Committee: the flashing yellow speed limit sign has been restored opposite the Equine Center; Route 15 verges have been resurfaced along Furnace Mountain; and obscuring brush has been trimmed at the Lucketts Road/Chapel Lane intersection. VDOT notes that pavement overlays are scheduled this year for portions of Route 15 near Furnace Mountain and the Elementary School.

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY - Construction work to install a Day Room, Office and two bunkrooms in the upstairs area has been concluded to improve the living and working conditions for our dedicated volunteers. The long-awaited new truck is expected later this month, providing a major enhancement of our Company's ability to respond to emergencies.

CERT - The Lucketts Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), established under the leadership of the Club, completed basic training in April, and participated in a disaster exercise at Loudoun Hospital Center in May. On 12 July the team conducted an intense exercise under the supervision of the Loudoun County Emergency Management Office. The team responded to a mock

hurricane disaster involving the erection of two emergency shelters for evacuees, conducting triage and treating "injured" evacuees, providing for special cases (abandoned pet, displaced baby, several fires, etc.). The team's response was deemed satisfactory, and valuable lessons were learned. The Lucketts CERT will be formally graduated in August. We are anxious to recruit and train more members for both Lucketts and other communities. For information contact **Darrell Ernst at 703-777-1135**, ernstclan@earthlink.net.

BOY SCOUTS - Lucketts Ruritan chartered Boy Scout Troop 1910 in 1998 with an initial complement of 7 boys. The Troop has now expanded to include 32 boys, three of whom have advanced to Eagle rank: **Nicky Qwitter** (2002), **Parker Simmons** and **Phil Sommersal** (2003). The Troop has been busy with caving and backpacking outings, plus summer camp at Camp Powhatan, where 20 scouts earned 18 partial and 51 complete Merit Badges. More recently, **Doug Kemp** escorted 4 scouts on a backpacking trip at Philomont Scout Ranch in Cimmaron, NM, where the scouts earned 50-Miler awards and the Religious Merit Badge. Next event is a bike hike of the C&O Canal from Georgetown (mile 0) to White's Ferry, ending with a camp at Selma Plantation. We are extremely proud of our Troop and its dedicated adult leaders. The Troop meets each Thursday evening at 7:00 pm at the Lucketts Community Center, and visitors are welcome. For information, contact Scout Master **Sandy Collins at 703-771-1261**.

HOSPITAL SALE - Ruritans from several District Clubs are volunteering to assist with the **Hospital Ladies Board 65th Annual Rummage Sale** which will be held this year at the Morven Park Equestrian Center on Friday and Saturday, 12 and 13 September 2003. Proceeds of the sale provide for Nursing Scholarships, Patient Care and special purposes (e.g: an exercise pool and ramp-equipped bus for Long Term Care, plus opening of the Western Loudoun facility on Cornwall Street in Leesburg). If anyone has items to donate, or can volunteer to assist, call **703-771-2985**. For more information, visit www.ladiesboard.org.

RURITAN - Ruritan, founded in 1928, is one of the largest Community Service organizations in America with over 33,000 members in some 1200 Clubs nationwide. The Ruritan motto is "Goodwill, Fellowship, Community Service", with programs and projects generated at the local level, rather than handed down from the National Office. Clubs are organized in Zones, and Zones are organized in Districts under a National Board of Directors. The Lucketts Club is one of the 5 Clubs in Zone 7 of the Rappahannock District. The Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at Faith Chapel, 42361 Lucketts Road; queries may be sent to LuckettsVA@aol.com. For more information visit www.ruritans.com, or www.ruritan.org.