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White's Ford—Past and Present

By Stephen Budiansky

For thousands of years the Potomac River dominated human settlement and activity in and around the Lucketts area. Native Americans camped along its banks and on Nolands and Mason Islands to catch its abundant fish and to trade. Early European settlers relied upon the waterway and, later, the C&O Canal as a means of transport in a day when roads were poor or nonexistent. During the Civil War the river's natural fords – several of the most important located here in Loudoun County, where islands split the river into shallow channels – served as invasion routes for columns of men and wagonloads of materiel at critical junctures of the war.



Above left to right General Jubal Early and Captain Elijah V. White

White's Ford, once the property of the Confederate Civil War cavalry commander Elijah V. White, was at the crossroads of much of this history. This summer, 295 acres of this property, located on Hibler Road about three miles southeast of the Lucketts Community Center as the crow flies, was officially dedicated as White's Ford Regional Park.

Archaeological surveys carried out before the park's opening unearthed Native American stone projectile points dating to the archaic period (about 7000 BC) and pottery shards from the much more recent Late Woodland period (900–1700 AD). At or just adjacent to the southeast corner of the park is where White's Ford touched the Virginia bank and where General Jubal Early crossed the river on September 5, 1862, on his way to the bloody battle of Antietam two weeks later, and again on July 14, 1864, returning from his raid on Washington. *Continued next page*



The cathedral-like river's edge offers visitors a cool and relaxing place to enjoy.



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The actual site of the ford (not to be confused with White's Ferry 3.5 miles to the south) was, as Early noted in his memoirs, "obscure" even at that time, the bridge at Point of Rocks and multiple nearby ferry crossings having led the ford to fall into disuse. Early recounted how "the banks of the river had to be dug down so that our wagons and artillery might cross". The crossing point is not accessible at present to park visitors.

White's Ford Park is very much a work in progress. The major appeal in its opening phase is the direct water access it offers kayakers and canoers (no power boats or trailers are allowed) and the chance to enjoy wildlife and native plants along a 1.1 mile loop trail that traverses farm fields, native meadow, and riparian habitat. Wild turkey and a pileated woodpecker were seen on a recent morning walk; other birders have reported spotting bald eagles, grasshopper sparrows, willow flycatchers, dickscissels, and orioles. The park has planted hundreds of native trees along the hiking trail that in time should offer a beautiful shaded canopy.

The second phase of the park is to include 60 primitive campsites and 10 rental cabins on the north side of Hibler Road. The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority has agreed to spend \$700,000 improving and widening the gravel surface of Hibler Road before this expansion occurs.



Above Wayside displays describe the wildlife within the park.

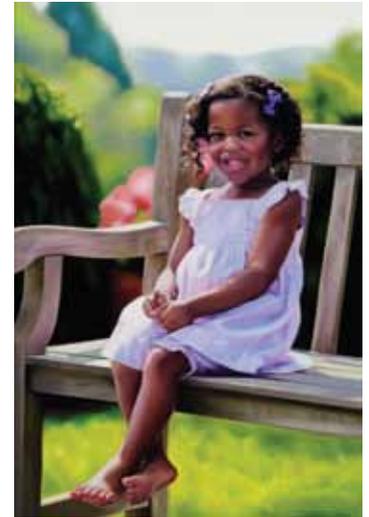
Top down Dickscissel; boardwalk view with room to relax overlooking the Potomac; boardwalk to Potomac River to launch kayaks and canoes; families enjoy time together at river's edge; a super soaking water fight; easy access for kayakers and canoeists.



RURAL ENTERPRISE

Suzanne Lago Arthur

By Doug Fabboli



Her background includes a BFA of Fine Art from the Corcoran College of Art and Design, an MFA in Museum Studies from George Washington University and a blood line including a trailblazing great grandmother who was one of the first female artists to graduate from a prestigious art academy in Havana, Cuba. Suzanne Lago Arthur has taken these credentials and used them as a base for creating her business, Lago Arthur and Studio School. This has provided her a way to express her love of art and her passion for portrait painting and to make a living at the same time.

Suzanne's business is located in the middle of the Village Green community of Lucketts. She has two studios in her home. The one in the basement level houses the supplies and space for her classes while the one in the upstairs spare bedroom is used for her own work, the natural light being important as she creates her best pieces. Suzanne and her husband have an eight year old son and the home studio gives her the flexibility of being both mom and artist without sacrificing the quality of either. Another great advantage of being in Village Green is that most of her art students are neighbors. She teaches five students per class in addition to giving private lessons. Her clientele ranges in age from eight years to over sixty. There is a class during the day for the home schooled as well as a few evening classes. "Education is the key to raising the technical bar in art and professionals like me must pay this forward to the next generation," she says as she shows the art studio and teaching space. Suzanne is also scheduled to do a few guest appearances this year with LCPS art teacher Shawn Grove at his art class at Woodgrove High School and other Loudoun County public schools.

Suzanne is an advocate for realism in portrait painting. She teaches traditional painting techniques and how to properly draw forms in nature from direct observation. She feels that the trends in art and art education are beginning to switch back in favor of realism from the minimalist and conceptual abstract styles of a generation ago.

In addition to teaching classes, Suzanne accepts commissions from clients. It is a tribute to her talent that she has a four year wait list for works on order. Pieces can be done in pastels or oils and may range in price from \$600.00 to \$3500.00. Suzanne paints her own creations as well and shows these at different galleries and art shows. She has been part of the Western Loudoun Artists Studio tour over the past few years. One of her greatest accomplishments was being shown in the International Salon of the Art Renewal Center in 2011. "I was published alongside my heroes," she says.

Suzanne's long term goal is to be a nationally recognized portrait artist, painting presidents, senators and other leaders. Congratulations to Suzanne Lago Arthur in making her passion for art into a local business that adds to the quality of the Lucketts Community.



You can see more on this business at
Lagoarthurstudio.com.



The Sun Shines on a Successful Lucketts Fair

By Pat Howder

The setting: a kaleidoscope of color and a symphony of sounds warmed by soft summer breezes and highlighted by the smiles of happy fairgoers. Roughly 9,000 people turned out for this year's Lucketts Fair. In a benevolent mood, Mother Nature blessed the two days with wonderful weather. The sunny skies and numerous new fair attractions inspired many to "Re-Discover the Lucketts Fair". Those who came found familiar, nationally acclaimed Bluegrass bands performing on the gazebo, juried crafters, numerous antiques dealers, and the delicious fair food that everyone loves to savor. They were also treated to sheepdog herding, country clogging, stilt walking, a mime and a kid-sized maze among other things. Wine glasses and coasters etched and printed with the signature gingko leaf and coffee specially brewed for the fair were new items offered under the Advisory Board tent. (If you missed out on these, you can still stop by the community center and purchase them. They make great gifts!) There was something for everyone to love from the perennial favorites, the pie contest and quilt raffle to the new and amazing border collies herding sheep.

The Lucketts Fair has delighted folks for forty two years now. It is truly an event for all ages. Young and old alike come together and find something to enjoy, whether it is hand-churned ice cream or vying to win a prize at the cake walk. Older Bluegrass fans tap their feet to the music and four year olds spin and dance on the grass. Parents and grandparents bring their children and grandchildren to the Fair and share their memories of past Fairs while creating new memories for all of them.



From top left At the heart of the Lucketts Fair, Bluegrass music played all weekend; new this year a blacksmith demonstrated his craft; the Thunder Cloggers danced and invited young and old to participate; shoppers with a mission. **From top right** The Hay Maze was debuted this year and many children haven't been seen since; the team from Temple Hall earned their oats and put smiles on faces; the sheep dogs fascinated three audiences as they were put to their paces on Sunday. **Above** note to self – "I must have a new wooden sword from the Lucketts Fair this year."

Lizzie Nassauer took first place in the Best Dressed Vegetable Contest

Ramier Martin and Catoclin Supervisor Geary Higgins serve as judges and helped Mary Gustafson measure the award winner in the Largest Zucchini Contest.

Jimmy Goss and his wife pick up the blue ribbon for dual victories in the Largest Zucchini and Tomato Contests.



All photos except where noted by Fred Nassauer

There is an amazing amount of work behind the Lucketts Fair. Here's to the Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board, the many local community groups and the volunteers who spent countless hours working behind the scenes. Thank you also to the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the staff at the Lucketts Community Center for their support and help. Most of all, thanks to all of you who came to this Fair. See you in 2015 and bring a friend!

Lucketts Fair Gifts!

Two newly minted gifts that echo the Lucketts Fair are available at the Lucketts Community Center. Pick yours up today.



Above the lovely stemless wine glass with etched iconic gingko leaf and Lucketts, Virginia. Also available imprinted in Gingko Green.



Left Wake up with the Old Schoolhouse Brew coffee roasted exclusively for the Lucketts Community Center. Available as regular and decaf.

Great gift ideas!
Call the Lucketts Community Center for details
703-771-8251.



Shepherding and Border Collies by Steve Hillebrand

Judges Ramier Martin (Supervisor, PRCS), Jared Barrales (Sous chef, Potowmack Farm Restaurant), and Geary Higgins (Catoctin District Supervisor), surround Pat Brown who came from Washington, DC to win Second Place in the Best Fruit Pie Contest with a fine Apple Pie.

Mary Gustafson, right, presents Yasmin Hatley, left, with First Place in the Best Fruit Pie Contest with her Cherry Berry Blondie Pie. Her son pictured to Yasmin's right, scored a First Place in the Junior division with his Gingerbread Peach Pie

The First Place winner, Cherry Berry Blondie pie



Fire Station #10 Serves Lucketts

By Michael Burrier

The Lucketts Fire Station was founded in 1960 by a group of citizens who felt the community needed a local fire station. A fire truck was purchased, parked in a nearby barn and it was the job of the fire chief's wife to call the volunteers by phone when there was an emergency. In the ensuing years, the volunteer membership handled the emergency calls that came into the station. As years passed

and call demand increased, career staffing was added to the Lucketts station to assist with emergency response and day to day activities. Lucketts Fire Station 10 is now staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with six career personnel: three firefighters, two apparatus Technicians and one Fire Officer. Although staffed by the county, this is still a combination fire station that houses both volunteer and career members who work together to serve the community.

Fire Station 10 houses a brand new 2014 Pierce Arrow Fire Engine that carries 750 gallons of water, a tanker that carries 3000 gallons of water and a 2013 Ford F-550 ambulance that is staffed with two basic life support Emergency Medical Technicians. In addition to fire and EMS apparatus, the station also houses two brand new river rescue boats and serves as the county's 24 hour water rescue response station.

Below foreground left to right Captain Michael Burrier, Firefighter/EMT-B Steve Esperon, Firefighter/EMT-B Kyle Carlson, Firefighter/EMT-B Michael Spry, Technician Donnie Cline, Firefighter/EMT-B Brian Sullivan, and Acting Captain Thomas Clappi. **Background on the right** A 2006 Pierce Tanker which carries 3000 gallons of water. On the left is a 2014 Pierce Arrow-XT pumper which carries 750 gallons of water and is the primary fire suppression unit out of Fire Station 610.



We welcome the public to visit the station during normal business hours for apparatus and station tours or to get information on various fire safety topics. We ask that any visits before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m. be scheduled with the on-duty officer at least two days prior.

We are excited to have the opportunity to contribute articles to the Lucketts News & Notes! This affords us the opportunity to directly share seasonal specific items about fire safety with the residents of Lucketts. These articles will contain information from your local firefighters to assist you in preparing for the upcoming seasons and will be specifically catered to the Lucketts population.

We look forward to seeing you out and about in the community!



Michael S. Burrier
 Captain, Station Commander, FS #10
 703-777-9344

“Fall Back”, Change Your Clocks, Check Your Smoke Alarm Batteries

Sunday, November 2nd, 2014 we will once again “Fall Back” and set our clocks back one hour to standard time. As we do this, Loudoun County’s Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Management reminds citizens that this is the perfect opportunity to check the batteries in your smoke alarms. Loudoun County Fire and Rescue’s “Put

a Finger on It” smoke alarm campaign offers free home safety inspections and smoke alarms to all Loudoun residents. If your smoke alarms are broken or outdated the department will replace them with battery powered alarms at no cost and install additional alarms as necessary.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the department hotline 703-737-8093 or visit www.loudoun.gov/smokealarms.



Loudoun County Open Burning Guidelines

Open burning regulations for Loudoun County vary based upon the time of the year. Per the Loudoun County Fire Marshal’s Office:

- May 1 - Sept 31** Open burning prohibited
- Oct 1 - Feb 14** Open burning permitted
- Feb 15 - Apr 30** Open burning allowed only between 4 p.m. and 12 a.m.

To learn more about the open burning calendar visit our website at <http://www.loudoun.gov/openburning>. Questions can be directed to the Fire Marshal’s Office at 703-737-8600 during normal business hours.



Lucketts Ruritan Recognizes 2014 Scholarship and Citizenship Recipients

By Doug Kemp



The Lucketts Ruritan Club presented scholarships totaling \$13,000 to four deserving students during award ceremonies at Tuscarora High School on June 9th. The Lucketts Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually to Lucketts area graduating seniors who have chosen to extend their education and have excelled in their academic and service endeavors. This is the 26th year the Club has awarded scholarships to deserving seniors. Since that first year over \$125,000 in scholarships have been awarded. Awardees are selected based on academic achievement, school and community service, the

student's essay on his/her future goals and plans to achieve them, and letters of recommendation. The Club received 21 applications this year, a record.

The Club also presented student citizen awards totaling \$800 to three Lucketts area students attending local schools. The awardees were selected by teachers and other representatives at the student's school. The criteria for selection include being a good student, interacting well with both faculty and schoolmates, volunteering his/her time, and providing a good example to others. At Lucketts Elementary, Taylor Byrne was awarded the Student Citizen of the Year. Lexy Slone received the award at Smarts Mill Middle School and Christopher Frey received the award at Tuscarora High School. As a community-based civic organization, the Lucketts Ruritan Club takes pleasure in recognizing young citizens from our community.

The efforts of Lucketts Ruritan members in the Club's various fund raising endeavors, made these recognitions of our youths' achievements possible. The Club's primary fund raising effort is manning and operating the weekly refuse and recycling program at Lucketts Elementary School. Ruritan members can also be found parking cars or helping with traffic control at numerous local events. See the next page for yet another example of club fundraising and giving back—discounted recycling bins.

Above Left to Right Tuscarora Principal Ms. Pamela Paul-Jacobs, Lauren Herbine (\$5000) attending Williams & Mary; Joshua Morrison (\$2000) attending James Madison University; Julia Kline (\$3000) attending University of Vermont; and Hasan Amjad (\$3000) attending University of Virginia; with Lucketts Ruritan Club President Peter Gustafson

Below Left to Right Lexy Stone received the Student Citizen of the Year at Smarts Mill Middle School; Taylor Byrne (third from left) shown with her family received Student Citizen of the Year at Lucketts Elementary School; Peter Baker, past president of the Ruritan club leads a "Jeopardy-like" game to showcase the Student Citizens and Scholarship winners at the July Ruritan dinner meeting.





Ruritan Members Volunteer Lawn Services to LAWS

Above, Lucketts Ruritan members Conrad (Connie) Faulk and Steve Scheibelhofer prepare to mow the lawn at the Loudoun Abused Women’s Shelter (LAWS). As one of the Club’s community service efforts, Club members have volunteered their time this past spring and summer to help this worthwhile local social service entity. The Club also donated the mower in the photo to LAWS.

Below During the July dinner meeting Peter Gustafson presented a Memorial plaque to Hilary Cooley to be displayed at the Lucketts Community Center. This plaque lists members of the Lucketts Ruritan Club who have passed on.



Recycling Gone Wild!

By Peter Gustafson

In May of this year, the Lucketts Ruritan marked their 35th year as a chartered Ruritan Club! This year the Lucketts community will witness another milestone. Since 1989—for 25 years—the Club has been accepting recycling on Saturdays!

To celebrate, we will be selling 18 gallon recycling bins for home use beginning in October. Our containers will be the same as those you might see on the streets of Leesburg, but will have the recycle logo on one side and a Lucketts Ruritan identifier on the other. We will be selling these for *less* than you can purchase a comparable item at area stores, while all club proceeds are returned to YOUR Lucketts community through donations and scholarships!

Our recycling program has now gotten easier than ever. Everything goes in the same bin. Co-mingled, single source, call it what you want, it’s just plain easy! In the ‘old days’ we collected only neatly stacked newspapers, aluminum cans, and glass bottles—sorted by color—clear, green and brown. Today, we take any kind of paper, steel cans, plastic milk jugs, etc.—all without any pre-sorting. It’s now done by machine! We ask you to follow the **three simple rules** listed below:

1
Flatten your boxes!

2
No food waste (rinse the item if necessary)

3
No plastic bags!

Why the rules? This is because: unflattened boxes take up space needed by others; food waste attracts insects and spreads disease; and plastic bags get caught in machinery causing down time and increasing costs.

Home recycling bins are coming soon to the Saturday morning Compactor and Recycling operation at the Lucketts Elementary School. Buy yours when you drop off your refuse and recycling, save money and benefit your community.

\$20

Compare at area stores—savings of more than 25%!



Lucketts Ruritan

Recycling Since 1989!



The Lucketts Ruritan Club, a nonprofit [501(c)(3)] community service organization, gathers for monthly dinner meetings at the Lucketts Community Center on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Members volunteer their time in support of area schools, scouting, shelters, churches, emergency response, food relief, youth activities, adult day care, college scholarships and citizenship awards.

www.luckettsruritan.org



Summer Camp at Henson Scout Reservation



30 Scouts attending	7 Adults attending	106 Merit Badges earned	5 Rank Advancements
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Boy Scouts–Sea Base and Spirit

By Eagle Scouts Sam Fabboli and Matt Turner

Local Boy Scout Troop 1910 travelled east to the Henson Scout Reservation in Rhodesdale, Maryland for their annual summer camp adventure. The Scouts enjoyed earning merit badges ranging from archery to small boat sailing and everything in between. In honor of the World Cup Soccer event, the camp staff put on a camp-wide soccer tournament. Despite losing, Troop 1910 put on an enormous show of spirit by dressing in towel capes, caking on body paint, and wielding light sabers as they cheered on their team. The liveliness of Troop 1910 resonated throughout the entire Henson Scout Reservation that night.

For the older Scouts, there was an even greater experience this past summer. They had the opportunity to travel to Florida Sea Base, a Boy Scouts of America owned high adventure camp located in the middle of the Florida Keys. The three crews, totaling 24 Scouts and their adult advisors, journeyed to Big Munson Island where they enjoyed shark fishing, snorkeling, and deep sea fishing in the crystal clear waters. They lived on the island for a total of four full days eating camp meals and the gourmet fish that they caught while fishing. These three crews -“The Beached Whales”, “The Castaways”, and “Wilson and The Boys”- have in their memoires an experience that will last a life time.



Boy Scouts at Florida Sea Base



Furnace Mountain Presbyterian Church

Worship Service on Sundays at 9:30 am.



Faith Chapel Presbyterian Church

Worship Service on Sundays at 11 am. 703-777-7836



Christ Episcopal Church

Bible Study every Wednesday night from 7:30-8:30 pm in the white house next to church. Sunday service starts at 9:30 am. Godly play for children through 5th grade during service. Tweens & teens youth group 6th grade and up following service. All are welcome. 703-771-2196 or visit us at www.christchurchlucketts.com



Bethel United Methodist Church

Sunday morning service starts at 11 am. All are welcome. 41799 Stumptown Road, Lucketts, VA. Call us at 703-779-7745 or visit us at www.cometobethel.org.



Elijah Gate Christian Center at Freedom Center

Sunday mornings at 10 am. Pastors Lyman and Jennifer Eddy. 13580 Freedom Center Lane. Call us at 703-777-8800 or visit us at www.elijahgate.com

Churches

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Ice Cream Day

at the Lucketts Community Center



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Mary Gustafson

Fall Events at the Lucketts Community Center



- Thru April '15 Lucketts Bluegrass.** Saturdays 7pm-10:30pm. \$15 at door. Doors open at 6pm.
- October 13 Columbus Day School's Out Fun.** 8am-6pm. \$65/Child; \$55/each add'l child. Ages 6-11.
- October 14 Lucketts Ruritan.** 7:30-9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting
- October 15 Senior Pot Luck.** 11am-1pm. Great food. Good conversation. Bring a dish to share.
- October 17 Lasagna Supper at Lucketts.** 6pm-8pm. \$10/adult; \$5/child.
- October 27-30 Usborne Book Fair.** Free event. High quality Books. Ages infant to early teenage.
- October 31 Lucketts Halloween Trunk or Treat.** 6:30pm-8pm. \$7/family. "Trunk or Treat" in our parking lot.
- November 3 & 4 Student Holiday Camps.** 8am-6pm. Crafts, music, games and snack. Ages 6-11. \$65/child; \$55/each add'l child/day.
- November 11 Lucketts Ruritan.** 7:30-9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting
- November 15 Jewelry Jamboree.** 9am-2pm. Free event. Perfect for Christmas shopping.
- November 19 Senior Pot Luck.** 11am-1pm. Great food. Good conversation. Bring a dish to share.



Photo by Fred Niesetter

For more information about these programs and more at the Lucketts Community Center please call 703-771-5281.

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