

# Lucketts

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# NEWS & NOTES



## Bridle Paths Builds Partnerships

By Katie Fallon

Bridle Paths, a nonprofit equine-assisted activities and therapies program based at Pat and Bob Meurer's Stone Horse Farm is thrilled to find a home in the Lucketts community. As we enter our fifth year of operations, we look forward to offering innovative trails to connection, in partnership with horses, to our new neighbors in Loudoun County.

Bridle Paths offers a continuum of services that is unique in the Northern Virginia area. Our mounted and un-mounted programs benefit individuals and families coping with a nexus of mental, physical, and behavioral challenges. By combining the ground-based activities of equine-assisted psychotherapy and the mounted and horsemanship activities of therapeutic riding, Bridle Paths programs can benefit both families and the community. The program serves those with a wide variety of needs and diagnoses, including ADHD, cognitive impairments, autism spectrum disorders, anxiety and depression, brain injuries, genetic issues, and trauma. Individuals with special needs can find comprehensive programs that address physical, psychological, and emotional development. Parents and siblings of individuals with special needs can find support, strength, and commonality. Teachers, caregivers, and friends can discover new and beneficial insights and approaches to everyday and exceptional challenges. *Continued next page*



**Above** Director of Bridle Paths, Katie Fallon. **Bottom left** Student Francie Izzo checks her saddle before her ride. **Bottom right** Student Amy Stone completes her unmounted instruction in horsemanship.



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**Your support matters to Bridle Paths!** Volunteers are critical to our program, and can help in a variety of ways. Lesson volunteers can assist with preparing horses for lessons and act as horse leaders and side walkers. Barn volunteers help with horse care and facility operation. Training is available, and horse experience is a welcome asset. Volunteers also provide support with fundraising, special projects, and administrative matters, including photography, special programs and events, marketing, and publicity. Please contact us - we're certain to have a match for your skills and interests!



The lovely facility at Stone Horse Farm includes indoor and outdoor arenas, a round pen, and a climate controlled observation area. Client sessions are conducted year-round. We offer weekly therapeutic riding lessons as well as equine-assisted psychotherapy sessions in partnership with therapists from the Gil Institute for Trauma Recovery and Education. We host special events as well. In the coming months, we look forward to providing additional programs for veterans and their families, enhanced offerings for trauma survivors, and character building and resiliency programs in partnership with local schools.

Community support is essential to the continued vitality of the Bridle Paths program. Please come by for a visit and meet our team of dedicated staff, volunteers, and horses. We welcome new clients and volunteers, and we'd love to learn more about how we can serve the Lucketts community.



Please visit our website at [www.bridlepathsva.org](http://www.bridlepathsva.org) for more information.

## Eagles Soar above Lucketts... Once Again

2014 was an incredible year. Troop 1910 had 9 young men earn the rank of Eagle, through determination, planning, and desire. Using the tools and lessons they learned through their rank advancement, merit badges earned, leadership positions held, outings attended and friendships made within the troop, these young men were able to coordinate and lead their projects to completion.

Spring of 2015 brought excitement and accolades for 4 more members of Boy Scout Troop 1910. They all earned the rank of Eagle and were awarded this honor in Eagle Courts-of-Honor.

More young men of Troop 1910 are in the process of working on their desired goal of Eagle. We encourage, mentor, and applaud their goals.

**On left** Eagle Thomas Terral coordinated and lead his project of refurbishing historic cabins at Morven Park. **On right** Eagle Dante Webster coordinated and lead his project of refurbishing shooting tables at the Isaac Walton League



Eagle Randy Bowser coordinated and lead his project of retiring our nation's flags with honor & dignity.



Eagle Stephen Wormald coordinated and lead his project in building raised planting beds at Lucketts Elementary School.

## Chilly Start to Great Memories

Each year over spring break, Troop 1910 sets out on an extended outing taking advantage of the kids being out of school. This year they decided to revisit one of their favorite trips: traveling the entire C&O Canal via bicycles. This journey, from Cumberland, MD to Georgetown in Washington, DC, is 184 miles in distance traveled and over 150 years of history viewed. The troop was dropped off on Saturday morning, April 25th in bitterly cold weather (23°F, brr!!) to begin their ride with five kids and three adults and one chase car. While the first day's ride was tough due to the low temperatures, it got steadily warmer each day. By Monday, the 27th, the temperatures were warm enough that everyone was riding without coats. The entire trip took five days. Two of the younger scouts joined the group on Monday and had a great time finishing the trip with the troop. Some highlights of the trip that the scouts remembered were riding through Paw Paw Tunnel where the canal goes through a hill, riding through Great Falls and finishing (with sore bottoms) in Georgetown.



Boy Scout reporting by Kay Quitter.

## Loudoun County Fire & Rescue Practice Summer Safety

By *Jasen Dodson, Captain, Lucketts Fire Station #10*

As warmer weather draws near, we begin our spring cleaning in preparation for summer activities. As you gear up for the season, keep these safety tips in mind to prevent a fire in your home.

### Around the house

- Check and clean smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. We recommend testing smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors monthly and changing batteries regularly.
- Make sure all exits and escape routes are clear from debris and are easily accessible.
- Reduce clutter in and around your home. Clear at least a three foot space around your electrical panel, furnace, hot water heater, fireplace, space heaters and dryer.
- Have furnaces, chimneys and air conditioning units inspected by a licensed professional.
- Check electrical outlets, extension cords and power strips to ensure they're not overloaded.
- Be sure all cleaning products, household chemicals, paints, and poisons are properly marked and safely stored out of children's reach.

### In the Yard

- When operating a lawn mower, rake before you mow to prevent stones or loose debris from flying into the air. Never start a mower indoors and when refueling, make sure the engine is turned off and cool.
- Gasoline and cleaning fluids should be well marked and stored in a cool, dry place away from the house and out of the reach of children. Use only approved containers for gasoline storage.
- Keep grills, outdoor fire pits, chimneys, etc. away from the home or structure, taking care to be aware of nearby combustible materials such as decks, walls, plants, or other decorative materials so they do not ignite due to radiant heat.
- Dispose of charcoal briquettes, fire pit ashes and other hot materials in a metal container with a metal lid. Ashes can smolder for days so be sure they are cooled completely and stored away from any structure.
- Never leave a grill unattended.
- Keep grill clean from grease and fat buildup.
- Teach children to keep a safe distance from hot grills, fire pits, chimneys, and other hot appliances.
- If you smoke, dispose of cigarette butts in a metal or ceramic container and place it away from the home. Mulch, soil, plastic pots, and cardboard boxes are combustible and should be avoided. Clean the container out frequently and soak cigarette butts and ashes thoroughly before throwing them away.



### Fireworks Safety

Although July 4th festivities are several weeks away, the Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office has begun planning to promote citizen safety relative to the proper use of fireworks. Did you know that more fires are reported on the fourth of July than on any other day of the year in the United States? Nearly half of these fires are caused by fireworks. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

#### PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

- Leave fireworks to the professionals. The Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office posts a list of public fireworks displays.
- If you choose to purchase fireworks for personal use, only buy fireworks from permitted stands in Loudoun County. These fireworks have been tested and approved. A list of these stands and permissible fireworks can be found at [www.loudoun.gov/firemarshal](http://www.loudoun.gov/firemarshal).
- After the firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, as they may still be active.
- Soak any firework remnants thoroughly in water before disposing of in the trash.
- Consumer fireworks include sparklers and firecrackers. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to cause 3rd degree burns!



The Lucketts fire station welcomes a new Station Commander Jasen Dodson. Captain Dodson is looking forward to his new assignment and continuing to contribute to the Lucketts News and Notes. If you see him out in the community be sure to say hello.

## Loudoun County Open Burning Guidelines

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

**May 1–September 30**  
Open Burning is prohibited.

**October 1–February 14**  
Open Burning is permitted.

**February 15–April 30**  
Open Burning is allowed only between 4pm and 12am.

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



RURAL ENTERPRISE

# Faith Like a Mustard Seed Farm

By Doug Fabboli

Country, sustainable, collaborative, social, community driven, epicurean, locally produced, creative, artistic, and generous- these words are many of the important take-aways from a visit to the Faith Like a Mustard Seed Farm on Lucketts Road. Karl and Patricia Glaeser bought the 26 acre farm that includes an 1850's farm house, a vintage bank barn and a few other buildings. This was the perfect place to bring their dream farm to life.

Patricia is a trained chef and has had extensive experience in fine dining restaurants as well as being a private chef. Karl is a retired Navy Commander and balances his "can do" attitude with sound decision making and entrepreneurial vision. Their daughter Lauren has been involved in this effort from the beginning-from tending to the animals to ringing up the customers' purchases, this 8 year old is well versed in hard work and team effort.

There are a number of focal points of this business and they are integrated to offer visitors a holistic farm experience. The basis of the operation is pork production and sales. They produced 70 hogs in 2014 and sold the meat at farmers markets, local restaurants and in their new farm store. Eggs and raw milk are among the other products that are grown on the farm and sold directly to the consumer. The farm store has turned into a focal point for numerous activities and income streams. There is a gathering space for neighbors to have coffee, tea and farm made baked goods. (The candied ginger scone went great with my mint tea.). This space is a great hub to gather for workshops, mom dates and other country community needs. Products from other farms in the area are offered here as a way to satisfy the customer's needs along with collaborating with other farmers to help their sales. On weekends, they offer sandwiches at the farm store and sometimes hot foods as an extension of Patricia's catering offerings. They also sell and promote the Big Green Egg grill for cooking these fine locally sourced foods in the best way possible.

One of the cutting edge efforts at Faith Like A Mustard Seed Farm is their sprouting room where they germinate grains for animal feed. The nutritional value of sprouts is so much better than just the grain. It is a cost effective and environmentally friendly way to feed the animals well.



Steve Hillbrand



Stacy Kelly



Turkey, cattle and sack race by Stacy Kelly



Stacy Kelly

A farm stay is another option to enjoy as the former milk house has been transformed into a cozy cottage for overnight or weekend stays. The farm is available for country weddings as well with any level of involvement of local foods and products. This summer there will be a kids' summer camp program that will combine art, farming and food. I'm sure a lot of adults would like to attend but this one is set up for 9-13 year olds. For further information on this and other

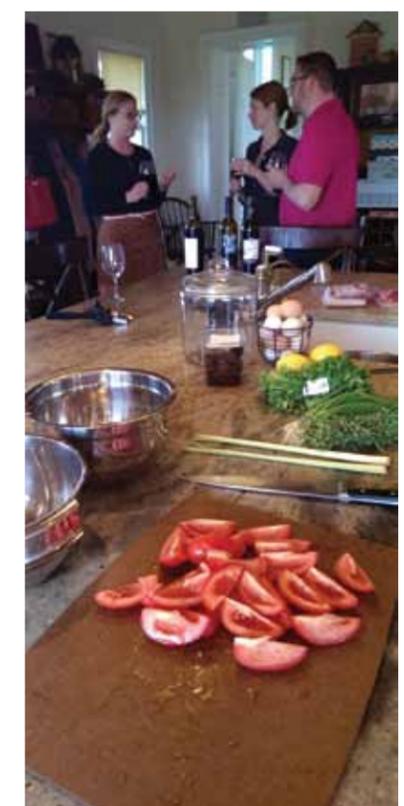
programs at Faith Like a Mustard Seed Farm, please call 401-523-2474, or check the website at [Faithlikeamustardseedfarm.com](http://Faithlikeamustardseedfarm.com). The work is hard, the focus is wide and the quality is tremendous. Karl and Patricia Glaeser have created a bit of old world spirit in the countryside of our busy lives. A visit would certainly prove fruitful for body, mind and spirit.



CCW from top left Springtime at Faith Like A Mustard Seed Farm; Karl and Patricia attend to visitors in the Farm Store & Café; a grand Bourbon Red heirloom tom turkey; Faith Like a Mustard Seed was one of the delightful stops on the Spring Farm Tour on May 15-16; Patricia leads her lovely cow to its milking station; Glaeser's daughter/farm hand, Lauren, challenges friend to a sack race; young visitor finds a beautiful bantam chicken irresistibly gentle; time in the kitchen, a recipe in development; the goats are as curious as the human counterparts; the Glaeser family in the foreground of their lovely Faith Like A Mustard Seed Farm.



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## Ruritans + PTA make Perfect Partners

By Doug Kemp

Thanks go to Naomi Hattaway, incoming PTA president, for organizing the PTA volunteers; Suzanne Eblen owner of the Lucketts Store for reaching out to the Lucketts Ruritan (Steve Hillebrand and Ian Moffett, parking coordinators); Lovettsville-Waterford Ruritan for parking assistance; members of the Lucketts Ruritan for volunteering; and much gratitude goes to the following members of the Lucketts Elementary School staff and PTA for a gold star effort:

**PTA Parent Members that volunteered:**

- Cortney Heykoop
- Kate Nassauer
- Cori Byrne (outgoing PTA president)
- Paige Openshaw (outgoing PTA VP)
- Lauren Johns (outgoing / current PTA Treasurer)
- Naomi Hattaway (incoming PTA President)
- Chris Price (husband, on behalf of Karyn, outgoing Secretary and incoming VP)

**Teachers/Admin that volunteered:**

- Carolyn Clements, Principal
- Valerie Pinkman
- Ann Tilden
- Judi Britton
- Patricia Maher
- Kim Nelle
- Lisa Wenner



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](http://www.luckettsruritan.org)

The 17th Annual Lucketts Spring Market brought the shoppers that came with smooth sailing. This was largely due to the efforts of members of the Lucketts Ruritan Club, Lucketts Elementary School staff and PTA, and Lovettsville-Waterford Ruritan Club, who teamed as one to direct traffic and park cars for the event. The Market, held over three days this year, brought thousands to the village of Lucketts. For the efforts of these participating groups, the Lucketts Store is making a donation to the Lucketts Ruritan Club which will go to the benefit of Lucketts Elementary School and its PTA.

Lucketts Store owner and Spring Market coordinator, Suzanne Eblen, expressed her enthusiasm for the partnership and the opportunity to support Lucketts Elementary School PTA during the Lucketts Ruritan dinner meeting held May 12th. Also attending as guests were members of Lovettsville-Waterford Ruritan, the Lucketts Elementary School staff, including principal Carolyn Clement, and PTA members. Ms. Clement also expressed gratitude for the partnership with the Ruritans in this fundraising effort supporting the school and PTA.

With the excellent planning for the event, the support of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department and Office of Emergency Management, and the volunteers, the team was able to park three thousand cars in the span of three days. The Spring Market was a resounding success, with no backups on Route 15, a situation all in the Lucketts community appreciate.



Top Naomi Hattaway, Paige Openshaw and Cori Byrne take Friday shifts; middle left to right Steve Hillebrand, parking coordinator, and Lucketts Ruritan members Steve Scheibhofer and Dan Wiseman still smile after a long day; Lucketts school teachers Judi Britton, Kim Nelle and Lisa Wenner work the Sunday crowd; Kate Nassauer and Dan Wiseman take care of the driveway; bottom Principal Carolyn Clement send cars up the field.

Photos on this page by Steve Hillebrand



## Rudy Jrs. Learn to Give Back

By Naomi Hattaway

If you ask a group of 5 students from Lucketts Elementary School about ways it can give back to their community and its residents, you may be surprised at the running dialogue of possibilities. Meet the Rudy Jr. Club! Sponsored by the Lucketts Ruritans, this small but powerful group of elementary aged children (Grades 3-5) are setting out to become the first club of its kind in Loudoun County and the second in all of Virginia.

Following the purpose of the Ruritan sponsors, the Rudy Jr. Club's objective is to create a better understanding of existing community needs, develop positive solutions and foster a sense of true community in the neighborhoods in which they live.

Meeting once per week for an hour, the students run the Club and rotate weekly projects that fit into the categories of helping fellow neighbors, working on projects that benefit wildlife and domestic animals and also focus on our environment. They will hold officer positions and earn volunteer hours which offers the students a phenomenal opportunity at even a young age!

Their first club meeting found them happily weeding the Lucketts Elementary Garden (although if you ask the Club Members, they desperately wanted to pick up trash instead!). They voted in their Officers for the current session at their second meeting, which was overseen by Ruritan Member Stan Sorrell. Congratulations to:

- Braeden Dowdy – President**
- Elena Brunton – Vice President**
- Mia Hattaway – Vice President**
- Ronan Heykoop – Treasurer**
- Silas Lang – Secretary**

Most recently the Rudy Jrs gathered on the cafeteria floor in a circle to piece together small blankets (made from fleece donated from some community members) and crafted a massive pile of cat toys to donate to the Loudoun County Animal Shelter. Their upcoming meeting will be an exciting experience as they will learn the ins and outs of putting together a business proposal for a big project they would like to begin at the school!

They are currently running a coat and shoe drive through the end of the school year and they would love even more participation. The shoes may be any size and in any condition and will be donated to Soles for Souls. Coats may be of any size, but in gently worn condition and will be provided to those in our community/ neighboring communities in need this winter. If you have any donations you'd like to contribute, please email Naomi at [Naomi@8thandHome.com](mailto:Naomi@8thandHome.com).

Keep an ear and eye out for more from the Rudy Jr. Club! They are indeed a committed group of young people ready to do their part in the Lucketts Community!



*“Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead*





**Saturday, June 6,  
noon to 5pm**

## Christ Church, Lucketts' Annual Strawberry Festival

By Pattie Palmer

The main attraction of every Christ Church Strawberry Festival is, of course, our "world-famous" homemade strawberry shortcakes! If you're hungry for a little lunch, we will also have hot dogs, chips, soda, and ice cream. For some down-home country fun, there will be pony rides with Peaches the Pony.

Christ Church Lucketts, built in 1868, operated continuously until its minister, Mr. Howard Cady died in 1956. Since he was a roaming minister, sharing his time with Round Hill and Hamilton as well as Lucketts, there was no replacement available so the doors were permanently closed. However, in 1986 two forward-thinking Lucketts residents, Mrs. Cora Kohlhoss and Mrs. Jean Callaham got the idea to restore the empty church. Holding a Strawberry Festival emerged as a major source of funding the restoration and also as a delightful community tradition. Ever since the restoration

of the church, the Strawberry Festival has been a much-anticipated annual event and we invite you to tour this wonderfully restored church. Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Y'all come... rain or shine from noon to 5:00! For more information, see our web page @ christchurchlucketts.org or phone us at 703-771-2196.



**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 on the last Wednesday of each month at 10am. Sunday service starts at 9:30 am. Godly play for children through 5th grade during 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. 13850 Freedom Center Lane. Call us at 703-777-8800 or visit us at www.elijahgate.com

Churches



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# Summer Events

at the Lucketts Community Center

- June 1-19** Preschool Fun Camps
- June 17** Sr. Pot Luck Luncheon 11am-1pm
- June 22-July 3** Growing Stage Camp
- June 29-July 2** Chess Camp
- July 13-17** Kids Can Cook! Camp
- July 13-17** Minecraft Camp
- July 14** Lucketts Ruritan 7:30-9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting
- July 15** Sr. Pot Luck Luncheon 11am-1pm
- July 20** National Ice Cream Day noon-2pm
- July 20-24** Lego Camp
- August 3-7** Art Camp
- August 11** Lucketts Ruritan 7:30-9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting
- August 15 & 16** The Lucketts Fair; 9am-5pm; Rain or shine!
- August 19** Sr. Pot Luck Luncheon 11am-1pm
- September 8** Lucketts Ruritan 7:30-9pm. Dinner, speaker and meeting
- September 26** Fall Yard Sale

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



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