

Fair trade tea available at Bridgeton Hill Holiday Bazaar

The River Valley Waldorf School in Upper Black Eddy will host the Bridgeton Hill Holiday Bazaar and Cafe 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21.

It will feature handmade and fair trade gifts made by local artisans, as well as food.

One of the special vendors at the bazaar is Ann Funkhouser and

daughter Sara Holby from Ajiri Tea who, after many visits to Kenya, decided to start a business that would create a sustainable cycle of community employment for women and support the education of orphaned children.

Ajiri means "to employ" in Swahili, the national language of Kenya. Funkhouser and Holby

buy the locally farmed tea from a factory in the Kisii district of Kenya and employ women there to handcraft the box labels out of banana leaves, recycled magazines, beads and twine.

All profits are sent back to the community to educate orphans by paying their school fees and purchasing their books and uniforms.



Ann Funkhouser and daughter Sara Holby of Upper Black Eddy will be selling Kenya's fair trade Ajiri Tea at the Bridgeton Hill Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 21.