

FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BURGLARY PREVENTION PRESENTATION

Thursday, June 14th, 7-8 p.m.

FUN RUN & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 16th

NEIGHBORHOOD BBQ

**FRA & Foothills Community Church
Thursday, August 2nd (Tentative)**

FOUNDERS DAY

Thursday, September 15th (Tentative)



BURGLARY PREVENTION

Rural homes, often empty during the day, can be particularly vulnerable to residential burglars. You may have read about some of these incidents in this newsletter, or perhaps you or your neighbor has been burgled. To help prevent or reduce these burglaries, the Foothills Rural Association has invited Deputy Travis Pendell from the Spokane County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit to discuss robbery prevention and procedures. If you would like learn more about protecting you and your home from burglary, please join us for Deputy Pendell's presentation at the Foothills Community Center on Thursday, June 14 from 7-8 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you to the people that sent in their membership dues after receiving the previous newsletter. You were observant and noticed that there was no membership information on the mailing label! Membership for 2011 reached 135 households. Current membership stands at 99. Those numbers include "Associate Members" – Friends of Foothills living outside Fire District 9, Station 6 area; they receive the newsletter but have a non-voting status. Please take another moment to check the mailing label for that all important "Member 2012"; if missing, you are encouraged to renew or become a FRA member. A membership form is located on the back page of newsletter. Your support is appreciated.

FOOTHILLS SCENIC FIVE

Don't forget to lace up your running shoes and join your friends and neighbors for the Foothills Scenic Five on Saturday, June 16! If you are not up for five miles, you can also opt for a three or a one mile course. If you can't find your running shoes, grab your flip flops or boots and come cheer on the runners and walkers while you enjoy an all-you-can-eat blueberry pancake breakfast for just \$3 at the Community Center. The run begins at 8, the breakfast at 8:30 a.m.



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2012 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Foothills Rural Association in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Circle has awarded a total of \$3000 in scholarships to residents of the Foothills. The Scholarship Committee interviewed the applicants at the Community Center, May 18, 2012. Committee members were Mike Britton, Carol Stoll, Ali Knecht, Holly Weiler, and Faye Krenkel.

Recipients of the 2012 Jess Kronquist Memorial Scholarship are:



Sara Kaelin

Sara is the daughter of Cindy and Kevin Kaelin. She is a repeat award recipient and a current student at Washington State University majoring in Communications with an emphasis on strategic communication and specializing in advertising. Sara was awarded \$1000.



Taylor Jacklin

Taylor is the daughter of Glenn and Lynndi Jacklin. Taylor will be graduating from Northwest Christian High School this Spring. This Fall, she will attend Eastern Washington University studying biology and business as support for a masseuse business. Taylor was awarded \$500.



Rosie Potter

Rosie is the daughter of Roger and Sherrie Potter and will be graduating from East Valley H. S. this spring. After being very active with the Foothills Rural Association this past year, she will be attending SFCC this Fall studying American Sign Language Interpreting. She is this year's Blue Ribbon Circle designee. Rosie was awarded \$1000.



Ben Nilson

Ben is the son of John and Sharon Nilson. Recently Ben has completed a two year mission in Ft. Worth, Texas, while becoming fluent in Spanish. Beginning in January of 2013, he will be attending BYU - Idaho, in Rexburg working toward a degree in medicine. Ben was awarded \$500.

It is an honor to assist these individuals who exhibit the best of our community and are very worthy of financial assistance. We can be very proud of these students among us and proud, too, that we in the Foothills may assist them in achieving their goals.

SUMMER CAMPS

For All Youth Grades 3-12

Foothills Community Church and Pine Croft Christian camps are held at the beautiful Pend Oreille Bible Camp located near Newport, WA. Campers need not be a member of nor attend Foothills Community Church to join in on this fun-filled summer activity.

Transportation to and from camp is available. For Pend Oreille Bible Camp

information visit: <http://pobcamp.org/>

Age group and camp dates and costs:

Junior High Camp (grades 6,7,8) July 9 - 13 \$140

Senior High Camp (grades 9,10,11,12) July 16-21 - \$150

Primary Camp (grades 3,4,5) July 23-27 - \$140

For detailed information please call the church office Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., 926-4971 or email office@foothillsc.net.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Foothills Community Church • July 30 - August 3 • 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

To register a child or children, call the church office at 926-4971 or email office@foothillsc.net. For more VBS information or to register a child online, go to: <http://www.foothillsc.net>.

THE GROWER'S GUIDE

April 2012

Governor Gregoire signed a bill March 23, which will allow the design of a license plate with the 4-H clover. House Bill 2299, sponsored by Rep. Judy Warnick (R-MosesLake), a former 4-H'er, permits drivers to purchase the plates for \$40 and \$30 for renewal in addition to the cost of standard license plates. The 4-H license plate bill will go into effect on January 1, 2013.

DARK SKY REPORT

By Mike Britton

Starry nights are beautiful. There is nothing better than a clear, cloudless night, crisp and cold, where you can see a thousand stars, the Big Dipper, and the North Star; maybe use your telescope. But wait. There are many nights when you cannot see the sky. It is cloudy or the lights of the metropolitan area fog it up. You cannot see the Perseid meteor shower or you cannot see the lunar eclipse, or you cannot see the northern lights that were mentioned on the evening news. The neighbor's yard light is too bright. What is a person to do? If this has ever happened to you, you may ask yourself, "Why did I move to the country to have all of these unused lights? I want to see the night sky."

An organization called the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) has as its mission to preserve and protect the nighttime environment and our heritage of dark skies through environmentally responsible outdoor lighting.

The IDA seeks to improve the nighttime environment by reducing light pollution through better lighting practices. The IDA tries to raise awareness about curtailing light pollution, providing approaches and explaining the benefits. The IDA works toward these goals by educating the public and promoting appropriate legislation and public policy approaches, and offering specific solutions for reducing total nighttime lighting.

What does this all mean? This means that the night sky should not be polluted with un-necessary light. Fugitive light is light that is not confined to its intended purpose, and generally has negative impacts to adjacent properties. For example, the most common light is the "security" light. In the Foothills this includes the roadway lighting, the yard lights controlled by being on continuously when dark, and lighting actuated automatically in other ways such as by movement. The light is intended to light an area so that a lurking criminal will be exposed and therefore deterred from committing a theft, trespass, or other crime against the light owner.

But, does this work? I submit to you that every burglary that I have heard of in the Foothills has been committed during daylight hours, usually when the landowner is not home. The yard light did nothing to deter this crime. But, the light intended to deter this crime is affecting everybody. It lights the sky, it uses electricity needlessly if no one is viewing the lighted area, and it can interfere with neighbors' sleep and ability to enjoy the night sky.

What is a solution? The best solution is targeted lighting, and lighting only the intended area when it is needed. This can be improved by screening the light to strike only the landowner's property, and turning the light on only when one needs to view that area.

What should we do? I suggest all visit the IDA site at <http://www.darksky.org>. There is a great deal of information regarding lighting. Evaluate the lighting that you have control over to see if it can be improved by shielding or otherwise confining to your own property, replace with more modern bulbs, eliminate unnecessary lighting, removing automatic actuators except where necessary, and eliminate glare. The benefits include money savings, better night views, and reduced negative environmental impacts. After all, the natural starry sky is so beautiful.

FRA INCIDENT NOTIFICATION

If you would like to receive emails notifying you of reported suspicious or hazardous incidents in the area, please email Rich Krenkel at rfkrenkel@ptera.net and ask to be added to the email alert list.

In the past residents have relied on word of mouth, phone calls, and the FRA website for notice of incidents in the area. In an effort to distribute information more quickly and efficiently, the FRA is creating a list of persons who wish to receive such information by email. Email addresses of those on the list will not be shared or made public.

If you see suspicious activity in the area, please notify Rich Krenkel at rfkrenkel@ptera.net so that the information can be sent to the email list. If, for example, you see a suspicious vehicle prowling, or suspected burglars approach your or your neighbor's home, in addition to taking any other appropriate action such as notifying Crime Check, you can, through the email list, alert other residents in the area to be on the look-out.

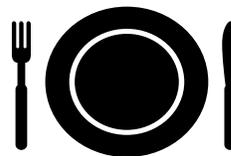
COMMUNITY PANTRY

OPEN

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Current items needed: string cheese, granola and/or nutritional bars, ramen noodles and dry cereals that can be eaten like a snack or prepared without milk (instant oatmeal). Additionally there is an on-going need of non-perishable food items, drinks such as soda or energy drinks, paper items and cleaning supplies. The pantry is open to anyone in need of food items. Community donations are welcomed! The food pantry is located at and supported by the Foothills Community Church. Call 926-4971 during office hours for more information.

INCIDENT REPORTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt on April 7 drew egg-seekers from miles around. Hoards of children raced through the melting snow to gather the rainbow colored eggs scattered about, some cleverly hidden. Smiles shone like the sun on the faces of the successful collectors as their heavy baskets banged on their little legs. Chocolate mustaches were the height of toddler fashion, as they enjoyed their hidden treasure. The bake sale was also a success, earning money for the Scholarship Fund while spreading good cheer to the buyers of the baked goods. Many thanks to the FRA Youth Committee for organizing the hunt, and thank you to all of the community members who attended.



April 2nd

Home on Temple Road was burglarized using the apparent standard method of operation: while the owners were away, the doors were forced and broken open. Items appear to have been taken in a hurry.

April 5th

Batteries stolen out of county road graders that are stored behind Fire Station 96. Storage shed and garage in nearby residence broken into. Five gallon gas can, weed whacker and leaf blower stolen.

April 6th

Early morning mail box smash and destroy spree on Norman Road down Temple Road, and Forker Road south to Lincoln Road. Mail boxes were beaten and destroyed, boxes had to be replaced; a couple were pulled from their ground housing and tossed over embankments; an old well housing was torn down with attempts to damage the well pipe; an ornamental windmill's blades were broken off. The information on how wide spread the damage occurred is incomplete; the items listed are what were reported to the FRA.

April 22nd

A pickup truck was stolen from the owner's property and driven to a location near a residence on Temple Road. The fuel was siphoned, tires removed, and the vehicle stripped. When found at approximately 7:30 a.m. the engine was still warm. The truck owner was notified along with Crime Check.

Report suspicious activity or non-emergency crimes to the Sheriff's office through Crime Check, 456-2233, or www.crimecheck.org. In case of an emergency, call 911. Help keep the neighborhood aware of criminal activity, report illegal occurrences and suspicious activities to David at davidf@ruralspokane.com or Faye at rfkrenkel@ptera.net or call Faye at 928-6610. Reports will be posted to the incidents page on the FRA website: www.ruralspokane.com when reported.

ZUMBA CLASSES

Foothills Community Center Building on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Join the fun! On-going class, join at any time. Just \$3.00 per session. Bring a smile, water and a towel. For more information, call Becki at 922-7003, or just show up. First class is free!



HORSES HELPING KIDS IN THE FOOTHILLS

By Nancy Wolf, Founder/Director 2BU Youth Ranch

The young girl was so excited she could not stand still. I had her run laps around the arena to wear off some of the excitement and nerves. She was nervous because she did not know what to expect. I helped her pull a stool up to the stall so that she could meet Spats. It was love at first sight. Of course she wanted to ride that one! When Spats was led out of his stall, the girl took a step back. With surprise in her eyes, she said "He is so big!" I giggled and replied, "It's ok, he is a gentle giant," and this is how 2BU Youth Ranch started its first session on April 14, 2011.

2BU ("To be you") Youth Ranch is a non-profit organization which uses horses to provide healing and hope to youth by teaching the values of Faith, Trust, Responsibility, and Acceptance. By teaching these values and building confidence in the youth we hope to help reconnect youth and their families; we believe that when we help the child, we help the family.

It has been very inspiring to encourage and work with these youths who face a variety of life challenges. Most have shown a large growth in confidence, trust and respect through encouragement. We fulfill our mission statement by teaching youth the value of working for and with the horses and volunteers: encouraging each child to reach their God-given potential through successful lessons in riding and caring for horses: showing each child their value in being who they are through love and patience while teaching them their chores, horse care and riding lessons.

2BU is operated on part of a small ranch owned by the Wolf Family on Foothills Road, and is dedicated to working with at risk youth ages 8 thru 17. It is supported by donations and fundraisers. The youth come from all over Spokane County and North Idaho for a 90 minute session once a week for 6 weeks. The lessons teach basic horsemanship skills such as catching and grooming the horse, learning riding basics, and ranch chores. These activities give the youth motivation, confidence and patience.

We have started this year's program with ten kids instead of one and we predict the program will grow by at least 50% in 2012.

We would like to share our commitment with our local community. If you would like to participate as a volunteer or student, please contact us at 922-1981. You can also contact us by e-mail at tobeyou@aol.com or visit our website at www.2buyouthranch.com. The ranch is open Wednesday and Thursday 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. All youth sessions are by appointment only. Feel free to visit the ranch but please call first so we can give you the attention you deserve.

ROAD PAVING

The Temple and Norman Road paving request has been denied by county. In April, 2012, Spokane County denied a proposed Road Improvement District ("RID") for Temple and Norman Roads, concluding that improving and paving the roads would be prohibitively expensive.

In 2004 a number of residents on Temple and Norman roads requested that the area be considered for a RID designation for paving the roads. In a RID district, the county pays for 15% of the cost of paving, while the homeowners in the RID share the remainder of the costs. RID project proposals are considered on a first-come-first-served basis.

This spring, the proposed RID was finally analyzed by the county. The county concluded that Temple and Norman Roads could not be paved by county crews using "chip sealing" due to hilly terrain, wetland concerns, and the need for road widening. Employing a contractor to improve the roadbed and apply hot mix asphalt would cost an estimated \$2.5 million. This would require homeowners with parcels fronting those roads to pay in excess of \$26,000 per parcel, while secondary parcels would be assessed over \$20,000. Based on these estimates, the county concluded that further consideration for this RID was not warranted due to the high cost of paving.



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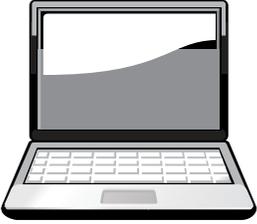
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FRA BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held at the Community Center building on the second Monday of the month. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and usually end just after 8 p.m. All Foothills residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

2012 Board Meetings: 6/11, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12

The Foothills Rural Association, 11000 N. Forker Road, was established as a non-profit corporation under section 502(C) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code on December 12, 1983. The purposes of the corporation are to organize the property owners and/or current residents within the boundaries of Fire District 9, Station 6: to provide a forum by which the property owners and/or current residents to assist governmental agencies in better planning the use and resources of the Foothills area: to preserve and protect the rural agricultural environment.

Voting Membership in the Association is open to any property owner or current resident within the Foothills boundaries. Membership dues are \$20 per year. Non-voting Membership is available to others through payment of dues. The Association is governed by elected volunteer officers and a board of directors.

FRA Alerts system has been established in an effort to increase community awareness about crime occurring in our area. Residents are encouraged to report ALL crimes to Crime Check, 456-2233. After making a report, please email david@ruralspokane.com or rfkrenkel@ptera.net or call Faye Krenkel, 928-6610.

The Foothills Community Center, 11000 N. Forker Road, which is located adjacent to the Foothills Fire Station, exists as a result of community efforts to save and renovate the former Foothills School Building. The Center, used for many community activities, is maintained and supported by the Foothills Rural Association. It is available for use by members of the Foothills Rural Association for a nominal utilities charge and by non-members for a reasonable rental fee. The Community Center includes complete kitchen facilities. For information or to reserve a date, call: Sherrie Potter, 927-8532.

Foothills Rural Association Website: www.ruralspokane.com
Contact: David Fisher, Webmaster: davidf@ruralspokane.com

2012 Board Officers

President	Rich Krenkel	928-6610	rfkrenkel@ptera.net
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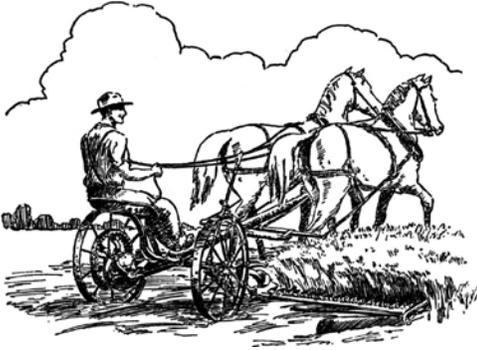
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If you have not yet paid yur 2012 FRA dues, please do so. Check your mailing label above - if your label says "Member 2012," you have already paid. If your label says "Member 2011," please renew your membership by submitting your 2012 dues. If your label does not say "Member" - please join or renew your membership. Your support is essential for this community organization. Thank you for your continued support.

Please complete the form and mail it with your annual membership dues of \$20 to: Foothills Rural Association
16115 E. Temple Road
Spokane, WA 99217

NAME: _____

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Interested in receiving notices of FRA events via email? YES NO

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I am/we are willing to volunteer for one event during the year _____ YES _____ NO

Thank you for being part of the Foothills Community.