

# FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## NEWSLETTER EDITOR POSITION

An excellent way for a volunteer to become involved with the community! The newsletter is published about four times a year; basically covering FRA and community events. The usual skills are required: enjoy interaction with community members, like working as a team member, computer and editing skills, along with board meetings and participating in FRA functions.

For more information please contact Faye Krenkel by email at [rfkrenkel@ptera.net](mailto:rfkrenkel@ptera.net) or by phone, 928-6610.

FUN RUN Helpers are needed  
at various course locations on  
June 19th. Call Holly 921-8928

## A BIG THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who came to the 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale at the Community Center! The hunt was a lot of fun and there was a fabulous turnout. There were about 70 people total in attendance and about 40 children. Before and after the hunt everyone had a chance to browse and select from the delicious array of home baked treats and get warm with hot coffee and hot cocoa. We also had a cotton candy machine thanks to Sherrie Potter which was very popular! We had 900 eggs and 14 "golden" prize eggs. The prizes included things like bubbles, slinkies, water guns, small books, pail & shovel, etc The ladies from the Foothills MOPS group contributed most of the baked goods. Special thanks to Cathy Bakken who contributed 500 candy-filled eggs, several prizes, delicious scones and more for the bake sale. The MOPS ladies helped set-up and clean up, brought cheesecake, cookies, and other yummy treats. This truly was a fun community event and wouldn't have been possible if not for everyone who pitched in to help. Many ladies from the FRA helped with set up and clean up and also brought treats. The "big" kids were recruited to help hide eggs and assist with the little egg hunters. The donations from the bake sale will go towards improving the Community Center playground which is a wonderful asset to families here in the Foothills. Thanks to everyone who came and to everyone who helped make it possible!

*~Angie Gardner*

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## FOOTHILLS FAMILY FUN FEST

**Saturday, July 10 • 11am - 4pm**

Each year this event becomes better than the previous! This year should be no exception to that statement. It is an old-fashioned fun-filled day for all Foothills area residents. Activities are designed for children of all ages, cherry pie eating contest, music, face painting, a photo booth, and a car/farm equipment display. Look for the bright balloons and tents on the Christian Education Building Lawn. Call the Foothills Community Church office at 926-4971. Walk over to the Community Center for B-B-Q hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, soda, fruit and bottled water priced at a very nominal fee. Picnic items hosted by the Foothills Rural Association.

# DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY NEWS RELEASE

**April 30, 2010**

Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation, LLC (Kaiser) will begin work May 3, 2010, to take water samples at an old aluminum byproduct disposal area at the intersection of Heglar and Kronquist roads in Mead, 10 miles northeast of downtown Spokane. This work is part of a legal order between Kaiser and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology). The order requires Kaiser to conduct what's called a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study at the "Heglar Kronquist" site. The purpose of the investigation is to gather more scientific information about what the contaminants are, where they are located, and how much is there. The Feasibility Study will evaluate options for how to clean it up. From 1969 until 1974, Kaiser disposed of nearly 55,000 cubic yards of black dross from the Trentwood plant in the Spokane Valley to the disposal site operated by Gemini Management, Inc. Kaiser later bought the property in 1991. Black dross is a by-product from processing aluminum that contains sodium, potassium, aluminum, chloride, fluoride, ammonia, nitrates, nitrites and metals. These chemicals may be harmful to human health and the environment if they exceed certain levels. The dross disposal stopped in 1974 because high levels of chloride were found in shallow water supply wells and springs down gradient of the site. Air sampling conducted downwind of the site in 1979 showed elevated levels of several organic compounds. Ammonia also was detected at levels higher than accepted by state laws. During May, Kaiser will sample surface water, groundwater, and well water along roadways and on certain private properties near the Heglar Kronquist site. Property owners affected by the work have already been contacted and have agreed to allow access to their properties. Kaiser took several steps to address the contamination in 1984 including installing a cover designed to isolate and protect the dross pile. Monitoring during the early 1980s through 2004 indicated decreasing but still elevated chloride and nitrates in springs down gradient of the site. Results of domestic well testing conducted in 2008 showed only one property with slightly elevated levels of potential site-related contaminants, but more information is needed in order to have a more comprehensive understanding of the area. Kaiser will continue its investigation and prepare a report of the findings along with an evaluation of possible cleanup options. Ecology will review the report and cleanup options. Once Ecology approves the draft remedial investigation documents they will be made available for public comment in late summer or early fall 2011. The Feasibility Study also will be made available once it is completed in 2012. For more information: [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/heglar/heglar\\_hp.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/heglar/heglar_hp.html).

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## ILLEGAL DUMPING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

### **Code Enforcement**

Illegal dumping on your private property, in your garbage can or dumpster, or at your place of business can be reported to Code Enforcement. To do this you must have identification from the persons who left the items. Identification would include a license plate number, a witness who recognized the persons leaving the items or something found which identifies the persons such as an old bill, or a magazine subscription. In the latter case this ID must have a name AND address. The City does not go through illegal dumps to find these items. If you wish to report it you must find the identification. Any illegal dumping without identification become the responsibility of the property owner. Once reported, the Code Enforcement officers attempt to contact the persons who left the illegal dump in order to rectify the situation.

Fines for illegal dumping are as follows: In the City: \$513.00. In the County: \$1000.00 and/or 90 days in jail. Through the City Code enforcement office there are crews available to clean up garbage/debris/furniture/etc dumped on a right of way or street, also there are crews that will pick up litter along county roads. Call City Code enforcement at 625-6083. Additional information about City Code enforcement can be found at <http://beautifyspokane.com>.

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## COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

The Community Center is a great place to hold graduation parties, wedding receptions, family gatherings, baby showers, a quilting bee and business meetings! It is also a good place to call at the last minute due to unforeseen inclement weather, more family arrives than expected or the other place you rented is now unavailable! To schedule a date or for more information, please give Sherrie Potter a call at 927-8532.



# FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH SUMMER CAMPS

Pinecroft Summer Camp is located at the Pend Oreille Bible Camp, located a few miles outside of Newport, WA. All camps are open to everyone, participants do not have to live in the Foothills area nor attend the Foothills Community Church. For more info call the church office at 926-4971 between 8a - 2p.

## CAMP DATES:

**Primary Camp (grades 2-4) • July 7-9**

**Senior Camp (grades 4-7) • July 12-17**

**Junior Camp (grades 8-12) • July 19-23**

**Vacation Bible School • July 26- 30**

*(Held at Foothills Community Church)*



Foothills Farmers Market will be held Thursday, July 12th and August 19th at the Community Center, 4pm until dark. Please stop by to see what is available at our first local market. Contact Holly Weiler at 921-8928 or hmweiler@yahoo.com for more information.

# NEIGHBORHOOD ALERT SYSTEM



In the past couple months the FRA board has been made aware of attempted and successful home burglaries. After discussion of these events, board members felt the need for an "alert" system in the Foothills area.

David Fisher, our FRA Webmaster, was asked to investigate possible quick notification avenues for both computer and cell phone users. Events such as burglaries, fugitives-on-the-loose, wildfires, drug houses and road closures are examples of events/situations that community members should be made aware of in a timely manner.

Following his thoughtful research, David discovered we can share almost 'live' information using the social-network site Twitter as a messaging service for regular email or one-way texting on cell phones. Not much traffic is anticipated on this system - we expect in the order of a dozen alerts per year. Simple Twitter alert tests have been run with success.

For more information and for instructions on how to sign up and setup for email or text messaging please follow these links on our website: [www.ruralspokane.com/fraemailalerts.pdf](http://www.ruralspokane.com/fraemailalerts.pdf) or [www.ruralspokane.com/fraphonealerts.pdf](http://www.ruralspokane.com/fraphonealerts.pdf).

If you need help email David on [davidf@ruralspokane.com](mailto:davidf@ruralspokane.com).

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*Powder Coating & Sandblasting*
- Foothills Suri Alpacas..... 928-0299  
*Alpaca breeders*
- Impact Business Products..... 928-8782  
*Office Supplies & Cash Register Supplies*
- Knecht, Allison.....921-2729 or 475-7126  
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## FRA BOARD MEETINGS

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Board meetings are held at the Community Center and convene at 7:00pm. All Foothills residents are invited to attend.

2010 Board Meeting Dates: June 14th

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.

A Community Crime Log has been established in an effort to increase community awareness about crime occurring in our area. The crime log will be published in the newsletter. Residents are encouraged to report all crimes to the police. After making a police report, call or email Mitch Roland at 951-9983 or mroland831@air\_pipe.com.

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](http://www.ruralspokane.com)  
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#### 2010 Board Officers

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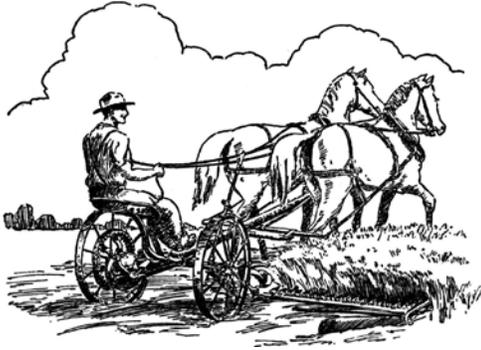
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## Membership

**It's easy to become a member of the Foothills Rural Association.** NOW is the time to play an active roll in the foothills community. Annual dues of **only \$20** will help support programs, events and information for our community.

**It is time to renew your membership for 2010.** If you have not been a member in the past or have let your membership lapse, we invite you to support your community organization so that we can continue to offer programs for the Foothills area. *Thank you* to those who continue to support FRA!

Please complete the form and mail it with your annual membership dues of \$20 to:

FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION  
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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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I/we are willing to volunteer for one event during the year \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

***Thank You for being part of the Foothills Community.***