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FRA Events Calendar

May 10

Scholarship Applications Due

May 20

Scholarship Interviews

**Currently NO additional events
are scheduled as we await a lift
on COVID restrictions.**

**Additional Announcements will
be made as restrictions change**



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WHAT'S UP WITH FORKER ROAD?

By Marc McIntosh

Everyone probably saw the water running down the Forker Road hill to the Valley during the winter melts earlier this year, with ice warnings, reduced speeds, and additional road work. **What was going on?** According to a Spokane County engineer, the water over the road was due to several springs, which they were able to locate with help from Geotechnical Service. The repair project included digging out two sections of road and placing pipe and rock to hopefully keep the water flowing and from resurfacing. The County patched the cuts back with concrete and will finish repairs in the spring.

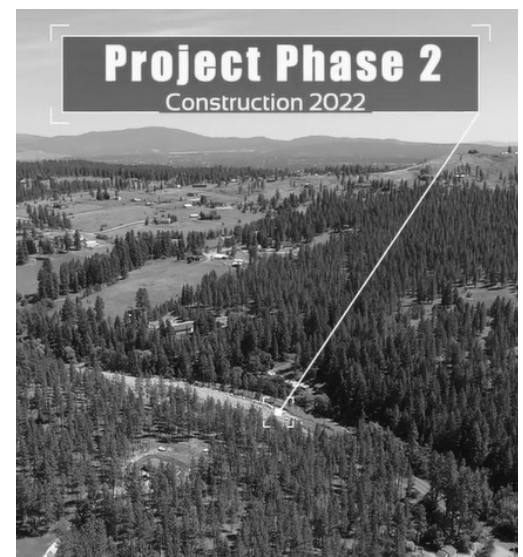
Other upcoming Forker Road projects:

- There is a culvert replacement to a small bridge on Forker, close to Highway 206 planned for later this year.
- For the ongoing Bigelow Gulch/Forker Road Corridor project, the County starts construction of Bigelow 3 (the straight section just west of Argonne Road) in a few months.
- The county is also finishing up the purchase of easement land where the corridor will adjoin with Sullivan Road. That project will be coordinated with the City of Spokane Valley work planned at Trent and Sullivan.

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<https://vimeo.com/445253518>

This website contains a promotional video that was used to support the request for grant funding. It is interesting to see the entire project in context!



REMEMBERING...

Our Last FRA Event!

Who knew back in March 2020 that this fun night of Bingo at the Community Center would be the last event we would be able to hold for over a year. The Foothills Rural Association is looking forward to being "back in business" soon – we miss you!



FROM THE ARCHIVES

By Holly Weiler

One of the important responsibilities of the Foothills Rural Association is the maintenance of the Community Center, the original Foothills School. The FRA has an archive of historical documents and photos. Below is an excerpt from a document found in the history archive, along with a photo from Foothills School in 1927.

Excerpt from "The Development and Growth of the Foothills, Wash. School System" prepared by Roger Johnson, August 1983

May 1st, 1905, bids were advertised in the "Oatburst" publication in Spokane for a new schoolhouse to be built. J.A. Kronquist got the bid for \$850.0 and obtained the services of Jim Horning to do the actual construction work. Lumber was hand picked from Kronquist's mill for the job.

August 24, 1905, the school was finished and examined by A. H. Callihan, Robert Hudlow, and F. L. Capell. It was found to be completed according to all plans and specifications.

Sept. 25, 1905 Miss Mary E Barndale was employed as the first teacher, starting on this date, for a period of eight months at \$50.00 per month. She resigned on the 29th of Nov. 1905. Miss Cassie McNeal was sent out by W. B. Watkins, County Sup't to fill the balance of the school term.

In 1911 the extension was built on the schoolhouse for the primary grades. It's [sic] cost was \$434.89. The large room was used, starting at this time, for the 8th, 9th, and 10th grades. At this same time all three school remaining were consolidated in District #3. The "Frogpond" and the "The Old Yellow School" continued with the primary departments. The first high school teacher was A. J. Smith. It appears that high school work was discontinued in 1920. The Frogpond and Pleasant Valley schools were closed at that time. Millville's name gradually changed to Foothills. The district changed to #303 in 1918.



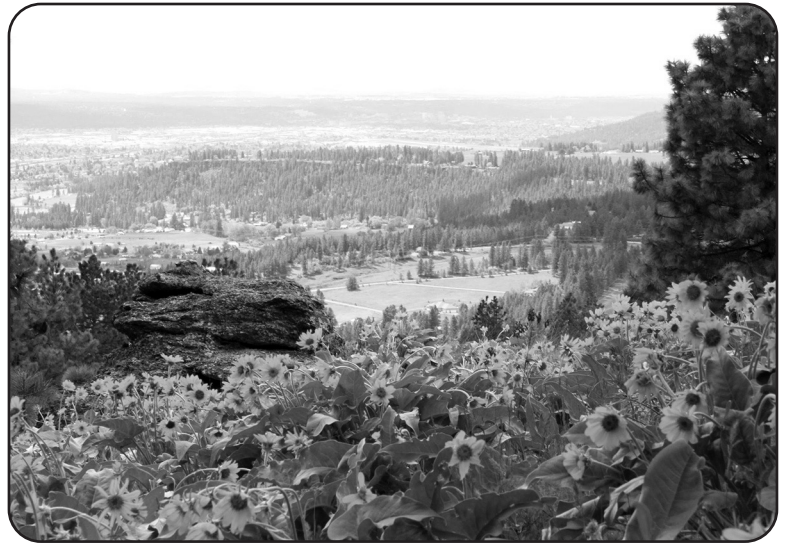
FOOTHILLS SCHOOL CLASSROOM 1927

TAKE A HIKE!

Get Out and Experience Our Beautiful Trails

Arrowleaf balsamroot in bloom from Antoine Peak Conservation area a few years ago in early May. The photo was taken from about 3/4-mile above the parking lot on Brevier Road.

Photo by Holly Weiler, Washington Trails Assoc.



THE NUMBERS MATTER!

By Mark Friendshuh

Spokane County Fire District 9

If you have a fire or medical emergency at your home, you want the fire department there as fast as possible. Unfortunately, even in the age of GPS, it can be hard to find a home if the address is not clearly marked at the end of the driveway. Not only is this a good idea, it is actually required by Spokane County Code.

Take a look at the end of your driveway - would your address number be clear to someone driving by, even at night or in a storm? The firefighters of Spokane County Fire District 9 want to help! The fire district will install, free of charge, a highly visible reflective address number post for your address. These posts are white with 4-inch-tall reflective numbers and are easy for emergency service personnel to see, day or night.

It is easy to get an address post installed at your address. Simply contact District 9 Administration at (509) 466-4602 and leave a message with your name, address, and telephone number. A district employee will contact you to confirm the information, and then they will have a post manufactured and installed in a visible location at your address.

Don't leave the fire department searching for your home when you need them most; contact them for a free hi-vis address post today!



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2021 SCHOLARSHIP NEWS - SPECIAL COVID FUNDING

COVID-19 may stop or slow down a lot of our community events, but it won't slow down the Jess Kronquist Memorial Scholarship program! Each year the FRA and the Blue Ribbon Circle team up to award approx. \$3,000 in scholarships to worthy Foothills residents pursuing extended education. And thanks to the generosity of the Foothills community, this year we will be able to award an additional \$500 COVID hardship scholarship to one applicant. We are excited to support continued education and are always bowled over by the quality of the applicants and their accomplishments and aspirations. In this edition of the newsletter, please see the application for this year's program as well as the worthy applicants from 2020!

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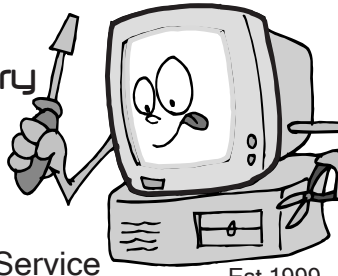
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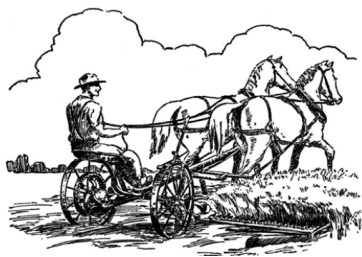
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JESS KRONQUIST MEMORIAL 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION Foothills Rural Association - Blue Ribbon Circle

Scholarship Eligibility and Administration:

The amount of each scholarship may vary; past scholarships have averaged \$500-\$1,000 each. The scholarship will be applied toward tuition and is paid directly to the recipient's college, university, or other accredited educational institution. Scholarships will be awarded to Foothills residents as determined by the Scholarship Committee.

Consideration will be given to:

- Need and use of the scholarship (as explained in the essay)
- Academic achievements including Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Activities: can include school, community service, FRA participation, work experience, etc.
- Foothills residency (based on home address)
- Completion of the application materials and process as instructed

For 2021, thanks to our generous community donors, we are able to offer an additional \$500 COVID-19 Hardship Scholarship. Students interested in applying for this should check the box below and ensure that their essay addresses this issue.

☐ Please check here if you are interested in also being considered for the special 2021 COVID-19 scholarship.

APPLICANT NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN(s), if applicable _____

☐ Please check here to certify that you are a resident (based on your home address) of the defined Foothills Rural Association boundaries (Fire District 9, Station 96). If you are in doubt of your residency, before applying please consult the map available at ruralspokane.com and/or contact the Committee chairperson (below).

Education: Attach a copy of your most recent academic transcript (college or high school).

Essay: Attach an essay that describes your background and personal/educational achievements along with your interests and activities. Share your goals and aspirations and explain how this scholarship will be used to help you achieve them. Please provide a clear explanation of need, being specific re: how you will be paying for your education including other need/merit-based scholarships or aid and parent/family assistance. To help the Committee evaluate you fairly, please be sure to clearly and directly address all of the considerations listed above.

Submission:

- Return all application materials to the Committee chairperson by **MONDAY MAY 10th**.
- **Applicants are required to be interviewed** on the evening of **THURSDAY MAY 20th**. We will do interviews in-person at the Community Center (masks and social distancing required).

Foothills Scholarship Committee Chairperson: Send your application materials and direct any questions to:

Dawn Keig | 12316 N. Red Hawk Lane | Spokane, WA 99217 | Tel: 808-4076 | Email: dawn.keig@gmail.com

FOOTHILL STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

This spring the Foothills Rural Association in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Circle awarded a total of \$3,000 in scholarships to residents of the Foothills. Due to COVID-19, applicants were interviewed virtually via Zoom videoconferencing on Thursday evening, May 14, 2020.

We thank all of last year's applicants and encourage future candidates to mark their calendars and apply for scholarship support in 2021!



Gabe Priest

Gabe has been fascinated by space since he was a small boy and is excited to be starting college after he graduates from East Valley High School this spring. He plans on taking his core college courses locally at Spokane Community College in the fall, ultimately completing his studies in astronomy or physics at a 4-year university before joining the Air Force and eventually hopefully the Space Force. Gabe is the son of Brian and Angela Priest.

Gabe was awarded \$500 and was also recognized as 2020's Blue Ribbon Circle designee.



Ashlin Klocke

This is Ashlin's second time winning a Jess Kronquist scholarship. She just completed her first year at Washington State University where she is studying biology toward her goal of being a science teacher or possibly even a professor. One highlight of participating on WSU's Crimson Girl Dance Team this year was performing at the Apple Cup. Next year Ashlin will use her dance skills to teach part-time at a Pullman dance studio while she focuses on her biology program and being an undergraduate teaching assistant. Ashlin is the daughter of Mike and Debbie Klocke.

Ashlin was awarded \$1,000.



Gabrielle Hager

Gabrielle just completed her first year at University of Washington in pursuit of her civil engineering degree. She has already taken on a leadership position with the UW Engineers Without Borders organization and is looking forward to being able to participate in international service projects once the COVID-19 restrictions have passed. Gabrielle is a self-starter and natural problem solver with a genuine enthusiasm for how engineering can improve quality of life. She is the daughter of Al and Mary Hager.

Gabrielle was awarded \$1,000.



Emma Jay

Emma is graduating this spring from Mt. Spokane High School and will then be starting classes in the fall at Yakima Valley College where she will also be a college athlete on the softball. Like our other candidates this year, she is hopeful that colleges will be able to hold classes on campus so that she can participate with her softball teammates in activities on and off the field. Emma's career goals are to be a math teacher. She is the daughter of Brent and Allyson Jay.

Emma was awarded \$500.

FRA MEMBER BUSINESS LISTINGS

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Alpine Frames	922-4825
<i>Custom framing & photography</i>	
BCi Creative	465-9775
<i>Graphic & web design, screen printing</i>	
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<i>Brian and Angela Priest - bcustomartwork.com</i>	
Britton, Cheryl	922-1494
<i>Tole & decorative painting</i>	
Farm Toy Collector.....	924-4406
<i>James M. Wallrabenstein</i>	
Foothills Plumbing.....	922-PLUM (7586)
<i>Chris & Melisa Schmeets</i>	
Foothills Community Church.....	926-4971
<i>11102 N. Forker Rd</i>	
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<i>Mark Friendshuh</i>	

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.

**Next Meetings: Monday,
May 10th, 7:00 pm | June 14th, 7:00 pm**

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 can assist governmental agencies in better planning the use and resources of the Foothills area; and 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.

The FRA Alerts system has been established in an effort to increase awareness about crime occurring in our area. Residents are encouraged to report ALL crimes to Crime Check, 456-2233. After making a report, please contact Rich Krenkel at richkrenkel@gmail.com or 418-8693.

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 the **Community Center** call Sherrie Potter 990-2818. For the **FRA Website** www.ruralspokane.com contact Steve Keig, steve.keig@gmail.com. For **Membership** records contact Tommye Schwerin, tommey35@hotmail.com.

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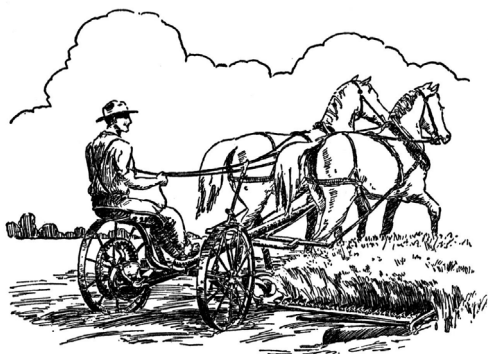
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We are now collecting 2021 dues. Please check your mailing label above - if it says "Member 2021" or higher, you have already paid. If you have questions about your membership, please contact Tommye Schwerin, membership coordinator, at 924-0226 or tommie35@hotmail.com. Your support is essential for this community non-profit 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
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Spokane, WA 99217

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

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Thank you for being part of the Foothills Community.