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# FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR OF FRA EVENTS

### CHILI FEED

**Thursday, October 31st, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

FRA Community Center

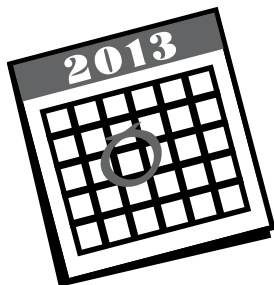
### HARVEST PARTY

**Thursday, October 31st, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Foothills Church Christian Education Bldg

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

**December 6th**



## CHILI FEED & HARVEST PARTY

Please join your friends and neighbors for the annual FRA Chili Feed and the Foothills Church Harvest Party on October 31! Your FRA will be serving up piping-hot delicious home-made chili and corn bread at the Community Center next to the fire station from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The food is free, but donations to the FRA scholarship fund are welcome!

The Harvest Party will run from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Foothills Church Christian Education Building. There will be games and prizes for the kids, live music, a quilt display, and lots of pies and coffee for everyone! Come as you are, or come in costume, everyone is welcome to have a good time. Please bring a food donation for the Community Food Pantry.

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## FOOTHILLS FREE LIBRARY

The Foothills now has its very own Little Free Library! Thanks to the generosity of board member Marvin Moore, who built our library out of recycled supplies and installed it over the summer, local readers can enjoy borrowed books without a trip into town. Located between the Community Center and the playground, the library is open 24-7. Check-out is on the honor system: take a book and return it after you finish it, or take a book and leave a different book in exchange. The library is currently stocked with an assortment of classic literature, nonfiction, children's books, and an audio book. If you have spare books to donate, feel free to stock the shelves! If you notice that the library needs attention, please call 921-8928 or email [hmweiler@yahoo.com](mailto:hmweiler@yahoo.com)

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## COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

Don't forget the Community Center when making your holiday plans! If you haven't hosted a get-together because you don't have enough room, your driveway is too rough, or if you just don't want to have crowds in your house, use the Community Center. It is conveniently located, affordable, and charming. Contact Sherrie Potter for more information at 927-8532.

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

This newsletter is the voice of the FRA Community. If you have news, information, or opinions you would like to share with your neighbors, please contact the FRA Newsletter Editor, Mark Friendshuh, at [fra-newsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:fra-newsletter@hotmail.com).

# PILES OF BOOKS

By Faye Krenkel

There are piles of books in my house. They take up a lot of space; most I will not reread.

How does one get rid of books? There are the standard replies: pass them on to others, donate them to a charity, sell the ones in good condition, or simply toss them away.

I did a bit of internet research on what to do with no-longer wanted or needed books. While there were not many ideas different than already mentioned, the ideas were expanded. For instance: Sell the books on a site such as Half, Amazon, or eBay. Some sites will pay for old books; list the ISBN on [sellbackyourbook.com](http://sellbackyourbook.com) for a potential list of buyers.

You can also trade your old books for new books. There are lots of sites for this: BookMooch, GreenTextbooks, PaperBackSwap or TitleTrader. Typically for every book you send to someone else you get a credit towards getting a new book.

Some places welcome book donations. Your local library might take them for a book sale. If your library does not take them, the International Book Donations Program lists institutions, organizations, town and village programs all over the world that have no other way of acquiring reading and educational materials.

A site that I use, BetterWorldBooks, donates a book to a school or organization for every one I buy through them (free shipping!). Also, BetterWorldBooks will email a shipping label to use on boxes of books you may want to donate through them. Doing a search on "book donations" will bring up countries trying to rebuild their libraries.

A fun option – release your books "into the wild" at BookCrossing. Register your book with this site and leave it somewhere so someone can find it. The idea is to track where your book goes. You could also set up a "Free Book Exchange" box or list books on one of the online free merchandise pages like Freecycle or craigslist.com.

FRA Board Members Holly Weiler and Marvin Moore have established and built a "mini-library" at the Community Center; you can donate your books here or exchange your books for new ones.

Whether you sell them or give them away, you will be putting the books to use, and making room for more in your house!

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## SUMMER BBQ & ROOT BEER FLOAT

Ice cream floats were a big hit on the hot summer evening of the Foothills Community Center and Foothills Church BBQ in August. The FRA dispensed 25 liters of root beer and 12 gallons of vanilla ice cream keeping the BBQ attendees cool and happy. That is a lot of floats! It was a great chance for neighbors and friends to catch up and an opportunity to meet new friends and neighbors!

# FOOTHILLS FUN RUN RECAP

The 2013 Fun Run included a slight increase in the number of runners, as well as faster finishing times in the 5-mile race. The FRA is currently in the process of compiling a chart of the top finishers, but we only have copies of complete results going back to 2009. If you have ever completed the 5-mile course in under 45-minutes, or the 3-mile course in under 30 minutes, please email Holly Weiler at [hmweiler@yahoo.com](mailto:hmweiler@yahoo.com) with your time, which distance, and the year.

### Foothills Scenic Five Top Ten Times Chart

#### 5-mile run by year

	Name	Year	Time
1.	Cody Tylock	2013	28:58
2.	Cody Tylock	2011	29:57
3.	Joe Marele	2013	30:03
4.	Joe Marele	2011	30:20
5.	Chad Stevens	2013	31:07
6.	Amber Hamilton	2009	32:04
7.	Amber Hamilton	2011	32:15
8.	Josiah Poher	2013	32:48
9.	Holly Weiler	2003	33:49
10.	Holly Weiler	2001	34:21

#### 3-mile run by year

	Name	Year	Time
1.	Johannah Olson	2009	21:00
2.	Brittany Cermak	2011	24:31
3.	Brian Gardner	2009	24:32
4.	Eddie Konrad	2011	26:52
5.	Jaunel Martin	2010	27:10
6.	Jason Kahn	2013	27:27
7.	Ethan Hunter	2013	28:29
8.	Megan Terreault	2010	29:17
9.	Angie Gardner	2010	29:39
10.	Trenton Gardella	2013	30:32



# 2013 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 20, 2013. Committee members were Mike Britton, Carol Stoll, Cindy Kaelin, Ali Knecht, Holly Weiler, Marvin Moore, & Faye Krenkel.



**Scholarship Committee:** *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.*

## 2013 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



### **Stephanie Endicott**

Stephanie is the daughter of Patrick and Sheila Endicott. She graduated from East Valley High School last spring. She will attend Baylor University in Waco, Texas to study education. She is this year's Blue Ribbon Circle designee. Stephanie was awarded \$1000.

*Dear Foothills Association,  
Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will be a huge help with my Baylor tuition and I am so thankful. I am looking forward to the college experience ahead, and you all have helped make it possible. God Bless, Stephanie Endicott*

### **Thomas Dederera**

Thomas is the son of Brian and Erica Dederera. He graduated from West Valley High School last spring. Thomas identified his love for service and dedication to the community. He will be studying finance and ministry at Corban University in Salem. Also, his education plans will be assisted by a baseball scholarship as well as an academic scholarship provided by Corban. Thomas was awarded \$750.

*I got settled into my new home here at Corban University and wanted to say thank you. I am grateful for this chance to be here and the scholarship the FRA provided is a big help. Not only is it a financial help, it is also an encouragement that my community is supporting me. I will do my best at school and be a good representative for the Foothills. Thomas Dederera*



### **Rosie Potter**

Rosie is the daughter of Roger and Sherrie Potter and is a returning applicant. Active with the Foothills Rural Association this past year, she will be attending SFCC this summer studying American Sign Language Interpreting. Rosie was awarded \$500.



### **Caroline Barr**

Caroline is the wife of Eric Barr and mother of three children. She is currently a nurse at Sacred Heart and will continue fourth year nursing studies through North Idaho College and Lewis and Clark State College. Caroline was awarded \$500.



### **Timothy Wellings**

Timothy and his wife are expecting their first child and currently raising Tim's young nephew. Tim is working and studying at Moody Bible College of Spokane. His education plans include teaching and assisting a colleague starting a bible college in Curacao, an island near Venezuela. Tim was awarded \$250.

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## FIRE REPORT

What was feared in the spring would be a dangerous 2013 fire season turned out wonderfully quiet. For the five month period from May through the end of September, Fire Station 96 responded to only 12 incidents. Only two calls were fire related - one unauthorized burning and one smoke/odor call. There were four EMS or medical assist calls, one car accident, and one unspecified "citizen complaint." There were also four false alarms - "no incident found on arrival at dispatch address." Thanks as always to our firefighters at Station 96 for always being there for Foothills Residents!

# SIGNS, SIGNS.....

By Mike Britton

Remember the song "Signs, signs, everywhere a sign...?" It was a big hit in the 70's but the lyrics are still valid today.

Recently an advertising sign appeared along Forker Road and some neighbors had negative opinions of it. It was a 4' x 8' wooden sign mounted permanently along the roadway edge.

First let me state that the purpose of the sign was to advertise a business. Nothing sinister or malicious there. The company placed the sign to increase business. Its location was due to the number of vehicles or potential customers viewing it.

There are, however, many laws regarding signs in Spokane County. First, signs must be placed in a safe location so that they do not pose a traffic hazard. Signs should not screen a view from a street or other driveway because it would make it difficult to safely enter the street. Signs at intersections must be placed outside of the "Clear View Triangle". That is the triangle formed by the corner of the intersecting streets and the eye point view of a person driving a car. If this view is obstructed, a driver would be forced to pull forward into the intersection to see - creating a danger of collision. The decision to enter or wait for traffic is compromised.

The second legal consideration is the County Sign Code. In Spokane County it is illegal to advertise "off-site" businesses. If a sign advertising a business is not directly residing on the property it advertises, it is illegal in this county, except for certain permitted billboard locations and zones.

Another legal consideration is that a sign that is permitted in certain zones must comply with set-back rules. A legal sign must comply with size requirements, clear view safety, and distances from adjacent landowners. Adjacent landowners should not have their properties' values diminished by a sign of a neighbor. That is why there are zoning rules.

The sign along Forker Road was identified to Spokane County Code Enforcement, the agency responsible for identifying and correcting code violations. Complaints must be initiated by a County resident.

The complainant identifies a perceived infraction which is investigated by a Code Compliance officer. The officer determines if there is a code violation. If there is, he notifies the responsible party, which may be the landowner or a distant business. He explains to the sign owner the relevant regulations and deadlines for remediation. If the sign owner does not make the sign compliant, the county may take legal action to force compliance. Due process is afforded the sign owner, which can take many months.

We all need information signs such as speed limit, signals, and road signs, but a proliferation of unlimited off-site advertising is often very ugly to everyone but the business owner. Rules protect neighbors and provide for some level of safety.



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*Custom framing & photography*
- Anderson Collision.....924-2748  
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- BCi Creative.....465-9775  
*Graphic & web design, screen printing*
- Britton, Cheryl.....922-1494  
*Tole & decorative painting*
- EcoEnergy Systems.....marc@ecoenergysystems.net  
*Solar, wind, backup, RV, marine*
- Evergreen Powder Coating.....535-9950  
*Powder coating & sandblasting*
- Holly Lane Tree Farm.....928-5970  
*Christmas trees & wreaths*
- Humbird, Ashley.....994-8538  
*Piano lessons for ages 6 to adult* or 927-3046
- Impact Business Products.....928-8782  
*Office supplies & cash register supplies*
- Knecht, Allison.....921-2729  
*Licensed massage therapist* or 475-7126
- Kreider's Western Glove.....926-2946  
*Bill Kreider*
- Marcinda Kennels.....928-6662  
*Marc & Linda McIntosh*
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*David Fisher - Upgrades, tuning & networking*
- Yokes Fresh Markets.....343-8888
- Yokes Pharmacy.....343-3379

## 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.

2013 Board Meetings: 11/4, 12/2

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.

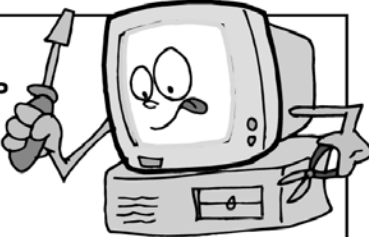
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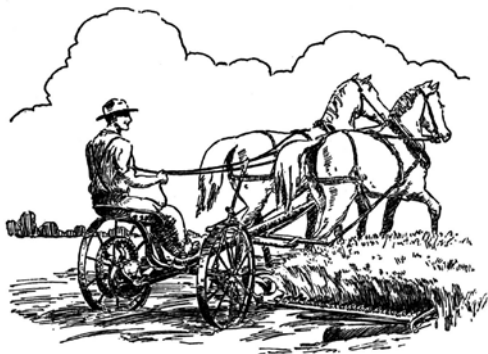
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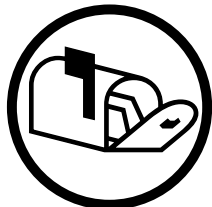
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**We are now collecting 2013 dues.** Please check your mailing label above - if your label says "Member 2013," you have already paid. If your label does not say "Member" - please join or renew your membership. Your support is essential for this community 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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I am/we are willing to volunteer for one event during the year \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

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