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# FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR OF FRA EVENTS

### FUN RUN

**Saturday, June 15th, 8:00 a.m.**

### FREE COMMUNITY BBQ OLD TIME CAR & TRACTOR SHOW

**Thursday, August 1st, 5:30 p.m.**

*Sponsored by Foothills Community Church*

### HARVEST PARTY

**October 31st**



## FOOTHILLS NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALES

The Foothills Rural Association is sponsoring a community garage sale on Saturday, July 13th, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will be creating a map showing those participating in the sale that will be available for people to pick up at the Community Center. Contact board member Holly Weiler at 921-8928 or hmweiler@yahoo.com if you would like to participate. Leave your name, contact number, street address, and key items for sale (if any). You will be responsible for placing garage sale signs at your residence and/or at nearby crossroads.

For those who have a local small business, craft items, or only a few household items to sell, a limited number of tables are available at the Community Center. Please call to reserve a table if you would like to have your sale at the Center (one table per household; maximum six tables available).

If you have unwanted items that you would be willing to donate to the FRA for resale, please contact FRA vice-president Ashley Humbird at 994-8538 or ashley.humbird@gmail.com. Proceeds from donations will go to the FRA scholarship fund; all unsold items will be given to charity.

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## SUMMER CAMPS & VBS

Foothills Community Church summer camps are held at Pinecroft Bible Camp located a few miles outside Newport, WA, along the Pend Oreille River. Website: <http://pobcamp.org>.

Summer camps are open to everyone; participants do not have to live in the Foothills area nor attend the Foothills Community Church. A week at camp includes chapel/Bible time, sports and games, swimming, great food and meeting new friends. For more information call the church office 926-4971 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or email at [office@foothillsc.net](mailto:office@foothillsc.net). Transportation is available. Bible Camp Dates are:

- Middle School (grades 6-8) July 8-12
- Senior Camp (grades 9-12) July 15-20
- Junior Camp (grades 3-5) July 22-26
- **Vacation Bible School** July 29-Aug 2  
*(Held at Foothills Community Church)*

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## COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

The Community Center looks neat and tidy after its spring cleaning, and it is sporting new tables and blinds. It looks better than ever for your rental! Contact Sherrie Potter at 927-8532 for more information about rates and availability of this great community resource.

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# BIG EASTER EGG HUNT

Dozens of smiling kids turned out for a beautiful, warm, sunny Saturday morning Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the FRA and organized by the FRA Youth Committee. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a fun and successful event for the community's children.



# FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Our beautiful foothills forests may not be as idyllic as they appear. Years of fire suppression have left many areas with forests that are too thick. The dense stands of pine and fir can be unhealthy, as overcrowding leaves the trees weak from competition for sun and soil. These weak trees are more susceptible to disease and insect infestations. The overly dense forests are also a fire hazard, offering more fuel for hotter, faster fires.

Is your forested property in need of some help? You can get a free professional assessment of your forest, and financial assistance for work to make your forest healthier from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The DNR Forest Stewardship Program offers "advice and assistance to help family forest owners manage their lands." A wealth of information about the program is available on the DNR website, easiest found by searching in Google for "DNR forest stewardship." (The DNR website is not the easiest to navigate). The assistance offered includes free forest management advice and grants for up to 50% of the cost of brush control, thinning, pruning, and slash disposal. This advice and money is available even if you have only a few acres.

For more information, see the DNR website or contact your regional DNR office at (509) 684-7474. This year is shaping up to be a dry, dangerous fire season; contact the DNR now for help in keeping your forest healthy.

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## COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Foothills Community Church has established a Food Pantry for those in need of non-perishable food items and paper/cleaning products and other household supplies. It is open to all Foothills residents. The church welcomes donations from anyone wishing to contribute to this project. For hours of operation or more information, please call the office at 926-4971.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

Things were a bit quieter for Station 96 in March and April. There were 12 calls, but four were either cancelled or "no incident found on arrival." There were six EMS or other medical assistance calls, one police matter, and one call for a power line down. Hopefully thing will stay quiet, although our so-far dry spring does not bode well for the summer fire season.

## SPRING CLEANUP DAY

The weather was great for working on May 4th at the FRA Community Center. A big thanks to the three families that were there; John &



Kathy Altmeyer plus their 3 daughters and son, Marvin & Rill Moore and Rich & Faye Krenkel. The center looked very nice inside and out by the time we left at noon.

The Center is also getting new folding tables to replace the aging set currently in use. The

purchase was made possible in part by a very generous donation of \$250 from the Northwest Decorative Painters. Thank you, Painters!

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## FARM TOY COLLECTION

Around the Foothills we see a lot of farm equipment rolling out in the fields, planting, harvesting, and tending to the crops. Some of the equipment is large, some small, some old, some new. But the largest collection of farm equipment in the Foothills is also the smallest – and it never rolls out in the fields. That is because this equipment is in Jim Wallrabenstein's house. Resting on shelves.

Jim holds one of the larger farm toy collections in the western U.S., with more than 465 scale models and toys filling 230 linear feet of shelf space in his home.



Jim's interest in farm machinery is in his blood. He grew up on a family farm in Ohio, and his great-grandfather, grandfather, and father were all

farmers. Jim is not himself a farmer but he appreciates the Foothills' agricultural heritage, and he has enjoyed working seasonally for over 20 years trucking grain and grass seed for Kaelin Farms at harvest time. Jim's favorite toys as a child were farm toys, and as he got older, his playing transformed into collecting. He has been collecting for over 45 years.

The first six 1/16 scale die-cast metal toy tractors that began his collection were a John Deere 3020 ('64), Allis-Chalmers 190 ('65), Oliver 1850 ('66), Case 1030 ('67), Minneapolis-Moline G1000 ('68) and International 1256 with cab ('68).

Although Jim is reluctant to name a favorite model, he says that his "most cherished farm toys are replicas of Allis-Chalmers farm equipment" because his father farmed with Allis-Chalmers tractors,



Jim has a room in his home devoted to his display, which is arranged to tell the story of the development of mechanized farming from the earliest farm tractors produced in the first decades of the 20th century to the most modern, high-powered, GPS equipped tractors of today. Farm toy collecting is now a world-wide hobby with thousands of collectors. In the United States, there is a National Farm Toy Museum in Dyersville, Iowa. You can visit its website at: [www.nationalfarmtoymuseum.com](http://www.nationalfarmtoymuseum.com). Or, if you ask nicely, Jim might take you for a tour of his collection right here in the Foothills. Jim can be reached at 924-4406.

# FOOTHILLS SCENIC FIVE 2013



Join us for this Annual Event. 5-mile rolling hills course for runners and walkers. A less strenuous 3-mile course is available, as well as a 1-mile out and back. This is a beautiful scenic course with views of Mt. Spokane and possibly local wildlife.

**When:** Saturday, June 15th, 2013

**Where:** Foothills Community Center 11000 N. Forker Rd. • Five miles north of Trent on Forker Rd., directly across from the Foothills Community Church and next to the fire station. (ALL WHITE BUILDINGS)

**Race Start:** 8:00 a.m. • Late registration and packet pick up from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

**Registration by mail:** Fill out & sign the entry form below. \$5 no shirt / \$10 shirt.

**Send payment to:** Foothills Rural Assoc. 7318 N. Adams Rd., Spokane, WA 99217. **Entries must be post marked by June 8th** to ensure shirt availability and size choice. Some shirts may be available day of race; sizes will vary. Entry fees are non-refundable.

**Awards Ceremony:** Will begin approximately 15-minutes after the last finisher—including a special award for the overall fastest male and female finisher in both the 5-mile and 3-mile race. Age group awards for the 5-mile race only, followed by a random prize drawing for all race entrants.

**General Info:** This is an open course: no headphones, please. There will be an **all you can eat** huckleberry pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the Community Center. Come and enjoy a hot meal. The cost will be \$3.00; 5 yrs and under free - pay at the door.

**Questions?** Call Holly Weiler at 921-8928. **Volunteers still needed!**

## FUN RUN REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**I will be participating in:** (circle one) One mile run/walk Three mile run/walk Five mile run

**My age group for five mile race is:** 0-14 15-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

**Registration Fee:** (Make checks payable to the Foothills Rural Association)

\$5 Fee - No shirt \$10 Fee - Shirt (circle one): S M L XL \$\_\_\_\_\_ Optional donation to the scholarship fund

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Waiver: In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I waive all Claims for myself and my heirs against officials and sponsors of the Foothills Scenic Five for injury and illness, which may directly or indirectly result from traveling to and from or participating in the event. I also state I am in proper physical condition to participate.

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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.

2013 Board Meetings: 6/10, 9/9, 10/7.  
(No board meetings in July and August!)

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](http://www.ruralspokane.com)  
Contact: David Fisher, Webmaster: [davidf@ruralspokane.com](mailto:davidf@ruralspokane.com)

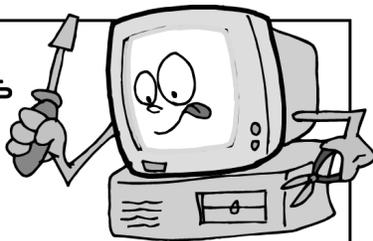
### 2013 Board Officers

President	Rich Krenkel	928-6610	rfkrenkel@ptera.net
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Secretary	Allison Knecht	921-2729	alieknecht@gmail.com
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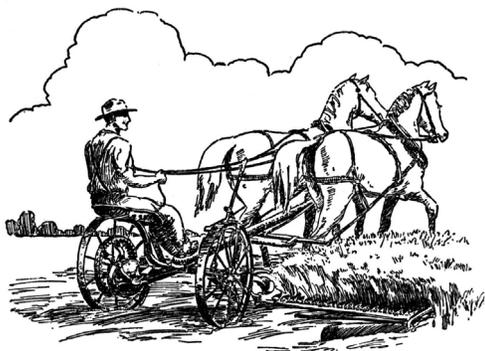
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## Membership

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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  
16115 E. Temple Road  
Spokane, WA 99217

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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