

FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF FRA EVENTS

FARMERS' MARKET
Wednesday, Sept 14th, 5:30 p.m.

FOUNDERS DAY
Thursday, September 15th, 6 p.m.

HARVEST PARTY
Wednesday, Oct 31st

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Friday, December 7th



FOUNDERS DAY POTLUCK

Thursday, September 15th, Foothills Community Center

Part of what makes our rural neighborhood a community are events like this. Get to know your FRA board, see your neighbors, and learn about the history of the Foothills Community. The FRA board will be serving desserts, coffee, and refreshments, from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Bring a dessert if you can, to share with others.

FARMERS' MARKET

In the past, Foothills gardens were known for cabbage and apples; come to the Foothills Farmers' Market on September 14th to find out what current residents are growing in their gardens or making in their homes. The Farmers' Market, in honor of this year's Founders' Day celebration, will begin at 5:30 p.m. and run until sundown.

Local residents who grow or make items in the Foothills are encouraged to contact Holly Weiler at 921-8928 to reserve table space in the Community Center; space is limited, so don't delay!

FOOTHILLS SCENIC FIVE

Rural runners and walkers enjoyed the perfect weather and the scenic course for the Foothills Scenic Five Fun Run on June 16th. Whether running or walking, for one mile or five, young and old alike were smiling! Even those that chose not to run were smiling at the delicious pancake breakfast after. Thanks to Holly Weiler and her crew of volunteers for putting together yet another truly fun run. More photos on our website: ruralspokane.com.



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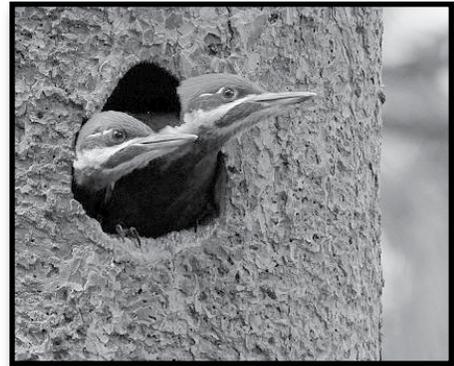
NEIGHBORHOOD BBQ

Foothills Community Church and FRA co-sponsored a successful community night with a free BBQ and root beer floats on August 2nd. Three hundred people enjoyed barbequed meals cooked up by the church; FRA dished out more than 200 floats plus 75 ice cream cones! Our community food bank stock was greatly increased with donations and the local scholarship fund was increased by \$87. The event coincided with Vacation Bible School's presentation evening. The VBS attendees and staff were greatly pleased with the number of people attending the program. It was a fun evening! More photos on our website: ruralspokane.com.



UNUSUAL FIND!

A pileated woodpecker's nest with two chicks! June 2012 Photo by James Christensen. More photos on our website: ruralspokane.com



AWANA

AWANA starts on Wednesday, September 19th 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. for children in the 3rd – 6th grades at the Foothills Community Church. Call 926-7023 for more information. Children need not be members of Foothills Church.



AWANA MOMS

Join other mothers for dessert and discussion. A monthly meeting, beginning on October 3rd, and then every first Wednesday of the month. Kids can participate in AWANA, while moms relax, share conversation, concerns, and of course, great desserts! Childcare will be available for babies and little ones under the age of three. For more information call 926-7023 or Erica at dedera6@gmail.com.

ZUMBA®

Foothills Community Center

Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Thursdays - Tapp workout 6:15 - 7 p.m. & Zumba 7 - 8 p.m.

Licensed ZUMBA® instructor – Becki Stevens. Classes begin September 16th. On-going classes, start at any time, no previous ZUMBA experience needed. Suggested donation of \$3.00 per class with net proceeds to support the FRA Scholarship fund. For more information, call Becki at 922-7033 or email: becki.foothillsfitness@gmail.com; or just show up ready to work out!



TOLEFEST 2012

Central Grange

10/25 & 10/26 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. | 10/27 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Northwest Decorative Painters present this annual event featuring hand-painted and hand-crafted boutique gift items and much more! Raffle items include a hand-painted barn quilt, antique bucket, wooden butter churn and a beautiful clock. Winners will be drawn at 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 27th. The Central Grange is located at 7001 East Bigelow Gulch Road in Spokane.

INCIDENT REPORT

The burglary prevention presentation given on June 14th by Sheriff's Deputy Travis Pendell was well attended. Deputy Pendell's presentation was informative and entertaining, and appreciated by all in attendance. Perhaps coincidentally, or perhaps not, there have been very few incidents reported to the FRA since the last newsletter; only one attempted burglary on lower Temple Road.

For more information on incidents reported to the Sheriff's office, you can view an interactive map through the Sheriff's webpage. Go to www.spokanecounty.org/sheriff/ and click on the link near the bottom of the page for "SCOUT Crime Map."

THIEF SPOTTED!

Who can resist a yummy apple, ripe and ready to eat!



Photos courtesy of
Maria Friendshuh

FIRE PREVENTION

By Mark Friendshuh

In late July during a dry lightning storm, a tree on my neighbor's property on Temple Road was struck by lightning. Fortunately, my neighbor was home and saw the fire that started at the base of the tree. He alerted the fire department, and firefighters were promptly dispatched to put out the burning and smoldering timber. Luckily, the fire happened at the beginning of our long stretch of dry hot weather, and the fuel around the fire was not yet dry enough for the blaze to spread quickly.

As I type this story now, in late August, I watch lightning flashing outside my window, and hope that we don't have another nearby ground-strike. The trees and grass are very dry, and any fire started now would be a serious danger.

The August fires near Cle Elum, Washington, serve as a reminder to those of us that choose to live in and around our beautiful forests that the forests can also hold the danger of wildfire. In the months of July and August this year, Fire Station 96 went out on three forest fire calls and one grass fire call. Fortunately, the quick response of our local firefighters kept them from becoming larger blazes. Although homes in and around the forest will always have the potential of being caught in a wildfire, homeowners and forest owners can take steps to reduce fire danger.

The key to reducing fire danger is reducing fuels. In our forests, this can mean thinning stands of thick timber and removing "ladder fuel" such as lower branches of trees. Around our homes, it means maintaining a defensible space, removing fuel from near homes and outbuildings, maintaining an irrigated border around buildings, and removing needles and leaves from on and around buildings.

Much more information about how to reduce the danger of wildfire on your property and around your home can be found at www.firewise.org. Firewise is a project of the National Fire Protection Association that "teaches people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and take action now to prevent losses." Wildfire does not respect property lines, so to some extent our safety is dependent on our neighbors' as well as our own efforts to reduce fire danger. Take some time to review the firewise advice, and take steps now to reduce the danger from wildfire for you and your neighbors!

COMMUNITY CENTER

Don't forget the Community Center when planning your next big event! The center has been used for graduation parties, family get-togethers, weddings, rehearsal dinners. Rental is inexpensive, and the location is convenient! Call Sherrie at 927-8532 for more information.

STATION 96

Our local Station 96 fire and emergency crews were called out 14 times in July and August this year. They went on three wildland fire calls and one grass fire call. They also went on four EMS calls that did not involve vehicle accidents. In addition, four times they were called for medical or invalid assistance. Station 96 does a lot more than just fight fires! They also are in need of volunteers - please contact the station at 928-0766 if you think you might have what it takes to help out.



MEMBERS ONLY

BUSINESS & CLASSIFIED ADS

FRA MEMBERS - FREE

Email your ad information to fra-newsletter@hotmail.com

NON-MEMBERS: May advertise for a fee - Call 465-9775

YOUTH ADS: Foothills youth ages up to 18 years are welcome to advertise for jobs for free.

NOTE: Ad space is limited and available on a first come, first request basis. Ads will be rotated throughout the year.

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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: 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10

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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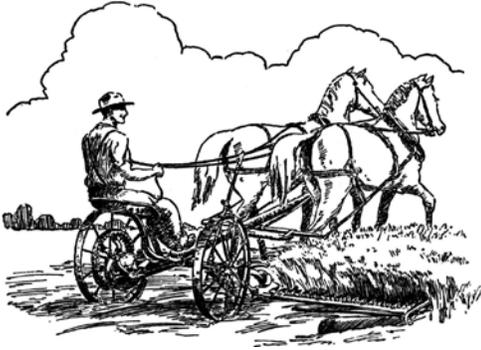
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If you have not yet paid your 2012 FRA dues, please do so. Check your mailing label above - if your label says "Member 2012," you have already paid. If your label does not say "Member" - please join or renew your membership. Your support is essential 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
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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.