

FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PIANO RECITAL

Community Center Building
Friday, December 10th, 6-6:30pm

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Community Center Building
Friday, December 10th, 7pm

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Foothills Community Church
Sunday, December 12th, 6:30pm

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

Foothills Community Church
Sunday, December 19th, 6:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Foothills Community Church
Friday, December 24th, 7pm

FRA MEMBERSHIP 2011

THANK YOU to all who have chosen to support your Foothills Community Association. One hundred twenty seven households are on the membership list for 2010! Currently there are nine families that have paid their 2011 dues. The fiscal year ends on December 31, dues for 2011 are payable now.

The \$20 yearly dues serves as tangible evidence of your caring and interest in preserving the rural lifestyle of the Foothills area. With paid memberships, the Association is able to sponsor free community events, maintain the Community Center building and grounds, and to publish and distribute this newsletter. Your membership support is both needed and appreciated! Please check the address label; if there is 2010 or no date after your name, please take a moment to send in your 2011 dues.

The membership form is found on the upper portion of the last page of each newsletter. Return either the half or full page to the FRA address listed there and thank you for supporting our Foothills Rural Community!

YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES

Don't let the title of FRA Editor intimidate you and keep you from helping to continue our legacy as a community that truly cares about our neighbors. Being the editor does take some time and effort but we only publish the newsletter 2 to 4 times a year. Computer skills and access to the internet are also necessary, but it is not a solo task! Information for articles comes out of the board meetings, board and FRA members write and contribute articles. Jeanne at BCi Creative, takes the hardest part for me – that of formatting the newsletter! I just email edited articles to her and poof! Emailed back to me is a newsletter ready for my approval! After that, BCi electronically sends the print ready newsletter to the printer (Griffin Publishing), which not only prints the newsletters but takes them to the post office business center for mailing! How simple is that? Additionally BCi Creative sends the newsletter to our website, www.ruralspokane.com where webmaster David Fisher posts it. Interested? Give me a call at 928-6610 or send an email to rfkrenkel@ptera.net. I will be happy to answer any questions. I will give the next editor, training, support and contribute articles. ~Faye Krenkel

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HOLLY LANE TREE FARM

Holly Lane Tree Farm is a U-cut Christmas tree farm planted in 2001 by Mike and Paula Yackley. They plan to open for Christmas tree cutting in 2011 or 2012. Mike stated, "Our plan is to make choosing a Christmas tree a fun, family event. Our goal is to become a part of a family's tradition of finding that special tree. Currently the Yackley's offer beautifully hand-tied and decorated evergreen wreaths for this holiday season. "I wanted to make a unique Christmas wreath," Paula said. "Something different from what you can find at the big box stores but still be affordable. I think we have done that."

Visit www.hollylanetreefarm.com to view the many available wreaths and to learn more about Holly Lane Tree Farm.

CHILI FEED/HARVEST PARTY

Once again the annual combined FRA Chili Feed and Foothills Community Church Harvest Party provided a fun family evening! There were games, candy, hay rides, food and socializing; a little bit of something for everyone. Approximately 240 people enjoyed one or more servings of homemade chili provided by the FRA Board. There were four chili varieties: regular (family spicy), jalapeno hot, wild turkey white chili and chili with venison. Chef Cheryl provided cooking and mixing directions to her kitchen staff – very well done Cheryl!

The Community Center was decorated inside and out by Ashley and Rob – with a special award winning carved pumpkin donated by Ben. Marc and Amanda once again provided the hay rides. Generous donors gave \$213 towards the annual scholarship fund. **Thank you!**



CHRISTMAS PIANO RECITAL

Friday, December 10th, 6-6:30pm
Community Center Building



Featuring students of Ashley Potter. Enjoy a half hour listening to seasonal music being performed by these talented young people. The students have spent hours practicing for their recitals and are a joy to hear!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 10th, 7-8pm
Community Center Building

FRA will provide light snacks with beverages. Bring a plate of your special holiday treats to share! To participate in the gift exchange, bring one wrapped gift per participant, labeled with child, teen or adult. Additionally, label the children's gifts with appropriate age range and indicate if it is a boy or girl gift. To keep the gift exchange inexpensive plan on spending no more than \$5 per gift. The raffle for Christmas wreaths and a decorated tree will benefit the scholarship fund. Wreaths and tree proved by Mike Yackley of Holly Lane Tree Farm.

Please Note the Christmas party will begin one half hour after the piano recital ends. To attend the party only, please arrive close to the seven o'clock hour. The later arrival will not disrupt the student musicians while performing. Santa will not appear until after 7pm!

FIRE HOUSE SANTA

Friday, December 17th, 6:15-7:15pm

Visit with Santa as he makes his rounds in the antique fire truck! Santa's schedule is: *(Don't be late!)*

Scribner & Forker	6:15pm
Foothills	6:30pm
Temple	6:45pm
Lincoln	7:00pm
Judkins	7:15pm

Sorry, there is no planned gathering at the fire station this year.

BIRDS OF THE FOOTHILLS

Wintering Birds

by Ron Dexter (Reprinted from a 1996 FRA newsletter)

There are a number of birds that visit the Foothills in the winter months, such as the Pine Grosbeak, Bald Eagle, Stellar Jay, Merlin and the Bohemian Waxwings. This article features two of the most commonly seen visitors: the Northern Shrike and the Rough-Legged Hawk. Northern Shrike. This little bird is only ten inches long, but holds its own among many larger birds. It is gray, white and black, with a heavy black eye line. It has a hooked bill for tearing food apart. Its food consists of rodents, lizards, and large insects as well as small birds. The

Northern Shrike hunts in open fields. These little birds migrate 500 to 1,000 miles; all the way from Alaska, the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Northern Canada and parts of the Arctic to the Foothills area. They arrive here in mid-October and head back north in mid-April. The Shrike is a songbird with many beautiful rambling songs. It sings in the fall when it first arrives and sings in the spring as if calling for a mate before starting its trip back north. You will see this bird on power lines along the roads or hovering in one spot over fields while watching the movement of its prey in the grass before diving to grab it with its bill. The Shrike has a typical songbird feet which are only strong enough for perching, therefore, it must find some other way to hold the food while tearing small pieces off for a meal. The Shrike finds a thorn in a Hawthorn tree or a barb on a fence which it uses to impale mice. It may also wedge the food into a tight fork of two branches.

Don't confuse the Shrike with the American Kestrel which is a little larger and very colorful. The kestrel is a falcon that hunts in the same manner as the Shrike. Rough-Legged Hawk. The name comes from the feathers on the leg which runs down to the talons. This large hawk and the Shrike compete for the same space and rodents both here and up north. Rough-legs generally arrive about a week or two after the shrikes. Rough-leg hawks migrate in large loose flocks. These hawks are the same size as our local Red-tail hawks. The Rough-leg hawk is white, black and brown with a white upper tail that has a heavy black band near the end. Their neck is white; the breast is black. A rectangular black wrist stands out on the underside of white wings as they fly; their white head is broken by a black eye line and whisker mark. They hunt just like the shrikes – from poles, overhead wires, and tree tops. They also hover in one spot just like the Shrikes. Use your bird books and binoculars to study these and other wintering birds.



INCIDENT REPORTS



Early Monday morning on Oct. 4th a male failing to break into a garage, attempted to drive off with a pickup parked behind the garage. The armed pickup owner shot off a couple warning shots as the driver

attempted to run him down. More action took place resulting in the pictured wrecked vehicle. Details of this attempted robbery can be found on the FRA website at www.ruralspokane.com. To report illegal occurrences or attempted ones, email either webmaster David Fisher at davidf@ruralspokane.com or Faye at rfkrenkel@ptera.net or call her at 928-6610.

FOOTHILLS FABRICATORS QUILT GROUP

Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7pm in the fellowship hall at Foothills Community Church. There are classes to learn new and old techniques or work on your own project. Come join the fun! Our group includes beginners to those with years of experience. Please call Anita at 928-5149 or Pat at 924-1412.



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THE 111TH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT



General information about the Christmas Bird Count can be found at Bird Source: <http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count>. The next Spokane Christmas Count is scheduled for January 2, 2011. The Spokane Count Circle center is a 15 mile diameter circle with its center at approximately Division St. and

Francis Ave. Contact Alan McCoy by email at ahm2352@gmail.com or at 509-448-3123. New birders are always welcome to join the count!

FIRE DISTRICT 9

Spokane County Fire District 9 provides full service fire protection, prevention, rescue and emergency medical services to approximately 45,000 residents over a 122 square mile area. The District is currently accepting applications for resident volunteer firefighters.

For details see: http://www.scf9.org/resident_firefighter.htm

MOPS MEETINGS

The first Tuesday of each month at Foothills Community Church, from 9-11:15am. For complete information contact Michele Baxter at 465-2285.

SNOW PLOW ANGELS

Interest has been shown in having a Snow Plow Angel list ready for the coming winter season. Drivers wanting their name on a referral list or if you are in the need of having an area plowed, please contact Faye at 928-6610 or email her at rfkrenkel@ptera.net.

MAKE AN IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Please consider volunteering for an office or position on the FRA board. Total yearly time commitment amounts to approximately 30 hours per year!

President: One year term. Duties are to serve as board leader, conduct meetings, attend FRA functions, and participate in various projects.

Vice-President: One year term. The VP serves as back-up for the president, attend board meetings and FRA functions.

Secretary: One year term. Take minutes at board meetings, transcribe and email notes to board members, attend and participate in FRA functions.

Treasurer: One year term. Manage FRA ledgers, write checks, balance checkbook, propose yearly budget. Participate in FRA functions. The person filling this position should have some accounting/financial skills.

Board Members: Yearly there are two positions available. Board members serve for three years. Work with the board and other committee members to provide ideas, support events and projects.

Youth Committee: One - two year participation. This is a volunteer position and it fulfills high school requirements for community service.

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Home inspection services
- Alpine Frames 922-4825
Custom framing & photography
- Anderson Collision 924-2748
Auto frame repair & painting
- BCi Creative 465-9775
Graphic & web design
- Britton Tole & Decorative Painting 922-1494
Custom hand painting
- Crews, Scott J. DDS 924-1580
Advanced cosmetic & family dentistry
- EcoEnergy Systems 979-2508
Solar, wind, grid-tie, backup, RV, marine
- Ethan the Handyman, LLC 921-6766
Licensed, bonded and insured
- Evergreen Powder Coating 535-9950
Powder Coating & Sandblasting
- Foothills Suri Alpacas 928-0299
Alpaca breeders
- Holly Lane Tree Farm 928-5970
Christmas Tree Farm & Wreaths
- Impact Business Products 928-8782
Office Supplies & Cash Register Supplies
- Jarvis, Gary 924-2609
Photography weddings, senior & family portraits and sports
- Knecht, Allison 921-2729 or 475-7126
Licensed massage therapist
- Potter, Ashley 994-8538 or 927-8532
Piano lessons for ages 6 to adult
- Ravenwood 928-5870
Cashmere goats, yarns, soaps
- R&R Heating & Air Conditioning 484-1405
Commercial & residential
- Split Rock Contractors, LLC 768-7278
Residential General Contractor
- Wensleydale Computer Service 892-7594
David Fisher - Upgrades, tuning & networking
- West Towing.....Northside: 467-2800 or Valley: 924-0194
Automobile towing services
- Yokes Fresh Markets

FRA BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD MEETINGS

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

2010 Board Meeting Date(s): December 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
Contact: David Fisher, Webmaster: davidf@ruralspokane.com

2010 Board Officers

President	Rich Krenkel	928-6610	rfkrenkel@ptera.net
Vice-President	Holly Weiler	921-8928	hmweiler@yahoo.com
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Treasurer	Don Tucker	924-9105	dat@wwdb.com

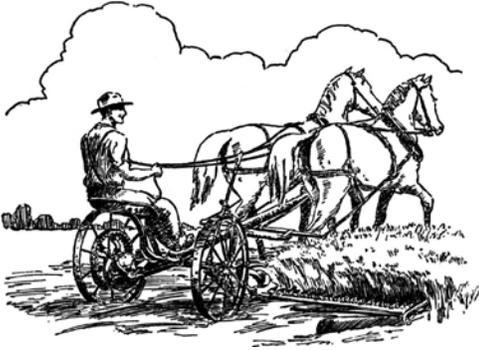
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Ashley Humbird	(11)	927-8532	itsherragain@aol.com
Mitch Roland	(10)	951-9983	mroland831@air_pipe.com
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It is time to renew your membership for 2011. If you have not been a member in the past or have 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: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

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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.