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# FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## STORY IDEAS

To keep this newsletter informative about local happenings, the editor needs help! Please let me know about goings-on in your area or about an interest of yours, a new business or one that has been here for a very long time, your opinion, ideas for the FRA board – just about any article suggestion will be looked at for possible inclusion. Dates for the newsletter are early April, Late May, Early September and late November. Email or call with your ideas - 928-6610 or rfkrenkel@ptera.net. *Thank you, Faye Krenkel/Editor*



MOPS Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month from 9–11:15am. For more info contact Michelle Baxter at 465-2285.

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## MEMBERSHIP 2010

The FRA 2009 fiscal year ends on December 31st, dues for 2010 are payable now through January 31st. There are a few members who are current through 2010, but most memberships will lapse at the end of 2009.

Your dues allows the Rural Foothills Association 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, take the time now to fill out your membership application and mail the application, along with the \$20 membership fee, to the Membership Chair's address listed on the application. The Membership Application is found on the back page of each newsletter. *Thank you!*

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 4th at 6:00PM

The Foothills Annual Christmas Party will begin with a piano recital featuring the students of Ashley Humbird followed by an inexpensive gift exchange (no more than \$5. Watch for those sales and coupons!). Each person participating in the exchange should bring one wrapped gift labeled with child, teen or adult. Please label children's gifts with the appropriate age range of the gift. Raffle tickets for a fully decorated tree and a wreath will be \$1 per ticket. Thank you, Mike Yakley, for again donating the tree and wreath. Santa will be there to talk with boys and girls. Bring your camera as a holiday background will be available to take Christmas pictures of your family. A mini-taco snack bar along with beverages will be provided. Please bring a plate of your special holiday treats to share.



## NEW BIRDING TRAIL UNVEILED

In February of this year, the newest route of the Great Washington State Birding Trail, the Sun and Sage Loop was unveiled to the public. This new loop is the nearest route to Spokane; parts of this route are located in Walla Walla and Tri-Cities areas.



Maps of all the different areas may be purchased through the first website listed below. What is a birding trail? It is not a trail for birds but a route for people who want to see birds. They are most often driving trips with stops at special places where birds are most likely to be seen. Each stop describes the habitat, what birds are in what season, where to look, and how to get from a main road to the location. Some trails include water routes where you can paddle your canoe or kayak

to see birds; other trails include biking or walking routes. By 2010 people will be able to travel the seven-loop, 3,000 mile Great Washington State Birding Trail from the Pacific Ocean to Idaho, from Oregon to Canada. Along the way, people will find all of Washington's 346 common bird species. A Spokane area loop is one of the two remaining Birding Trails routes to be developed. *Check out these websites for more information:*  
[http://wa.audubon.org/birds\\_GreatWABirdingTrail.html](http://wa.audubon.org/birds_GreatWABirdingTrail.html)  
<http://www.spokaneaudubon.org/>

## CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

**Sunday, December 27th**

The Christmas Bird Count is open to anyone wanting to get to know some of our wintertime birds and who's willing to brave the elements. For more information please visit <http://www.spokaneaudubon.org/>, or contact Alan McCoy: 448-3123 or [ahm2352@gmail.com](mailto:ahm2352@gmail.com).

## ALL ABOUT BIRDS

<http://www.allaboutbirds.org/>

This website is an online guide to learning about birds. All About Birds was created by the staff of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. It is their aim to make this birding site the Web's best and most comprehensive resource for North American birds, bird watching, and bird conservation.

## FUN & FITNESS IN THE FOOTHILLS!

A weekly fitness group for women of all fitness levels. Planned meeting times are Saturday mornings outside the Community Center, at 7:30am. We will walk, run, snow-shoe or cross country ski depending on weather and interest. This group is FREE - just a fun way for the women in our community to get together and exercise. You do not need to register for this group, but if you are interested I'd like to have a way to contact you in case our meeting times/places change or if the activity changes due to the weather. For more info or questions contact Angie Gardner at 325-4684 or [brianangieg@yahoo.com](mailto:brianangieg@yahoo.com).

## FIRE STATION SANTA

**Saturday, December 19th**

Santa will appear riding in a vintage fire truck accompanied by volunteer fire fighters from Station 96. Mr. Kringle will wish local Foothills children a Merry Christmas, listen to a few requests, and distribute sweet candy treats.



### **Santa's Schedule:**

Scribner & Forker: 6:15pm

Foothills: 6:30pm

Temple Road: 6:45pm

Lincoln: 7:00pm

Judkins: 7:15pm

Fire Station 6: 7:30pm

## SNOW PLOW ANGELS

There was a small response to the call for names of possible snow plow angels. Could that indicate this winter season will be mostly free of snow? Or that people with snow plows were very busy last season with little time for additional snow plowing? If you need an emergency snow plow or you want to volunteer, please call 928-6610.

## **Don't Forget**

**General Membership Meeting**

**Jan 21st, 2010 • 6:30pm**

**(Foothills Community Center)**

## SCHOLARSHIP – *Thank you!*

Logan Ereaux sent a humorous thank you card to the FRA and Blue Ribbon Circle. The front of the card simple stated: **thanks a lot**, the inside read: **here's a folded piece of paper in return!** After which Logan wrote: No, I am just kidding! I very much appreciate the scholarship money and will put it to good use at the University of Washington.

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## EARTH OVERSHOOT DAY

September 25 marked this year's Earth Overshoot Day: the day global demand on ecological services – from filtering CO2 to producing food, fiber and timber– outstripped what than nature can produce in this year, according to Global Footprint Network calculations. From now until the end of the year, we will meet our demand for ecological services by depleting resource stocks and accumulating carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

“It's a simple case of income versus expenditures,” said Global Footprint Network President Mathis Wackernagel. “For years, our demand on nature has exceeded, by an increasingly greater margin, the budget of what nature can produce. The urgent threats we are seeing now – most notably climate change, but also biodiversity loss, shrinking forests, declining fisheries, soil erosion and freshwater stress – are all clear signs: Nature is running out of credit to extend.”

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## FIRE DISTRICT 9 REPORT

The following is the Spokane County Fire District Nine Alarm responses from January 1 – September 30, 2009. Compared to the 2008 report, FD9 had a quiet period! In 2008 there were 56 incidents; 2009, the total incident count was 36. There were a total of 11 EMS calls not related to a vehicle accident with injury; 6 motor vehicle accidents, 2 with injuries; 2 assist EMS crew calls; 9 fire related responses which includes authorized and unauthorized burnings, fires in a landfill, in landscape materials, a building and wildfires. One call to a flammable liquid spill; 2 electrical related; downed power line an arcing, shorted electrical equipment. Five calls that were either cancelled enroute or no incidents found.

Do What You Can,  
With What You Have, Where You Are.

Theodore Roosevelt

## CHILI FEED/HARVEST PARTY

The Annual FRA Chili Feed and Foothills Community Church Harvest Party held on October 31st provided a fun evening of food, games, candy, and socializing! Approximately 160 people enjoyed one or more servings of chili provided by the FRA Board. Special thanks to Cheryl for again for coordinating the chili fixings and to Ashley and Amanda for their decorating committee's work. Hay rides were provided by Marc and Amanda. Donations for Scholarships totaled \$275! Thank you to all who contributed to this fund. In 2009, four area college bound students were awarded a total of \$3,000!



## COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

*by Sherri Potter*

The Community Center has been used quite a lot of late: three wedding receptions, rehearsal dinner, chili feed, baby shower and other uses have kept the center active. Thanks to all who have thought to use the center this year, it continues to be a nice meeting place to share with our families and friends. A number of people have inquired about what the usage fee covers. In addition to heating and electrical cost, the fee helps to cover costs of the ever continuing improvements to the building. The front, east entrance has been finished and drapes were installed in front of the shelves to enhance that as an entrance. Please remember that when you use the center it needs to be left like you found it, there is not a custodian who takes care of the building. There has been a few times where board members have spent time after an event cleaning the center. To place a reservation call or email Sherrie Potter at 924-8532 / cell 990-2818 / itsherragain@aol.com.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Habitat for Humanity Spokane needs more members for the Family Selection Committee. This committee reviews potential Habitat homeowner applications, conducts family interviews with those that have met HFH's requirements, and presents information to the Family Selection Committee. Individuals interested in joining this great committee can contact Bonnie at [Bonnie@habitat-Spokane.org](mailto:Bonnie@habitat-Spokane.org) or 534-2552; Keith at [town7030@comcast.net](mailto:town7030@comcast.net) or 328-6452; or Faye at [rfkrenkel@ptera.net](mailto:rfkrenkel@ptera.net) or 928-6610. To learn more about Habitat for Spokane, visit their website at <http://www.habitat-spokane.org>.



### SANTA'S CAROUSEL

**December 4th, 6-8pm • Riverfront Park Carousel**

For children of military personnel – free carousel rides and treats, visit with Santa. Call Stacy at 532-2775.

### CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

**December 13th, 6:30pm • Foothills Community Church**

Presented by Foothills Community Church Sunday School

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

**December 20th, 6:30pm • Foothills Community Church**

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

**December 24th, 7pm • Foothills Community Church**

Please join us in celebrating the birth of our Saviour.

## MEMBERS ONLY CLASSIFIED ADS

FRA MEMBERS - FREE

Email your ad information to [kim@bcicreative.com](mailto:kim@bcicreative.com)

*NOTE: Ad space is limited and ads will be rotated.*

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.*

## YOUTH ADS

**Prepared to Work!** Pastor Brian has a big list of eager, fit, and responsible, young people seeking part time, occasional, or regularly scheduled work. He is usually able to find workers upon short notice. Call Pastor Brian at his office, 926-4971 or at home, 921-7885

**Babysitter:** Dependable and reliable. Own transportation. Call: Alicia 921-2729

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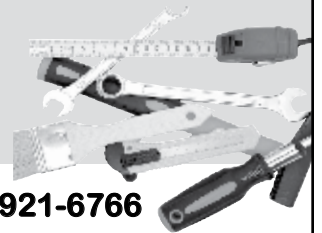
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## UPCOMING FRA EVENTS

Subject to change. For current info go to:  
[www.ruralspokane.com](http://www.ruralspokane.com)

### 2009 EVENTS:

- Dec 4** • Family Christmas Party  
**Dec 19** • Fire Engine Santa

### 2010 EVENTS:

- Jan 21** • **General Membership Meeting**  
**6:30pm**

## FRA MEMBER BUSINESS LISTINGS

*Below is a listing of FRA Members' Businesses & 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*
- Impact Business Products ..... 928-8782  
*Office Supplies & Cash Register Supplies*
- Ethan the Handyman, LLC ..... 921-6766  
*Licensed, bonded and insured*
- Knecht, Allison.....921-2729 or 475-7126  
*Licensed massage therapist*
- Melaleuca Products..... 926-1157  
*Sheri Boorman - The Wellness Company*
- Potter, Ashley .....994-8538 or 927-8532  
*Piano lessons for ages 6 to adult*
- 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

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

2010 Board Meeting Date: January 11

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](mailto: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.

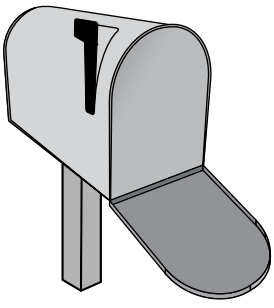
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Contact: David Fisher, Webmaster: [davidf@ruralspokane.com](mailto:davidf@ruralspokane.com)

#### 2009 Board Officers

President	Rich Krenkel	928-6610	<a href="mailto:rfkrenkel@ptera.net">rfkrenkel@ptera.net</a>
Vice-President	Holly Weiler	921-8928	<a href="mailto:hmweiler@yahoo.com">hmweiler@yahoo.com</a>
Secretary	Allison Knecht	921-2729	<a href="mailto:alknecht@wwdb.org">alknecht@wwdb.org</a>
Treasurer	Don Tucker	924-9105	<a href="mailto:dat@wwdb.com">dat@wwdb.com</a>

#### Board Members:

Kelly Pefley (09)	921-9181	<a href="mailto:kpefley@qwest.net">kpefley@qwest.net</a>
Amanda Tainio (09)	891-0118	<a href="mailto:amandajgt@yahoo.com">amandajgt@yahoo.com</a>
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Ashley Potter (11)	927-8532	<a href="mailto:itsherragain@aol.com">itsherragain@aol.com</a>



# Membership

**It's easy to become a member of the Foothills Rural Association.** NOW is the time to play an active roll in the foothills community. Annual dues of **only \$20** will help support programs, events and information for our community.

**It is time to renew your membership for 2010.** 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  
16115 E. Temple Road  
Spokane, WA 99217

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visit us online at: [www.ruralspokane.com](http://www.ruralspokane.com)



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