

FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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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 Jess Kronquist Scholarship Committee interviewed the applicants at the Community Center, Friday evening, May 16, 2008.

Committee members were Holly Weiler, Amanda Tainio, Mike Britton, Carol Stoll, Bonnie Carol and Faye Krenkel.

Choosing from the many deserving applicants this year was very difficult, but these individuals 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.

2008 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Korina Kerbs

Korina is a repeat recipient and currently resides in Kent, Washington. She is attending Green River Community College continuing

her studies in Court Reporting. Korina was awarded \$750.



Will Bernbaum

Will is the son of Larry and Linda Bernbaum. He will be enrolling in the Honors Program at the University of Washington this fall to study

computer science and engineering. Will was awarded \$500.



Lee Kaelin

Lee is the son of Kevin and Cindy Kaelin. Lee has worked very hard and received his AA Degree from SCC along with his East Valley HS

Diploma. He will study Accounting at WSU next fall. Lee was awarded \$500 and is a Blue Ribbon Circle designee.



John Roland

John is the son of Mitchell and Dana Roland. He currently has a Valedictorian at East Valley HS. He will be attending Embry-Riddle

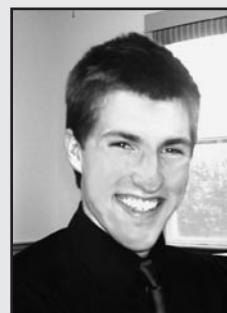
Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ where he will major in Aerospace Engineering. John was awarded \$500.



Casie Walden

Casie is the daughter of Tammy Walden and the Great-grand-daughter of Howard Capell. She will complete her basic courses

at SCC and then transfer to Eastern Washington University, where she will continue her studies in student counseling. Casie was awarded \$500.



Anthony Pace

Anthony is the son of Paul and Susan Pace. He currently is a student at SCC. He will be working towards Psychology

and Philosophy degrees at EWU and later graduate degrees in pursuit of a possible international political career. Anthony was awarded \$250.

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FALL EVENTS

Meet Your Neighbors...

FOUNDERS DAY BBQ POTLUCK

Saturday, September 20th • 6pm – 7:30pm

Foothills Community Center

The FRA will provide Longhorn BBQ Beef, Chicken, Ham, Baked Beans & Coleslaw. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. A presentation or speaker is planned; watch the reader board on Lincoln and Forker for information. There is no charge for this meal. Serving will be from 6pm - 7:30pm.

CHILI FEED

Friday, October 31st • 5pm - 7pm

Foothills Community Center

Co-sponsored by FRA and Foothills Community Church

At this annual event, the FRA Board will provide a variety of homemade chili accompanied by corn bread and garlic bread. Serving time will be 5pm – 7pm at the Community Center.

HARVEST FUN NIGHT

Friday, October 31st • 6pm - 8pm

Foothills Community Church - Christian Education Building

After enjoying the meal, take part in the activities of Harvest Fun Night, hosted by the Foothills Community Church. The evening festivities will include children's games, old-time music, and a pie social with coffee and soft drinks. The popular quilt show will feature quilts made by members of the community. Call Anita at 928-5149 for quilt display information. This is a great night to meet and mingle with friends and new Foothills residents. Harvest Fun Night will be held in the Christian Education Building from 6pm – 8pm.



Spring Clean-up

April is FRA's traditional time for a spring cleaning of the grounds and community building. This year, due to the unseasonably cold and snowy day, efforts were concentrated on the Community Center. The storage room and kitchen areas were cleaned and organized;

insulation removed and replaced; windows, lights and walls all were scrubbed shiny; old, out dated items were donated to a fund raiser. Both bathrooms were updated with new paint, wallpaper borders and pictures for that homey touch. Lunch was potluck and a very welcomed kettle of hot soup! On your next visit, please take a minute and check out all the improvements in our Community Center.



YOUTH COMMITTEE

Earn Community Service Credit as you work with your local community and wonderful neighbors!

The FRA board is seeking individuals to be part of the youth committee. The requirements are simple: attend and participate in monthly board meetings, volunteer at one FRA function during the year. Plus attend and assist in the planning and coordinating of the Foothills Family Christmas Party on December 5th.

Contact FRA President Rich Krenkel at 928-6610 or by email at rfkrenkel@ptera.net

FOOTHILLS CANDIDATE FORUM

Thursday, October 9th • 7-9pm • Foothills Community Center

Meet our state and local candidates and judges

Sponsored by Foothills Rural Association

For More Info Contact: Chuck Hunter at 927-0218

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

By Kelly Pefley

The late July Community Yard sale was a success for some, and a day of getting to know the neighbors for others. A few participants had the awesome idea of positioning people in the front of the Community Center, in the shade, so the presence of people would draw in customers (being in the shade would have been a great relief from the heat that day!). A few people continued to sell their wares on Sunday hoping for more business and opportunities to get rid of unwanted or unnecessary items. The old community piano was sold for \$100 to a family whose mother had played when she was a little girl, so it had some sentimental value to them. They will repair it and have their kids begin piano lessons when it is ready to be used. All in all, the community yard sale was successful and could become an annual event.

COMMUNITY CENTER PIANO

By Ashley Potter

Sandra (McLaughlin) Perry purchased the Community Center piano and was very generous with her donation to the Community Center. Sandra attended the Foothills School (now the Community Center Building) from 1951 to 1957, through her 6th grade year. The students were then sent to Millwood for 7th and 8th grades; 9th grade at West Valley; 10th grade at Otis Orchards and finally 11th and 12th grades at East Valley High School. There were many transitions for the students from Foothills at that time! Sandra has fond memories of the piano which was the basic part of the music at Foothills School. All of Sandra's seven siblings attended Foothills School except the last two, as at that time, students were bused into valley schools. I am very pleased the piano found a home where it will be loved and passed down to future Foothill generations.

COMMUNITY CENTER



During the first seven months of 2008, the Community Center has been rented out 17 times. The events include graduation and birthday celebrations; family parties, a couple neighborhood meetings, wedding showers and receptions, a piano recital, retreats, different group meetings and as a Vacation Bible School classroom.

To reserve a date for an event, call Sherrie at 927-8532 or itsherragain@aol.com

BLOOD BANK UPDATE

February 2, 2008 to June 30, 2008

Beginning Balance: 12 units

Account Activity: 8 units donated
1 unit expired
0 units used

Ending Balance: 19 units



Anyone residing in the Foothills area is eligible to receive blood from this account. To use or donate blood, contact INBC 624-0151. When requesting or donating blood, give the health professional the FRA number, C367 or name – Foothills Association. You may contact Dr. Charlie Wolf at 924-1412 with any questions concerning the Foothills account.

When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more blessed than you imagined!

UNSURE OF WHICH CANDIDATE TO VOTE FOR????

Coming in October will be an evening at the Community Center with many candidates that will be on our local ballots in November (all local candidates will be invited). You will be able to hear what they have to say and there should be time for a question and answer period. The Candidate Forum is scheduled for October 9th at 7pm. Coffee and snacks are planned, hope to see you there! The Rural Association has had a busy year. Foothills Family Fun Festival, the most recent event, was a great success. About 300+ people enjoyed themselves in perfect weather with fine food, live music and many games for the children and even adults. If you couldn't make to this year's event be sure to plan to attend it next year. The annual Fun Run/Walk with a pancake breakfast is still a fun time for those who attend. I would like to see more of the Foothills residents join in this great event. People from outside the Foothills area almost always say this is one of their favorite running events due to the beauty of the course. Come join us next year and see for yourself what a great area we live in and how much fun it is talking with old neighbors and meeting new ones.

By Rich Krenkel, President Foothills Rural Association

NEW PIANO

The FRA board discussed and approved the purchase of a new piano for the Community Center building. The piano is a Story and Clark, purchased from Dan the Piano Man. The model is a 2008 upright, with great tone quality and touch. It is a piano that will stay in good condition for many years. Accessories include a piano cover and a locking keyboard. With approval, the piano may be used when renting the Community Center.



PIANO RECITAL

The new piano met with much approval at the Student Spring Recital when Ashley Potter's students gave a professional recital.

Eight students performed whose ages range from six to eleven years. The piano pieces ranged from simple beginning compositions to more complex ones. One of the fun pieces was a sister's duet. The recital was well attended by family and many friends. Ashley has student openings, and offers flexible hours. For information call her at 994-8538.

QUILTS OF VALOR FOUNDATION

What is a Quilt of Valor? It is a wartime quilt made to honor our war wounded. It is a tangible way to say: "Thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor for our country." A Quilt of Valor is a beautifully made, pieced and quilted wartime quilt.



The mission of the QOV Foundation is to cover ALL war wounded and injured service members and veterans from the War on Terror whether physical or psychological wounds with Wartime quilts called Quilts of Valor (QOVs).

Everyone can participate in this program. There are four methods of involvement:



1) make a quilt top, no smaller than 50"X60", larger sizes up to a slightly smaller than twin size is welcome. It is very helpful to include backing and binding with quilt top. 2) Machine or hand quilt a QOV. Usually the quilter provides batting and thread.

3) Sew on binding 4) make pillowcase totes in which QOV are easily transported by the recipient. 5) Donate money or materials. For national info: <http://qovf.org>. For local info email Faye at rfkrenkel@ptera.net or 928-6610.

LOCAL LETTER CARRIER RETIRES

Curt Browning retired from the Foothills route on August 1, 2008. He began his career with the post office in 1978 when he left military service. He began as a sub driver for Glenn Cook, the previous RR2 letter carrier, a position that lasted for three years. Curt then worked full time for two years at the Rosewood station until Glenn retired in 1982 when Curt was awarded the route. Totally, both subbing and full time, Curt worked 28 years on our route! Not one to let grass grow under his feet, on August 4th he began school bus training, has completed the course and received a CDL. He begins driving on September 1st. Curt stated this will be a great next phase of his life as his wife works as an elementary school cafeteria manager and is not ready to retire. This new job will allow him time to be with children, time to work on his projects/interests and time to travel with his wife. Life is good for Curt Browning!

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PIPER ROAD PAVING

Piper Road residents have taken advantage of Spokane County's scheduled road improvements with additional improvements of their own undertaking. The county increased the road width, improved ditching, culverts and driveway approaches followed by gravelling and compacting. The residents signed a contract with Spokane Rock Products to pave the road to a width of either 20 or 22 feet with a two inch depth, and one foot wide gravel shoulders. The paving project will begin soon after harvest. Cost of the road paving is financed by residents. Individual fees per resident are based on the number of accesses the land owner has (one access per one parcel of 10 acres or less). In July, the cost per access was stated as approximately \$2,500 per access. Final cost is determined by the contractor's actual expenses and the number of residents footing the bill. Each property owner has the option of refusing the improvement expenses. The participating people would then absorb the additional cost of the refusing ones. Everyone with Piper Road access was contacted either by phone or in person about the project prior to the contract signing.

FOOTHILLS FABROHOLICS

A QUILTING GROUP

Monthly Meetings ~ Quilting Instructions ~ Lots of Help

All abilities are welcome! You can work on own project or piece same projects as others. No dues, no commitments just a fun time spent with caring and sharing quilters. For more information contact Anita at 928-5149 or Pat at 924-1412.



Cheryl Britton



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WHAT IS A R.I.D?

By Faye Krenkel

While the Piper Road project was not a RID project, I thought there might be people like me who do not know what RID stands for. So I went to the Spokane County website and found the following information:

Forming a Road Improvement District (RID) allows property owners a way to upgrade their road while improving their neighborhood and increasing their property values. With limited funds to improve the road system, the county must focus its available resources on arterial roads that are the most heavily used. That leaves very little for making improvements to local neighborhood roads. However, under state law (RCW 36.88) a RID is a special benefit assessment district which allows property owners to cooperate with one another and with the county to finance road improvements in their neighborhood. RIDs are used for improvements which result in a benefit to the properties in the district.

RIDs can:

- Re-build or upgrade existing public roads.
- Finance new paving, curbs, gutters, storm drainage or sidewalks.
- Improve existing private roads, which must then be included in the county's public road system.

RIDs cannot:

- Be used to maintain (grade, gravel, oil or plow) existing roadways.
- Improve private roads that remain private.

To form a RID you need to:

- Gather neighborhood support for a road improvement.
- Submit the request and a letter of support from many of your neighbors.

The County will:

- Prepare a preliminary improvement concept, cost estimates and assessment methods.
- Hold an informational neighborhood meeting to discuss ideas with the owners.
- Schedule the public hearing and election to form the district.
- Coordinate all aspects of construction.
- Develop the final assessment roll, based upon actual project costs.

Any local resident, owner, or community group can start the RID process by requesting that a RID be formed in their area. An informal letter of support, signed by a majority of the owners, is required to start the process. Requests are considered on a "first come, first served" basis.

For more information on the process go to:

<http://www.spokanecounty.org/engineer/content.aspx?c=1473>

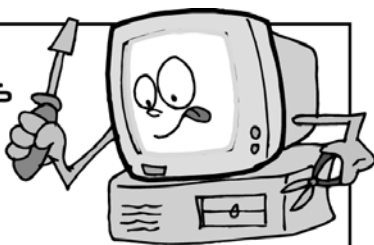
ADVERTISING

One of the great perks of being a member of the Foothills Rural Community is that FREE newsletter ad space is provided to FRA members. The primary goal of the newsletter is to provide information to our community about news and events in the Foothills area. Due to space limitations not all ads can appear in every issue therefore ads are rotated throughout the year so that advertising members will have their ad featured at least once a year, more often as ad space dictates. Every issue will list all business members under the FRA Member Business Listings.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership participation at this point is less than previous years. Currently there are 127 members, down from 2007's number of 147. Thank you to all of you who have chosen to support your community association through paid membership in 2008! Check the address label to determine your current status, there should be "member 2008" on it. If that is missing, please take a moment now to either renew your membership or to join FRA. The membership form is on the back page, or just drop a note with a check to the address found there. **Thank you!**

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

NON-MEMBERS

May advertise for a fee - Call 465-9775 for details.

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

FRA MEMBER BUSINESS LISTINGS

Below is a listing of FRA Members' Businesses & Services

A Protection Home Inspection.....270-0812
Home inspection services

Alpine Frames.....922-4825
Custom framing & photography

Anderson Collision.....924-2748
Auto frame repair & painting

Animal Care Service.....465-0602
Pet & livestock sitting boarding and pet photography

BCi Creative.....465-9775
Graphic & web design

Britton Grader Work.....879-2789
Private roads & driveways

Britton Tole & Decorative Painting.....922-1494

Scott J. Crews DDS Family Dentistry.....924-1580

Gary Jarvis Photography.....924-2609

Ashley Potter Piano Lessons.....994-8538 or 927-8532

R&R Heating & Air Conditioning.....484-1405

Wensleydale Computer Service.....892-7594

West Towing.....Northside: 467-2800 or Valley: 924-0194

Yokes Fresh Markets

HAIRY WOODPECKER?



Why they call this woodpecker Hairy, I'm not sure, but I was able to capture a photo of him as he was working on a dead suet stuffed snag that we have on our deck. Hairy isn't the only one that likes this feed trough. We get Downy and Flicker Woodpeckers, Red-breasted, White-Breasted and Pygmy Nuthatches as well as miscellaneous other birds that eat the suet. You can put up a snag like this by finding a piece of driftwood and drilling starter holes or just use a 4x4 post with holes and stuff them with suet.

~ By Ron Dexter

Photo courtesy of Ron Dexter. Ronpatdexter@msn.com

UPCOMING FRA EVENTS

Subject to change. For current info go to:
www.ruralspokane.com

2008 EVENTS:

- Sept 20 • Founders Day**
Oct 9 • Candidate Forum
Oct 31 • Foothills Church Harvest Party/Chili Feed
Dec 5 • Family Christmas Party

FRA BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD MEETINGS 2008

Board meetings convene at 7:00pm and are generally adjourned well before 9:00pm. All Foothills residents are invited to attend. If a member is unable to attend a board meeting but would like to offer suggestions or concerns about our area, please call one of the officers with information in advance of the meeting.

2008 Meeting Dates: April 14th, May 12th, June 9th, Sept. 8th, Oct. 13th, Nov. 10th and Dec. 8th.

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, please call: 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

2008 Board Officers

President	Rich Krenkel	928-6610	rfkrenkel@ptera.net
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ALREADY A MEMBER FOR 2008? Check the mail label below, If it says Member 2008 after your name, ***Thank You*** -- your Foothills Association Membership is up to date.

If you have not been a member in the past or have let your membership lapse, we invite you to support your community so that we can continue to offer programs for the Foothills area. 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.

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