

# FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 26 ■ ISSUE 1

JANUARY 2008

## Annual Membership Meeting

*Wednesday, January 16th at 7pm*

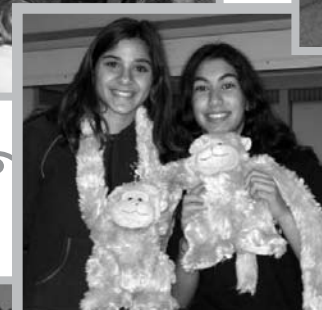
All Foothills residence are invited to attend! The FRA board needs a membership vote on a proposal to increase the Community Center rental fees. The board will review the past year activities and make tentative plans for 2008. Community input is desired and welcomed. Additionally, this is the evening new FRA Board Officers are elected along with two board member positions that need to be filled due to people retiring from their three year term. Dessert, coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served.

## ~ SPECIAL EDITION ~

*Reminder: Annual Membership Meeting January 16th at 7pm*

## ~ FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY ~

A fun time was had by all! More than 60 adults and children enjoyed the event. Santa stopped by to talk with all the children. He handed each child a gift after carefully listening to their requests. Following Santa's departure, a fully decorated tree and wreath were raffled off with proceeds benefiting the scholarship fund. Appetizers were provided by the FRA while board members supplied the wonderful desserts. Thank you to the Youth Committee for organizing the party, donating and decorating the beautiful Christmas tree, and to their parents who provided backup. Thank you to Kelly Pelfey and her family for the festive room decorations.



**The Foothills Newsletter** is published 2-4 times a year by the Foothills Rural Association

Editor ■ Faye Krenkel  
rfkrenkel@ptera.net ■ 928-6610.

Design by ■ BCi Creative  
kim@bicreative.com ■ 465-9775

It is mailed to all known resident addresses in the Foothills area. Send address changes to:

FRA Membership Records  
11615 E. Temple Road  
Spokane, WA 99217

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

# The Skinny on ZIP 99217

## On the Prowl for Owls

By Ron Dexter

On Sunday the 16th, I decided to run up on Mt. Spokane to see if any migrating birds were to be seen. No luck there. The trees were covered with snow and frost. I seldom find birds in those conditions. However, while driving slowly between the snowmobile parking area and the No.1 ski lift, I spotted a small round shape on a frosty branch in a barren deciduous tree. The branch was overhanging the road and as I hoped and guessed, the round object was a Northern Pygmy Owl. It was jerking its head back and forth in an obvious hunting mode. With all the new snow, it was undoubtedly having trouble finding something to eat. It only stayed there long enough for me to snap a few photos from about 40 feet below.



These are 4 of the 7 or 8 baby Barn Owls that were born in one of our barn owl nest boxes on Alan Knott's farm on the west plains. Eight is the average number of eggs that are normally laid. The number that survives to fledge depends on the amount of food the adults can provide. Field mice or voles are the preferred food for Barn Owls but in drier areas, they may depend on desert rats. Babies normally fledge when they are 3 months old. Those that leave too early may not make it. Once a Barn Owl leaves the nest, they usually are on their own and if they can fly, they may go many miles away to settle their own homestead.

Photos by Ron Dexter  
ronpdxter@msn.com

### General Information:

Latitude: 47.707542 Longitude: -117.337764

Population: 11,267

Density (people per square land mile): 254.83

Housing units: 4,382 Land Area: 44.21 square miles

### Social Indicators:

Educational Achievement: (Among people 25 years or older)

Less than 9th grade: 4.2%

9th -12th grade (non-graduate): 10.6%

High school Graduate: 29.9%

Some College: 26.6%

Associate Degree: 10.7%

Bachelors Degree: 12.1%

Graduate/Professional: 6%

**Marital Status:** (Among people 15 years or older)

Never married: 26.5%

Married: 56.1%

Separated: 1.6%

Widowed: 4.2%

Divorced: 11.5%

### Stability/Newcomer Appeal:

Same home 5+ years 53.9%

### Economic Indicators: Household Income

<10,000	7.4%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	5.8%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	15.5%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	17.2%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	22.6%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	6.8%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	4.9%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	1.3%
\$200,000+	1.8%

**Median Household Income:** \$38,902

Unemployment/Poverty - Unemployed 5.1%

Below Poverty Line 12%

*Social and economic indicators based on 2000 Census sample data.  
Information found on [www://zipskinny.com](http://www://zipskinny.com).*

### What is the most common New Year's Resolution made by Americans?

- a. Resolve to find a better job
- b. Resolve to stop smoking
- c. Resolve to save more money
- d. Resolve to lose weight

(Answer: d)

## 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.

**The Foothills Rural Association** 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**, located on Forker Road, 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)

#### 2007 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:

Cheryl Britton	(07)	922-1494	<a href="mailto:mbritton@icehouse.net">mbritton@icehouse.net</a>
Angela Priest	(07)	922-0124	<a href="mailto:woomeragirl@yahoo.com">woomeragirl@yahoo.com</a>
Mike Britton	(08)	922-1494	<a href="mailto:mbritton@icehouse.net">mbritton@icehouse.net</a>
Ashley Potter	(08)	927-8532	<a href="mailto:itsherragain@aol.com">itsherragain@aol.com</a>
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>



## Membership Renewal Reminder

Please check your address label on this newsletter, if there is a 2008 after your name, your 2008 dues have been paid. If there is no date after your name and you wish to be a FRA member, please send the membership application along with \$20 to the address located on the application. Membership application is located on the last page of this newsletter. Please make any corrections to your address label and our database will be updated.

### MEMBERS ONLY CLASSIFIED ADS

FRA MEMBERS - FREE

Mail or email your ad information to  
[kim@bcicreative.com](mailto:kim@bcicreative.com).

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

### WANTED

Nice quality, used piano as a donation for the Community Center Building. Donated piano subject to FRA Board approval. Please call Ashley at 994-8538.

### PIANO LESSONS

Foothills Area Piano Instructor. Private piano lessons for people ages six through adult. Instructor has taught privately for six years, teaches at SFCC and has played the piano for twelve years. Now taking new students, your home, reasonable prices. For more information contact Ashley at 994-8538.



# 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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

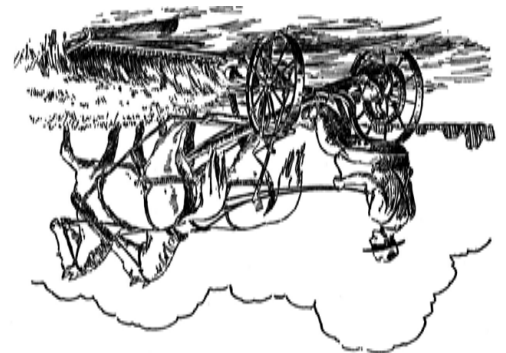
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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.***

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



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Foothills Rural Association  
16115 E. Temple Road  
Spokane, WA 99217-9433

PRSR STD  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
SPOKANE, WA  
PERMIT #309