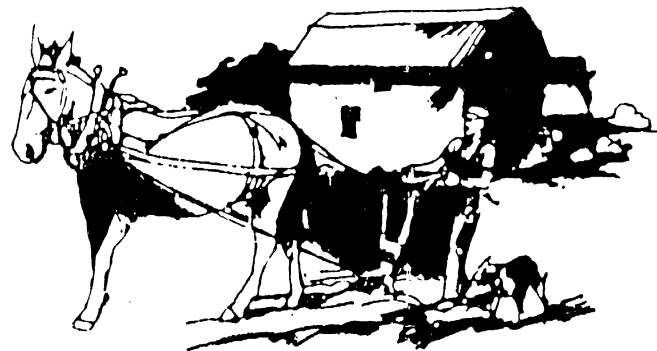




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SANTA CLAUS TO MAKE FOOTHILLS VISIT

Saturday, December 20 is the date that Santa Claus will be making his annual visit to the Foothills with the help of Fire District #9 and our volunteer firefighters from Station 6. Santa will be traveling aboard a vintage, decorated fire truck. Here's his schedule of stops to pass out candy to the kids:

- 6:15 - Corner of Scribner and Forker
- 6:30 - Corner of Foothills and Forker
- 6:45 - Corner of Temple and Forker
- 7:00 - Corner of Lincoln and Forker
- 7:15 - Corner of Moffat and Forker
- 7:30 - Arrives at Foothills Fire Station

Plan on joining Santa and your neighbors at the Fire Station for cookies and hot chocolate!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Once again, a new record of membership support for the Foothills Rural Association was reached in 1997 with **127 paid members!** You are identified as a paid member if your mailing label on this newsletter reads "MEMBER 1997" on the second line.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a courtesy reply envelope to use in mailing your membership dues for 1998. *Your dues serve as tangible evidence of your caring and interest in preserving the rural lifestyle of the Foothills area.* The \$20. annual dues have not increased since they were first approved in 1983. How's that for holding the line on inflation!!

Your dues allow the Association to publish and distribute this newsletter, maintain the Foothills Community Center and grounds, to sponsor community events such as the Yard Sale, Fun walk, Founder's Day Potluck, and other activities. Let's set another new membership record for 1998. Send in your renewal today!

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

*from the Officers and Board of
the Foothills Rural Association*

*** * ANNUAL MEETING * *** *and* **POTLUCK TOO!!**



WHEN: Wednesday, January 21, 1998
TIME: 6:30 PM
PLACE: Foothills Community Center

Mark your new 1998 calendars! Join your neighbors for a potluck dinner followed by the **15th Annual Meeting** of the Foothills Rural Association. There'll be lots of time to visit while enjoying our meal together. Then, we'll move on to hearing some short reports of the past year's activities and events as well as electing new officers and board members for the coming year.

This is an opportunity to show your personal support for the Foothills Rural Association, ask questions, make suggestions, and maybe accept nomination to serve as an officer or board member in 1998. If you would be interested in becoming more involved in your Association, contact one of the current officers or board members today. They are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you!



RIPPLES OF SOIL

by Mary Stamp

*Ripples of soil
woven by plows
nestle young seedlings
greening in defiance
as autumn leaves
color in bloom
drop in death
as daylight diminishes
as cold crusts clods*

*Ripples of Soil
flow across fields
harbingers of hope
securing the soil
with seeds to hold
against winters wet
against wind's whips
with tiny trenches
with fertile mounds*

*Ripples of Soil
wind over hillsides
spreading out hope
visioning ahead
to another harvest
in another year
to trust the seasons
to provide sustenance.*

(reprinted from *The Fig Tree*)



FOOTHILLS FIRE STATION #6 ALARM LOG

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>
09/03 0158	12424 E Bigelow Gulch	Medical
09/06 1916	17418 E Foothills	Fire Alarm
09/16 0909	13407 E Piper	Medical
09/20 1243	Foothills/Norman	Auto Accid.
09/27 2339	15026 E Brevier	Medical
10/09 1800	E Temple	Slash Pile
10/13 2011	13500 N Forker	Auto Accid.
10/17 0308	16515 E Jacobs	Fire Alarm
10/21 1445	14207 E Moffat	Fire
11/04 2044	12401 N Peck	Medical
11/11 1831	15026 E Brevier	Medical
11/18 1740	15904 N Scribner	Fire
11/22 0004	16211 E MacMahan	Auto Accid.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Steve Allenberg

Another year is coming to a close. I didn't know much about the Foothills Rural Association (FRA), until two years ago when a couple of board members convinced me to accept nomination as vice-president. It must not have been too bad, because I took on the job as president for the year of 1997. *It has been a great experience being a part of this active group of people.*

Undoubtedly our most major undertaking during the past year was the remodeling of the rental cottage located on the southwest corner of the Community Center grounds. It was quite a task, but working with many different people made it interesting. (Note: Apart from a new roof installed in 1991, this aging structure has received only minimal maintenance work over the past 15 years.) As work began, it became apparent that much more was needed than was originally planned for! Work eventually included replacement of most of the windows, new ceiling and wall insulation, new flooring, and extensive remodeling of the bathroom and kitchen including wiring and plumbing! We are now confident that the cottage is a safe and comfortable rental for its tenants. It is anticipated that the increased rental income over the coming years will provide a good return on our investment.

There were several great events during the year, including the Fun Walk/Pancake Breakfast, which really was fun and good exercise too (even for those that took the short cut). I have to say though, my favorite event was the Founder's Day BBQ with the excellent food and entertainment held in September.

I believe the FRA accomplishes a great deal toward bringing the people of the Foothills are closer as a community. I encourage everyone to attend the many events throughout the coming year, especially the **Annual Meeting & Potluck** on Wednesday, January 21, 1998. Who knows? Maybe you'll want to get involved and end up having as good a time as I have for the last two years. I owe a sincere thank you to Mike Britton, and also to Jim Wallrabenstein, for getting me involved.

Everyone's support has been greatly appreciated!



FROM THE TREASURER

Don Tucker

Below is a summary of our financial status as of the end of November. Monthly reports are provided to the board, and expense items in excess of budgeted amounts are approved separately. This was especially true with the additional expenses incurred in the extensive remodeling of the cottage. It should also be noted that the Association joined the Blue Ribbon Circle in awarding a third college scholarship in 1997 with each group contributing 50% of the additional scholarship.

	YTD 1997	BUDGET 1997
INCOME:		
Member dues	2,380.00	2,500.00
Rent-Comm Ctr	630.00	500.00
Rent- Cottage	2,300.00	
Fun Walk/Breakfast	717.25	600.00
Interest/Dividends	836.13	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	
TOTAL INCOME	6,913.38	4,600.00
EXPENSES:		
Bank charges	24.00	50.00
Legal & Filing Fees	10.00	70.00
Insurance	717.00	800.00
Postage & Printing	704.39	900.00
Supplies	10.38	150.00
Electric-Center	875.76	1,500.00
Maintenance-Center	0.00	300.00
Grounds-Center	0.00	300.00
Electric-Cottage	321.91	300.00
Maintenance-Cottage	5,328.48	2,000.00
Founders' Day	347.38	500.00
Fun Walk/Breakfast	500.75	600.00
Yard Sale	22.50	50.00
Scholarships	750.00	500.00
Gifts	438.06	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,050.61	8,120.00
NET CASH FLOW	(\$3,137.23)	(\$3,520.00)
BALANCES:		
Horizon Share Draft	243.46	
Horizon Cash Key	5,531.96	
Kronquist CD	10,898.93	
TOTAL CASH	\$16,674.35	

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 protect the area from environmental depredation; to provide a forum by which the property owners and/or current residents may 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./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.

The **Newsletter** is published 4-6 times a year by the Foothills Rural Association. It is mailed to all known resident addresses in the Foothills. Address additions/corrections should be sent to: **Jim Wallrabenstein, Editor**
16630 E. Foothills Road
Spokane, WA 99217-9433
Phone: 924-4406 FAX: 924-3665
E-Mail: jmw@on-ramp.ior.com

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: **Chelle Spaulding, Crime Log Recorder**
Ph. 924-6590

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: **Flavia Kuebler, Rental Coordinator**
Ph. 926-2919

1997 Board Directory

President	Steve Allenberg	926-4111
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Secretary	Wende Barker	924-3127
Treasurer	Don Tucker	924-9105
Board	Steve Hansen ('99)	926-6357
	Rich Krenkel ('99)	928-6610
	Dale Preedy ('98)	466-6172
	Pat Wolfe ('98)	924-1412
	Glen Anderson ('97)	926-0214
	Joyce Roskelley ('97)	928-2587

BIRDS OF THE FOOTHILLS

by Ron Dexter

GO SEE -- THE BALD EAGLES CATCH FISH

Our national bird since 1789, Bald Eagles visit the Foothills every winter from November through March. They come down from up north to feed on Carrion in our area. The Bald Eagle was nearing extinction in the United States. This was mainly due to poisoning as a result of eating fish and animals that had been exposed to DDT. The DDT affected birds' egg shells, causing them to break prematurely.

Bald Eagle nests can be huge. They add to them each season. A famous Bald Eagle nest at Vermilion, Ohio measured eight and a half feet in diameter, twelve feet in depth, and weighed about two tons.

Eagles cover a large area each day, as necessary, to find enough to eat. By soaring a mile high, they can see a long way to spot scavengers like ravens, vultures, coyotes etc., that are gathering to eat on deer carcasses or other food.

Eagles are not a pure scavenger like the vultures because they can capture live rabbits, ducks, fish etc. They can carry up to 10 pounds. They are a truly magnificent bird with a 6' to 8' wingspan. They stand 3' tall. Your table top is only 2 1/2'. Bald Eagles are a large dark bird with a huge white head & neck and a white tail. The immatures are brown with scattered white on the underside of their wings.



If you would like to watch Bald Eagles at their best, I suggest that you visit Wolf Lodge Bay and Beauty Bay on Lake Coeur d'Alene to watch them catching fish. Take I-90 six miles east of Coeur d'Alene to exit 22. Turn right to the viewing areas. I was there on the 2nd of this month and saw approximately 20 Eagles. I watched several of them catch fish and saw

several sparring matches between the Eagles as they tumbled in the air.

You can watch them from the two Mineral Ridge parking areas where restrooms are available, but the best place to see them is the point halfway between the two parking areas. There is room for 4 or 5 cars to pull off the roadway on the sharp curve. From here, you can watch in both directions.

The majority of the Eagles perch in trees across Beauty Bay to the west. You will need binoculars to see them over there. A good spotting scope is much better. They also perch in trees over the road or directly above you on the hillside. You won't need binoculars for these or for the ones that may fly directly over your head.

You need to be patient. Take some lunch and wait for them to spot a dying Kokanee bobbing on the lake surface. The Eagles will dive out of the trees with their wings back, circle the fish once or twice, then swoop down extending their claws forward and folding their wings back for braking as it looks the fish into its claws like a ball player looking a ball into the glove.

Then the fish snaps out of the water behind the Eagle as it thrusts its wings mightily downward to lift itself up and away from the water. It then flies to the limb of a tree to tear off small pieces for its meal. Sometimes, other Eagles chase it as it flies, trying to steal the prize.

Fishing activity is the most active in the mornings, but there is some activity throughout the day. December is the best month since that's when the Kokanee spawn and die. But, January might be OK. Enjoy!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE & DELIVERY DATES FOR 1998

The Foothills Rural Association Newsletter has been published and distributed by the Association since 1983. There has never been a set publication schedule - until now! It is hoped that by establishing deadline and delivery dates, those wanting to contribute or provide items of interest to Foothills residents will be encouraged to provide them to the editor in a timely manner.

Issue # 1	Deadline Date: February 28 Delivery Date: March 20
Issue # 2	Deadline Date: April 30 Delivery Date: May 20
Issue # 3	Deadline Date: August 20 Delivery Date: September 10
Issue #4	Deadline Date: November 20 Delivery Date: December 10

NEED HELP? CALL FOOTHILLS YOUTH!

Are you in need of some eager, able-bodied assistance? These Foothills youth are ready to help and waiting to hear from you!

Paul Bertholic (16), Morrison Road 922-2344
Yard work, snow shoveling, odd jobs.

Diana Bertholic (18) 922-2344
Crystal Bertholic (14)
Julie Bertholic (12)
Babysitting, house cleaning

Heather Bitterman (15), Forker Road 891-5231
Babysitting, feeding animals

Stephanie Boorman (13), Madison Rd. 926-1157
Babysitting - responsible, experienced!

Jason Kann (15), MacMahan Road 926-7686
Babysitting, yard work, odd jobs
Jennifer Kann (16) 926-7686
Babysitting

Alyson Mahan (13), Forker Road 921-0700
Typing, flyers, tutoring math K-7

Kira Starling (14), Foothills Road 924-9012
Babysitting, yard work, elderly care
Dawn Starling (12) 924-9012
Babysitting, yard work, pet care
Danae Starling (11) 924-9012
Yard work, pet care, odd jobs

Joshua Tucker (16), Foothills Road 924-9105
Math tutoring, algebra 1 or 2,
geometry, trigonometry
Stephanie Tucker (14) 924-9105
Math tutoring, algebra 1 or 2
geometry, trigonometry; animal care

Holly Weiler (19), Adams Road 926-9144
Babysitting, **house-sitting**
Joe Weiler (17) 926-9144
Yard work, snow shoveling,
odd jobs

If you are a Foothills youth who would like to be listed in the next newsletter, send this information to:

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FAX: 924-3665
E-Mail: jmw@on-ramp.ior.com

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Address _____

Phone _____ Age _____

Type of work you're interested in doing.

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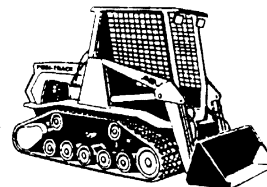
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