

FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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FRA Events Calendar

Community Center Cleanup

March 23 ■ 9:00 am

Egg Hunt

March 30 ■ 12:30 pm

BINGO

April 12 ■ 7:00 pm

Scholarship Deadline

May 7th

Scholarship Interviews

May 16th

BBQ & Root Beer Floats

June 27 ■ 5:30-7pm

Harvest Party Chili Feed

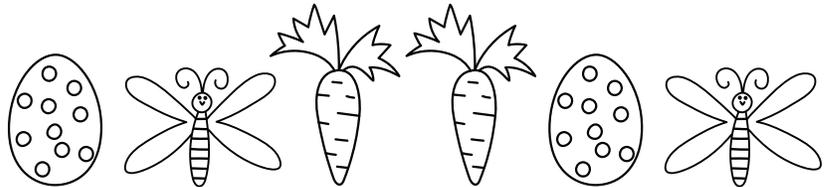
October 31 ■ 5:30 pm

Christmas Party

December 6 ■ 6:30 pm

SPRING EGG HUNT

Seek and ye shall find! It's time for the FRA's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th at 12:30pm. The FRA Community Center grounds will be sprinkled with hundreds of eggs, filled with yummy surprises! In addition, several golden eggs will be hidden, each of which can be redeemed for an Easter gift basket. There will be a staggered start to give the little ones time to find eggs. While many eggs are easy to find, the FRA Youth Committee promises to make some very well hidden, making this egg hunt fun and rewarding. While the eggs aren't always easy to find, smiles will be found everywhere! Please join us with your kids from 0-12 years old.



ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

While we are a rural association with roots in an agricultural community, we also are not afraid of technology! This newsletter is sent out to hundreds of homes in the Foothills, and the rising cost of printing and postage has made this a significant expense for the FRA. We want to stay in touch, and if you really like the feel of the paper edition in your hands then we will deliver. But if you are ok reading on your electronic device, we can send it to you via email, and this and past editions are always available on our website, RuralSpokane.com. Please let me know by email, with "FRA Newsletter" in the subject line, if you would like to switch to email delivery. For up-to-date info on happenings in the area, please also like/follow our FRA page on Facebook!

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ERIC BARR FARMING ACCIDENT A LONG ROAD TO HEALING

By Tracey Steele

Eric Barr, one of our local Rural Foothills farmers, experienced a tragic farming accident while working on his property in November last year. Eric was life flighted to Spokane and later transported to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle where they worked tirelessly to save his life. Eric ultimately lost his right arm and suffered a broken jaw, tissue injuries from surgeries, and muscle wasting. His (now) wife Robin has been by his side throughout this ordeal, but he is not done with medical procedures.

Eric has 1-2 more surgeries to prepare his arm for a prosthetic and needs his jaw re-broken to correct the damage from the accident and multiple intubations. This will require frequent travel to Seattle for specialized care. His current medical costs to date are over \$900,000. Although his personal medical insurance has brought this to \$25,000 out of pocket, he will continue to need surgeries and medical care. His farm insurance was liability only, so he has no other financial support.

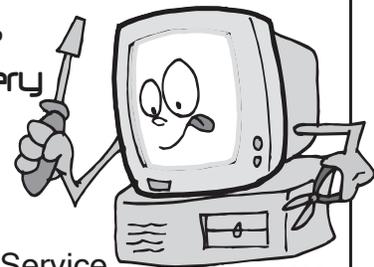
Any support would be greatly appreciated by this amazing guy. Any proceeds will go directly to medical bills and travel expenses. It would be great as a community if we can come together to help financially or physically any way we can to help him and his wife Robin with their ranch. The FRA will be hosting a fundraising spaghetti dinner on April 27th at 5:30 p.m. at the FRA Community Center. Please plan to join us for dinner, a raffle, and sharing of community support for Eric. In addition, donations may be made via GoFundMe at <https://gofund.me/f02a29d2>.

ANNUAL MEETING RE-CAP

The FRA Annual Meeting was held January 10th at the Community Center. There was a good turnout to hear our speaker (and current FRA Treasurer) Mike Britton present a talk and slideshow about his mountaineering adventures in the region. Everyone was impressed by the beautiful views and stories Mike brought back from the wilderness.

Mike's presentation was followed by the FRA Board elections. Each of the officers and two of the at-large board seats were up for vote. The executive board of Rich Krenkel (President), Holly Weiler (VP), Mike Britton (Treasurer), and Karen Feyk (Secretary) as well as JoAnn Davis (Board Member) were re-elected. In addition, Dennis Andrie was added as a new Board Member. Thank you, Dennis, for stepping up and joining the team!

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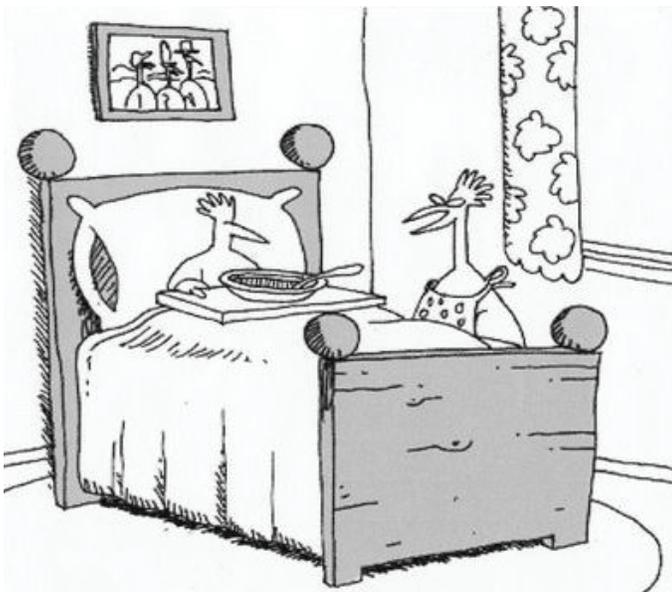


Christmas Party

Santa made his annual pre-Christmas visit to the Foothills in December bringing gifts and joy to the local children. The FRA Youth Committee, led by Maria Friendshuh and supported by FRA volunteers, served hot drinks, snacks, and provided cookies and toppings for the kids to decorate.

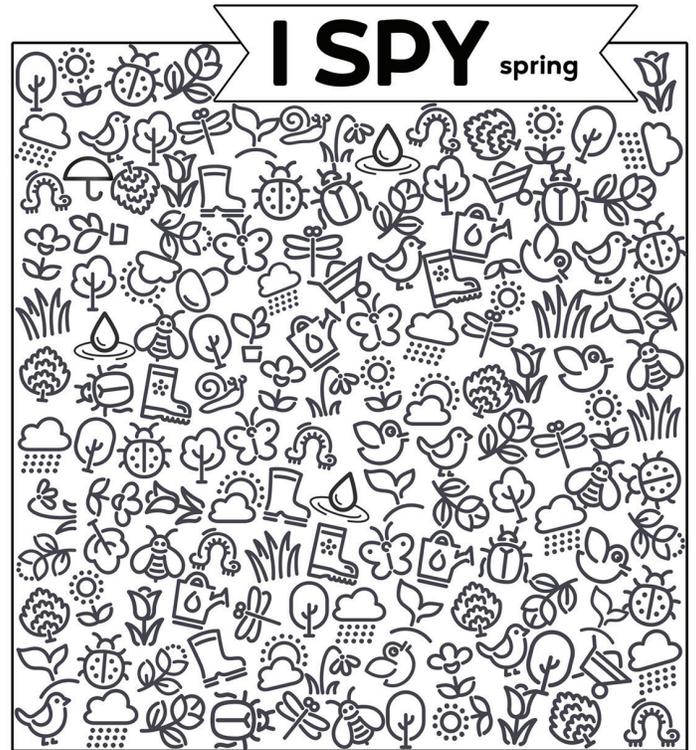
Two beautiful hand-made wreaths from our local Holly Lane Tree Farm were raffled off. Thanks to Holly Lane for their generous donation of one wreath. Wreath raffle proceeds will help support the FRA Scholarship Fund. Thanks to all who attended, and thank you to the many volunteers it took to make it happen!

FARM FUNNIES!



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RIDDLE ME THIS...

1. I have no feet, no hands, no wings, but I climb to the sky. What am I?
2. I have a head and a tail that will never meet. Having too many of me is always a treat. What am I?
3. I am the Easter Bunny's favorite music. What am I?
4. What happens once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?

1. SMOKE 2. A COIN 3. HIP HOP 4. The letter M

Foothills Rural Association

Scholarship History

By Mike Britton

The FRA is pleased to announce that it has recently received two significant gifts to continue to support the FRA Scholarship fund. Each year the FRA awards scholarships to deserving residents of the Foothills area for furthering their education. While some of the money for the scholarship money is gathered from small donations at FRA events, it is the generous gifts of several individuals with connections to the Foothills that have provided the core funds to support these scholarships.

The Scholarship Fund began in 1989 with a \$10,000 bequest to the FRA from the estate of Jess Kronquist, lifetime resident of the Foothills. Jim Wallrabenstein, then FRA treasurer, suggested the money serve as an endowment for a scholarship fund. The Foothills Blue Ribbon Circle also received a \$10,000 gift from Kronquist and has financially supported the FRA Scholarship Program emphasizing High School graduates. Today the Jess Kronquist Memorial Scholarship is going strong. Years later, another donor contributed \$1000 to the fund.

From 2002 through 2023, the FRA has awarded a total of \$54,000 to residents expanding their educations. Amounts awarded in prior years has not been tracked but is probably in the neighborhood of an additional \$5000.

There have been dozens of other contributors to the Scholarship Committee through the donations jar at our events and contributions through the due' participation process. This amounts to thousands of dollars in support of this program. The residents' generosity is heartwarming and appreciated.

Recently, a relatively new resident who chooses to remain anonymous contributed \$15,000 to the Scholarship Committee. In addition, Jean L. Patterson, lifetime resident of the Foothills community, recently contributed \$20,000 to the Scholarship Committee. She recognizes need as very important and wants awards to support those more financially needy with likely success from award assistance.

In light of these contributions and additional interest earned from them, the Board budgeted \$6,000 to be awarded to Foothills residents in 2024 after applications, review, and selections by the Scholarship Committee. This is awesome support for a small organization such as ours.

Many residents have chaired and participated with the Scholarship Committee. I can't recall all of those participants, but Carol Stoll has participated since I can remember. Other contributors include Cindy Kaelin, Joyce Roskelley, Dawn Keig, me, many teachers, and dozens of others, with JoAnn Davis currently the Scholarship Committee Chair.

A large debt of gratitude is due all of those who have served the FRA, as well as the Scholarship Committee. Thank You!

Jean Patterson, Donor with Deep Roots in the Foothills

By Mike Britton

September 11, 1934, Jean Lavone Frederick was born with her identical twin sister, Joan, at St. Luke's hospital to Bessie and Leroy Frederick. At that time, they lived on the east end of Frederick Road and joined the family that eventually numbered 6 children, Patty, Charley, Bobbie, Jean, Joan, and David.

Jean graduated from Rogers High School, received administrative assistant training, and worked her way up to Financial Budget Manager for the Washington State Department of Employment Security. She retired with her husband, H. H. (Pat) Patterson at their home on Fruit Hill Rd on Pleasant Prairie.

Jean and Pat never had children but considered her twin sister's kids, Della, Cheryl, and Kathie their own. Jean's father was adopted into his (Frederick) family after the turn of the century about 1912, and Bessie's family were already residents of the Foothills area. So, Jean's roots to the Community go way back and were descendants of some of the first homesteaders in the area.

This attachment to the Foothills Community motivated her to donate back, to support secondary education for residents of our community.

FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION



JESS KRONQUIST MEMORIAL 2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION Foothills Rural Association Blue Ribbon Circle Scholarship - Jean Patterson Scholarship

Scholarship Eligibility and Administration:

The amount of each scholarship may vary; past scholarships have averaged \$500-\$1,000 each. The scholarship will be applied toward tuition and is paid directly to the recipient's college, university, or other accredited educational institution. Scholarships will be awarded to Foothills residents as determined by the Scholarship Committee.

Consideration will be given to:

- Need and use of the scholarship (as explained in the essay)
- Academic achievements including Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Activities: can include school, community service, FRA participation, work experience, etc.
- Foothills residency (based on home address)
- Completion of the application materials and process as instructed

APPLICANT NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN(s), if applicable _____

Please check here to certify that you are a resident (based on your home address) of the defined Foothills Rural Association boundaries (Fire District 9, Station 96). If you are in doubt of your residency, before applying please consult the map available at ruralspokane.com and/or contact the Committee chairperson (below).

Education: Attach a copy of your most recent academic transcript (college or high school).

Essay: Attach an essay that describes your background and personal/educational achievements along with your interests and activities. Share your goals and aspirations and explain how this scholarship will be used to help you achieve them. Please provide a clear explanation of need, being specific; (for example) how you will be paying for your education including other need/merit-based scholarships or aid and parent/family assistance. To help the Committee evaluate you fairly, please be sure to clearly and directly address all of the considerations listed above.

Submission:

- Return all application materials to the Committee chairperson by **MONDAY MAY 7th**.
- **Applicants are required to be at an "in-person" interview** on the evening of **THURSDAY MAY 16th**. We will do all interviews in-person at the Community Center.

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FRA BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held at the Community Center building on the second Monday of the month. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and usually end just after 8 p.m. All Foothills residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Next Meetings: April 8, May 13, June 10,
September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9**

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 can assist governmental agencies in better planning the use and resources of the Foothills area; and 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.

The FRA Alerts system has been established in an effort to increase awareness about crime occurring in our area. Residents are encouraged to report ALL crimes to Crime Check, 456-2233. After making a report, please contact Rich Krenkel at richkrenkel@gmail.com or 418-8693.

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 the **Community Center** call Sherrie Potter 990-2818. For the **FRA Website** www.ruralspokane.com contact Holly Weiler, hmweiler@yahoo.com. For **Membership** records contact Tommye Schwerin, tommye35@hotmail.com.

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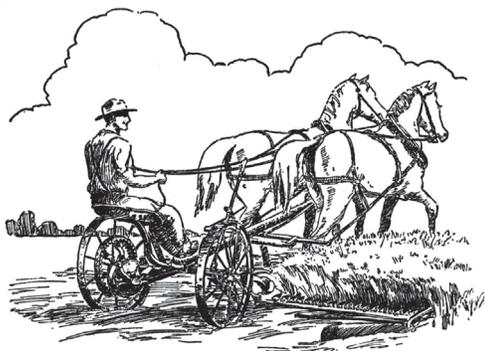
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Please complete the form and mail it with your annual membership dues of \$20 to:

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