

# FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## FRA EVENTS CALENDAR

**Thursday October 31 5:30-7:00pm**  
**Harvest Party Chili Feed**

**Saturday December 7th 2:00pm**  
**Youth Christmas party**

**Wednesday January 15th 6:00pm**  
**Annual Meeting – always includes**  
**an interesting speaker!**

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

We are now a few years into the significant road improvement projects underway to provide better access to our growing area. We all remember the crumbling pavement last year under the new Forker-Bigelow Gulch interchange, but this summer new permanent pavement has been put in place, and the interchange is expected to perform great no matter how much ice and snow we receive. Crews will continue working on completing the Bigelow Gulch expansion, and other portions of the project to improve access to/from Spokane Valley will continue in the years to come. Road construction has become a necessary evil for the Foothills residents.

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*The Forker-Bigelow Gulch interchange is ready for winter.*

*Road improvements never end. Belden's borrowed apple horse from the Johnsons, shown in 1922 on an old bridge built 1904-5 at what is now the Forker Road Judkins/Moffit intersection.*





## **BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Foothills Plumbing**

We are happy to introduce a new local Foothills business, Foothills Plumbing. Last August Chris and Melisa Schmeets relocated from Vashon Island near Seattle where their families have lived for five generations to the east side of the state, providing better opportunities for their children while bringing them closer to another branch of their extended family tree. They stumbled upon the Foothills almost by accident and have immediately settled into a wonderful 20-acre spread up on Jacobs Road, enjoying the convenience of country life without the isolation and ferry-dependency of island life!

One of the exciting aspects of their family's big move is setting up a new local Foothills branch of the plumbing business they have been successfully operating on Vashon for more than 15 years. Chris and Melisa are excited to be able to offer residential and commercial plumbing services to the Foothills. Chris really enjoys repair and maintenance plumbing challenges, including installations, restorations, and replacements of water heaters, toilets, faucets, you name it. Please help support our local Foothills businesses and give Foothills Plumbing a call the next time you need plumbing advice or help. And make sure to say hello to Chris, Melisa, and the kids the next time you see them at an FRA function.



*Chris and Melisa Schmeets and their children.*

**Foothills Plumbing:  
509-922-PLUM (7586)**

*If you are interested in having your business featured in a future Business Spotlight, listed in our Business Directory, and/or featured with an ad, please contact the newsletter editor.*

# DON'T MISS THE HALLOWEEN CHILI FEED

**Halloween 10/31 from 5:30-7:00pm**

Before you start your trick-or-treating this year (giving &/or receiving!) don't forget to assemble the family and stop by the Community Center for the FRA's free annual Chili Feed and Harvest Party! Costumes are welcome and encouraged. We always have a great line-up of delicious homemade chilis with all of the fixin's including fresh-out-of-the-oven cornbread. The FRA will be serving chili from 5:30-7:00pm.

**If you know of a Foothills resident who might need some support, please let any Board Member know, and we will get the word out!**

# ANNUAL FOOTHILLS HARVEST PARTY

**Wednesday 10/31 from 6:00-8:00pm**

**Foothills Community Church**

**11102 N Forker Rd | [www.fccspokane.com](http://www.fccspokane.com)**

After you enjoy the Chili Feed at the Community Center, head over to Foothills Community Church for even more family fun!

**6:00-7:00pm:**

Trunk or Treat for Kids

*Family friendly costumes welcome*

**6:00-8:00pm:**

Pies, Pumpkin Decorating & Quilt Show

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## 2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Foothills Rural Association in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Circle awarded a total of \$3,000 in scholarships to residents of the Foothills in 2019. The Scholarship committee interviewed applicants at the Community Center on Wednesday evening, May 22. Congratulations to all of the worthy recipients! Spread the word and mark your calendar now to apply next spring.



### ASHLIN KLOCKE

Ashlin was excited to head to Washington State University this fall to begin her studies toward becoming a high school biology teacher. She has been extremely active in dance, being a dancer at Spokane Elite Dance Studio for over 9 years, winning the Spirit of Dance Award in 2018, and recently winning a place in WSU's Crimson Girl Dance Team. Her active dance life has given Ashlin the opportunity to teach dance to children, a true passion. Ashlin is the daughter of Mike Klocke and Debbie Van Valkenburg Klocke. ***Ashlin was awarded \$1,000 and was also recognized as this year's Blue Ribbon Circle designee.***



### LARKIN MCLEAN

Larkin was accepted into starting the nursing program at Loyola Chicago this fall. His ultimate goal is to use his nursing skill in a high-pace environment such as the ER or ICU department in a large hospital. His long-time participation in soccer at multiple levels has helped him understand the importance of teamwork and communication and will serve him well in his future nursing career. Larkin is the son of Mark and Colleen McLean. ***Larkin was awarded \$500.***



### MADELINE FOSTER

Madeline began her pursuit of a degree in Architectural Studies at Washington State University this fall. She is attracted to this career because it appeals to her creative, designed-oriented nature. You may have seen Madeline in one of the East Valley "Strolling Strings" performances around the area. We are confident Madeline's positive energy and enthusiasm will take her far in the future. She is the daughter of Martin and Laura Foster. ***Madeline was awarded \$500.***



### STEPHANIE STRONG

Stephanie’s passion for and experiences working with special needs children are driving her ambitions to pursue an elementary school special needs education degree at Brigham Young University this fall. Her easy-going nature will be a plus as a future teacher, and her broad life experience and proven work ethic will as well. The time she devoted to mission work before returning to finish her undergraduate degree has given her great life perspective and a real fire for achieving her goals. **Stephanie was awarded \$500.**



### JOSEPH ARNHOLD

Joe has been living abroad in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for the past four years working for a human trafficking non-profit. He and his new wife are excited to have returned to the Foothills to raise a family near the rest of the Arnhold clan. Joe started his Masters in Teaching graduate degree program at Whitworth University this summer with the ambition of leveraging his extensive technical training experience to become a teacher. Joe is the son of Ed and Nancy Arnhold. **Joe was awarded \$500.**



## KIDS MEET SANTA AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

**Saturday 12/7 at 2:00pm**

Kids will love the annual Christmas Party at the Community Center taking place the afternoon of Saturday, December 7th. We always provide a Christmas craft project great for all ages and plenty of snacks and fun. And of course Santa Claus himself will make a visit to get a chance to talk to the kids and take some great pictures. Be sure to mark your calendars for this fun annual event to kick-off your family’s holiday season.



*Christmas 1900 when there was a sawmill near what is now the Community Center.*

Sponsor an issue of this newsletter for only \$200 – this includes a large front-page banner in print and on the FRA web page, plus a large ad and article in a newsletter as well! Our newsletter goes out to over 400 Foothills recipients multiple times a year. Contact the newsletter editor for more information.



## THANK YOU

The FRA Board would like to thank everyone in the community for continuing to support the organization with your \$20 annual dues. That support enables the FRA to provide scholarship support and to put on so many fun family events year after year. A year-end reminder letter or postcard will be sent out in December to everyone on the FRA mailing list. We are so proud to be part of this great Foothills community – thank you for your support!

The year-end reminder letter will provide the specific dates/times for our annual FRA events, but the FRA tries to do something for the community almost every month of the year. Here is a preview of some of the things you have to look forward to almost every month of 2020:

**January** – Annual Meeting

**March** – FRA Bingo Night

**April** – Saturday Work Day – keep our Community Center looking great

**April** – Sunday before Easter – Egg Hunt

**May** – Scholarships

**June** – Root Beer Floats in conjunction with the Foothills Church Community BBQ

**July** – Founders Day Country Picnic Potluck

**October** – Harvest Party & Chili Feed

**December** – Youth Christmas Party

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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 Meeting: Monday, November 11th, 7:00pm**

**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 Faye Krenkel at rfkrenkel@ptera.net or 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 the **Community Center** call Sherrie Potter, 927-8532. For the FRA **Website** www.ruralspokane.com contact Steve Keig, steve.keig@gmail.com. For info on the **Youth Committee** contact Kay Potter, kpfashionaddicted@icloud.com. For **Membership** records contact Tommye Schwerin, tommye35@hotmail.com.

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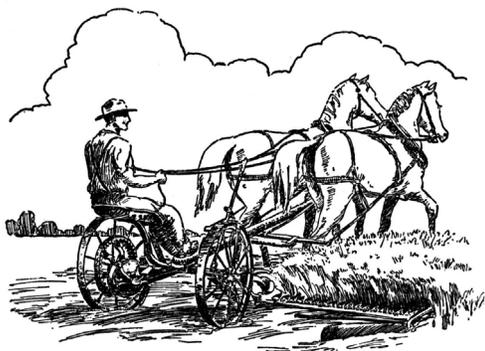
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We are now collecting 2020 dues. Please check your mailing label above - if your label says "Member 2020," you have already paid. If your label does not say "Member 2020" - please join or renew your membership. If you have questions about your membership, please contact Tommye Schwerin, membership coordinator, at 924-0226 or [tommye35@hotmail.com](mailto:tommye35@hotmail.com). Your support is essential for this community non-profit organization. Thank you for your continued support.

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

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