

# FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## FRA EVENTS CALENDAR

### Community Center Cleanup

**April 6 – 9:30am**

### Easter Egg Hunt

**April 14 – 12:30pm**

### Scholarship Apps Due

**May 15**



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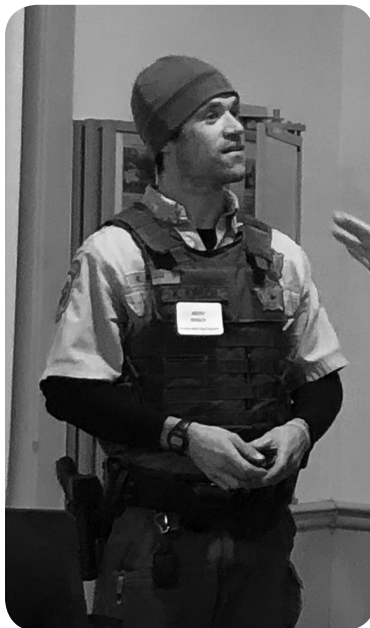
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## KARELIAN BEAR DOG VISIT

One of the many great things about living in the Foothills is being able to enjoy a wide variety of wildlife right from our own homes. But we also know that sometimes wildlife gets a little too close for comfort. At the FRA 2019 Annual Meeting in January Foothills residents were treated to a unique opportunity to meet Jax, a highly-trained Karelian Bear Dog (KBD) and his handler Officer Keith Kirsch of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Police. The KBD program was established to provide a non-lethal method of moving potentially dangerous wildlife away from human-inhabited areas into which they may have ventured. This beautiful dog breed originates from Finland and Russia, and the animals are specially trained (at significant expense) to chase bears away, leaving them unharmed but “highly discouraged” from returning. With cats such as cougars, the KBDs are able to divert them into trees where agents can then tranquilize and relocate the wildlife safely. We really appreciated Officer Kirsch’s informative presentation and the special opportunity to visit and play with Jax, an incredibly gentle, calm, and very talented Karelian Bear Dog!



*Officer Keith Kirsch  
and his dog Jax*

## WEBSITE UPGRADE

The FRA website, [www.ruralspokane.com](http://www.ruralspokane.com), has been completely redesigned on a new hosting platform and is now being managed by Steve Keig, a local Foothills resident since 2014 and current FRA board member. Our deepest thanks go out to David Fisher for his many years of service managing the FRA website and keeping us informed and up-to-date on local happenings.

New additions to the updated website include a Community Calendar, internet links to local businesses and points of interest, weather forecasts, and an indexed listing of prior newsletters. We are working hard to bring over all of the history from the old website over the next few months, so please be patient while photos, documents, and stories from the past are all migrated to their new home. Please send any website suggestions to Steve at [steve.keig@gmail.com](mailto:steve.keig@gmail.com).

### Foothills Babysitting by Sarah Friendshuh

#### Qualifications:

- Red Cross certified babysitter
- Experience with younger children
- Two sisters



I'm a 14-year-old Foothills resident, happy to babysit children of any age. Contact me for more information: 509-216-3279 • [sarahfriendshuh@gmail.com](mailto:sarahfriendshuh@gmail.com)

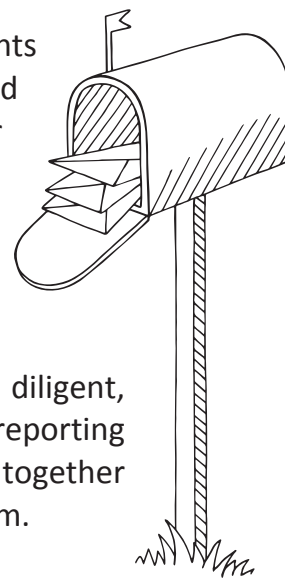
## SCHOLARSHIP TIME

The Foothills Rural Association and Blue Ribbon Circle are pleased to announce that the 2019 scholarship competition is underway! Thanks to the generosity of the Foothills residents over the years we have been able to provide tens of thousands of dollars of funding support for continued education to Foothills residents. No age limit – any kind of education could qualify. FRA residents only please. Applicants must be able to participate in the in-person interviews taking place at the Community Center on the evening of Wednesday May 22nd. The application form is included in this issue of the newsletter and is also available on the FRA website at [www.ruralspokane.com](http://www.ruralspokane.com). Good luck to all!

## MAIL THEFT

Over the winter several incidents of mail theft have continued to be reported in our neighborhood. The Spokane County Sheriff's Office has arrested several suspects and is in the process of collecting additional evidence.

Hopefully by continuing to be diligent, spreading the word, and reporting anything suspicious we can together help deter some of this problem.



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## JESS KRONQUIST MEMORIAL 2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION Foothills Rural Association - Blue Ribbon Circle

### 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 Foothills Rural Association 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](http://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 re: 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 in the bullets above.

### Submission:

- Return all application materials to the Committee chairperson by **WEDNESDAY MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Applicants are required to be interviewed** in person on the evening of **WEDNESDAY MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Foothills Scholarship Committee Chairperson:** *Send your application materials and direct any questions to:*

Dawn Keig  
12316 N. Red Hawk Lane  
Spokane, WA 99217  
Tel: 808-4076  
Email: [dawn.keig@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.keig@gmail.com)

## NEIGHBOR UPDATE

*Foothills resident Van Jacobsen was seriously injured in a fire last summer.*

What an interesting year full of trial, tears, sweat, and much praise! Dad is a walking miracle folks! The Lord preserved his legs and they continue to heal and mend as the days progress. There are still two stubborn zones that we are fervently praying to completely heal and seal. In the meantime, he is becoming actively engaged around the homestead again. Just this past week he was driving the tractor to plow not only our driveways but also the county road when the plows couldn't. He is participating in physical therapy a couple of times a week and he does it all with a smile. There have been minor adjustments made around the home and slowly but surely, the little things we initially needed for occupational therapy are dropping off the plate one by one. Every day is a step in the right direction! Thank you so much for your continued prayers and words of encouragement, The entire Jacobson family

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WHO MIGHT NEED SOME SUPPORT,  
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AND WE WILL GET THE WORD OUT!**

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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.

**Upcoming Meetings: April 8, May 13, June 10**

**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](http://www.ruralspokane.com) contact Steve Keig, [steve.keig@gmail.com](mailto:steve.keig@gmail.com). For info on the **Youth Committee** contact Kay Potter, [kpfashionaddicted@icloud.com](mailto:kpfashionaddicted@icloud.com). For **Membership** records contact Tommye Schwerin, [tommye35@hotmail.com](mailto:tommye35@hotmail.com).

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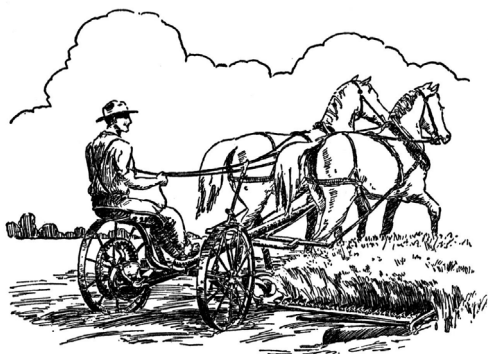
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We are now collecting 2019 dues. Please check your mailing label above - if your label says "Member 2019," you have already paid. If your label does not say "Member 2019" - please join or renew your membership. If you have questions about your membership, 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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