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SPRING EVENTS

4TH ANNUAL FOOTHILLS EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 7th, 10:00am | Foothills Community Center

Hundreds of colorful eggs will be hidden around the Foothills Community Center for children to find! There will also be a donation-only bake sale and hot coffee to keep the parents warm. Please join us for this fun family event! Foothills Community Center, 11000 N. Forker Road.

FOOTHILLS SPRING CLEAN UP

Saturday, April 28th, 9:00am - noon | Foothills Community Center

Help from residents is always welcomed! If you appreciate having the Center available for use, please lend a hand to help make it look great this spring. The spring thaw also reveals a lot of garbage and debris along area roads – if you can't make it to the Community Center Clean Up, please take a few moments to pick up around the roads and ditches in your area.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting in January was a great success, with a healthy turnout from the community. New officers and board members were elected – congratulations to re-elected officers Rich Krenkle (President), Ali Knecht (Secretary), and Don Tucker (Treasurer). Congratulations also to Ashley Humbird who was elected Vice President, and Holly Weiler and Mike Britton, who were elected as Board Members.

The silent auction and raffle at the annual meeting went great! Six silent auction items were sold, including a printer/copier, two loads of gravel, and a solar panel. There were raffle items for all tastes including pizzas, an iPod dock clock radio, restaurant gift cards, a Dewalt saw blade, an oil change, toys, and many other awesome items. A big thank you to our many generous donors: Big R and Harvest Foods on Trent; Subway and LaQuinta at Spokane Valley Industrial Park; Best Buy, Staples, Azteca, Winger Bros., and Boston's at the Spokane Valley Mall; Papa Murphy's, Albertsons, Pizza Hut, Longhorn Barbecue and Yokes on Argonne; and Artistry in Gold, Clark's Automotive, Marc Tainio, Cheryl Britton, Ken Orrino, and Ali Knecht. With all the help this year we were able to raise \$500 for the scholarship fund.

Three guest speakers spoke at the meeting about their local business. Ali Knecht, Ken Orrino, and Cheryl Britton. Watch in the upcoming newsletters for special highlights on these local business owners.

SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY: A FOOTHILLS HISTORY

By Holly Weiler

In February, the East Valley School District passed a maintenance and operation levy. Although the margin was narrow, its passage follows a long tradition of support for schools in the area. The Foothills area has been supporting local schools since the late 1800s.

The very first school in the Foothills area was formed around 1887 on the site of an old sawmill operation in the Foothills. There are few details about this first school but classes were most likely held in the living quarters of one of the sawmill workers.

The second school, Harris Hill School, was built in the early 1890s and was used until the spring of 1904. It was located near the intersection of Morrison and McMahan Roads and was a very simple building that was never even painted. At the time, residents were not particularly concerned about a division of church and state; they needed to get the greatest use possible out of very limited local resources. Therefore, this second schoolhouse was only a school during the week—on Sunday, it was the local church.

The third school, officially the Pleasant Valley School, was commonly known as the Old Yellow Schoolhouse. It was located at Lincoln and Forker Roads, cost \$804, and opened on Oct. 16, 1899.

By the following year, both the teacher at the Harris Hill School and the teacher at the Old Yellow Schoolhouse were boarding with the Johnson family, according to Violet Johnson Pipgrass' biography "My Memories of Growing Up and Pioneer Days in the Foothills." The Johnsons had recently completed an addition to their home and had room to house the two schoolteachers; early Foothills teachers either boarded with local families or lived in tents near their respective schools.

The fourth school was the Foothills School, although everyone called it the Frog Pond School. This school was located just east of Forker Road and approximately a half-mile south of Temple Road. It was completed on October 12, 1904 and cost \$898 to construct.

The fifth school was the Millville School, although today we generally think of it as Foothills School and our current Community Center. Completed August 24, 1905, it was another local effort, with the lumber used to build the school handpicked from the Kronquist sawmill. The new school was truly located at the hub of the growing community, as the Foothills Methodist Episcopal Church (now Foothills Community Church) was dedicated just a few months earlier on February 19, 1905.

An extension for primary grades was added to the Millville School in 1911. At that time, the Frog Pond School and the Old Yellow School House, along with the extension to the Millville School, served all Foothills students in the primary grades. The large room in the Millville School had a separate teacher for grades eight, nine, and ten.

This arrangement lasted until 1920. It was at that point that the Frog Pond School and the Old Yellow School House both closed and high school classes ceased. The Millville school retained two teachers and served the lower four grades in the west room, currently the kitchen area of the Community Center, and served grades five through eight in the east room. Foothills students who wished to continue past the eighth grade had to be transported to Pleasant Prairie School and later to West Valley High School.



Frog Pond School

Foothills residents continued to utilize the buildings of the former Old Yellow School House and Frog Pond School following their closure. The community used the Old Yellow School House as a meeting site until it burned on December 15, 1939. In 1927, after years of having school teachers board with local families, the community came together to move the Frog Pond School to its current location across the lawn from the Millville School, where it would be utilized as a teacher's cottage.

In 1960 the Millville School, too, closed its doors and was absorbed by the East Valley School District. Local residents worked to secure an agreement that the building would not be torn down, and thanks to their foresight we have the Community Center today.

The story of our local schools can teach us a lot about the importance of community involvement. The community saw a need for schools and worked to see them built. Teachers would not continue to work in the Foothills without adequate housing, so the community came together to create the teacher's cottage. Joining a larger district offered new opportunities for local students, but it also offered the community a chance to secure a local gathering place. In other words, concerned citizens saw what our schools needed and made it happen, then saw what our community needed and worked to preserve our local heritage.

[Information on Foothills school history drawn from "The Development and Growth of the Foothills, Wash. School System" by Roger Johnson.]

JESS KRONQUIST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Are you a student, or soon to become a student? Would you like a little help paying for your tuition? If you are a Foothills resident and a student in need, please apply for the Jess Kronquist Memorial Scholarship. The Foothills Rural Association and the Blue Ribbon Circle fund annual scholarships, typically three or four in amounts from \$500 to \$1000. In the past, assistance has been provided to Foothills residents of all ages, all disciplines, and all needs.

You can fill out the scholarship application below, or on-line at www.ruralspokane.com. The scholarships will be awarded by the Scholarship Committee following interviews on May 18.

The Foothills Rural Association also welcomes donations to continue support for this scholarship fund. Please contact any board member for more information.

JESS KRONQUIST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Foothills Rural Association • Blue Ribbon Circle

Scholarship Eligibility and Administration: The amount of each scholarship may vary. Past scholarships have averaged \$500-\$1000 each; with three to four recipients. Scholarships will be awarded to Foothills residents as selected by the Foothills Rural Association Scholarship Committee. Consideration will be given to:

- ✓Need and use of the scholarship ✓Grade Point Average
- ✓School activities/community service ✓Completion of application as directed

APPLICANT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME: _____

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$ _____ ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS ATTENDING COLLEGE: _____

Education: *Attach a copy of your most recent high school or college transcript.*

Essay: *Attach a description of your background, your personal and educational achievements, along with your interests and/or activities. Share your goals and aspirations and tell how this scholarship will be used to achieve them. Be sure to address the listed considerations.*

- *Return the completed application to one of the individuals listed below no later than **MAY 11, 2012**.*
- *All applicants are required to be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee.*
- *Applicants will be contacted for this interview tentatively set for **MAY 18, 2012**.*

Foothills Scholarship Committee: Carol Stoll
16221 E. Lincoln Rd.
Spokane, WA 99217
Phone: 926-2944

Mike Britton
3502 N. Forker Road
Spokane, WA 99217
Phone: 922-1494

OUTDOOR BURNING REMINDER



With the spring weather many residents' attention turns to cleaning up lawns and properties. Remember, however, when disposing of debris, outdoor fires in Spokane County are strictly regulated. It is illegal to burn yard and garden debris, construction debris, and garbage. Burn barrels are also prohibited. Silvicultural debris (trees, stumps, limbs, needles from unimproved property) may be burned with a permit, or, under certain restrictions, without a permit.

Help keep our air clean, and help prevent forest fires – only burn when it is legal and necessary. For more information, contact the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (www.spokanecleanair.org) or the Washington Department of Natural Resources (www.dnr.wa.gov).

COMMUNITY CENTER

Remember the FRA Community Center for your summer celebrations and gatherings. The space is a great place for weddings, family reunions, and parties of all kinds. Spaces are already being filled for the summer season. Call Sherrie Potter with any questions or to make reservations - 927-8532.



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INCIDENT REPORTS

January 25, 2012 – Break-in/burglary

House located on 15000 block of Jacobs Road. Two intruders broke into the lower level through a casement window. Miscellaneous items were taken, including a rifle. The two male thieves were caught on a home security camera. While a vehicle was in the photos, it was not clear; no license plate was shown.

January 27, 2012 - Break-in/burglary

Home located on Temple Road. Burglary occurred between 12:30pm and 4:00pm. After failing to open the front door with a crow bar; the thieves made entry through the steel back door. The door



metal was bent away from the lock, the lock was broken and the dead bolt separated from the door jam. Pieces of the door were found on the opposite side of the room. The thieves searched through kitchen and china hutch cabinets, bedroom cedar chest and dresser drawers, and under

mattresses. Contents of drawers were tossed all over the floors. Items stolen included: TV, sound system, DVD player, cameras, GPS, memorabilia from a deceased parent, jewelry box, baskets, DVD's, computer operating system disks, bear spray, camping head lamps, new pair of Cabela's boots, and miscellaneous items. Unfortunately the driveway gate had been left open.

February 2, 2012 – burglary and arrest

A resident was working on his house on north Forker Rd. when he had to leave for approximately ten minutes. When he returned home he found an adult male, later identified as Harold A. Willey, loading items from the victim's garage into the back of Willey's pickup truck. Seeing the victim, Willey jumped in the truck and sped away.

The victim followed Willey and reported his description and location to 911. Following a pursuit, Spokane County Sheriff's officers stopped and arrested Willey near Bruce Rd. and Hwy 206.

Please watch for suspicious vehicles and activity in our neighborhood. In case of an emergency, call 911. Report suspicious activity or non-emergency crimes to the Sheriff's office through Crime Check, 509-456-2233, or www.crimecheck.org. To help keep the neighborhood aware of criminal activity, please also report illegal occurrences and suspicious activities to either webmaster David at davidf@ruralspokane.com or Faye at rfkrenkel@ptera.net or call Faye at 928-6610. Reports will be posted to the incidents page on the FRA website: www.ruralspokane.com whenever reported to either person.

FOOTHILLS SCENIC FIVE 2012

Join us for this Annual Event. Five mile rolling hills course for runners and walkers. A less strenuous three mile course is available, as well as a one mile out and back. This is a beautiful scenic course with views of Mt. Spokane and local wildlife.



When: Saturday, June 16th, 2012

Where: Foothills Community Center 11000 N. Forker Rd. • Five miles north of Trent on Forker Rd., directly across from the Foothills Community Church and next to the fire station. (ALL WHITE BUILDINGS).

Race Start: 8:00 am • Late registration and packet pick up from 7:00 am to 7:45 am.

Registration by mail: Fill out & sign the entry form below. \$5 no shirt / \$10 shirt.

Send payment to: Foothills Rural Assoc. 7318 N. Adams Rd., Spokane, WA 99217. Entries must be post marked by June 9th to ensure shirt availability and size choice. Some shirts may be available day of race; sizes will vary. Entry fees are non-refundable.

Awards Ceremony: Will begin approximately 15-minutes after the last finisher—including a special award for the overall fastest male and female finisher in both the five and three mile race. Age group awards for the five mile race only, followed by a random prize drawing for all race entrants.

General Info: This is an open course: no headphones, please. There will be an **all you can eat** huckleberry pancake breakfast from 8:30-10:00 am in the Community Center. Come and enjoy a hot meal. The cost will be \$3.00; 5 yrs and under free - pay at the door.

Questions? Call Holly Weiler at 921-8928. **Volunteers still needed!**

FUN RUN REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: (Please print) _____
Last First Middle

ADDRESS: _____

AGE: _____ SEX: _____ PHONE: _____

I will be participating in: (circle one) One mile run/walk Three mile run/walk Five mile run

My age group for five mile race is: 0-14 15-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

Registration Fee: (Make checks payable to the Foothills Rural Association)

\$5 Fee - No shirt \$10 Fee - Shirt (circle one): S M L XL

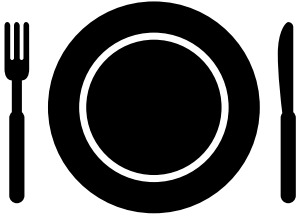
\$_____ Optional donation to the scholarship fund

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Waiver: In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I waive all Claims for myself and my heirs against officials and sponsors of the Foothills Scenic Five for injury and illness, which may directly or indirectly result from traveling to and from or participating in the event. I also state I am in proper physical condition to participate.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY



Foothills Community Church has established a Food Pantry for those in need of non-perishable food items and paper/cleaning products. It is open to all Foothills residents with limited incomes. The church welcomes donations from anyone

wishing to contribute to this project. For hours of operation or more information, please call the office at 926-4971.

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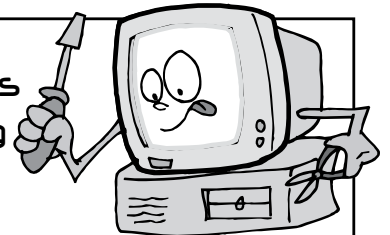
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<i>Solar, wind, grid-tie, backup, RV, marine</i>	
Holly Lane Tree Farm	928-5970
<i>Christmas tree farm & wreaths</i>	
Humbird, Ashley	994-8538 or 927-3046
<i>Piano lessons for ages 6 to adult</i>	
Knecht, Allison.....	921-2729 or 475-7126
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FRA BOARD MEETINGS

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.

2012 Board Meetings: April 9, May 14, June 11 and July 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 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.

FRA Alerts system has been established in an effort to increase community awareness about crime occurring in our area. Residents are encouraged to report ALL crimes to Crime Check, 456-2233. After making a report, please email david@ruralspokane.com or rfkrenkel@ptera.net or call Faye Krenkel, 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 a date, call: Sherrie Potter, 927-8532.

Foothills Rural Association Website: www.ruralspokane.com
Contact: David Fisher, Webmaster: davidf@ruralspokane.com

2012 Board Officers

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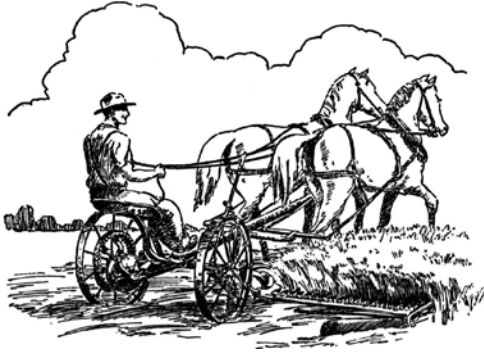
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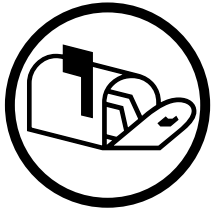
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It is time to join or renew your membership for 2012. Most memberships expire at the end of the calendar year. Please check your mailing label above - if your label says "Member 2012," you have already paid. If your label says "Member 2011," please renew your membership by submitting your 2012 dues. If your label does not say "Member" - please join or renew your membership. Your support is essential for this community organization. Thank you for your continued support.

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: _____

Interested in receiving notices of FRA events via email? YES NO

EMAIL: _____

I am/we are willing to volunteer for one event during the year _____ YES _____ NO

Thank you for being part of the Foothills Community.