

FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FUN RUN

Saturday, June 18th

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 18th

ANTOINE PEAK

SUMMER SOLSTICE HIKE

Tuesday, June 21st

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, July 9th (tentative event)

FARMERS' MARKET

Wednesday, Aug 10th

Thursday, Sept 1st

FOUNDERS DAY POTLUCK

Saturday, Sept 17th

CHILI FEED/HARVEST PARTY

Monday, October 31st

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A PASSING OF THE PEN

FAREWELL FROM FAYE...

With this issue, the editorship is transferring from me to Mark Friendshuh! Nine years is a long time to serve in any volunteer position; I am ready to move on to something else. It has been satisfying while as editor, to have had the newsletter evolve from the cut/paste, take the hard copy to the printer, hand fold and staple close all those pages and then deliver them to the bulk mail section of the post office in Airway Heights to today's computer generated issues. Life as an editor did become less complicated! That was good. Now it will be good to read the newsletter as fresh news and not something that I labored over. Your turn, Mark!

... AND HELLO FROM MARK

A big thank you to Faye Krenkel for her years of volunteer service working on the FRA newsletter. Faye has done an excellent job consistently producing an informative and entertaining newsletter. Faye and I have worked together on this issue, and I very much appreciate her guidance. I will do my best to uphold the standards she has established.

I know the FRA depends on volunteers like Faye to keep the association going, and as a new member of the community I hope to do my part. My family and I moved to our home on Temple Road in June of last year, and we have been made to feel welcome in many ways. Editing the newsletter is my small attempt to do something to give back to this warm and generous community.

I am quickly learning that the newsletter would not be possible without the contributions of many members of the FRA community. I welcome anyone with a story idea to contact me. I am happy to accept anything from a bare idea for an article to a fully written story. I can provide as much or as little assistance as you wish - even if you have no writing experience don't be afraid to submit a story or article.

I am glad to have this opportunity to help the FRA, and I look forward to working with the members of the FRA on this and other projects.

2011 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

By Mike Britton

The Foothills Rural Association in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Circle has awarded a total of \$3000 in scholarships to residents of the Foothills area. Committee members were Mike Britton, Carol Stoll, Bonnie Caro, Billie Gehres, Holly Weiler, and Faye Krenkel. It is an honor to assist these individuals who exhibit the best of our community and are very worthy of financial assistance. We can be very proud of these students among us and proud, too, that we in the Foothills may assist them in achieving their goals.

The following are the 2011 recipients of the Jess Kronquist Memorial Scholarships:



Sara Kaelin

Sara is the daughter of Cindy & Kevin Kaelin. She is a current student at East Valley and SFCC. She will be continuing her education at WSU. She is this year's Blue Ribbon Circle designee. Sara was awarded \$600.



J. Peter Roth

Peter is married to Sarah and is continuing his education towards a Masters in Fine Arts, which will enable him to teach at the college level and further his writing career. Peter was awarded \$200.



Sarah Roth

Sarah is married to Peter and is continuing her education in osteopathic medicine. Her world travels have brought her to this point in her service to others. Sarah was awarded \$600.



Angie Gardner

Angie is married to Brian and continuing her education in nursing. Her involvement in the community and foster care demonstrate her capacity for service to others. Angie was awarded \$750.



John Roland

John is the son of Mitchell and Dana Roland. He is a repeat award recipient and is beginning his senior year of Aerospace Engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona. John was awarded \$600.



Brian Gardner

Brian is married to Angie and is continuing his Masters education, which will enhance his current teaching career at North Central High School of Direct Instruction for special education kids. Brian was awarded \$250.



FOOTHILLS GARAGE SALE

By Holly Weiler

WHO: We request that you are a paid member of the Foothills Rural Association by the day of the yard sale.

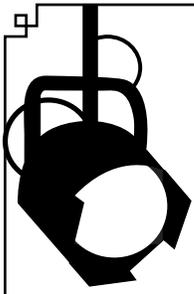
WHAT: A community wide-yard sale. Email your address, a short description of how to get to your house, and a short list to highlight items you will have for sale. I will create a master list to advertise, plus a hand out to give to prospective customers on the day of the sale. Individuals are still encouraged to place their own signs to direct customers.

WHEN: Saturday, July 9th, 2011. The Community Center will open at 8am, and I will be handing out lists of those who are participating in the yard sale. There will also be limited room for farmers market, arts/crafts, or small businesses to set up a table in the Community Center. If you have a small business or would like to sell produce or craft items, please contact Holly to reserve table space (limited to the first six who respond). There is not sufficient space for yard sale items at the Community Center. If you wish to extend your sale through the weekend you should consider additional advertisement on your own; the Community Center will only be open on Saturday.

WHERE: The yard sale will take place at your residence. The Community Center will be advertised as the starting location for the sales, and I will prepare a handout with a map of participating residences. As space allows, I will try to highlight some major items for sale at each location

WHY: There's power in numbers! The more people having sales on the same day, the more customers there will be!

HOW: Sign up with Holly between June 19th and June 30th. If you try to sign up before the 18th I'll expect you to volunteer to help at the fun run, too! I'm not joking! Email hmweiler@yahoo.com (preferred) or call 921-8928. Be sure to include your physical address with written directions plus a short list of items you'd like to have highlighted (as space permits).



SPOTLIGHT ON NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES

By Ashley Humbird

Local business owners shared information about their businesses at the Foothills Rural Association Annual Meeting last month. One of the business owners was Alex Vermillion of Vermillion Water Systems.

Alex's dad started the business in 1988 in Spokane Valley. When Alex was just 13 years old he started working for his dad whenever he could, be it during summer vacation or just on the weekend. After Alex went to Spokane Community College's Water Resources Program and graduated he started working with his dad full time and made it into a family operation. Alex has now taken over the business and the day-to-day operation of drilling wells and installing and repairing water systems.

Vermillion Water Systems is fully licensed, bonded, and insured to do ANY work that is required when it comes to water systems. From drilling wells, installing pumps and reservoirs to just the basic repairs and inspections, he does it all in a fast and friendly manner!

One of Vermillion Water Systems' customers had many great things to say about Alex and his work. One morning last April the customer's husband woke her up at 6:30 with the unwelcome news that they had no water. Since it can sometimes take hours to get water again, it was not shaping up to be a happy day. After unsuccessfully trying to diagnose the problem, they called Alex at 7:30 a.m. Within 30 minutes of answering the phone, he had arrived, checked the system, assessed the problem, and was off to get the part needed to fix the motherboard for the pressure tank. Alex quickly returned and had the water running by 9:30 a.m. A day that started out stressful and bad turned into a stress-free day with the knowledge that they wouldn't have to do dishes with bottles of water. The customer stated, "Alex was very efficient, professional, knowledgeable, and to top it off, very competitively priced!"

In 2004, Alex moved from Cheney to a beautiful parcel of land in the foothills. Alex lives on Temple Road with his fiancé, new board member Ashley Shaver, and her children. They love the community and their property, and don't plan on moving anytime soon.

So the next time YOU don't have water save yourself the stress and leave it to the pro. Give Alex a call at Vermillion Water Systems (509)927-9744. He's just around the corner!

PINECROFT SUMMER CAMP

For All Youth 2nd-12th Grade

Foothills Community Church invites all young people to the Pinecroft Camp. The camp grounds are on the Pend Oreille Bible Camp campus, which is located ten miles northwest of Newport, WA. It is nestled in 180 wooded acres with river access and a designated swimming area. Campers stay in cabins with counselors and cabin assistants. Camps are open for all youth, they do not have to live in the Foothills area nor attend the Foothills Community Church. Transportation to and from Pinecroft is included. For more information, call the church office at 926-4971, between 8am – 2pm.

CAMP DATES:

- Primary Camp (grades 2 -4) July 6-8
- Junior Camp (grades 4-7) July 11-15
- Senior Camp (grades 8 -12) July 18-25

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 25 – 29 • 9:00am – Noon

All children ages 4 years through 6th grade, are invited to attend this fun week! The VBS theme is "Where Jesus Was A Kid." To register or inquire about details, please call Foothills Community Church office at 926-4917, between 8am – 2pm.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 18 • 8:30am – 10:00am

The breakfast will be held at the Community Center Bldg. Cost is just \$3/person (5 years and under eat free). Huckleberry and regular pancakes, ham, fruit, coffee and juice. Breakfast not included with Fun Run registration fee.

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET

Community Center

August 10 & September 1 • 5pm-7pm

Please contact Ashley at 994-8538 to reserve a table (limited space available; reserve a spot early!). Stop by the Community Center on August 10th and September 1st to meet your neighbors and see what has been made and produced right here in the Foothills!

ANTOINE PEAK CONSERVATION FUTURES PROPERTY

By Holly Weiler

Provided that everything goes according to plan, the phase three acquisition of Antoine Peak will be completed this summer! Residents of the Foothills will have this gem right in our own backyard, as the county's long-term plan is to have the primary access point to this 1,100 acre property at Robbins and Brevier Roads, and the parking area will include room for horse trailers. In the meantime, Foothills residents can park alongside the road as long as vehicles are well off the roadway and not obstructing traffic.

There is also access to the property on the east side of the mountain, from the "other" Lincoln Road off Campbell Road near Newman Lake. The county is working to secure a temporary parking area that can accommodate several vehicles at this location. There is a potential fourth phase of acquisition that would allow the county to add an additional 200+ acres, including a unique and historically significant CCC building, and establish a permanent trailhead on the east side of the property.

The current acquisition phase includes the house at the end of Brevier Road. At this point the county has not decided how the 8.7 acre property will be used. One option is to use the house and property as the private residence for a county park ranger; another option is to rent the house and land to a private individual. If it is the latter, the rental income the county receives will go into a fund dedicated to the maintenance of the entire Antoine Peak Conservation Area.

There are several important considerations for anyone who visits Antoine Peak or any of the other Conservation Futures parcels in Spokane County. All of the Conservation Futures properties are closed to hunting. Dogs are allowed on Conservation Futures lands, but they must remain leashed at all times. Hiking, biking, and equestrian use are all fine, but motorized use is not allowed.

Illegal motorized use on Antoine Peak has already been a problem, but John Bottelli of Spokane County Parks and Recreation said that there are plans to help slow this nuisance. There will be periodic emphasis patrols on Antoine Peak, and a few people have been caught in the act and have received tickets. The county plans to eliminate some of the side access points in order to cut down on illegal use; watch for volunteer opportunities in the future, as much of the work that is necessary to prevent illegal access is done by hand—through fencing projects, tree plantings, and other rock and shovel projects. In the meantime, please let the county know about any illegal use on the property. If you witness a crime in progress, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1. If you witness illegal motorized use, sometimes it is easier to simply call crime check (as the offender is oftentimes long-gone by the time enforcement arrives). Crime check's number is 456-2233. Crime check can notify the Spokane County Park Ranger so that he can respond to any incident, or one can contact Ranger Bryant Robinson directly at 998-8807.

In order to celebrate the conservation area purchase and the start of summer, the FRA is co-sponsoring a hike to the summit of Antoine Peak on June 21st. The complete event listing is below; please call Holly if you have questions. No RSVP necessary—meet us at the trailhead on the Solstice!

ANTOINE PEAK SUMMER SOLSTICE HIKE

Day Hike • Tuesday, June 21 • 5:45 PM



Meet: Antoine Peak east-side access, Brevier & Robbins Roads

Leaders: Holly Weiler, 921-8928; Jeff Lambert, 999-5100

Celebrate the longest day of the year with a hike to the top of Antoine Peak! There's more to celebrate for this hike, as phase III of the Conservation Futures acquisition is set to be completed this summer. This hike is co-sponsored by the Spokane Mountaineers, and we will be discussing access and enforcement issues on the property. Please bring the thirteen essentials (extra food & water, extra clothing—ie: rain jacket & pants, matches, fire starter, map, compass, headlamp or flashlight, signaling device—ie: whistle, pocket knife, emergency shelter, first aid kit, TP & trowel, sun protection) and an optional garbage bag to pick up trash en-route. Directions: At the intersection with Forker, Bigelow Gulch, and Brevier, go east on Brevier. Go just over one mile to the intersection of Brevier and Robbins Road. The easiest parking is on the north side of Brevier facing west; park well off the road. Sorry, no dogs allowed on this hike.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you to all who have chosen to support your Foothills Rural Association through your 2011 paid memberships. Your dues allow the association to fund the community scholarships, to maintain the Community Center building and grounds, to publish this newsletter, and to sponsor community events. Currently there are 108 paid members! If unsure about membership status, check the mailing label, if there is "Member 2011" above your name, your dues have been paid. If there is nothing above your name, please take a moment to send in your dues now. The monies are so appreciated! Membership applications are found on the last page of this newsletter.

3RD ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

By Angie Gardner

A team of Foothills Rural Association volunteers helped bring smiles to dozens of young faces and money to the FRA for playground improvements at the 3rd Annual FRA Easter Egg Hunt last month.



Thank you to all the volunteers and participants who made the Easter Egg Hunt a success!

Many Foothills residents donated baked goods for the bake sale which helped to raise money for the playground. Parents and grandparents enjoyed the

hot coffee, cocoa, sugar cookies, cupcakes and other miscellaneous goodies while their kids worked hard to find the eggs. Sherrie Potter's cotton candy was especially popular with the kids. Thank you to all who donated! Thanks to the group of teen girls - courtesy of Sherrie Potter - who were responsible for hiding all the eggs for the hunt.



About 40 kids attended the hunt and collected a total of 700 candy filled eggs as well as a dozen golden prize eggs which earned the finder a special prize. The weather was warm and sunny - good fortune considering the ground

was white with snow one day before and three days after the egg hunt. The community center and the grounds were filled with the laughter and chatter of excited and happy kids.

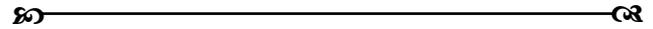
A special thank you to Ashley Shaver and Alex Vermillion who worked hard to finish the refurbishing of the playground's bench in time for the hunt. The materials for the bench were purchased with the proceeds from the previous year's bake sale proceeds.



WE MISSED YOU...

By Rich Krenkel, FRA President

We missed you at spring cleanup on May 7th. Those that made it accomplished many repairs and general clean up of the center and grounds. It is greatly appreciated by the Board members. We did experience some rain (when haven't we this spring?) but still completed projects outside. The kitchen received a good cleaning which was needed after many rentals this past fall and winter. Just like home, not all was checked off the to do list, so if someone has extra time or maybe wants to get away from home for a few hours, give me a call then we can complete the list. I just want to say **thank you** for taking time to come together so we can maintain the Community Center for everyone's benefit. By the way, for those who were not there you missed a great lunch put on by the Potter family.



COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

By Sherrie Potter, FRA Community Center Rental Coordinator

Don't forget that the Foothills Rural Association Community Center is available to rent for your event. The center will be getting use this spring by graduates and even a wedding. Not much is scheduled yet for July, so remember the center for family gatherings. Call Sherrie at 927-8532.

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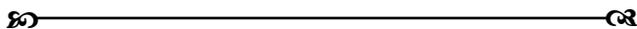


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FRA MEMBER BUSINESS LISTINGS

Below is a listing of FRA Members' Businesses & Services

- A Protection Home Inspection 270-0812
Home inspection services
- Alpine Frames 922-4825
Custom framing & photography
- BCi Creative 465-9775
Graphic & web design
- Britton Tole & Decorative Painting 922-1494
Custom hand painting
- Crews, Scott J. DDS 924-1580
Advanced cosmetic & family dentistry
- EcoEnergy Systems 979-2508
Solar, wind, grid-tie, backup, RV, marine
- Evergreen Powder Coating 535-9950
Powder Coating & Sandblasting
- Foothills Suri Alpacas 928-0299
Alpaca breeders
- Holly Lane Tree Farm 928-5970
Christmas Tree Farm & Wreaths
- Impact Business Products 928-8782
Office Supplies & Cash Register Supplies
- Knecht, Allison.....921-2729 or 475-7126
Licensed massage therapist
- Melaleuca Products..... 926-1157
Sheri Boorman - The Wellness Company
- Potter, Ashley994-8538 or 927-8532
Piano lessons for ages 6 to adult
- Ravenwood 928-5870
Cashmere goats, yarns, soaps
- Vermillion Water Systems, Inc..... 927-9744
Well Drilling & Pumps
- Wensleydale Computer Service..... 892-7594
David Fisher - Upgrades, tuning & networking
- Yokes Fresh Markets..... 343-8888
- Yokes Pharmacy 343-3379



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FRA MEMBERS - FREE

Email your ad information to kim@bcicreative.com

NOTE: Ad space is limited and ads will be rotated.

NON-MEMBERS: May advertise for a fee - Call 465-9775

YOUTH ADS: Foothills youth ages up to 18 years are welcome to advertise for jobs for free.

FRA BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD MEETINGS

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

2011 Board Meeting Date(s): June 13th, Sept 12th, Oct 10th, Nov 14th & Dec 12th.

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

2011 Board Officers

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Treasurer	Don Tucker	924-9105	dat@wwdb.com

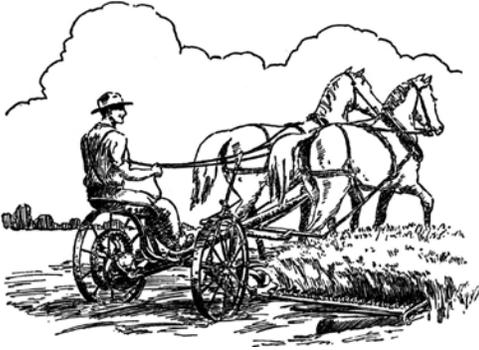
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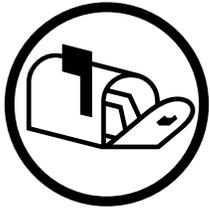
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It is time to renew your membership for 2011. If you have not been a member in the past or have let your membership lapse, we invite you to support your community organization so that we can continue to offer programs for the Foothills area. *Thank you* to those who continue to support FRA!

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

Thank You for being part of the Foothills Community.