

# FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## NEWSLETTER EDITOR POSITION

An excellent way for a volunteer to become involved with the community! The newsletter is published about four times a year; basically covering FRA and community events. The usual skills are required: enjoy interaction with community members, like working as a team member, computer and editing skills, along with board meetings and participating in FRA functions.

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## FALL EVENTS

### FOUNDERS DAY POTLUCK

*Saturday, September 18 • 6pm*

Foothills Community Center • The FRA board will serve food from 6pm – 7:30pm but plan on staying later to visit with friends and neighbors. FRA will provide the meats, coleslaw, soft drinks and coffee. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

### CHILI FEED

*Sunday, October 31st • 5:30pm – 7pm*

Foothills Community Center • Sponsored by the Foothills Rural Association. As traditional, the board will provide a variety of homemade chili accompanied by garlic and corn bread. Complete your meal by visiting the pie social next door!

### HARVEST FUN NIGHT

*Sunday, October 31st • 6pm – 8pm*

Christian Education Building • Hosted by Foothills Community Church. The evening festivities include a large number of children's games with candy and prizes, old-time music, a pie social – with lots of homemade pies, coffee and soft drinks. The quilt show will feature new and old quilts along with challenge quilts and Quilts of Valor. This is a great night to meet and mingle with friends and neighbors.

The Foothills Newsletter is published 2 - 4 times a year by the Foothills Rural Association

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## MOPS – MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

*Meetings First Tuesday of each month • 9am – 11:15am*



If you're a mom with young children, you've got your hands full. At MOPS moms can come together and share advice, stories and encourage each other through the preschool years. Mothering changes everything! That's why our MOPS group is a special place to can come feel accepted, understood and cared for. We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at Foothills Community Church from 9a-11:15a

September-May. What can you expect? Speakers who provide practical insight and ideas. True friends with whom to relate and share advise. Crafts: Fun easy projects, even for the least crafty of us. There is always lots of delicious food. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Baxter at 465-2285.

# SCHOLARSHIPS 2010

The Foothills Rural Association in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Circle has awarded a total of \$3000 in scholarships to Foothills residents. The Scholarship committee interviewed the applicants at the Community Center on Thursday, May 20, 2010. Committee members were; Ali Knecht, Amanda Tainio, Mike Britton, Carol Stoll, Cindy Kaelin, and Faye Krenkel. The following are recipients of the 2010 Jess Kronquist Memorial Scholarships.



### **Samatha Roland**

Daughter of Mitch and Dana Roland. Samatha is currently a student at Spokane Falls Community College studying Graphic Design. She is a repeat recipient. Samatha was awarded \$500.



### **John Roland**

Son of Mitch and Dana Roland. John is in his third year of Aerospace Engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona. He is also a repeat recipient. John was awarded \$750.



### **Adam Bernbaum**

Son of Larry and Linda Bernbaum. Adam graduated from Central Valley High School this past June, and concurrently with East Valley's diploma, received an AA degree from Eastern Washington University through the Running Start Program.

His goal is to earn a degree from University of Washington in International Studies. He is this year's Blue Ribbon Circle designee. Adam was awarded \$750.



### **Holly Weiler**

Daughter of Erv and Faye Weiler. Holly graduated from East Valley High School, Spokane Community College and Whitworth College. She currently teaches English at University High School and is the girls cross country coach. Holly used

her scholarship monies to complete the required Washington State Education Units. She was awarded \$1000.

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 from our area and as Foothills residents we can take pride in the fact that we have assisted them in achieving their goals.

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## FEEDING WILDLIFE

Presently in the State Senate is State House Bill HR1885. This bill makes it unlawful for a person to place, deposit, distribute, or scatter grain, hay, or other food so as to intentionally lure, attract, or "potentially habituated wildlife," which includes bears, cougars, wolves, coyotes, deer, elk, and raccoons.

HR1885 establishes a tiered system starting with a warning and progressing to the issuance of an infraction and also creates a list of exempt persons and activities. It protects wildlife from losing their fear of humans and protects the public from serious health and safety risks associated with coming into contact with wildlife. The bill gives wildlife enforcement officers tools to investigate, educate and fine neighbors who intentionally feed the above defined potentially dangerous wildlife but it does not penalize people for feeding their pets outdoors.

To view the bill go to: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1885&year=2009#documents>

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## AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

*Reprinted from Fire District 9 House Calls Newsletter, Summer 2010*

For volunteer Captain Don Shearer, it's all about community. His father was a District 9 volunteer fire fighter and at the age of 16, Don joined his dad, Carl Shearer, serving at Station 96 in the Foothills area. According to Shearer, "What attracted me to the job was the thrill of being able to serve friends and neighbors. We're still a pretty tight-knit community out here. It's the sort of place where just about everybody knows everybody else. And after over 30 years, I still just love the opportunity to serve."

*Want to share your story? Simply email the FRA editor at [rfkrenkel@ptera.net](mailto:rfkrenkel@ptera.net).*

# SPOTLIGHT ON FRA NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

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Hi, I am a Foothills resident and the owner of Split Rock Contractors LLC. I feel exceptional customer service is the key to SRC's success. Split Rock was recently rated by the BBB with an A+ rating. Years of experience in the industry and extensive attention to detail where contributing factors to this positive review. We build value into every project! We offer complete residential construction services from concrete to roofing, and everything in between. SRC supports local vendors. Please contact Joey at 509-768-2689 for a free consultation.

## RAVENWOOD CASHMERE AND SOAPS

Life has a way of taking you in directions you would not dare to have dreamed. If you told me 17 years ago that Reed and I would be living on a mountain with 70 goats, 2 Maremma guardian dogs, chickens, a blind border collie, and involved in producing cashmere fiber and homemade soaps, I would have dropped over laughing. Yet, here we are, loving every minute of it. We moved to the Foothills community in 1993 and spent 13 years constantly remodeling the house. We had the DNR come out and assess the property which had been heavily logged several times over a period of 50 years, leaving only

firs which are prone to disease. In 1998 we were accepted into the Forest Stewardship Program and subsequently planted over 5,000 seedlings with the help of that program. Over the years, it became obvious that the survival rate was a lot less than desired because of competition with brush. The heavy concentration of brush also presented a fire hazard, so we decided to get goats to help rid ourselves of that and noxious weeds. Like all decisions, one thing led to another. If we were going to get goats, then let's get something that will work for us and give us something back. With all the large predators and stray dogs, we will need livestock protection. We will need shelter and a shop. The rest is history. And so, Ravenwood Cashmere and Soaps was born in 2008. We decided on cashmere goats because of the rarity of the fiber and Maremma dogs which have a 2000 year old history of working with humans. The dogs allow us to still enjoy wildlife and live in harmony with predators, as they size up the opposition and just move through. Making goat milk soaps for family and friends took on a life of its' own and morphed into a job I thoroughly enjoy. Yes, living in the Foothills has changed our lives - for the better. Friends think we are crazy to take on so much at our age. But, you know what? We are living in an area of great people and on a mountain full of magic for us and our grandchildren. We are doing what we want to do, in a place we love. How could it be any better? Visit us at [ravenwoodcashmereandsoaps.com](http://ravenwoodcashmereandsoaps.com) to keep up with the farm.



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## BLOOD BANK UPDATE

*Inland NW Blood Center / Foothills Association*

For the period ending June 30, 2010 the Foothills Association had a balance of eleven units of blood. There was a starting balance of eighteen units of blood; 7 units were donated and none expired. REMINDER: any person residing in the Foothills area is eligible to receive blood from this account. To use or donate blood, contact INBC at 624-0151 and give the health professional our FRA account number C367. Contact Dr. Charlie Wolfe at 924-1412 with questions concerning this Foothills benefit.

# COMMUNITY CRIME LOG INCIDENT REPORT

FRA Alerts as reported on the FRA website:

**May 2010:** From a homeowner near the Intersection of Pleasant Prairie, Lehman and Morgan; this area has been hit at least 4 times in the last two weeks (prior to May 5th) that we know of. Our crime check report number 10-172421

**5/11/10:** Red Subaru Station Wagon pulled up 150 foot driveway pounded on doors front and unseen slider in back then suspect went into garage and stole \$2100 of tools.

**5/30/10:** Homeowner had security camera and caught suspect prowling. Car is Maroon or Red older model station wagon 1990 era.

**5/30/10:** Homeowner saw suspect drive in driveway and when seen suspect left the property. Suspect turned to property next door and continued prowling.

**5/29-31/10:** unsure of day of visit...homeowner surprised suspect by answering door and he quickly left saying he thought he owed gas money to the resident but was mistaken. If you have any similar incidents please report to crime check and reference our case number, 10-17242. Photos take with the homeowners security camera are on the FRA Alerts page <http://ruralspokane.com/FRAalerts.htm>.

**6/10:** As reported to FRA editor; not on website: attempted break in near 11000 area of Forker Road. Outer porch door broken open, signs of attempted entry on front door.

**8/10/10:** Take care opening your mailbox! A few sparkler devices have been placed in mailboxes in Spokane, including at least one here in the Foothills area! Check the following link for more details from KXLY <http://www.kxly.com/news/24574178/detail.html>

The FRA Alert System is for all Foothills residents. It is a simple, effective way to quickly be notified of events/situations such as burglaries, fugitives-on-the-loose, wildfires, drug houses and road closures. Things that neighbors appreciate becoming aware of in a timely manner. To learn more about this free service and to sign up for this Alert System visit <http://ruralspokane.com/> and click on the FRA ALERTS page. Contact webmaster David Fisher at [davidf@ruralspokane.com](mailto:davidf@ruralspokane.com) with any "ALERTS" questions.

**Why call Crime Check?** When law enforcement looks back on the crimes that have been reported, it is only natural that they would focus patrols in areas where the incidents are being reported. So if individuals don't take the time to report the stolen flower pot or other crimes large or small – where do you think patrols will be focused? Our additional information could be what is needed to fill in the cracks of something much larger. To file a report on a crime that is not in progress, or does not need an immediate response, call Crime Check at 456-2233. Some reports may also be filed online at [www.spokanecrimereportingcenter.org](http://www.spokanecrimereportingcenter.org). The type of reports that can be filed include stolen bicycles, custodial interference, garage burglaries, harassment, lost property, thefts, trespassing, malicious mischief (mail box bashing?) and vehicle prowling. Of course, any situation that requires an immediate response from law enforcement, fire or medical aid, call 911.

## FREE FEMALE CAT

Mature, spayed, sweet, medium-length black fur, great mouser. Loves hugs and gets along with dogs. Call Penny at 922-4825.

## FOOTHILLS ALPACA 4H

Interested in learning different aspects of Alpaca care from husbandry to fibers? Not necessary to own an Alpaca. Open to children over the age of nine. Contact Kathleen Cullen or Holger Caban at 928-0299 of Foothills Suri Alpacas.

## A PROTECTION HOME INSPECTION

*It's your biggest Investment,  
know what you are paying for.*

**Eddie Konrad**

Inspector

(509) 270-0812



16740 E. Foothills Rd.  
Spokane, WA 99217

Evening # (509) 927-0812  
E-mail: [konrad5s@juno.com](mailto:konrad5s@juno.com)

## COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

The Community Center is great for all sorts of gatherings or meetings. It is a good place to call at the last minute due to unforeseen inclement weather, more family arrives than expected or the other place you rented is now unavailable. To schedule a date or for more information, please give Sherrie Potter a call at 927-8532.

## FRA MEMBER BUSINESS LISTINGS

*Below is a listing of FRA Members' Businesses & Services*

A Protection Home Inspection.....	270-0812
<i>Home inspection services</i>	
Alpine Frames .....	922-4825
<i>Custom framing &amp; photography</i>	
Anderson Collision.....	924-2748
<i>Auto frame repair &amp; painting</i>	
Animal Care Service.....	465-0602
<i>Pet &amp; livestock sitting boarding and pet photography</i>	
BCi Creative .....	465-9775
<i>Graphic &amp; web design</i>	
Britton Grader Work.....	879-2789
<i>Private roads &amp; driveways</i>	
Britton Tole & Decorative Painting.....	922-1494
<i>Custom hand painting</i>	
Crews, Scott J. DDS .....	924-1580
<i>Advanced cosmetic &amp; family dentistry</i>	
EcoEnergy Systems .....	979-2508
<i>Solar, wind, grid-tie, backup, RV, marine</i>	
Ethan the Handyman, LLC .....	921-6766
<i>Licensed, bonded and insured</i>	
Evergreen Powder Coating .....	535-9950
<i>Powder Coating &amp; Sandblasting</i>	
Foothills Suri Alpacas .....	928-0299
<i>Alpaca breeders</i>	
Impact Business Products .....	928-8782
<i>Office Supplies &amp; Cash Register Supplies</i>	
Jarvis, Gary.....	924-2609
<i>Photography weddings, senior &amp; family portraits and sports</i>	
Knecht, Allison.....	921-2729 or 475-7126
<i>Licensed massage therapist</i>	
Melaleuca Products.....	926-1157
<i>Sheri Boorman - The Wellness Company</i>	
Potter, Ashley .....	994-8538 or 927-8532
<i>Piano lessons for ages 6 to adult</i>	
Ravenwood .....	928-5870
<i>Cashmere goats, yarns, soaps</i>	
R&R Heating & Air Conditioning .....	484-1405
<i>Commercial &amp; residential</i>	
Split Rock Contractors, LLC .....	768-7278
<i>Residential General Contractor</i>	
Wensleydale Computer Service.....	892-7594
<i>David Fisher - Upgrades, tuning &amp; networking</i>	
West Towing.....Northside: 467-2800 or Valley: 924-0194	
<i>Automobile towing services</i>	
Yokes Fresh Markets	

## FRA BOARD MEETINGS

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Board meetings are held at the Community Center and convene at 7:00pm. All Foothills residents are invited to attend.

2010 Board Meeting Dates: October 11th

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.

A Community Crime Log has been established in an effort to increase community awareness about crime occurring in our area. The crime log will be published in the newsletter. Residents are encouraged to report all crimes to the police. After making a police report, call or email Mitch Roland at 951-9983 or mroland831@air\_pipe.com.

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](http://www.ruralspokane.com)  
Contact: David Fisher, Webmaster: [davidf@ruralspokane.com](mailto:davidf@ruralspokane.com)

#### 2010 Board Officers

President	Rich Krenkel	928-6610	<a href="mailto:rfkrenkel@ptera.net">rfkrenkel@ptera.net</a>
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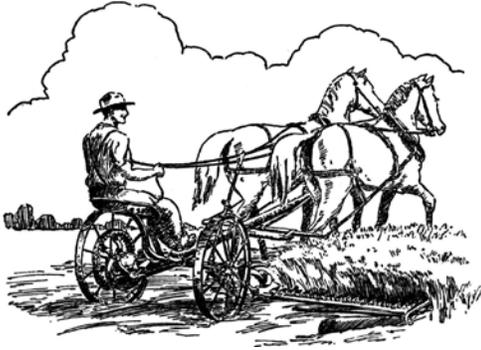
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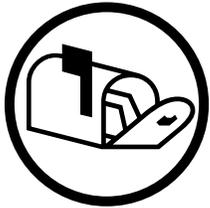
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## Membership

**It's easy to become a member of the Foothills Rural Association.** NOW is the time to play an active roll in the foothills community. Annual dues of **only \$20** will help support programs, events and information for our community.

**It is time to renew your membership for 2010.** 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: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we are willing to volunteer for one event during the year \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

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