

FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

by Mike Britton

The Foothills Rural Association in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Circle has awarded a total of \$3,000 in scholarships to Foothills residents. The Scholarship Committee interviewed the applicants at the Community Center, Wednesday evening, May 20, 2009. Committee members were Holly Weiler, Amanda Tainio, Mike Britton, Carol Stoll, Bonnie Caro, Art Tupper 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. As a community, we can be proud of these students, and happy that we are able to assist them in achieving their goals.

2009 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Samatha Roland

The daughter of Mitchell and Dana Roland. Samantha graduated from Valley Christian School and plans to continue her education first at Spokane Falls Community College, then to Biola University to study Graphic design. Samantha was awarded \$750.

John Roland

The son of Mitchell and Dana Roland. John is a repeat award recipient, currently is in his second year of Aerospace Engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona. John was awarded \$750 (Blue Ribbon Circle designee).



Shea Layton

The son of Rick and Roxanne Layton, is a 2009 graduate of Valley Christian School. He will be attending Multnomah Bible College in Oregon, where he will pursue his goal of becoming a youth pastor. Shea was awarded \$750.

Logan Ereaux

The son of Mark and Bonnie Ereaux. A Running Start Program student, Logan graduated from East Valley High School while earning his Associate in Arts Degree from Spokane Community College. He will enter University of Washington to become a Speech Pathologist. Logan was awarded \$750.



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FALL EVENTS!

Meet Your Neighbors...

FOUNDERS DAY BBQ POTLUCK

Saturday, September 19th • 6pm – 7:30pm

Foothills Community Center

We will be serving food from 6pm - 7:30pm but plan on staying later to visit with friends and neighbors. As is traditional, FRA will provide Longhorn barbeque meats and beans. Also provided are coleslaw, soft drinks and coffee. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.



CHILI FEED

Saturday, October 31st • 5:30pm - 7pm

Foothills Community Center

Sponsored by Foothills Rural Association. At this annual event the FRA 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

Saturday, 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 (mostly home made pies!) with coffee and soft drinks. The quilt show will feature new and old quilts; Quilts of Valor and Promise Stitch Quilts (pieced and quilted by hand). This is a great night to meet and mingle with friends and neighbors!



MEMBERSHIP

The wrong mailing list was used inadvertently for the April FRA Newsletter. Because of the error, residents unquestioningly sent their 2009 dues into the association only to learn they had already paid their dues. Their checks were returned along with an explanatory note. Steps have been taken to assure this type of glitch will not happen again! With that thought in mind, please check your address on the newsletter, if "Member 2009" appears above your name, the 2009 dues have been paid-Thank you!; if the date reads 2008, you belonged to the association last year but have not paid this years dues. And if there is no date above your name, please become a FRA member by sending in your \$20 dues along with the membership form located on the last page. *Thank you!*

THANKS

The Foothills Moms in Motion (MIM) sponsored a free Easter egg hunt on April 11th at the Community Center. The event was a huge success. Even a rainy morning did not keep children away! Along with the treats and surprises found in the hidden plastic eggs, there was a bake sale table to raise money for the team's fund raising project. The FRA Board members extend a THANK YOU for donating the proceeds to the Community Center. New boards were purchased for outdoor bench repair.

Angie Gardner is the team leader of MIM, contact her to learn about this fun & physically active group at 325-4684 or brianangieg@yahoo.com.



SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your investment in my future! I promise it will not be wasted and will be used for all my school gear. Being a graphic designer although fun, is also expensive with all the equipment. Your scholarship will help out in so many ways and will truly help shape my future college life. It means so much to me that you chose to invest in something so critical in my life. I will always be grateful for your investment and hopefully one day will be able to prove to you all, that investing in me was a wise choice! Thank you SO much!

~God Bless, Sammie Roland



QUILTS WANTED

Anita is looking for a wide variety of quilts from the community for this 11th annual quilt show. Old or new, a gift or one you made, pretty or ugly ducklings. All quilts are welcome! Call or email Anita for details: 928-5149 or arpederson@hotmail.com



(Mothers of Preschoolers)

Do you have children in kindergarten or younger? Want to join with mothers of the same age? MOPS may be for you and your child or children! To learn about the local program, plan to attend the kick-off meeting on September 15th at Foothills Community Church, 9am -11:15am.

For more information contact Michelle Baxter, MOPS Coordinator at 465-2285 or jmbaxter05@live.com MOPS International Inc: www.MOPS.org

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Earn Community Service Credits your work with your local community and wonderful neighbors. It is simple to serve on the Youth Committee: attend and participate in monthly board meetings, volunteer at one FRA function during the academic year. Plus participate and assist in the planning of the Foothills Family Christmas Party usually held the first week of December. Contact FRA President Rich at 928-6610 or rfkrenkel@ptera.net

FOOTHILLS FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

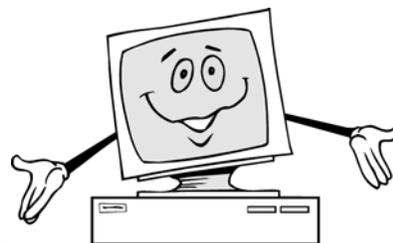
Once again we had beautiful weather for the event. I want to thank everyone who put in many hours of their time to help make the event successful; with your hard work we were able to serve a great meal to all the families. It took many hands gathering, preparing, cooking and serving the food along with setup and cleanup. To all those who helped, again a big THANKS!! Wandering around all the activities I could see the kids were having a blast and the adults were having a great time talking with neighbors and meeting new ones. Come join us next year either as a volunteer or just to enjoy the event with your family.

Rich Krenkel

President Foothills Rural Association

FIRST NEWSLETTER?

If this is the first FRA newsletter that you have received: Welcome! It is a goal of the FRA Board that our newsletter reaches all Foothills area residents. To reach that goal we are utilizing internet resources to locate and add area names to the mailing list. The Foothills Rural Association area is the section served by Fire District #9, Station 6, an area which covers about 30 square miles. Roughly it is bound on the north by Mt. Spokane Park Drive; Peone Road south, almost to Wellesley Ave. This southern border runs to the ridge line east of Forker Road and meanders northward along the crest. If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, please notify the membership chair at rfkrenkel@ptera.net or 928-6610.



ruralspokane.com

Have you visited ruralspokane.com lately? Pictures from recent FRA activities have been uploaded. The Gallery section needs updating – have any interesting or great photos to share in the gallery? Email them to the webmaster, David at davidf@ruralspokane.com

FOOTHILLS DEER



My name is Mike Britton, and I am a hunter. I am not a poacher, I am a law abiding hunter. I am not destroyer of the environment, I am a conservationist. And I appreciate wild animals, I do not try to make them my pets by taming them, feeding them, or letting my dogs chase

them. I love nature and have an appreciation of the circle of life and will as long as I live.

As a hunter I appreciate that I can take and eat a wild animal that grew up on our land. Its nutrition is good for me and the life of that animal is not wasted. It otherwise would live its life eating plants, avoiding predators, dodging cars and other hazards, procreating, raising young, and laying in the sunshine chewing cud or sheltering from storm. Such is the life of a white-tail deer, abundant here in the Foothills.

A deer's life is short. Fully one-half do not survive their first year. That is why nature has provided for twins. The average birth-rate here is about 1.4 births per year. That equates to 40% of the births are multiple births, usually twins, but every year if you look, you can find occasional triplets. Those multiple births provide for a small measure of insurance to answer the single annual breeding opportunity. Only once each year in late fall, does a doe have the opportunity to give birth and successfully perpetuate herself and her mate. White-tail deer can live to be about 14 years old in safe captive arrangements, where fending off predators, eating a steady supply of nutritious food, and conserving energy in a protected environment, much like man, can extend longevity well past that possible in the wild.

Does this mean we should protect wild animals? Yes and no. Do protect their habitat, remove un-necessary harassments like dogs, and slow down along the roadways. Do not feed any wild animal. Feeding animals tends to congregate them making contagious diseases more serious, brings predators such as cougars near people, pets, and livestock; further exposes them to more frequent road crossings and agonizing death by cars, raising hazards to humans, inflating insurance rates, and damaging property. Giving food makes deer less likely to survive an energy sapping chase by a dog, by not recognizing other dangers

A mature, white-tail buck, in the wild may live 5 to 7 years. A buck has many challenges: He must fight for the right to mate; he must expend vast amounts of energy to compete. Then, in the spring, he must grow antlers, another effort. The growing of antlers each year requires much minerals and nutritional

demands greater than un-horned animals. This is why bucks have a shorter life expectancy than a doe. Until the buck to doe ration is depleted to below about 1:12, there is a buck ready and able to impregnate does and buck hunting has no effect on deer populations. Procreation is addressed.

Because buck mortality is like this, hunting is a minor predation when compared to the numerous other causes of deer loss. This winter I myself have seen a marked increase in road kills. I have several theories why this year is more severe than last. One: the snow has been plowed from the roads providing easier travel routes. Two: roadways often have exposed vegetation, food litter, and minerals from salt spreading. Three: soft hearted humans see deep snow blanketing available deer forage and deep snow travel is strenuous and so people provide hay or other food that deer must cross roads to access. Four: roads were relatively dry this winter and vehicular speeds were high, even when visibility was low due to fog.

I believe the people that hunt Foothills deer and bag one, are a fraction of the number of deer killed by vehicles. I hate to see road kill. The Bald Eagles, coyotes, ravens, Magpies, and the neighbor dog, all scavenge and eat road-kills. But the single deer that I might take is made into the most wonderful summer sausage, healthful steaks, Italian sausage, leather for gloves, or even a decoration to remember that outdoor gratification.

Last year while processing my deer, I found a .17 caliber lead pellet in the loin muscle. This is the fillet mignon of the venison. The chance finding prevented ingestion of lead in my food or damage to the grinder for sausage.

How did it get there? It got there because someone shot the deer with a pellet rifle for fun or as punishment for being within range of a careless human. Maybe the deer was eating his flowers, or some kid was pot-



shooting a beautiful wild animal. What ever the reason, the pellet would not humanely kill the poor buck, but only inflict pain for no reason. Deliberate wounding of any living animal with no objective but to hurt it is not justifiable. To whoever did this, please cease.

In 2006, the buck that I got had an arrow broad head tip buried deep within the muscle of the shoulder blade area. It had encapsulated, and until the meat was stripped from the bone, the injury was not apparent at any time. There was no reason to believe that anything illegal occurred. But ethically, the archer should have made a maximum effort to retrieve his

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quarry. I know all land-owners do not permit hunters on their property, but bow hunters must make every effort to catch what they wound. Make the effort to contact landowners of lands where the wounded may have run. Take only shots likely to have a positive outcome. The checkerboard of small parcels in our Foothills creates the probability that a wounded deer will run to another's property, not just a remote possibility.

I sincerely hope that hunting continues well into the future. There are numerous reasons to continue to allow animal lovers and outdoorsman to hunt. It is not for everybody. In Washington State, less than 4% of the population hunts the white-tail deer. That is under 1 in 25. Of the remaining 96% of non-hunters, the majority believes that there should be hunting opportunity and further knows that hunting provides a method of managing this adaptable animal and the impacts that it has on all residents.



SNOW PLOW ANGELS

Last winter's bountiful snow fall, while beautiful, did bring about an extra need for snow plowing services. Foothills residents called FRA Board members seeking names of ANYONE that could plow them out. It was difficult to come up with names for people to call. As a result of this difficulty, the board would like to establish a Snow Plow Angel list. The list would not necessarily be published, but be available for board member referrals. Interested persons may call 928-6610 or rfkrenkel@ptera.net.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

by Sherrie Potter

Another busy year for the Community Center! In addition to the regularly scheduled FRA events. The center has been the site of varied occasion celebrations such as weddings, wedding receptions and rehearsal dinners and several are booked for September. Many families will hold holiday dinners on Thanksgiving and Christmas. In October, in addition to a couple business retreat/meetings, there will be a 90th birthday party celebration! Earlier in the year, the center was the site for several birthday parties; including 80th, a baby shower, a 50th wedding anniversary, a fund raising dinner and a piano recital. I would like to thank the community for their respect for this 100+ year old building, and for being responsible renters. A special thank you to Sarah for her keeping the grass mowed and presentable for each event. To schedule your special occasion or for a general meeting site, please call or email Sherrie at: 927-8532 or itsherragain@aol.com.

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2009 EVENTS:

Tentative dates

- Sept 19 • Founders Day Potluck
- Oct 31 • Chili Feed/ Harvest Party
- Dec 4 • Family Christmas Party
- Dec 11 • Fire Engine Santa

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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.

NOTE: Ad space is limited and available on a first come, first request basis.

YOUTH ADS

Prepared to Work! Pastor Brian has a big list of eager, fit, and responsible, young people seeking part time, occasional, or regularly scheduled work. He is usually able to find workers upon short notice. Call Pastor Brian at his office, 926-4971 or at home, 921-7885

Babysitter: Dependable and reliable. Own transportation. Call: Alicia 921-2729

FRA MEMBER BUSINESS LISTINGS

Below is a listing of FRA Members' Businesses & Services

Alpine Frames 922-4825
Custom framing & photography

Anderson Collision..... 924-2748
Auto frame repair & painting

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

Ethan the Handyman, LLC 921-6766
Licensed, bonded and insured

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

Split Rock Contractors, LLC 768-7278
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Wensleydale Computer Service..... 892-7594
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- www.mapmyfitness.com site lists and maps 412 bike rides in Spokane area.
- www.mapmywalk.com describes 147 walks in the Spokane Valley.



PICKERS WANTED

Are You a "Picker"?

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FRA BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD MEETINGS

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

2009 Board Meeting Dates: September 14, October 12, November 19 and December 14.

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.

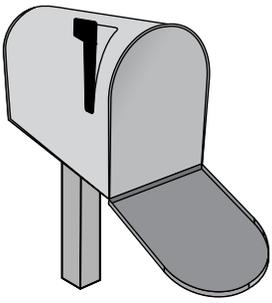
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Contact: David Fisher, Webmaster: davidf@ruralspokane.com

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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 2009. 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
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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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

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