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# FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS



### CHORAL CANTATA

**December 14th, 6:30pm**  
at Foothills Community Church

### THE FIRST NOEL

*Told through carols and the  
history behind them*

**December 21st, 6:30pm**  
Presented by Foothills Community  
Church Sunday School

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## FRA MEMBERSHIP 2009

Our current fiscal year ends on December 31, dues for 2009 are payable now through January 31st. Thank you to all who have chosen to support your community association through paid membership in 2008. Your dues serve as tangible evidence of your caring and interest in preserving the rural lifestyle of the Foothills area. Your dues allow the Association to sponsor free community events, maintain the community center building and grounds, and to publish and distribute this newsletter. Please know that your membership support is both needed and appreciated! Membership dues have not been raised since 1983! Won't you take the time now to fill out the membership application and include the \$20 membership fee! The Membership Application is found on the upper portion of the last or address page of each newsletter. Return either the half or full page to the FRA address printed there. OR save a stamp: pay your dues at the General Membership Meeting in January!

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## FOOTHILLS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Friday, December 5th at 6:00pm**

To begin the evening's merriment, there will be a seasonal musical presentation by Ashley Potter's piano students, followed by a white elephant or inexpensive gift exchange (no more than \$5.00), one gift for each person participating in the exchange. Tickets for the traditional fully ornamented Christmas tree and handmade wreath raffle will be \$1. Snacks or finger foods along with beverages will be provided, please bring a plate of your special holiday treats to share. Santa will be joining the festivities to talk with boys and girls. Please come and join us for a great time! Sponsored by the FRA youth committee.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Wednesday, January 21, 2009*



## COMMUNITY CRIME LOG

Recently the community crime log was notified of a theft on Judkins Road where a resident's trucks were broken into, a bike and other items stolen; the loss amounted to about \$700. The homeowner inquired

about a link or page on the FRA website to report or read about area thefts. After the presentation of this news and query to the FRA board meeting, a revealing discussion resulted about crime in the Foothills. One person spoke about their mailbox getting blown up; a couple other people made reference to meth houses; there has been mail stolen, which resulted in checks written on the credit card solicitations; and numerous homes broken into. It seemed apparent that crime information on the FRA website could benefit area residents. The board approved adding a Community Crime Log page to the website with Mitch Roland agreeing to coordinate this project.

Contact Mitch at 951-9983 or mroland831@air\_pipe.com. Information listed on the website may be anonymous.

## FOUNDER'S DAY

*September 2008*

Founder's Day is the day that traditionally FRA sets aside to remember or honor our early Foothills settlers and this year was no different. It was a most enjoyable meeting attended by a good mixture of people. Donna (Hudlow) Mahan spoke about attending school in the Community Center building. Russ Anderson had full agreement from the audience that they had a very good teacher! To wrap things up a birthday cake was presented and Happy Birthday was sung to Jenna Pfley in honor of her 8th birthday.

## NEW ALPACA 4-H CLUB FORMING

Interested in learning different aspects of Alpaca care? Have an Alpaca? Don't own an Alpaca? Able to care for another's Alpaca? Have interest in fiber arts using Alpaca wool? A new club is forming for the purpose of learning about Alpaca's. Open to children over the age of nine. Contact Kathleen Cullen or Holger Caban at 928-0299 of Foothills Suri Alpacas.

## CANDIDATE FORUM REPORT

*October 12, 2008 - By Penny Lancaster*

In spite of a chilly fall evening on October 9th, fifteen state and local candidates, or their surrogates, made the trip to participate in the Foothills Rural Association Candidate Forum. Tony Aronica, standing in for Doug Sutherland, Commissioner of Public Lands, even drove all the way over from Olympia. The candidates were welcomed with delicious cookies (thank you Faye Krenkel and Chuck Hunter), warm beverages, and the interest of about fifteen neighbors from the Foothills area. Each candidate had 6 minutes to introduce themselves and



highlight some of the issues that were important to them. Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich acted as the Master of Ceremonies and added his own comments at the end. He emphasized the importance of all of these offices in terms of public safety and the need for each citizen

to carefully consider the qualifications of each candidate. All of the candidates represented at the Forum were well qualified by education, experience, sincerity, and dedication to public service. After the presentations the audience had a chance to ask questions and a few lively discussions followed. Penny Lancaster and Chuck Hunter organized the event for the Foothills Community and had sent invitations to all the candidates that will be on our ballot for the General Election. Having a chance to meet your candidates and let them hear your concerns is an important part of the democratic process.

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## COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

Diverse reasons for events have been the norm for the Community Center building rentals the past five months. Highlights include a lovely girl who was honored by her parents to mark the occasion of her 16th birthday with a party and dance complete with a DJ; a 40th birthday celebration; an elegant outdoor wedding; family reunions and gatherings; Thanksgiving celebration; the candidate forum with 15 or 16 of the 4th district candidates; a very well attended chili feed; Founders Day; business meetings; and looking ahead, the FRA Family Christmas Party; a private family party and a New Years Eve gathering. To reserve a date for the Community Center call or email Sherrie Potter at 927-8532 or itsherragain@aol.com.

## FRA CHILI FEED

All the hard behind the scenes work resulted in an event that put smiles on everyone's face! The fragrant chili aroma had people lined up at the Community Center's door well before opening time. Once again a hearty thank you to Cheryl Britton for organizing the chili preparation and for her special contributions of venison chili and the in-demand white chili with wild turkey! Ashley Potter and Amanda Tainio provided the fun and creative decorations. For the second year, Amanda and her husband Marc offered hay rides to the accompaniment of Halloween music and stories. President Rich surprised everyone by appearing in costume. Mitch and Dana Roland were super kitchen help!

**Thank you all!**



## FIRE DISTRICT 9 ALARM REPORT

January 1 - September 30, 2008



Excluding vehicle accidents with injury, Firefighters responded to twenty EMS calls, which required either advanced life support (ALS) or basic life support (BLS). There were three motor vehicle accidents with injuries which also required ALS or BLS. Other vehicle accident reports were simply investigated. Investigations were conducted for both unauthorized and authorized controlled burnings; unintentional smoke detector activations and a downed power line. Another downed power line had fire district 9 providing manpower; in July firefighters worked to control a wild land fire. Additional blaze responses were to brush fires, an outside rubbish fire and a passenger vehicle fire, all of which were extinguished by service personnel. Adding to the total number of the 53 incident count were a minor number of dispatched and cancelled calls.

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## GIVE THANKS

*Submitted by Allison Knecht*

**Lord**, thank you for this sink of dirty dishes: We have plenty of food to eat. Thank you for this pile of dirty laundry; we have plenty of nice clothes to wear. And I would like to thank you, Lord, for those unmade beds; They were so warm and comfortable last night. My thanks to you, Lord, for this bathroom, complete with all the splattered mirrors, soggy, grimy towels and dirty lavatory; They are so convenient. Thank you, Lord, for this oven that absolutely must be cleaned today. It has baked so many things over the years. Thank you, Lord, for that slamming screen door. My kids are healthy and able to run and play. Lord, the presence of all these chores awaiting me says you have richly blessed my family. I shall do them cheerfully and I shall do them gratefully.

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## WWW.RURALSPOKANE.COM

If you haven't recently taken the opportunity to visit the FRA site, you are missing out on great information and local pictures. A new link has been added to the local resource page: photos to the local happenings area. Soon to be added is a community crime log (see article on Community Crime Log).

Webmaster David, keeps the site up-to-date and is quick to add current information. Remember to send David some of your great area photos to him at davidf@ruralspokane.com.



How much is a mother's worth  
– financially?

We all know a mother or father is priceless, however just for fun check out this link:

[http://swz.salary.com/momsalarywizard/htmls/mswl\\_momcenter.html](http://swz.salary.com/momsalarywizard/htmls/mswl_momcenter.html)



# JOHN SPEARE'S

## Temple Road Challenge



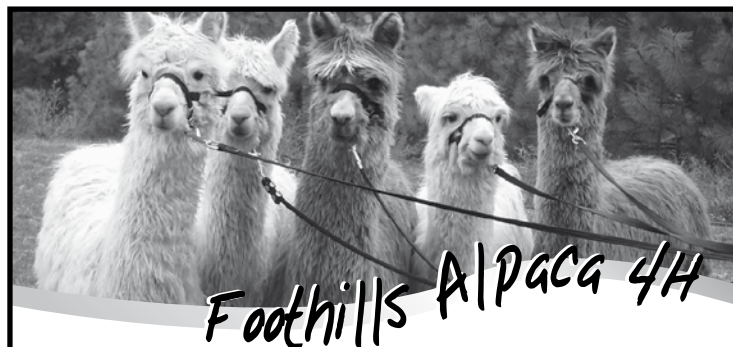
For you bikers, here is one person's account of his ride from Pasadena Park up Leman Hill, up and down Temple Road, to Newman Lake Drive onto Starr Road exiting at Trent.

<http://100km.us/437/john-speare-and-the-temple-road-of-doom/> Or check out [bikely.com](http://www.bikely.com) and view the map.

<http://www.bikely.com/maps/bike-path/Temple-Road>

## COMPARE \$ALARIES\$

Want to learn how your salary compares nationwide? Compare yours at the following link: [http://swz.salary.com/salarywizard/layoutscripts/swzl\\_newsearch.asp](http://swz.salary.com/salarywizard/layoutscripts/swzl_newsearch.asp)



*A new 4H club is forming for those interested in learning about Alpacas!*

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- You can join whether or not you have acreage
- Contact Foothills Suri Alpacas for more information

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# 2008 SCHOLARSHIP

## Thank You!



*Thank you very much for the scholarship. It will really help me pay the high cost of an education. With this award I'll be able to reach the stars! Thanks again!*

*~Lee Kaelin*



*Thank you very much for selecting me to receive a scholarship for 2008! All the help I have received from your organization has been greatly appreciated! I continue to strive for the best in life and with my education. Thank you very much!*

*~Korina Kerbs*

## ANTOINE PEAK HIKE/SNOWSHOE TREK

**Sunday Dec 14th, 2008 • 12:00 PM**

*Meet at Robbins Road Trailhead at Brevier*

Antoine Peak is in the process of being added to the list of properties acquired through the Conservation Futures fund. Funding was recently approved for phase II and III of the acquisition process. Foothills residents who are interested in touring this local treasure are invited to attend this Spokane Mountaineers sponsored event. Come prepared for what the weather conditions offer: hiking or snowshoeing. Please contact one of the trip leaders to sign up; let them know that you are a Foothills resident. Trip Leaders - Jeff Lambert (509)999-5100 or Holly Weiler at (509)921-8928.



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# THE FRA TODAY

*By Mike Britton*

What is the Foothills Rural Association? Editor, Faye Krenkel asked for a short article on just what is the FRA today. Contrary to belief, I was not present when the earth cooled, I am not as old as dirt, and I have not been here since Christ was a corporal. But I do have some fond memories of the FRA and some of its many activities.

For example, way back in 1989, the FRA had its first Foothills Fun Run and Walk. The goal was a beautiful sunny Saturday morning Run /Walk with the many neighbors of the Foothills Community. Per request, beautiful weather was procured, and we walked and ran the current course before our Pancake Breakfast. We must have had about a hundred participants, and Cheryl and I produced a mountain adorned T-shirt that was popular with all. We've had perfect weather for each of those 20 runs. I think that Dale Nilson was the FRA president at that time. Dale was one of the earliest Founders of the FRA. He and his brother John and others were moved to action when a land use action was proposed by a kennel. (Please note that this was NOT the Marcinda Kennel). When that land issue died and the Fire Department acquired the current schoolhouse (FRA Community Center) site, saving the historic community landmark, and at the same time, creating a neighborhood center, conserving local history as well as providing a venue for community functions and private events became the purpose of the FRA. The Nilsons, Mike Atwood, Del Schmitt, and others and their families spent hundreds of hours reclaiming and updating the "old schoolhouse" into a valued neighborhood asset. The far-sighted efforts of those founders as well as the Fire Department have ensured the use for years to come.

In those days we had carnivals, community yard sales, bazaars, and many family events. Today we still have many functions and events. You have probably attended at least a couple of the gatherings. We still have the Fun Run, usually in early June. The Britton's, the Lea's, the Wolf's, and Holly Weiler have lead those functions for the past 20 years. I cannot possibly remember all of the volunteers that have contributed time and participation to the Run and to the Breakfast, too.

First thing in the spring, we have a community yard sale, which enables swapping of "precious junk" between neighbors. Refreshing the FRA Center, repairs, and other maintenance is another of our responsibilities. In May, the FRA Scholarship Committee assembles applications, completes interviews, and awards funding for Foothills students to further their educations. I have lead this group for many years and the FRA has awarded dozens of thousands of dollars to some of the brightest, hard-working, diverse, and pretty awesome kids (and adults) in our community. Through correspondence and reports by residents, we have learned of some impressive accomplishments of our very local, home-grown citizens, which have produced doctors, teachers, pilots, scientists, counselors, engineers, and health professionals. The original seed money was given to the FRA by lifetime resident, Jess Kronquist; the scholarship carries his name in memoriam.

In July we provide food for the Foothills Church Foothills Family Fun Festival. At a very nominal charge, we provide round the clock food such as the "Hot dog deal" and the "hamburger deal" meals, plus beverages; the intent is to make it so that children and parents can enjoy a play day without having to leave to eat. The family together time is our goal. After summer activities, we have our tribute to the founding fathers (and moms) of the area. Founder's Day was a suggestion of Joyce Roskelley many years ago to recognize, reacquaint with, and connect with living and deceased members of our community. Holly Weiler and others have become historians and have worked to assemble and relate the past to us today. In order to facilitate that, the FRA has provided free of charge a Longhorn dinner so that the evening's focus is on real people that shaped our region's past. Many of the past generations have related anecdotes about Foothills past such as the gathering of patients for tonsillectomies at the Foothills School or the show-casing of local classical autos and their skilled owners.

Later at the end of October is Harvest celebration. On Halloween, in conjunction with the Foothills church, we have a Chili feed. This year we served at least 225 people approximately 27 gallons of chili and fixin's, again at no charge. Chilies of the past have included Elk chili, white wild turkey chili, and of course four alarm chili, plus special family recipes made by individuals.

Through surveys, we have determined that the most valued activity of our organization is the newsletter. Faye Krenkel currently leads this endeavor. Finding out about local issues and participating in the community's activities is facilitated by this newsletter sent to every known house in the Foothills. If you're not reading this now please let Faye know so that she may add you to the circulation. Approximately 1/3 of the Foothills households are members of the FRA. If you want to learn more or want to otherwise contribute to our community, please attend any meeting, especially the January General Membership meeting. The evolution and rejuvenation of the FRA depends on new people as well as its lifetime residents.

## MEMBERS ONLY CLASSIFIED ADS

### 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 for details.

### 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!

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## UPCOMING FRA EVENTS

**Subject to change. For current info go to:**

**www.ruralspokane.com**

## 2008 EVENTS:

**Dec 5 • Family Christmas Party**

**Dec 14 • Choral Cantata**

**Dec 14 • Hike/Snowshoe Trek**

**Dec 21 • The First Noel**

**Jan 21 • General Membership Meeting**

## 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*
- Anderson Collision.....924-2748  
*Auto frame repair & painting*
- Animal Care Service.....465-0602  
*Pet & livestock sitting boarding and pet photography*
- BCi Creative.....465-9775  
*Graphic & web design*
- Britton Grader Work.....879-2789  
*Private roads & driveways*
- Britton Tole & Decorative Painting.....922-1494  
*Custom hand painting*
- Crews, Scott J. DDS.....924-1580  
*Advanced cosmetic & family dentistry*
- Jarvis, Gary.....924-2609  
*Photography weddings, senior & family portraits and sports*
- Knecht, Allison .....921-2729 or 475-7126  
*Licensed massage therapist*
- Potter, Ashley .....994-8538 or 927-8532  
*Piano lessons for ages 6 to adult*
- R&R Heating & Air Conditioning.....484-1405  
*Commercial & residential*
- Wensleydale Computer Service.....892-7594  
*David Fisher - Upgrades, tuning & networking*
- West Towing.....Northside: 467-2800 or Valley: 924-0194  
*Automobile towing services*
- Yokes Fresh Markets

# QUICK TREE FACTS

There are approximately 25-30 million Real Christmas Trees sold in the U.S. every year. There are close to half a billion Real Christmas Trees currently growing on Christmas Tree farms in the U.S. alone, all planted by farmers. North American Real Christmas Trees are grown in all 50 states and Canada. Eighty percent (80%) of artificial trees worldwide are manufactured in China, according to the U.S. Commerce Department. Real Trees are a renewable, recyclable resource. Artificial trees contain non-biodegradable plastics and possible metal toxins such as lead. There are more than 4,000 Christmas tree recycling programs throughout the United States. For every Real Christmas Tree harvested, up to 3 seedlings are planted in its place the following spring. There are about 500,000 acres in production for growing Christmas Trees in the U.S.; much of it preserving green space. There are about 21,000 Christmas Tree growers in the U.S., and over 100,000 people employed full or part-time in the industry. It can take as many as 15 years to grow a tree of typical height (6 - 7 feet) or as little as 4 years, but the average growing time is 7 years. The top Christmas Tree producing states are Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Washington. The top selling Christmas Trees are: balsam fir, Douglas-fir, Fraser fir, noble fir, Scotch pine, Virginia pine and white pine.

*USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, National Christmas Tree Association (NCTA) and your local Christmas Tree professional.*

## Artificial Christmas Trees

Towards the end of the 1800's, another variation of the traditional Christmas tree appeared: the artificial Christmas tree. Artificial trees originated in Germany. Metal wire trees were covered with goose, turkey, ostrich or swan feathers. The feathers were often dyed green to imitate pine needles. In the 1930's, the Addis Brush Company created the first artificial-brush trees, using the same machinery that made their toilet brushes! The Addis 'Silver Pine' tree was patented in 1950. The Christmas tree was designed to have a revolving light source under it and colored gels allowed the light to shine in different shades.

## FRA BOARD MEETINGS

### BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings convene at 7:00pm and are generally adjourned well before 9:00pm. All Foothills residents are invited to attend. If a member is unable to attend a board meeting but would like to offer suggestions or concerns about our area, please call one of the officers with information in advance of the meeting.

2008 Meeting Dates: Dec. 8th.

**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](mailto: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)

### 2008 Board Officers

President	Rich Krenkel	928-6610	<a href="mailto:rfkrenkel@ptera.net">rfkrenkel@ptera.net</a>
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Treasurer	Don Tucker	924-9105	<a href="mailto:dat@wwdb.com">dat@wwdb.com</a>

### Board Members:

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Ashley Potter	(08)	927-8532	<a href="mailto:itsherragain@aol.com">itsherragain@aol.com</a>
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**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:

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

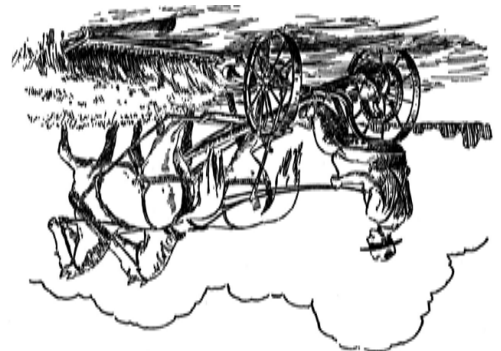
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I/we are willing to volunteer for one event during the year \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

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

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