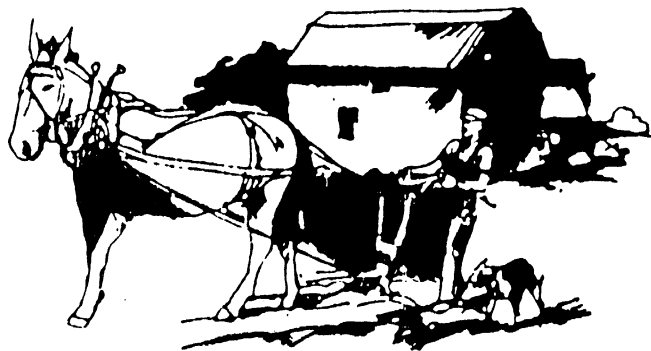




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### DEDICATED LEADERS RE-ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

### EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 1998

Mark your calendars for the following Foothills Rural Association events:

**May 8** - Deadline for Scholarship Applications

**June 13** - Fun Walk & Pancake Breakfast

**June 27** - Community Yard & Craft Sale

**Sept 19** - Founder's Day BBQ

Note that the annual yard sale date has been moved back from May to June this year. You'll have extra time to do your Spring cleaning and have lots more to sell! Also, these are only the Association's major annual events. Other activities such as potluck dinners or special holiday events will be announced in future newsletters. Stay tuned!

Following a very enjoyable potluck dinner, shared by residents old and new, President Steve Allenberg presided over the Annual Meeting held at the Community Center on January 21, 1998.

Annual reports were presented and 1997 events and activities reviewed and discussed. Special recognition was given to **Steve Allenberg** and **Steve Hansen** who guided the extensive renovation of the rental cottage by a small core of volunteers over a period of several months. Both men devoted an enormous amount of time to the project,

Re-elected to second terms were **Steve Allenberg**, president; **Wende Barker**, secretary; and **Don Tucker**, treasurer. **Kay Muelrath** was elected as the Association's new vice-president. Accepting new three-year terms on the board were **Mike Britton** and **Joyce Roskelley**.

### JUNE BALCOM REMEMBERED First Editor/Writer of the Foothills Rural Association Newsletter

### VOLUNTEER FIREMEN HONORED

At the Annual Fireman's Banquet held on January 24, five volunteer firefighters with Foothills Station 6 were honored. Retiring after many years of volunteer service were **Bob Atwood** and **Walter Wruble**. Both received plaques in recognition of their service.

Receiving his 25 year pin was **Mike Atwood**. Receiving 15 year pins were **Doug Cooper** and **Mark Hauschild**.

Foothills residents should express their appreciation to these individuals, along with all of our volunteer firemen and paramedics at Station 6, whenever possible. In addition to answering emergency calls, they devote many hours each year to training and updating their skills.

June Balcom, age 75, of Forker Road died suddenly on February 9, 1998. Active in the Foothills Rural Association from its formation, June wrote and edited the Newsletter for nearly ten years from the first issue in December, 1983 through March 1992. Even after this, June, and her husband Cliff, continued to handle all the address labeling, collating, and mail sorting of the newsletter until just last year. Both attended nearly every event sponsored by the Foothills Rural Association over the years.

June was preceded in death by a daughter, **Kathy Rohrback**, in 1989. She is survived by **Kathy's** family, two other daughters and their families including the **Storey** family on Piper Road, and her husband of 57 years. The Foothills Rural Association will certainly miss June's long-standing dedication and support.

FIRE DISTRICT 9 MAKES CHANGES  
IN DISPATCH OPERATIONS AND  
STATION 6 SERVICE BOUNDARIES

Effective January 1, 1998, Fire District 9 dispatch operations were merged into a new Combined Communications Center (CCC) which serves all of Spokane County as well as the southern portion of Stevens County. On that date, District 9 dispatchers became Spokane City employees and began working in the new CCC located in the city's former fire dispatch facility.

Another change, made last fall, moved the western boundary of the area served by Foothills Station 6 approximately one mile east. The former western boundary was a line running north-south approximately parallel with Lehman Road. The new western boundary is a line running north-south approximately parallel with Tracy Road and the west end of Piper Road. This change was made following the completion of the new Mead Station which is a 24-hour staffed facility offering a quicker response time to the area, located mostly below the bluff, bordering Peone Prairie. At the same time there were some minor adjustments made to the north and east boundaries of the area served by Station 6. These changes insure emergency and fire services to some areas of new development north of Mt. Spokane Park Road and on the east side of Norman Road.

FOOTHILLS FIRE STATION #6  
ALARM LOG

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>
12/17 0505	14015 E Bigelow Gulch	Medical
12/20 1020	4941 N Pasadena Ln	Alarm System
12/20 1654	Moffat/Forker	Auto Accid.
12/21 1007	Mt St Michaels	Alarm System
01/21 0919	19012 E Foothills	Medical
01/30 0819	Forker/Judkins	Auto Accid.
02/06 1723	12707 E Bigelow Gulch	Medical
02/09 1216	8804 N Forker	Medical
02/11 2332	Forker/Bigelow	Vehicle Fire
02/15 1632	14912 E Farwell	Medical
02/24 1714	14307 E Moffat	Alarm System

FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION  
BOUNDARIES REMAIN INCLUSIVE

When the Bylaws for the Foothills Rural Association were written, the Association boundaries were defined as those of "Fire District 9, Station 6". While the boundaries of Station 6 were recently changed, residents living the area affected by this change should rest assured that they are still considered to live within the boundaries of the Foothills Rural Association!

Until such time as the Bylaws can be amended, the officers and board of the Association have voted to interpret the Association Boundaries as those of Station 6 as identified at the time that the Association was founded.

\$500 SCHOLARSHIPS AGAIN OFFERED

The Foothills Rural Association, in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Circle, will again award two \$500.00 scholarships to college bound or returning college students. The scholarship is available to any resident of the Foothills geographical area and applicants are considered on the basis of scholastic merit, participation in school and/or community service, and need. The scholarship may be used at any institution including community colleges, business colleges, and technical institutes which award academic degrees.

In addition to a formal application, due **May 8, 1998**, an informal interview with the scholarship committee will be held on a random basis on the evening of May 11, 1998. The application for this year's scholarship is included in this newsletter and is also available from FRA officers and board members. The committee looks forward to visiting with outstanding students of all ages residing in the Foothills. It is always a rewarding experience for the committee members, and yet another way in which our Rural Association serves the community.

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Dear God,

*So far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent. I'm really glad about that.*

*But in a few minutes, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help. -Amen.*

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## BIRDS OF THE FOOTHILLS

by Ron Dexter

### HUMMINGBIRDS

Well, get out your Hummingbird feeders if you haven't already. They should be out early in March to recharge the migrants that are just arriving or moving through our area.

These smallest of birds come several thousand miles from South American and southern Mexico to breed and raise their young. So fill your feeders with sugar water - no coloring please!

We have three species of Hummingbirds here in the Foothills. The Rufous, the Caliope, and the Black-chinned. The Rufous is the largest and is the most dominate. The male is the most spectacular hummer with its bright reddish-orange color - especially the gorget on its throat. The male Rufous usually goes off on his own after the female starts incubating the eggs. That's why they are seldom seen in the summer time.

The Black-chinned male has the black chin that changes to bright violet at the bottom in the throat area. This is best seen when the light hits it just right. This middle sized hummer usually appears slimmer than the other two species.

The smallest hummer of the three is the Caliope. They appear to be all belly or rolly-polly. The male's gorget on the chin is purple-red and is flared or streaked rather than solid like the other males.

The three females are more difficult to describe, so you should consult your bird book. Size is your clue. When the young start arriving at your feeder, in late summer, identification becomes much more confusing.

#### FEEDER MIX

It's very important to have the right ratio of sugar to water. Here is how to prepare it. Bring **4 cups of water** to a light boil on the stove or in the microwave oven. Then add **1 cup of sugar** and stir until dissolved. Allow to cool before filling your feeder. It may be a good idea to fill your feeder only halfway until the humors are using it regularly. Store the remainder in the refrigerator.

If you hang more than one feeder, try placing them on different sides of the house so that the boss number can't guard all feeders at once. Be sure to hang them where you can see them from inside the house.

During the summer time, when it is hot outside, the water in the mix may evaporate, causing the mix to become syrupy. This is not good for the humors and they may not drink it. Use that solution to water your plants! Put it on a

different plant each time or spread it around. The plants will love it!

If you have a drippy feeder, you can place a catch can beneath and pour that on your plants (or hang the feeder over a bush). This may keep the ants on the bush instead of in your feeder. Insects in your feeder holes are the main reason they leak, so clean out those holes once in a while in hot, soapy water and rinse well.

If your feeders attract too many bees, you can hang a bee trap with hummingbird mix in it nearby. Use the unused mix out of your feeders and refill your feeders with fresh mix. Be sure to add a couple drops of dishwater soap to the **bee trap mix**. This will kill the bees faster, reducing the chances of escape.

Keep your feeders up through September so that northern hummers that are migrating through our area have a chance to refill on their trip back south.

If you have any questions or rare sightings of other hummers besides these three, please call me at 468-2555. Enjoy!

### MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP!

Yes, it's true! For the 2nd year in a row, the Foothills Rural Association set a new record in 1997 with **127** paid members. Thank you, Foothills residents for your support!

As of March 25, we have **118** members paid for 1998, so we are in easy striking distance of setting another new membership record. Check your mailing label, does it read, "MEMBER 1998" under your name? If so, thanks! If not, won't you consider joining, or renewing your membership in, the Foothills Rural Association for 1998? Annual dues are just \$20.00 and they haven't gone up since the Association was founded in 1983!

Also, you can help your Rural Association by letting us know if you have new neighbors! This newsletter is mailed to all **known** residents in the Foothills, but it's likely that some newer residents are not on our mailing list. So, if there is a new home or mobile near you, introduce yourself to the new folks on the block and be sure to let us know their name and address. Call or drop a note to:

Foothills Rural Association  
16630 E. Foothills Road  
Spokane, WA 99217-9433  
Ph. 924-4406

Proven Ways to Get Along Better  
With Everyone

1. Before you say anything to anyone, ask yourself three questions:
  - 1) is it true?
  - 2) is it kind?
  - 3) is it necessary?
2. Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully.
3. Never miss an opportunity to complement or say something encouraging.
4. Refuse to talk negatively about others and don't listen when others do.
5. Have a forgiving view of people. Believe that most people are doing the best they can.
6. Keep an open mind; discuss, don't argue.
7. Forget about counting to 10. Count to 1,000 before saying or doing anything that could make matters worse.
8. Let your virtues speak for themselves.
9. If someone criticizes you, see if there is any truth to what that person is saying; if so, make changes.
10. Cultivate your sense of humor.
11. Never make excuses. Good manners, though often unacknowledged, are always appreciated!
12. Making friends is more important than making money.

**ROAD SAFETY REMINDER**

With spring weather upon us early this year, area farmers are already heading to the fields. **Please be patient** when you encounter farm equipment on the road. Slow down. Don't follow too closely. Use extreme caution if attempting to pass - space may be very limited. If you see large equipment coming toward you, **slow down**, and, if possible, pull over to the side of the road (or pull into a driveway) until the equipment has passed.

Excessive speed when traveling on our rural roads is unsafe, uncaring, and unnecessary! Please obey posted speed limits. **Thank you!**

The **Foothills Rural Association** 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 protect the area from environmental depredation; to provide a forum by which the property owners and/or current residents may 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./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.

The **Newsletter** is published 4-6 times a year by the Foothills Rural Association. It is mailed to all known resident addresses in the Foothills. Address additions/corrections should be sent to: **Jim Wallrabenstein, Editor**  
16630 E. Foothills Road  
Spokane, WA 99217-9433  
Phone: 924-4406 FAX: 924-3665  
E-Mail: jmw@on-ramp.ior.com

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:  
**Chelle Spaulding, Crime Log Recorder**  
Ph. 924-6590

The **Foothills Community Center**, located on Forker Road, 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:  
**Flavia Kuebler, Rental Coordinator**  
Ph. 926-2919

**1998 Board Directory**

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	Dale Preedy ('98)	466-6172
	Pat Wolfe ('98)	924-1412

**NEED HELP? CALL Foothills YOUTH!**

Are you in need of some eager, able-bodied assistance? These Foothills youth are ready to help and waiting to hear from you!

Paul Bertholic (16), Morrison Road 922-2344  
Yard work, odd jobs.

Diana Bertholic (18) 922-2344  
Crystal Bertholic (14)  
Julie Bertholic (12)  
Babysitting, house cleaning

Heather Bitterman (15), Forker Road 891-5231  
Babysitting, feeding animals

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Babysitting - responsible, experienced!

Jason Kann (15), MacMahan Road 926-7686  
Babysitting, yard work, odd jobs  
Jennifer Kann (16) 926-7686  
Babysitting

Alyson Mahan (13), Forker Road 921-0700  
Typing, flyers, tutoring math K-7

Kira Starling (14), Foothills Road 924-9012  
Babysitting, yard work, elderly care

Dawn Starling (12) 924-9012  
Babysitting, yard work, pet care

Danae Starling (11) 924-9012  
Yard work, pet care, odd jobs

Joshua Tucker (16), Foothills Road 924-9105  
Math tutoring, algebra 1 or 2,  
geometry, trigonometry

Stephanie Tucker (14) 924-9105  
Math tutoring, algebra 1 or 2  
geometry, trigonometry; animal care

Holly Weiler (19), Adams Road 926-9144  
Babysitting, **house-sitting**

Joe Weiler (17) 926-9144  
Rodent trapping (gophers, moles  
weasles), yard work, odd jobs

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If you are a Foothills youth who would like to be listed in the next newsletter, send this information to:

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16630 E. Foothills Road  
Spokane, WA 99217-9433  
FAX: 924-3665  
E-Mail: jmw@on-ramp.ior.com

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Type of work you're interested in doing.

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