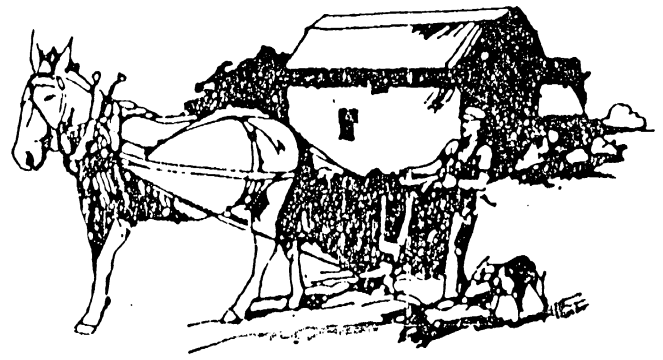




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Burglar Reported,  
Burglar Spotted,  
Burglar Captured!

2nd Annual Founder's Day  
Barbecue Potluck

Mark your calendars! Reserve this date!

**Saturday, September 20 4 - 7 PM**

Marking the anniversary of the opening of the Foothills School (now our Community Center) for classes in the fall of 1905, this event met with overwhelming enthusiasm last year! Once again the Association will be providing the favorite *Longhorn Barbecue* meat & baked beans along with buns and a selection of cold pop. The community is asked to provide a potluck dessert or salad.

Live music will be provided by a talented group of fiddlers both young and old. A representative from the Fish & Game Department will be present to provide information and answer questions related to hunting and fishing. And other activities are planned as well!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to visit with your neighbors, greet new-comers to our community, and enjoy some mighty fine food.

See you there!

GET YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING  
DONE EARLY

Geneva will have her crafts (pot holders, baby bibs, hand towels, etc.) at the Community Center on **Saturday, October 25** from 9 AM to 9 PM. Other crafters are welcome! If you want a space, call Sharon at 922-1103.

Why fight the mall crowds when you can get some of your gift buying done close to home!!

"Neighbors team up, catch suspect" "Foothills area farmers respond to radio call for help capturing suspected burglar" Those were the headlines on the front page of the *Valley Voice* on Saturday, August 23, 1997. Of course, by then, most everyone in the Foothills already knew about the events that took place on Monday, August 18.

Spokesman-Review writer, Pat Sciuchetti, provided a fairly detailed account of the entire chain of events which you are encouraged to read if you happened to miss it. The article highlights the value of living in a community such as the Foothills where neighbors watch out for one another and aren't afraid to get involved!

In this case, an observant Lincoln Road resident witnessed the suspect take a gun from a neighbor's garage after he had harassed a teenager at that residence. First things first - the police were called. After the sheriff's office had been notified, another neighbor set off in search of the suspect's black pick-up truck. Along the way, he passed word about the suspect vehicle on to other neighbors who were assisting local farmers with grass-field burning. Alas, the suspect vehicle (which also turned out to be stolen) was spotted heading north on Forker Road (after the suspect had burglarized at least two other homes)! With the aid of 2-way radios used by field burning crews, several men in a larger truck were able force the pick-up off the road, capture the suspect, and hold him for Sheriff's deputies.

No one was hurt, except for the suspect, who required a firm application of "helping hands" as well as a dose of pepper spray to be brought under control. That's one burglar who may think twice before returning to this area!

Be a good observer! Report any suspicious activity or criminal acts to police immediately. Jot down a description of suspicious vehicles. Never confront a burglar if you are alone.

JESS KRONQUIST MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO THREE  
FOOTHILLS AREA STUDENTS

In 1990 both the Foothills Rural Association and the Blue Ribbon Circle were recipients of nearly \$10,000 bequests from the estate of Jess Kronquist, a long-time Foothills Resident. Both organizations have set aside these funds in endowment type accounts with the proceeds used to provide education scholarships to Foothills area students. The Blue Ribbon Circle has awarded annual scholarships since 1992 while the Foothills Rural Association made its first scholarship award in 1994. Last year, the two organizations combined the application and selection process for both scholarships. This year, income from the endowment accounts allowed for the awarding of three scholarships.

Recipients of this year's \$500. scholarships are: **Sean Barker**, son of Tom & Wende Barker, MacMahan Road; **Erin Schwartz**, daughter of Mike & Cheryl Britton, Forker Road; and **Holly Weiler**, daughter of Ervin & Faye Weiler, Adams Road.

**Sean Barker** will be heading to Western Washington University this month where he plans to study music. He is a 1997 graduate of East Valley High School. Anyone who follows the local music scene has probably read about Sean's celebrated transcription of Mozart's Piano Sonata No. 17 which was performed by Connoisseur Concerts musicians at the *Mozart on a Summer's Eve* concert in July. While his primary performance instruments are the piano and clarinet, Sean has an abiding interest in nearly all keyboard and orchestral music.

**Erin Schwartz**, a 1995 graduate of East Valley High School, is currently a junior at Eastern Washington University with a major in biology. Erin hopes someday to work with animals through a career in veterinary medicine or related field. In addition to her full-time studies at Eastern, Erin works full-time on the swing shift at Johnson Matthey Electronics on Sullivan Road. Married in June 1996, Erin's husband, Doug, is a student at Spokane Community College as well as working full-time.

**Holly Weiler** plans to go into teaching as she pursues a major in English with minor in history or Spanish at Spokane Community College. A 1997 graduate of East Valley High School, Holly lettered in track and cross-country all four years as well as participating in SOCS (Student Oriented Community Service) and the Spanish Club. While attending SCC, Holly continues to live with her parents where she enjoys herb & flower gardening and creative cooking. She also enjoys her part-time work at Maki's Day Care.

PLEASANT PRAIRIE CEMETERY

The Board of the Pleasant Prairie Cemetery would like to announce the completion of the first expansion to the cemetery with the addition of 800 burial lots. Located on the north side of Morgan Road just east of Scott Road, the Pleasant Prairie Cemetery is the final resting place for earlier generations of many Foothills area families. The cemetery is supported by donations, bequests, and the sale of burial lots. There is now a part-time care-taker, water is available, and the cemetery was recently fenced. Foothills residents may stop by anytime to look over the cemetery improvements.

Anyone living within a five mile radius of the cemetery, which includes most of the Foothills area, or having a relative already buried in the cemetery is eligible to purchase a burial lot. Double lots currently sell for \$700.00. Single lots are also available for \$350.00.

Members of the Pleasant Prairie Cemetery Board currently include: Russ Anderson, Don Hauschild, Vi Temple, Les Foster, George McConahy, Norma Rodgers, and Kent Kuonen. For further information, contact Russ Anderson at 926-4001 or Vi Temple at 534-3851.

OUR WORLD TODAY

*If we could shrink the Earth's population to a tiny village of exactly 100 people, with the current ratios of inhabitants it would look like this: There would be 57 from Asia, 21 from Europe, 14 from North and South America, and 8 from Africa. Some 51 would be female, 49 would be male. Seventy would be non-white, 30 would be white. Seventy would be non-Christians, 30 would be Christian. Half the entire world's wealth would be in the hands of only six people and those six would be from the USA. Eighty would live in sub-standard housing. Seventy would be unable to read. Fifty would suffer from malnutrition. One would be near death and one would be near birth. Only one would have a college education, no one would own a computer!* (from The Millwood Press)

*Sort of makes one think about thanksgiving.*

*In "With Wings As Eagles", Bill Oglesby describes genuine thanksgiving as a mark of maturity. "The individual has moved from a careless taking everything for granted with no thought of personal responsibility, through an egotistical resistance to accepting help in a vain endeavor to be self-sufficient, to a conscious and genuine involvement in the give and take of life and an awareness that it is not possible to live alone."*

*Yes, the other 99 also share our world!*

## FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY LOSES A FRIEND

Each of us, hopefully, has experienced the joy of knowing at least one very special person in our circle of family or friends who inspires, encourages, teaches by example, says "yes" easily in taking on responsibility, and almost glows with a caring, courageous, zest for life. For those who knew her, and many of us in the Foothills community were so fortunate, Carol Kaelin was such a person.

Carol died at home on June 1st following a 14-month battle with cancer. Even during those final months of her life with us, she did not become bitter, she did not give up. She remained thankful for what she had, for the life she had been able to enjoy. She died in the home which she and her husband, Dick, built on Moffat Road the first winter after their marriage in October 1953.

There really wasn't much Carol couldn't do. Her kitchen was a favorite hang-out for family and friends who were always welcomed and made to feel at home. She baked and decorated beautiful cakes, as well as cookies and pies which were favorites everywhere. She was an accomplished seamstress, knitted & crocheted. Many of us have items she created. She also crafted seat-covers for the farm trucks, and heavy-duty tarp covers for welders & compressors. She farmed in partnership with Dick and was often seen driving the grain or hay truck, working the fields, or going to town for parts.

Many of us got to really know Carol through her active involvement in the Blue Ribbon Circle and the Foothills Rural Association. With her cheerful disposition and ability to "get the job done right", be it taking minutes of a meeting, helping with an event such as the Fun Walk or Yard Sale, serving on the scholarship committee, or preparing a meal at the Community Center, it was always a joy to work side-by-side with Carol, no matter what the task. Carol served on the Board of the Foothills Rural Association a total of five years including two as secretary. She probably took the best meeting minutes of any secretary most of us have ever known.

Carol was the surviving daughter of Jim and Olie Olinger who first moved to the Foothills in 1941. Her folks operated a small store, which was located just north of the Foothills Church, from 1947 to 1953. Lumber from the store was used to build the home where Brian and Carey Olinger now live at the same location.

A truly remarkable lady, Carol will be greatly missed by many of us. Her husband, Dick, continues to live in the home which they built, and farms on Moffat Road.

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**  
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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**

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	Dale Preedy ('98)	466-6172
	Pat Wolfe ('98)	924-1412
	Glen Anderson ('97)	926-0214
	Joyce Roskelley ('97)	928-2587

**FOOTHILLS FIRE STATION #6**  
**ALARM LOG**

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>
04/10 1531	15606 E Farwell	Carbon Monoxide
05/03 0043	7000 N Robbins	Bon Fire
05/08 2303	Forker/Jacobs	Brush Fire
05/11 2343	8606 N Forker	Medical
05/25 0404	15626 E Scribner	Medical
05/29 1706	15207 E Jacobs	Rubbish Fire
06/15 1321	15310 E Lincoln	Medical
06/17 1107	Forker nr Moffat	Smoke Invest.
06/18 1638	12817 E Pleasant Prairie	Medical
06/20 2143	16515 E Jacobs	Residential Fire Alarm
06/24 1620	Bruce/Morgan	Structure Fire
07/07 1414	11805 N Forker	Medical
07/28 1434	16612 E Foothills	Grass/Timber Fire
07/30 0903	15924 E Jacobs	Fire Alarm
08/07 1858	Argonne/Bigelow	Smoke Scare
08/08 1113	7704 N Bruce	Residential Fire Alarm
08/14 0111	13502 N Forker	Brush Fire
08/14 1700	Peck & Farwell	Wheat Field
08/14 2004	11000 N Forker	Combine Fire
08/18 1456	11000 N Forker	Medical
08/20 1649	12707 E Bigelow	Medical
08/20 2319	Bigelow west of Forker	Car Fire in Field
08/26 2013	14800 E Judkins	Standby
08/30 1118	10923 N Forker	Lifting Assist.
08/30 1626	15626 E Scribner	Medical

**BIRDS OF THE FOOTHILLS**  
by Ron Dexter

Would you like to attract more birds to your backyard, garden or pasture? The number one way to attract more birds is to provide water sources for drinking and bathing.

Any size pond strategically placed on your property will attract birds, perhaps birds you have never seen before. Ponds can be added for as little as \$20.00.

You don't even need to dig a hole! A very simple pond can be made by draping a plastic

tarp over a raised border made of dirt or straw. Place a few smooth bottomed rock in the water and a piece or two of driftwood or branches on the ponds edge leaning into the water. These provide perches from which the birds can drink.

A section of the border on one end should be removable for draining and cleaning the pond with a garden hose. Colorful gravel, driftwood or planters can be placed around the tarps edge to hold it down. Some portion of your pond should be only one to three inches deep for bathing. You can hang the end of a small hose over the pond to slowly drip onto the surface creating ripples that will attract birds. Overflow one edge of the pond into a garden ditch.

Another idea is to cut tires in half the long way with a sharp wet knife or sabre saw. Place these around your garden area filled with water.

You can buy small preformed plastic or rubber ponds with pumps that circulate the water over shallow steps making small waterfalls. These ponds are three to eight feet long and cost \$100.- \$500. including the pump and filter. You can place these on your patio or anywhere electricity is available. Moving water really attracts birds. (Please don't locate your ponds near hiding places for cats!)

Water lilies and overhanging ferns make your pond more attractive and provide shade for goldfish or water insects. Larger ponds can be machine dug and will hold water if your subsoil has clay in it. This is the only benefit I've found for clay here in the Foothills. If rock, sand or gravel pockets are found while digging, dig these pockets an extra foot deep and pack with clay soil. Commercial bentonite clay can be mixed into soil that is low in clay content in order for your pond to hold water if necessary

As you can see, anyone can have a pond who wants one from the simple, inexpensive pond to the more costly large ponds.

To provide shelter and resting areas in the deeper ponds (3 feet & deeper), pile old tires in the bottom of the pond. Pat and I stock our ponds with goldfish for the larger birds to eat. If you would like some goldfish for your pond, we'll give you some. I can also advise you on pond plants, snails, crawdads, clams and water insects which can complete your pond if desired.

Wood Ducks, Mergansers, Mallards, Herons, Kingfishers, and Canadian Geese visit our large ponds regularly. Smaller visitors are Sandpipers, Waxwings, Blackbirds, Red Crossbills, Pine Siskins, Finches and many other songbirds. To date, I've identified 127 different species of birds on our Forker Road property.

If you would like me to visit your potential pond site to discuss ideas, or if you would like to see our ponds, please call Pat or myself at 468-2555.

**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

Stephanie Boorman (13), Madison Rd. 926-1157  
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

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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