FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION 12401 N. Peck Rd. Spokane, WA 99217



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FRA Annual Meeting Wednesday, January 11, 2023 7pm. Community Center Chili dogs and dessert served

Hello Friends and Neighbors, from your Foothills Rural Association,

Annual Meeting Speaker: Erika Deasey

Our guest speaker for the annual meeting will be Erika Deasey, a local author and historian. Erika is currently engaged in researching all of the early schools of Spokane County. This includes several schools which were located in our Foothills community, including our current Community Center! Erika will provide an overview of her research and photographs of many of the earliest schools in our area.

Scholarship:

In the upcoming year there is a tremendous opportunity for students in the FRA area to apply for our Jess Kronquist Scholarship.

(The Jess Kronguist Scholarship is in collaboration with the Blue Ribbon Circle.) In 2022, with the generous support of the FRA community, we were able to offer the scholarship and had good results. The FRA committee conducted in person interviews and were able to award three highly deserving Foothills students our financial support. In 2023 we look forward to an interview process; reviewing applications, meeting with the students and learning what challenges students face while achieving their educational goals. The scholarship applications are available in May. See our website, www.ruralspokane.com, for details. JoAnn, the committee lead, is looking for a few new members to be on the committee. Check the box below if you are interested and she will give you a call with details.

Community Center Rental:

At the center of the community stands the white Foothills Community Center, a building that started its humble life as a schoolhouse teaching the local youths of the Foothills about the wonders of the world. It remained a schoolhouse until the 1960's. Once it was converted to our current Foothills Community Center it has hosted numerous events including wedding receptions, baby showers, birthday parties, holiday family get-togethers, graduations, memorial services, celebration of life, and many more events. The quaint building was the localized meeting place for the women's group, the Blue-Ribbon Circle when the membership dues were just ten cents and is the current location of the monthly Foothills Rural Association meetings. The Foothills Rural Association, or FRA, act as the stewards of the property and continue to rent out the center to both local residents and those outside of the district 9 boundaries. When looking for a warm and inviting space for hosting your next event, look no further than the Foothills Community Center! Reach out to the schedule coordinators, Roger & Sherrie Potter, at either 509-994-8538 or 509-990-2818. A tour of the inside of the center is just a phone call away. FRA members receive a considerable discount on rental fees. See our website, www.ruralspokane.com, for center pictures and details.

The Foothills Rural Association is optimistic that we will be able to continue holding our great community events with your support! Like the Annual Meeting, Easter Egg Hunt, Ice Cream Social, Harvest Party and Christmas Party. Be looking for more information in a 2023 newsletter and the sign on Lincoln & Forker Road. The FRA Board is holding its monthly meetings (second Monday of the month at 7pm) in person

We ask that you consider continuing to support the good work of our organization in 2023, by renewing your Foothills Rural Association annual dues. If you have never formally joined, please consider making that commitment this year. Dues are only \$20 per family, and we pledge to continue to be good stewards of the community's resources and to work hard on your behalf regardless of what pandemics or anything else throws our way!

Simply complete the form below and mail it with your 2023 membership dues of \$20 to the Foothills Rural Association using the enclosed envelope (please apply your stamp so we can keep costs down) or send to 12401 N. Peck Rd., Spokane, 99217. Thank you for your support. With everyone's safety in mind, we sincerely look forward to seeing and serving you in 2023.

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JESS KRONQUIST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2022 AWARDS

Blue Ribbon Circle Designee \$750 Award Winner

Joel Sievers

Eastern Washington University Applied Sciences Son of Mark & Ingrid Sievers



\$750 Award Winner Elena Sievers

Spokane Falls Community College ASL Interpreter Training Program Daughter of Mark & Ingrid Sievers



\$1000 Award Winner

Ashlin Klocke

Washington State University Biology Daughter of Mike & Debbie Klocke



Foothills Rural Association in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Circle awarded a total of \$2,500 in scholarships to residents of the Foothills in 2022. Finalists were interviewed at the Community Center on the evening of Thursday, May 19, 2022. The 2022 scholarship committee interviewers were JoAnn Davis, Cindy Kaelin, Carol Stoll, and Karen Feyk.

We appreciate that every school year gives <u>all</u> students challenges, and we offer encouragement for all students to keep up the great work. We thank all of this year's applicants for representing the Foothills so well and encourage future candidates to mark their calendars and apply for scholarship support in 2023!

Thank you from the Foothills Rural Association for supporting the Foothills community!



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