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## Riversong Concert



The Sunset Chapel at Fairmount Memorial Park was filled with Christmas cheer on December 12 as the Riversong chorale presented “The Joys of Christmas” holiday concert. The 24-voice choral ensemble from Riverview Retirement Community, entertained a crowd young and old with traditional Christmas songs, from “O Holy Night” to “The Little Drummer Boy.” Members of the audience joined in several songs, including “Go Tell It On the Mountain” and “The Twelve Days of Christmas.”

Riversong, also performed during Fairmount Memorial Association’s Memorial Day celebration, is comprised of singers from Riverview and the Spokane area and sponsored by the Riverview Retirement Community. The group was formed three years ago.



Following the concert, performers and members of the audience were treated to a visit from Santa Claus. Bags of goodies were given out and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

## Wreaths Across America



The weatherman was predicting snow and the air was numbingly cold, but Barb Taylor didn’t shiver as she stood outside the gates of Greenwood Memorial Terrace holding an American flag. Taylor, a member of the Patriot Guard Riders, has two sons serving overseas and on this cold December morning was proud to “stand in” for her boys. “I feel honored,” she said.

The Patriot Guard Riders, who serve as the official escorts for the wreaths, joined the Esther Reed Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution and representatives from Fairmount Memorial Association on December 12, for Wreaths Across America. Seven Christmas wreaths were placed at Greenwood Memorial Terrace to honor each branch of the military as well as POW/MIA.



The nonprofit Wreaths Across America organization sprang from the Arlington Wreath Project, which was started in 1992 by Morrill Worcester of Worcester Wreath. Worcester donated and placed 5,000 Christmas wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery in what would become an annual event. Over the years, Worcester began receiving requests from others wanting to participate at their local cemeteries. Though he couldn’t donate thousands of wreaths to each state, Worcester agreed to donate seven wreaths to each participating ceremony. Today, more than 400 cemeteries are participating, including 24 veterans’ cemeteries on international soil.

Julie Pittmann of the Esther Reed Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution said the first event held in Spokane on December 12 generated quite a bit of interest. “It’s amazing how it has taken off for our first year,” she said.

The event was attended by a large contingent from the Patriot Guard Riders. “It really is a neat deal,” said Dennis Ochs of the Patriot Guard Riders. “We were honored we were invited to participate.”

The brief ceremony was well attended, with representatives from each branch of the military, along with military veterans and representatives from the office of Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers.





## *A Message from the President*

We recently held a funeral for my aunt. She was more than an aunt. She was like a mother to me.

I've been in this profession for 33 years and that doesn't make it any easier to lose a loved one. We might know more about what goes on behind the scenes, but the loss doesn't tug at our heart strands any less. I have a renewed appreciation for how well Heritage Funeral Home performs and how well all of our employees at Fairmount Memorial Association perform. It drives home the message that what we do is right.

When you're on the receiving end, that's a good thing. Those of us at Fairmount Memorial Association are no different than any of the people who come to us in their time of loss. Loss hits us like it hits you. We may have a better understanding, is all.

It hurts no less.

What I never want to happen is for Fairmount Memorial Association to become so industrial that we ever forget the impact we can have in such a difficult time and the importance of what we do.

Every day.....*Duane Broyles, President of Fairmount Memorial Association*

## *Pfc. Joe E. Mann Monument Dedication*

Rae Anna Victor and Sue Walker already knew Joe Mann as a hero, but it was underscored when the two women had the opportunity to visit the soil where the young soldier from Reardan made the ultimate sacrifice.



On the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mann's death – and Holland's liberation – both traveled to Best, Holland, to visit memorials to the World War II hero. They were astounded by the gratitude their hosts showed toward Mann and toward Americans for their role in the country's liberation.

Mann posthumously received a Congressional Medal of Honor for throwing his own body over a grenade to save the lives of his fellow soldiers. He has been memorialized in a number of ways in his home country:

A U.S. Naval ship was named in his honor.

At the home of his old unit in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, Mann Field, the Mann Theater and the Joe Mann Tree were dedicated in Mann's memory.

Locally, The Joe E. Mann Army Reserve Center on North Market Street in Spokane bears his name.

There's a flagpole in his honor in his hometown of Reardan and memorabilia is on permanent display at the town's library.

Most recently, a monument was erected at Mann's gravesite at Greenwood Memorial Terrace.

More than 300 people attended the October 14, 2008, dedication of the monument at Greenwood Memorial Terrace, which was created and installed by the Fairmount Memorial Association in conjunction with the Spokane Police Department History Book Committee and the Spokane Law Enforcement Museum.

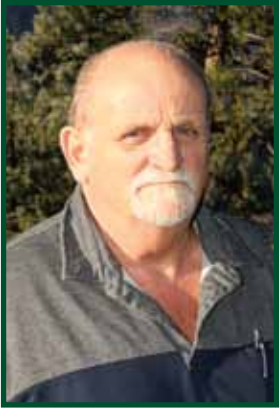
### *Pfc. Joe E. Mann Monument*

However, Mann's standing as a hero is even more visible and apparent in Holland. In Victor's book, "Lasting Legacy: The Joe E. Mann Story," she writes that it's nearly impossible to go down a street in Best, Holland, and not see some sort of tribute to Mann. Victor and Walker visited the memorials with five members of Mann's family in September as the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Operation Market Garden and Holland's liberation. "They treated the Mann family like royalty," Victor said. As they dined at the Joe Mann Restaurant, people asked for pictures with the Mann family and autographs, even. "It made you proud to be an American," Victor said, "and extra proud to know the Mann family."

Victor and Walker came to know the story of Mann and met his family as planning was underway for the memorial at Greenwood Memorial Terrace. The women are both members of the Spokane Police Department's History Book Committee and work with Fairmount Memorial Association on historic marker projects honoring local historic figures.

Victor was compelled to write a book about Mann so local children would understand "we have a real hero who came from our area." "It was something I felt I needed to do for the family and needed to do for the community," she said. An anonymous donor paid for Victor and Walker to travel to the Netherlands with Mann's family. "It brought history alive to me," Walker said. "It gave me a new, enhanced appreciation for our veterans. Until you visit the places where history took place it just doesn't become real to you and this trip made it so real."

## Employee Spotlight



Orville Clouse's colleagues like to joke that he's been working for Fairmount Memorial Association since the days graves were dug by hand. Though he's seen numerous advancements in a career spanning nearly five decades, the days of hand-digging graves predated Clouse's hiring in the 1960s.

As a newlywed just out of high school, Clouse was looking for something that paid better than dairy farming to support his growing family. A neighbor suggested he apply for work at the cemetery. April 1, 1963, was his first day on the job making preparations for graveside services.

After 22 years at Greenwood Memorial Terrace, Clouse transferred to Fairmount Memorial Park where he has worked the past 25 years and is currently the grounds supervisor. His job entails everything from paperwork to

supervising the marking of graves and setting of markers to trimming branches and completing inventories.

Over the years, people have asked him how he can stand working in a cemetery. Contrary to what some may imagine, Clouse said the work he does gives him peace of mind. "It's been a great place to work," he said from his office overlooking the Bowl and Pitcher on the Spokane River. Clouse said the most rewarding part of his job is helping families – even making them smile – during a difficult time in their lives.

He's met and made many friends out walking around the cemetery. "One lady comes out and does crossword puzzles," he said. "She says it's peaceful."

When he's not working, the father of four and grandfather of seven enjoys antiquing. He has a space at a Hillyard antique store and spends his Saturday's perusing yard sales and estate sales. He specializes in Roy Rogers and Dale Evans memorabilia.

"I really enjoy it," he says. "It's one of my real passions."



*Orville Clouse is in the front row, 4th from the left. Picture taken 1965.*

## Wildlife At The Cemeteries



Fairmount Memorial Association's cemeteries are host to an assortment of wildlife, from squirrels and raccoons to coyotes, deer and moose.

During last year's harsh winter, a herd of more than 80 mule deer descended upon Fairmount Memorial Park. Though the cemetery has a year-round whitetail deer population, President Duane Broyles said the mule deer herd was unusually large and impressive. "Retirement homes brought buses full of seniors to view the deer," Broyles said.

As winter approaches, Broyles cautions lot owners and cemetery visitors not to feed the deer. "It's OK to bring a nut or two for the squirrels," he said, "but feeding a deer is the worst thing a person can do for the deer." Deers' digestive systems transition from graze mode to foraging mode in the winter, Broyles said. "If you start feeding deer food they would normally eat by grazing, their digestive system switches back," he said. "They could starve to death with a full stomach."

The game department has feeders in a remote area of the cemetery property to help deer stay on their forage schedule.

"Please come look at our beautiful deer, take pictures, but don't feed them," Broyles said.

Fairmount's cemeteries are home to a huge coyote population, wild turkeys, pheasant, squirrel and quail. Grounds Supervisor Orville Clouse said he's seen the American bald eagle, raccoons and a three-point buck.



## Historic Markers

Fairmount Memorial Association's commitment to honoring local historic figures has garnered some international attention. The International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association Magazine highlighted Fairmount Memorial Association's historic marker program in its November 2009 issue. The ICCFA is an international trade association representing the cemetery, funeral service, cremation, and memorialization profession.

In the article, Fairmount Memorial Association was lauded for uncovering and honoring forgotten local figures.

Since unveiling the first historic marker in 1996, Fairmount Memorial Association has dedicated several markers throughout its three historic cemeteries and additional monuments are in the works. Fairmount Memorial Association President Duane Broyles said a monument will be dedicated in 2010 to honor former Spokane Police Chief William H. Lewis. Through a partnership with the Spokane Law Enforcement Museum, Fairmount Memorial Association has committed to installing one law enforcement memorial each year.

To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Father's Day, a memorial will be dedicated in honor of Sonora Smart Dodd on Father's Day. Dodd, known as the "Mother of Father's Day," is buried at Greenwood Memorial Terrace. Another monument, in honor of Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Bruce Grandstaff is also planned for dedication in 2010 at Greenwood Memorial Terrace.

Fairmount Memorial Association erected the first historic marker in 1996 to honor the 15 men who lost their lives in a Sept. 6, 1890, blast at a Spokane construction site. Eleven of the 15 men were buried at Greenwood Memorial Terrace in a common grave that was unmarked until the marker was dedicated in 1996.

A decade later, Fairmount Memorial Association and the Spokane Law Enforcement Museum History Book Committee partnered with the intention of dedicating three historic monuments each year to tell the stories of Spokane's pioneers and police chiefs.



*Eugene B. Hyde Monument*

Historic markers dedicated in 2009 include a memorial to William Rice and Spokane's connection to the Titanic, and a marker in honor of former Spokane County Sheriff Floyd Brower.

Fairmount Memorial Association President, Duane Broyles said Fairmount Memorial Association's historic marker program is unique. There are only a handful of cemeteries throughout the country that have their own monument facility like Fairmount Memorial Association does, Broyles said. All of the costs are borne by Fairmount Memorial Association.

In addition to the existing walking tour, Broyles said Fairmount Memorial Association plans to showcase the monuments in the future by conducting tours with actors playing the parts of the historic characters.

**Free maps showing Fairmount's historic marker sites are available at any of Fairmount Memorial Association's cemetery offices.**



*Sonora Smart Dodd Marker*

## Historic Register

All three of Fairmount Memorial Association's historic cemeteries are soon to be placed on the Federal Register of Historic Districts.

"The process began months ago," said John Caskey, Fairmount Memorial Association's historian and grant writer. "We hosted tours for city, county and state historical and archaeological groups."

Extensive applications and photographs of historical headstones and monuments were also submitted for review. "We received an overwhelmingly favorable response," Caskey said.



The National Register of Historic Places is administered by the National Park Service and serves as the official list of the country's historic districts, sites, buildings and structures. While it is an honor to have Greenwood Memorial Terrace, Riverside Memorial Park and Fairmount Memorial Park added to the National Register of Historic Places, the listing also comes with numerous benefits. One plus is the ability to qualify for Federal grants for historic preservation efforts.

Final approval of the cemeteries' listing on the historic register is slated for May 2010.

## *Pet Haven Park Update*



*Joey*

Pet Haven Park is under construction.

The doggie daycare and one acre, private membership off-leash dog park are set to open this spring just north of Riverside Memorial Park.

Interest has been intense, says Laura Timmins, Marketing Director for Fairmount Memorial Association. The groundbreaking has generated a lot of enthusiasm from pet owners interested in membership.

“People are calling us,” Timmins said. “They’re very excited.”

Pet Haven Park will offer a fully fenced off-leash dog park with separate play areas for small and large breeds, complete with playground equipment to help exercise and stimulate the dogs.

In order to become members, all dogs will be temperament-tested and must be current on vaccinations. The facility can be accessed 365 days a

year by members using a security key.

The Pet Wellness Pavilion at Pet Haven Park will be a place for hosting pet birthday parties, pet wellness and education programs and pet training. The amenities offered will include radiant heat floors, a dog bath, dryer and fresh water stations.



*Finnean MacFairmount*

For information on Pet Haven Park, call (509) 747-4029 or visit [www.pethavenpark.com](http://www.pethavenpark.com)

## *Pet Haven Portrait Winners*

Pet Haven Park gave away several free professional pet portraits during last summer’s PetFest. Congratulations to the winning pooches and their families!



*Gadget & Simber*  
*Mayra Murch*



*Beamer & Harley*  
*Adam & Jessica Whiteman*



*Reina*  
*Kelly Russo*



*Sophie*  
*Sally Olson*



*Penelope*  
*Kendra Kirkeby*



*Rocky*  
*Carol Yearout*



*Lucy*  
*Sally Olson*

Fairmount Memorial Association has been helping people make their final arrangements for years and is always looking for ways to provide new services for our lot owners.

Life Plan Resources, a new marketing arm of Fairmount Memorial Association, is partnering with Pre-Paid Legal Services to make a legal services plan available to our lot owners. For pennies a day, you can have access to the largest network of attorneys in the world. Services available under Pre-Paid Legal include: Unlimited consultations; having letters written and phone calls made on your behalf; document and contract review; representation for moving traffic violations; 24/7 access to the attorneys for emergency situations; and will preparation, including the Living Will and Durable Medical Power of Attorney and estate settlement legal advice. Having a will prepared through the legal plan is a savings of \$1,000 to \$1,500 or more per couple.

The Identity Shield Program under Pre-Paid Legal includes credit reports, daily monitoring of your credit files and total restoration if you become a victim of identity theft.

The following story is from a Pre-Paid Legal Member Joan Polzin, whose mother recently passed away. "My mother was a very organized lady and had all her affairs in order, including her will. When I presented her will to the judge to acquire the letters Testamentary, I was informed the will was invalid, as the attorney who had prepared it did not have the witness's

signatures notarized! Unless I could provide a new document with the witness's signatures verifying that they had witnessed my mother's signature and that she was of sound mind, the court would have to settle her estate! Fortunately, my Pre-Paid Legal membership came to my aid and helped me create the proper documentation. Without this, the will would have been null and void, and would have cost our family a huge amount of time and money during a very sad and stressful time. I was named the executrix of her estate and was unsure of what to do first. I immediately made the phone call to the Pre-Paid attorneys and within a couple of minutes was speaking with an Estate Planning Attorney. He did not want to overwhelm me with the huge list of items to be completed so just gave me the first four. I was able to contact the attorneys each step of the way. The estate is mostly settled now and the only expenses I have had is a \$200 court filing fee and some small fees to transfer my mother's property title. Plus I have updated my own will. Pre-Paid Legal has saved me a huge amount of time and money!"

Fairmount Memorial Association President Duane Broyles said Life Plan Resources is also offering travel plan insurance. For those who snowbird in the winter, travel plan insurance would guarantee your body would be brought home if you passed away while away from home. Other products and resources will be offered through Life Plan Services in the future.

To find out more about the plans please call (509) 459-3347.

## *Family Album Scrapbooking Class*

As the sunlight shone into the Sunset Chapel on a chilly December morning, nearly two dozen women of all ages gathered inside around table tops covered with photographs and scraps of paper, their hands busy with glue sticks and scissors.

Marie Putman -- who drove nearly 70 miles from Tensed, Idaho, for Fairmount Memorial Association's free monthly scrapbooking class, was busily working on her wedding album. Across the table, mother-in-law Josette Putman added more pages to an album for her granddaughter.

The monthly Family Album Scrapbooking Class, sponsored by Fairmount Memorial Association and Creative Memories, has become a monthly tradition for these women. "The best part is you get to try everything and you get to meet all these wonderful people," said Marie Putman, who is completing her fourth album.



Linda Rykken, who has been attending the classes for a year and a half, enjoys the fellowship as much as the scrapbooking.

The classes are taught by Melode Hall, an instructor with Creative Memories. Kristine LaBelle-Edens of Fairmount Memorial Association acts as the hostess and even does some scrapbooking herself.

A diverse group attends the monthly classes, including several men. One man came to the class to complete an album as a birthday present for his wife and had so much fun that he kept coming back, LaBelle-Edens said.

Participants receive a free album, scrapbooking materials, instructions and are asked to bring 10-12 pictures from home to start their first album. Refreshments are also served. Classes are held on the first Wednesday of each month from 9:00am to noon.

To RSVP for a class, please call Fairmount Memorial Association at (509) 747-4029.



## *Past and Upcoming Events*

Flags and time donated to Wheelchair Games: Fairmount Memorial Association donated all of the flags for Track and Field Events for the 29th National Veterans Wheelchair Games held July 12 -18. Athletes were able to take the flags home to donate to their hometown cemeteries. Fairmount Memorial Association employees also volunteered their time throughout the week long event, which was sponsored by the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Fairmount supports Special Olympics: A table at the October 6th Special Olympics of Washington 7th Annual Breakfast with Champions was sponsored by the Fairmount Memorial Association.

Book and Conference planned for 2011: "How to Read a Tombstone Like a Book: Tombstones, Flora and Fauna of Spokane's Historical Cemeteries" is slated for release in 2011. The book's release will coincide with the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Preservation Conference to be held in Spokane. Fairmount Memorial Association will give a scholarly presentation during the conference on Victorian club affiliations on headstones.

Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D., is a noted author, educator, grief counselor, and recipient of the Association for Death Education and Counseling's Death Educator Award. He is also the director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, Colorado.

On Tuesday, February 16, 2010, from 7:00 to 9:00pm, at Heritage Funeral Home, he will hold a seminar titled "Healing Your Grieving Heart When Someone You Love Has Died."

On Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at The Northern Quest Resort and Casino, he will hold a seminar on "Death, Grief and Mourning: Essential Caregiving Principles and Practices". The seminar is open to the public (caregivers, clergy, hospice workers and volunteers, etc..) The cost is \$65.00 if registered by February 5, and \$75.00 after.

Please call Lucille Gump at Heritage Funeral Home for registration information at (509) 838-8900.

Flag retirement planned: Fairmount Memorial Association will host Boy Scout troops from Spokane at 1 p.m., February 15, 2010, at Greenwood Memorial Terrace for a solemn flag retirement ceremony. Boy Scouts will help properly retire flags from the Boy Scouts, American Red Cross and other Spokane institutions. The ceremony will be held at the Cross of Inspiration. The event falls on George Washington's Birthday.

Memorial trees to be planted: In honor of Arbor Day in Washington, Riverside Memorial Park will host Boy Scouts of Spokane on April 17, as they plant memorial trees.

Exhibits planned for Fairmount's Rock Chapel: The Rock Chapel will unveil the exhibit "Spokane at War: The Red Cross in Action in World War II" on Memorial Day 2010. The display will include female Red Cross uniforms from the 1940's and the Baxter Army Hospital in Spokane.

Independence Day: The Daughters of the American Revolution will have an exhibit at the Rock Chapel.

Columbus Day: October 9, will see the unveiling of the Rock Chapel exhibit "Columbus: Fact and Fiction."

## *Hometown Heroes*

Pet Haven Park proudly co-sponsored the American Red Cross' Hometown Animal Rescue Hero Award, which was given posthumously to Spokane Police K-9 Var.

Var was shot twice in the line of duty in Spring 2009 and subsequently died.

He was honored November 12, during the American Red Cross Hometown Heroes award ceremony at the Northern Quest Resort & Casino.

The Spokane Police Department's entire force of K-9 officers turned out for the ceremony.

Fairmount Memorial Association Historian and Grant Writer John Caskey and his wife helped sponsor the award.

Caskey said Pet Haven plans to corporately sponsor the award in upcoming years, as well as establish special programs at Pet Haven Park to benefit the Retired Police Dog Welfare Fund.



## *Cemetery Contact Information*

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