

# BIG ARM ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER MAY 2006

Question?..... Ideas?.....Please call Alison 849-6628, Jan 849-5636, Kristin 849-5326

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**MONSTROUS  
JUNE 25 FESTIVAL  
FUND RAISER  
FIREMAN'S BURGER  
FRY**

**11:00 TO 4:00**

**AUCTION & SILENT ONE**

**10:00 TO 2:00**

**BOUTIQUE & YARD  
SALE**

**9:00 TO 4:00**

**JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE**

Boat Owners We Need Your  
Help, Please Call

**JULY 24 PICNIC**

BRING YOUR  
OWN PICNIC  
Entertainment

**Sham Rockers, Big Ed**

## Volunteer Firefighter News

4/25 Training—shuttling water  
between vehicles

4/27 La Bella Lane good intent  
call, no fire found.

4/28 Mutual aid for accident in  
Elmo

4/29 Jette Lake- tree on fire from  
residential brush burning

5/6 Meadow Lark Lane out of  
control brush pile burn

5/9 Training— business meeting  
Truck checks

5/15 Melita Island Rd, 5 acres  
woodland fire. Ronan & Tribal  
Fire Depts. assisted.

5/16 Training—tactics on pro-  
pane fires and emergencies.

5/17 committee for new truck  
specifications

**MANY, MANY THANKS TO  
BIG ARM & POLSON  
FIREFIGHTERS**

**Big Arm:- Jack & Ellen Dunn,  
Tom Sadecki, Jeff Meslin,  
Ron Friez, Ray Geiser,  
Viki & Jim Brandenburg,  
Jack Konitz, Stewart Rhodes,  
Steve Doll.**

Waiting for Acceptance are  
Volunteers Cory Anderson and  
Sandra Debruin

**PLEASE SUPPORT JUNE 25 MONSTROUS FUND RAISER FESTIVAL BY BRINGING ALL YOUR FAMILY AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS \* DONATE WONDERFUL ITEMS TO THE YARD SALE AND AUCTION \* BUY YOUR NEIGHBOR'S FORGOTTEN TREASURES AND COLLECTIBLES \* EAT LOTS OF HAMBURGERS & PIES \* BUY CAKES & PIES TO TAKE HOME**

The preparations for our monstrous fund raiser are well under way with lots of neighbors being very generous. We still need more items for the yard sale! Please check your attic, basement and garage for all those treasures that you just never use....somebody will just love it!

The Auction items are also beginning to look quite impressive. We have a new whirlpool tub, building supplies, some great furniture, a car, light fixtures etc., etc. We are hoping for lots more especially Artwork, furniture, antiques and collectibles. MERCHANTS.. and business owners please join in the fun it will be a wonderful way for us to advertise your business in appreciation for your generous donation. A coupon for a service, a load of gravel, a cabinet, or buy an item to be auctioned off in your name. Call we can help with ideas. NEIGHBORS... please ask your favorite merchants and business associates to help our worthy cause. All money raised in this monstrous fund raiser will be used for the Fire Hall renovations or to buy much needed equipment for our brave volunteer firefighters. All contributions can be tax deductible.

BAKERS.....Please share your talents by baking pies, cakes, cookies, please sign up to help! HELPERS....Please volunteer to help us for a couple of hours on the day. With lots of neighbors helping for a short time we will all be able to also have fun, bid in the auction, eat lots of food and enjoy this special day. We also need help the day before (Saturday) to help set up and prepare for the Monstrous Bash! Please do sign up!

**MONSTROUS MOTIVATION  
T-SHIRTS FOR SAT. 24 &  
SUNDAY 25 VOLUNTEERS.**

**SPECIAL FREE RAFFLE  
FOR EVERYONE WHO  
REGISTERS TO BID IN  
THE AUCTION....GREAT  
PRIZE!!**

**Treasurer's Report...**Balance in the fund is \$19,682.91. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS GIVEN A DONATION.

To prepare for the fund raiser we will have to spend some funds. We have priced tent rentals and have decided to buy 2 tent/car port which would be the same price and can be used on many occasions. If the price is right we will be buying a reader board to advertise events. We will be buying liability insurance which will protect everyone who is participating.

Does anyone have a good PA system we can use? If not we will be looking into the cost of either renting or purchasing one. Sharon and Ray Geiser will be donating several of their old picnic benches from the Arrowhead RV park for the seating outside. Fire Chief Tom Maloney and his crew are giving us their older chairs and tables. We will still need more and are looking to buy inexpensive folding metal chairs and folding tables.

**LEASE,SEPTIC SYSTEM,  
WATER LINES....all** have been approved and we are ready to start but we still do not have any written permits or lease. Mary Driscoll and I are trying to get a hold of the people in charge but it appears that with the massive Highway 93 project which involves the tribe everyone is super busy. We will keep trying.

**School House Committee...**

Chairman Ross Hoyt, Bob Geyer, Stewart Rhodes, Kristin, Alison & Jeff met to review the building. The building is sound, needs cosmetic work and replacing fixtures etc. We have written a letter to the School District asking for the same terms as the last tenants as yet we have had no reply. We have since found out that The Harmony Club actually owned the building but when the club dissolved the building returned to the school district. If anyone has any good ideas or wants to help just let us know.

**Rural Grant..** the BAA has been given a small grant to cover the cost of a grant writer. Jan, Kristin and Alison have met with the Writer who feels sure we are eligible for a sizeable grant. We have to document our "sweat equity" so for all of you who have helped, phone calling, digging, meetings, writing, etc. please give us dates and hours to add to our "Equity". This equity can count as matching funds when applying for a grant. We also need to document all our accomplishments which can be a letter to say how the BAA has made a change in someone's life, or reviving of the Fire Hall, all kinds of things. Please help with this project, thanks.

**Community News..** A hearty welcome to Liberty Sage a wonderful addition to the Rhodes family and the community.

Thinking of Jan Phillips with heartfelt sympathy over the loss of her brother. Many hugs are waiting for her.

**THANK YOU EVERYONE  
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY,  
ENTHUSIASM, & HELP!**