

# BIG ARM ASSOCIATION

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Question? Ideas? call Alison 849-6628, Jan 5636, Kristin 5326, P.O. Box 11, BA or [www.BigArmAssociation.org](http://www.BigArmAssociation.org)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

MONDAY NOVEMBER 27  
COFFEE & DESSERT, 7:00  
"HOOTENANNY"

Sing-along to old time favorite songs, bring a musical instrument, or just sit and enjoy!

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

**We need some ideas!**

### **What would you like to do?**

Have a Buffet at La Riviera?  
Something Special at the Fire Hall, Organize a list of Open Houses?

**PLEASE LET US KNOW**

**WHAT YOU WANT**

**IS VERY IMPORTANT**  
**TO US!**

local events try [www.flatheadevents.com](http://www.flatheadevents.com)

## **Volunteer Firefighter News**

9/26-Train: Breathing Apparatus  
10/5,6 : County Wide Incident Command/NIMS Exercise  
10/10-Train: Response  
10 Jette Lake Faulty Alarm  
10/17- Train:House Fire Simulation  
10/24- Truck Checks

## **MANY, MANY THANKS**

### **BIG ARM & POLSON** **RURAL FIREFIGHTERS**

**Big Arm:-**

**Jack & Ellen Dunn,**

**Tom Sadecki, Jeff Meslin,**

**Ron Friez, Ray Geiser,**

**Steve Doll, Jack Konitz,**

**Stewart Rhodes.**

**A SPECIAL WELCOME**

**to new firefighter**

**Arnold Gomke**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

**To Viki Brandenburg who**

**has had to retire due to**

**family commitments.**

**Big Arm needs more fire-**

**fighters please consider**

**volunteering, thanks!**

## **THANK YOU CHARLIE BECKER OF IN SINK PLUMBING FOR INSTALLING THE SEPTIC SYSTEM AND WATER LINE FROM THE TRIBAL WELL!**

Wonderful news, after months of planning Charlie was able to go ahead and has spent many hours this past couple of weeks installing both water and septic. Thank you Charlie this couldn't have happened without you! The Tribal housing, lands, and preservation departments fully cooperated with all our needs and we are very grateful to them for allowing us to lease their land and use their water. Thank You!

Jim Brandenburg has kindly volunteered to update and complete all the electrical needs after which we can finish the sheetrock, insulate, paint, install and hook up the toilets and sinks. Jeff Meslin has volunteered to make stairs for easy access to the 2nd level and its bathrooms. WE WILL NEED A LOT OF HELP PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ONE OF OUR FUN WORK GROUPS.....THANKS!

Early spring Tim Beebe has great plans to landscape the outside.

Treasury Report: The balance in the fund is \$26,634.13. Bills presented for payment are \$500 for surveying, \$80 for portable toilet, \$11.76 for misc. supplies. No bills have been received yet for the plumbing supplies or excavator work. Contact Sharon Williams or Alison Meslin for more info.

September Meeting was a delight with Joyce Decker Wegner bringing history to life with stories and a slide presentation of old photographs. Joyce will be completing a book on the Lake County School Histories which can be ordered in advance. Another worthwhile book on local history is "In the Shadows of the Missions" a few copies are left. (For Info- see Alison or Jan).

Webb Page. Please check it out!! [www.BigArmAssociation.org](http://www.BigArmAssociation.org)

Tom Eddy is doing a superb job! We have Big Arm history, links to local newspapers, local weather, newsletters, leader info and much more. Thanks so much Tom!!!!!!

## SAVE THE SCHOOL HOUSE

The tentative suggestion to save the School is for the School Board to swap their piece of property with a Public Reserve lot in the same town site. The historic school would be then dedicated as the new Public Reserve and the School Board would own land without any historic value. This would enable the school house to be renovated and the land kept for public use and preserved for future generations. The Commissioners have indicated that they would be in favor of this solution and we are assured by the County Attorney that it would be legally viable. Ross Hoyt, Chairman of the Historic School House Committee, will call a meeting to plan a petition drive possibly at polling places this November and also at stores. PLEASE HELP US TO SAVE THIS WONDERFUL SCHOOL sign up to help man one of the petition tables, or write letters to the newspapers. We need your ideas and help!

Leaving Big Arm is Stewart Rhodes and his family, fortunately he is only moving to Polson. We wish him much happiness in their new home and hope they will stay in touch. Stewart will continue his interest in the School House Project.

Please let us know when someone leaves or arrives, thanks!

If you did not receive a telephone call for this latest event please let us know so we can make sure you are on our list.

If you would like a visit from the "Visitors" let us know, we love to get to know new people.

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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Earle and Wanelda Schafer have resided in Big Arm since 1988. Earle William Schafer was born in 1921 in Calvin N.D. His parents were 1st generation Americans with German & Scottish/English heritage. Earle was educated in Calvin then went on to State Teachers College in Dickinson ND. In 1943 he married long time friend Wanelda Angela Crockett, yes Davey was a relative! Wanelda was born in 1923 in Wales ND. Her parents were also 1st generation Americans with Scottish & English heritage. Wanelda was educated in Minto ND and completed 2 years of University Nursing training when war intervened. In 1943 Earle was called to serve his country and became a First Lieutenant in the Air Force as a B17 Bomber pilot. Earle & the 306 Squadron were sent to England in 1944 where he piloted 35 bombing missions in 90 days without losing any of his crew or equipment. His crew thought him to be the best pilot in the squadron. After the war Earle completed his education and received his Masters in Education & Administration. He taught in Killdeer ND, Condon MT, Circle MT, Jerome ID, and 23 years in the schools of Oregon. At Hysham, MT in 1956 he was promoted to Superintendent of Schools and served in many districts his last being in Circle MT in 2001 when he finally retired. They have 3 children, 1945 Dawn McClure (Gresham OR), 1949 Lynn Schafer (Gresham OR), and 1954 Tim Schafer (The Dells OR). They are both very active in their churches and the BAA. Earle still tutors children and Wanelda loves to take classes in China painting.

**Our Deepest Gratitude to all Veterans past and present.**

**.....Thank You!**

Have a great month, stay well!