

BIG ARM ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2007

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BIG ARM IS BEAUTIFUL AGAIN! The Big Arm Association would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the fine people who came out on Saturday, April 21st, to clean up Highway 93 from mile marker 70 to 76. It was a clear and nice day for the pick up and we certainly appreciate all of the community members who care enough to clean up after people who are careless litterbugs. Thank you to **Arni and Luella Gomke, Vince Rubino, Joyce and Tim Brunner, George Kaye, Nita Parks, Linda Althouse, Marshall Bjork, Bill Sargent, David & Cynthia Waterman, Lester Johnson, Ron & Marilyn Roberts, Earl Holland, Jeff & Alison Meslin, Todd Funk, Kristen Osburn, John & Candy Blahnik, Paul Maurer, Josh Johnson & Don Peterson.**

Hopefully I haven't missed anyone. We appreciate your energy and support of this project and hope that people traveling through Big Arm will enjoy it's litter-free beauty and pledge to keep it that way. Thanks again to everyone!.....Janice G. Phillips

THANKS TO NEIGHBORS WHO CLEANED SIDE STREETS!

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

SATURDAY APRIL 28 POTLUCK

TALK ON BEAR SAFETY

**\$5.00 SPAGHETTI
DINNER
(1/2 UNDER10)**

SATURDAY MAY 19, 5 pm

SPAGHETTI DINNER

With SALAD, BREAD & DESSERT

6:00 pm AUDUBON SOCIETY'S JIM ROGERS

PRESENTATION ON LOCAL BIRDS

JUNE 30 GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE FIRE HALL

RIBBON CUTTING APPRECIATION CEREMONY

BAGPIPES, TRIBAL DRUMMERS

FIREMEN'S HAMBURGER FRY

BAKE SALE, CRAFT SHOW, MUSIC, RAFFLES

CRAZY WATER BALLOON FIGHT,

CARNIVAL GAMES & MUCH MORE!

The June 30 event is going to be huge amounts of fun! The Leaders aim is not only to raise some money for the Association, the Historic School and the Firemen but to have lots of good family entertainment.

The first part of the day will be a ribbon cutting ceremony which will officially thank the Tribe for the leased land and water, thank neighbors who became Firefighters, thank those who donated money and physically helped with the renovations. We will have Bill Sargent with his bagpipes, Mary is organizing a Tribal Drummer and flag ceremony, Tribal member Wilfred Kenmille will be giving the blessing and much more is in the works.

The PRF Dept. will hold their famous **HAMBURGER FRY** which will raise money for the Department's needs.

The BAA will have a **CRAFT SHOW** (vendors please call, shaded space is \$20). We will have **CARNIVAL GAMES**— would you like to come and help with this family fun for a couple of hours?

Paul Maurer & Mary Driscoll are organizing **WATER BALLOON BATTLES** and are challenging Polson and teams from all over to join this crazy event, please join in and help or just sign up for the fun!

We will have our famous **BAKE SALE** of donated scrumptious pies

and cakes donated by talented Big Arm residents. We will have **MUSICIANS** and also organize a big **RAFFLE** with many wonderful donated items as prizes. Also Big Arm hats & t-shirt will be for sale. This will be so much fun and a huge success would you like to help?

BOAT PARADE JULY 4TH is in the works!!

**** Please call for info or to give ideas

General Leaders: Mary Driscoll, who was an enormous help as our Tribal Liaison Leader, has become a new General Leader replacing Kristin who has resigned because of her volunteer commitments with the Artist Co-Op in Elmo. Thank you Mary! We take this opportunity to thank Kristin for her service to the BAA, for her enthusiasm, great ideas and knowledge of the area that helped the BAA into existence and that made the Association so successful. Good Luck Kristin with the building and the organizing of the Co-Op.

Treasurer's Report: Thank you Luella Gomke for becoming our new Treasurer. She will be responsible for the computer records and will be helped by Earle Schafer who has been the second Treasurer since January 2006. We take this opportunity to express our gratitude and thanks to Sharon Williams for her hard work as the previous Treasurer.

The Fund Balance \$8056.00 before landscaping expenses.

Landscape Committee has met on several occasions with great success. Ray & Sharon Geiser organized Gary Priest to do the grading services and has now generously donating his time, Tim Beebe donated a weed spraying service and a lot of time organizing, Ron Friez is organizing the purchase of special priced rock, Jim Phillips has given a super price for gravel and use of his dump trucks, Jeff Meslin has offered the use of his backhoe if we can find a trailer to transport it, Ross Hoyt has donated road matting and found a source of landscaping rocks and Karen Maurer, Ron & Marilyn Roberts, David Waterman have been helping with ideas and are waiting to do the physical labor. There is plenty of work if more of you want to join in the "fun".

Historic School Preservation: April 2 the SOS Committee made a presentation to the School Board during which Joyce Decker Wegner talked of the historic importance; Earle Schafer described BAA's accomplishments; George Bailey described BAA's future plans; Deb Weidrich gave details of the "swap" plan and Paul Maurer presented a petition with 350 signatures. The members did an excellent job, thank you. The Commissioners who are 100% behind the preservation met with BAA on April 19 to review the appraisal for the "swap" county land. Another meeting is scheduled for May 1 which will include the School Board. We will keep you posted.

Big Thanks to Jim Brandenburg who installed all the electrical upgrades for the fire hall and **now has donated** all the materials, thanks!

Congratulations Ron & Trish Friez on the birth of their 4th grandchild a big welcome to Ennis Guy Barrs.

Congratulations to Mary Weidrich for winning a silver medal in a High School Leadership competition.

The Big Arm Association received a plaque of appreciation This award was given in appreciation for all of the work that the Big Arm Community did to renovate the fire station in Big Arm and for all of the continued support the community extends to the firemen. Thank you again on behalf of the Polson Rural Fire Department.....**John Fairchild, Fire Chief, PRFD**