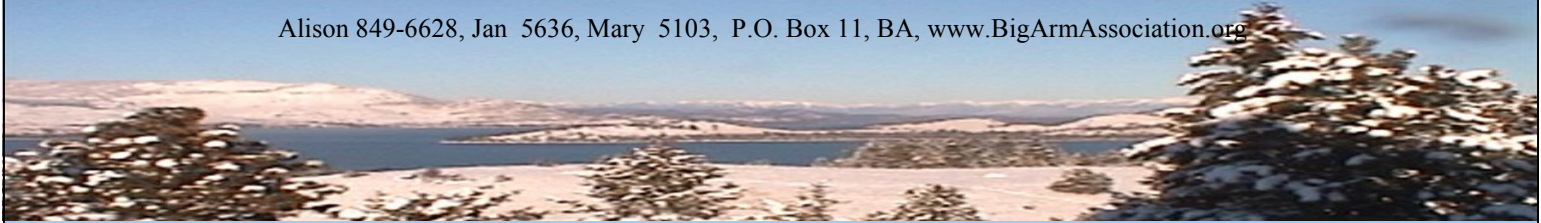


BIG ARM ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2007

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*Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah
And a Happy and Healthy New Year*

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

FRIDAY DECEMBER 14 AT 7:00PM

BIG ARM FIRE HALL

**Please Bring your Family, Neighbors, Friends
also Your Favorite FESTIVE FINGER FOOD**

**A great opportunity to wish our neighbors
A wonderful holiday season!**

BIG ARM COFFEE CLUB'S MEETING Wednesday January 9 the Fire Hall 10:30am

This is an open invitation to everyone but especially to those who are unable to attend our evening events. Participants on the 9th will decide the format of the Coffee Club, where, when or anything else. (Tea & Soda also)

Friday January 25 6:30 will be a potluck with Bonnie Ellis as our guest speaker whose topic will be the state of Flathead Lake.

The Historic Big Arm School committee has had a couple of meetings; members have researched leases, Ross Hoyt has arranged meetings with other interested parties and Earle Schaffer has attended Polson School Board meetings. Deb Weidrich will be applying for the Preserve America Community Designation which will, if accepted, make Big Arm eligible for grants from the Dept of Interior. Mary Weidrich is writing an article for the High School newspaper and hopes the students will start a petition to save the school. Alison has obtained copies of the 1940 to 1960 Big Arm school district minutes and legal documents that closed this district.

The Turkey Potluck was delicious! Thank you Jackie Baldwin for the turkeys thanks to everyone for the delicious food and good company. Thank you Todd Funke for providing the movie Timberjacks which caused much laughter and was a real glimpse back to simpler times.

We are wishing a speedy recovery to those of you who are sick especially Mary Driscoll's Uncle. If anyone needs some extra help babysitting, running errands, relieving a caretaker, etc. please call or email the BAA

we will try to organize some help. 849-6628

Mission Valley Aquatics: The Commissioners approved the creation of a recreation district and they are allowing MVA to proceed with a mail-in ballot to request a levy of 7 mills. The ballot will be mailed January 10 and should be returned by 8:00pm January 29. The MVA is planning to build a community swimming and associated events center in Polson. They have pledges totaling \$74,128.43 and two anonymous donors who will donate one million dollars each if the recreation tax is approved by the voters. For more information please contact Karen Maurer or Tana Seeley at 883-4567 or www.mvaquatics.org.

Topics of Interest: We are looking for ideas for interesting speakers for future events; please call with your ideas for topics or any suggestions on how to make the Association better, thanks.

History Gathering: Over the past two years we have heard so many fun and interesting stories about Big Arm's past and have seen many old photographs. We thought it would be a great idea to invite everyone to a "memory" event sometime in the New Year. We will record the stories, arrange to make copies of the photographs and eventually we will compile a book filled with memories of Big Arm. If you have a fun, interesting or even weird story about Big Arm and its residents from past to present we would love you to attend. We would especially love to hear stories from our Tribal neighbors as your history of this area is much older. We would also love to create a map of the town and plot where everyone lived and how things changed over the decades. **In 2010 Big Arm will be commemorating one hundred years since the first days of homesteading** do you think we can produce a book by then?

January 6, 2008 will be the BAA's second anniversary of it's first meeting and a time to celebrate this communities amazing accomplishments.

Happy Anniversary Everyone!