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TIME TO CELEBRATE ! THE RENOVATIONS OF THE FIRE STATION ARE COMPLETE!

Well done everyone! Recall the meeting back in January, 2006, concerning the closure of Big Arm Fire Station, when someone said "you will never get the renovations done because people will loose interest"? We surely proved them wrong! The Big Arm community raised over \$36,000 dollars, those who were able, spent many, hours hammering, painting and doing everything that was needed to bring our Big Arm Fire Station, not only back to a fully functioning fire station but also a place for the community to gather for special events.

Again, CONGRATULATIONS!

A Very Special Thank You to the wonderfully brave and dedicated Big Arm residents who stepped forward to become Volunteer fire-fighters with the Polson Rural Fire Department. Once again Big Arm has a fully trained team, able to be the first to respond to our emergency calls. To Tom Sadecki, Ron Friez, Jeff Meslin, Ray Geiser, Jack Konitz, Arnold Gomke and Steve Doll, Thank you! To Jack & Ellen Dunn, Vicki Brandenburg, and Stewart Rhodes who helped in 2006, Thank you!

A Very Special Thank You to all of you who stepped forward to physically renovate the building. You helped with all kinds of tasks, in all kinds of weather and all with a great sense of humor. You have earned Big Arm's love, respect and gratitude.

A Very Special Thank You to those who sent their hard earned money to help buy the building materials, we couldn't have done this without your trust and support.

A Very Special Thank You to those who were only able to give moral support as there were times when your encouragement kept us going.

A Very Special Thank You to the Tribe and it's Council whose generous lease and water connection made this whole project possible.

THIS IS A SPECIAL INVITATION. PLEASE ATTEND THE JUNE 30 GRAND CELEBRATION, BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

JOIN THE WATER BATTALLION!!!
BIG ARM NEEDS YOU!!!

New Design Big Arm t-shirts, caps and sweatshirts will also be available on June 30th at the Craft Show.

Please visit the CRAFT SHOW, featuring: **Tiskus & Simpson** with one of a kind hand-beaded jewelry & small watercolors and note cards; **Peter Reuthlinger** with hand blow glass Humming Bird feeders; **Clarice Coverdell's** wheel thrown & hand built pottery; **Trudi Edwards'** metal art & original 5x7 paintings; **Pat Wallace** and her Rosemaled Wood items; **Bob Granzow's** photographs; **Janice Brooks'** beadwork (worn by the stars) & gourds; **Elizabeth Megane's** garden stones; **Duke Speer's** miniature figures; **Ray & Nancy Mill's** photography; **Bill & Shirley Newby's** blown glass figurines and children's letters, and many more talented artists.

Update on Saving the School: The School Board and Commissioners are still exchanging letters. The Commissioners have been wonderful with their 100% support in saving the school for the Big Arm community. CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS AND INFORMATION at the Craft Show. The BAA would like to reassure everyone that when we succeed in obtaining the school, we intend to apply for many different grants to help pay for the renovations. The Association is determined that this next year we

will be more focused on fun monthly gatherings and helping neighbors rather than organizing work parties for building projects.

JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE, starts 6:00pm at Arrowhead RV Park and ends at Melita Island. Come dressed for the 4th, this includes your boat! No fees or prizes (next year we will have competitions). ALL BOATS WELCOME.

JULY 30TH POTLUCK-PICNIC will be our monthly gathering, possible musical entertainment, 6:00 p.m. fire hall. **WILDHORSE ISLAND PICNIC & HIKE...** this might be fun to organize for late August. Call if you are interested.

VOTING: Our by-laws require us to have an annual election for the General Leadership and officers of the association, in July. To save on postage please write, email or call with any changes you would like in the Leaders or the Association's projects. We would love to hear any great ideas and we also encourage you to become a leader. If you have any questions, please call Alison, Jan or Mary. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**ON SATURDAY JUNE 30 AT THE
BIG ARM FIRE STATION
A GRAND CELEBRATION**
10am APPRECIATION CEREMONY
WITH SONG & DRUM, & BAGPIPE MUSIC
FOLLOWED BY A
WATER WAR ** CRAFT SHOW**
***KID'S CARNIVAL* PONY RIDES**
FIREMEN'S "BURGER FRY"
WESTERN AIRES, BIG ED, NO STRINGS ATTACHED
MAGIC SHOW * BAKE SALE
VINTAGE & NOVELTY CARS
FOOD * FUN * PRIZES

PROCEEDS FROM THE BURGER FRY GO TO THE
POLSON RURAL VOLUNTEER FIRE FIREFIGHTERS
THE OTHER EVENTS FUNDS WILL GO TO THE BIG ARM ASSO-
CIATION COMMUNITY PROJECTS INCLUDING SAVING THE
HISTORIC SCHOOL
FOR INFO OR TO RENT A BOOTH SPACE - 849-6628

BIG ARM IS AN INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO LIVE. THIS PAST YEAR , THE COMMUNITY PULLED TOGETHER TO RENOVATE THE FIRE HALL, AND MADE BIG ARM THE VERY BEST PLACE TO LIVE!