



BIG ARM ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER MAY 2007

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Big Arm's self appointed mayor and despot dictator, Paulus Maurerus, has declared war and will be chal-

lenging Polson (or anyone else) to a WATER war on June 30 on the plains of Big Arm. To those of you who love Big Arm be prepared to fight for our thriving and powerful metropolis! SIGN UP NOW and become a fearless and most frightening soldier in the Big Arm Monster Water Battalion..... For information call Paulus at 849-5131 or Mary 849-5103

Grand Re-Opening The Leaders of BAA have come up with some fabulous ideas to make the June 30 celebration a wonderful community event. Of course, here we go again asking for your help! Will you join in the fun and volunteer for a few hours? It really will be a terrific time if many people get involved. We need volunteers to help with the kids carnival games, bake for the Bake sale, talk to businesses about donating raffle prizes, sell your handcrafted items or persuade your artistic friends to rent a space (\$20), help set up tents, mow the grounds, monitor the traffic & parking, make signs, sell raffle tickets, t-shirts, snow-cones, etc. Please call 849-6628 for more information and how you would like to help during this event.

Appreciation: This special day will start by thanking everyone who has been involved with the Big Arm Fire Hall, the residents who built it in 1979, the CS&K Tribe who leased the land and water lines, the firemen who have served over the last 30 years and the many residents who recently renovated and donated money to keep this building a vital part of our community.

Musicians We are very pleased to announce that Gil & Erma, The Westernaires, have volunteered to play for the Firemen's Hamburger Fry on June 30. Many of you will remember Erma from her many years of service in the Big Arm Post Office and will know of her and her husband's wonderful good ole country music. Thank you Gill & Erma! **Bake Sale:** Nita Parks and Linda Althouse have volunteered to organize the bake sale so please contact them for more information. If you don't bake I strongly suggest you attend this sale and stock up your fridge as last year the pies, cakes and cookies were delicious! Thank you Nita & Linda! **Carnival Games:** Thank you to Trish Friez for organizing the **Cake Walk** for children. Thank you to Kelly Bishop and her family who will be organizing the **Go Fish** booth. We would like to organize at least another 8 carnival type games, do you have any ideas and would you like to help? We need to borrow tents and props for these games. Any suggestions please call Jan (849-5636). **Raffle:** we will be raffling off donated prizes and also half a pig, donations would be most welcome. **Craft Show:** We will be renting a table space under a tent for \$20 or bring your own tent and have more space for the same price. We already have several very talented people signed up making this a great opportunity to buy Montana products and perhaps do some early Christmas shopping.

Firemen's Hamburger Fry will be another feature of the day, an opportunity to inspect the 2 new rural fire trucks, meet the wonderful brave firefighters from the Polson Rural Fire Department and eat scrumptious hamburgers cooked by the Big Arm

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

SATURDAY **MAY 19, 5 pm SPAGHETTI DINNER 6:00 pm**

Byron Crow—Peregrine Falcons
\$5:00 per plate 1/2 price for 10 & under

**JUNE 30 GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE FIRE HALL
RIBBON CUTTING APPRECIATION CEREMONY**

**FIREMEN'S HAMBURGER FRY
BAKE SALE, CRAFT SHOW, MUSIC, RAFFLES
CRAZY WATER BALLOON WAR
CARNIVAL GAMES & MUCH MORE!**

JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE

resident firefighters. Your donations for this meal benefit the Fire Dept.

Water Wars; we have two wild people organizing this event so it is going to be crazy and so much fun. We will give more information when the challenges have gone out, but in the meantime sign up so you don't miss a fun opportunity.

Funds: After paying for the expenses the money raised on this special day will go towards BAA's community projects with the main goal for 2007 to save our historic school from demolition and to convert it and its land into a community building and park.

Save Our School: On May 1st we met with the Commissioners and the School Board but as the Board had not formed a special committee we could not discuss the matter. We attended the next School Board meeting on May 14 which the Commissioners had asked for a committee to be formed but because there was misunderstanding in the communication there was no decision made. When the historic school is discussed it will be before the entire board and not a special committee. We hope by the next Board meeting all requirements will have been met and all parties involved can discuss the possible land swap and options to save this priceless piece of Big Arm history. Please consider attending the next meeting to show Big Arm's resolve.

Treasurer's Report: We are still around the \$8,000 balance but expect that to diminish greatly when we receive and pay the bills for the exterior work.

Landscaping: The parking area is in! The grassed area raked and rocks moved, planting areas have top soil and the work continues. A great big thank you to those that helped, lent machinery, gave us good prices; Dave & Cynthia Waterman, Ron Roberts, Tim Beebe, Jeff & Alison Meslin, Jan & Jim Phillips, Randy Walton, Gary Priest, Ross Hoyt, Mark Richer, Earle & Wanelda Schafer, Lester Johnson, Sharon & Ray Geiser, Jim Nethercutt. I hope I didn't miss anyone. Next work party will be May 26 when we will be painting the trim and doors, making the handicap ramp and preparing the cement walkway.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all Veterans for their Service.....THANK YOU!