



## BIG ARM ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2007

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**OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO ALL VETERANS PAST & PRESENT.. THANK YOU!**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING! WISHING YOU SAFE JOURNEYS & LOTS OF TURKEY!**

**Earthquake Update: Special Thanks to Mike Stickney** Director of Montana Seismic Studies who gave a wonderful slide show presentation to over 50 residents. Mike's ability to share his incredible knowledge with such clarity was amazing. With humor and analogies he answered dozens of questions. Jeff Meslin was good enough to tape this presentation which we will show to the returning snow birds and another showing sooner if we have enough requests. The main faults run down the Mission Mountains but the shakes we were feeling were probably generated from a very small fault and was likely only a few square yards moving an inch! The earth's crust is stretching from east to west with Big Arm center sinking and the mountain rising..... Don't worry it is only fractions of an inch! We were taught about the "p" waves which are the sound and the "s" waves which are the side-to-side shaking. The closer the "p" and "s" waves are together the closer you are to the epicenter. He was surprised that so many people had reported the noise of these "Big Arm Swarms" as most people do not notice quakes under the scale of 2. In the recent one month period our swarm produced 83 quakes. A special thank you to Ron Friez who organized this talk. Please call to arrange a date to see the recording.

**The Turkey Potluck will be on Friday Nov 30th.** A special thank you to Jackie Baldwin who donated 2 turkeys. Please bring all the trimmings, potato & veg dishes, stuffing, dessert etc. We will eat at 6:30 at the fire hall. After dinner we will show an early 1950's movie The Timberjack which was filmed in Polson, Glacier Park and Western Montana. The story is about two lumber men vying for control over land and of course for the same woman's heart. The film stars Sterling Hayden, Vera Ralston, David Brian and Hoagy Carmichael and was adapted from a novel by Dan Cushman. You will see the old lumber mill which was replaced by the Kwa-taq-nuk

**Christmas Social will be Friday December 14**

**State of Flathead Lake by Bonnie Ellis: Friday January 25**

**Halloween Spooky Potluck Party**, thank you to everyone who attended. **The two winners for best costume was a cheetah named Kenzington Mann** (Jackie Baldwin's granddaughter) and **a witch named Amy Edwards**. Thank you Deb Weidrich, Lester Johnson, Ron Friez, Arnie & Luella Gomke, and Jeff Meslin for helping decorate the hall with cobwebs, bats, witches, monsters and mad scientists.

**On November 5 the Mah-jongg** clinic was held with three tables of enthusiastic players and some very confused beginners. Our hats are off to anyone who plays this complicated game. You have to remember the Chinese symbols, be respectful of the traditional way of placing the tiles and learn the centuries old rituals of play. It certainly is a challenge.

**As Several of our Leaders** have escaped for warmer climates we would love more of the "year-rounders" to consider partici-

pating to help us decide on events etc. for the community. Our monthly leadership potlucks are a good opportunity to meet neighbors. Thanks Arnie & Lu for hosting the last meeting.

**Telephone Tree Callers:** The leaders have decided to suspend the calling tree and will instead send a newsletter. We really appreciate all your help with this special service; we will now only use the telephone tree for emergencies or special occasions. Please call Alison with your list of contacts, thank you.

**Coffee Morning:** As the winter progresses and more of you find it difficult to go out in the evenings we thought it would be fun to have a coffee morning once a month. Please call or email Alison so we can set a suitable date.

**Ballet Tickets: \$20, \$14 child/senior Nov 24, 25.** The Rocky Mountain Ballet Theater presents "A Cowboy Christmas" at the Wilma Theater, 131 Higgins Missoula. Shows are Sat & Sun afternoons & Sat evening. Call Alison, Deb Weidrich or Doug Koch. They are raising money to go the Olympics.

**We are wishing a speedy recovery to Sharon Geiser, Jan Drye and Carol Grende. Our thoughts and prayers go to Ron Roberts and his family whose brother is seriously ill.**

**A very special welcome to Nathaniel Steven Dotson who is Nita Park's new grandson he arrived on Mon Oct. 29th.**

**We also welcome another new baby Mylie born on November 13th and also give a warm Big Arm welcome to her family Amy Edwards and husband Josh Hargesheimer and 4 year old "big sister" Marisol.** Josh is a Timber-Cruiser and Amy, who has a degree in dance, would love to start children's creative dance classes. Amy, accompanied by Josh on drums, also teaches Afro-Cuban dance workshops. Amy's family would love to meet other Big Arm families with young kids.

**We still have a few sweatshirts, caps and t-shirts** that would make great holiday gifts, please call....**On Sale!!!**

**Topics of Interest:** Do you have a special topic that you would like a presentation on? Do you know an interesting person who would be willing to give a talk? Please call or email.

**The Historic Big Arm School:** We are still trying to find a way to save this last historic public building of Big Arm. Alison will be taking a package of information to John Tester's representative on Tuesday. Deb is researching lease agreements for the Proctor and Rollins schools and will also be looking into a new grant from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior. Ross will be checking with the Commissioners for any progress and also arranging for Keith Johnson, the 1974 School Board Chairman, to help with the next presentation. Earle attended the last School meeting and offered the BAA's help with any maintenance repairs. Jerry Rude, whose family has a long history with this school, wrote a letter to the Editor which included **"The loss of history in this school to present to future generations would be greater than any financial gain. There are some things worth more than money."**