



BIG ARM ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER MARCH 2008

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**TRASH PICK UP SATURDAY APRIL 19 AT 9:00 AM @ THE FIRE HALL
PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP BIG ARM BEAUTIFUL ... please call 849-6628**

Once again the community of Big Arm will be helping to keep Big Arm beautiful by picking up trash on highway 93 from mile marker 70 to 76. If at least 36 people help then each person only has to pick up 1/3 of a mile on one side which should only take about an hour. If you cannot attend on the Saturday some people will be picking on Friday and Sunday but please let us know so we can make sure you have safety vests, signs and trash bags. **PLEASE HELP US!**

MARCH 28 POTLUCK IS CANCELLED.... INSTEAD

BAA Hosts a DEBATE for COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES April 3rd, 7:00pm at the Fire Hall. Paul Maurer will be the moderator. Each candidate will give a short introduction and then be asked resident's questions. Please bring your written question, email or call. Coffee and Dessert will be served.

FRIDAY April 25 Presentation on Noxious Weeds

The County Weed Controller, County Agent and Grant & Information Coordinator will give a presentation on identifying and controlling noxious weeds that are killing Montana's natural grasses. No matter how small your property these weeds will invade if left unchecked. Thank you Earle Schafer for organizing this event.

Also attending will be a representative to discuss the latest mandated spraying requirements for cherry trees including your back yard variety. Thank you Mark Richer for arranging info. Starts at 7:00pm, the fire hall, coffee, tea & dessert will be served.

Next Coffee Hour will be Wednesday April 9 @ 10:30 Fire Hall

Informal community social hour, everyone welcome!

Pam Heglund, world traveler and Kalispell resident gave an excellent presentation on the country of Iran. Pam Toured Iran with a group of academic and legal professionals last summer. Her program gave us a glimpse of the land, architecture, culture and people of Iran. Surprising to most of us, Pam found the people to be extremely friendly and helpful to Americans. Only once did she feel uneasy when she observed an unusual shrine being constructed to honor the late Ayatollah Khamenei. The shrine, from the pictures, had the appearance of an amusement park. This was in a poor section of Tehran, stronghold of the Shiite Muslims. Oh yes and the heat? Hot, very hot! Yes, she was required to cover her head with the traditional veil worn by all women in Iran. Thank you Pam for sharing your experiences with the BAA!.....Deb Raunig Thank you to Lester, Shari, Deb, Earle & Wanelda for assisting.

Thank you to Kay Wearly and Joanie Jarrett for organizing "Soups On". The 20 people in attendance learned to make delicious ginger carrot soup and a very good clam chowder. This was fun!

Please let us know of other ideas for fun community events!

Treasurer's report: Balance is \$3583.41. Stamps, copies & misc. hall supplies. Thank you Centurytel for the donation of \$300.00.

Fuel Reduction:The Lake County (LC) Office of Emergency Management would like to remind LC property owners that grant money is still available for Hazard Fuel Reduction. Funding is available for treatments such as thinning, pruning and slash disposal. Given the current fire situation the County strongly encourages land owners to protect their property and structures. For more information or an application please call LC Fuel Reduction office 883-6999 or www.lakecounty-mt.org or Coordinator Carey Cooley.

MT Old Time Fiddlers, Jam Session Sun. March 30 2-6 Idle Spur

Honoring Grandpa Fred.....by Amy Edwards

Last month I traveled with my husband (Josh Hargesheimer) and two daughters (Marisol and Mylie Hargesheimer) to Grass Valley, California. We went to attend a presentation, put on by the city of Grass Valley to honor my husband's Grandfather, Fred Hargesheimer. Fred was a WW1 Recon pilot, and was shot down over Papua New Guinea in June 1943. He spent 31 days alone in the jungle struggling to survive. On the 32nd day he was found by some local natives and taken in. For five months he lived in Nantabu, New Britain, where villagers hid him from the Japanese at great risk to themselves. At one point they hid him in a tree for a day and a night and he contracted malaria. He was nursed back to health with a daily cup of expressed breast milk from one of the village mothers. After eight months he was taken to the coast where he could hook up with local Australian coast watchers. Fred felt he had to somehow repay the villagers who saved his life, so at home in Minnesota he saved, and raised money. Then in 1964 Fred, his wife Dorothy and son Dick (my husband's Dad) returned to New Britain to dedicate the Airmen's Memorial School in Ewasse. Later he also built Noau Primary School, and in 1969 dedicated a health center and a Palm oil plantation to help fund the schools. Fred and Dorothy also taught at the schools for several years in the 60's. He has returned more than 15 times. He is know there as Suara Auru Fred Hargesheimer, meaning Chief Warrior. In July of 2006, at 90 years old Fred returned for one last time. His plane had been found and he was able to visit the crash site. Also the school, which now has over 500 students, has now been turned over to a former student and Fred could see that it was in good hands. Fred has written a book called The School that Fell from the Sky, a WW1 Pilot's South Pacific Tale of Grit and Gratitude. There are also numerous articles written about him on the internet if you want to read more on the story. We just had a baby in November so I was glad to introduce Fred to his latest grandchild, he now has seven. Even at ninety Fred beams with such radiance, and he has an unending gratitude for life and the experiences he has had. Fred is a great inspiration to me and I am honored to be part of his family. I hope that I can live my life as full as he has and with as much gratitude as he has. I think the great lesson here is that wonderful things can come from great hardships..Amy

Mind Teasers: Insert the same letter 16 times to make a sentence.

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Ans:round,see, revolt, mart, face, debate, pants, rain, superior, hotel.

Trivia on our Snowy Easter! Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is 3/20) and is based on the Lunar calendar not our Roman calendar. You would have to be 95 years old to have seen it this early before! Next time will be in 2228.

Update On Mining North of Flathead Lake: BP pulled plans for coal-bed methane extraction in British Columbia's Flathead Valley. BP will continue to pursue these projects in other parts of southeastern BC including the Elk River Valley north of the Kootenai Valley. (Information from West Shore News).

**FAMILY FUN DAY will be Saturday June 28, including the famous Firefighter's Burgers, Water Wars, Kids Carnival, Craft Show and any other idea that will be fun for the community. Please forward ideas and offers of help.....Thanks!
CRAFTERS & ARTISTS PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPACE!**