



BIG ARM ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER APRIL 2008

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BIG ARM IS BEAUTIFUL AGAIN THANKS TO 30 NEIGHBORS PICKING UP 51 BAGS OF TRASH!

Despite the threat of uncertain weather “picking” volunteers turned up at the Fire Hall to make Big Arm look beautiful again. Linda Althouse chose the good weather of Thursday and picked trash from one full mile. On Friday Bob & Lucy Kobos, Ray & Sharon Geiser, Arnold & Luella Gomke, David & Cynthia Waterman, Earle, Lynn & Wanelda Schafer, Jeff Meslin and Lester Johnson took advantage of another good day for their “picking”. On Saturday despite waking up to snow and much colder temperatures Paul & Karen Maurer, Tim & Joyce Bruner, Ron Roberts, Earl Holland, Alison & Jeff Meslin, Dennis Wolfe, Tim & Cindy Beebe, Vince Rubino, Kerry Weidrich, Deb Raunig, Erin Acosta, Tasheen Mitchell and Shawn Lamore came out in good spirits determined to finish and by late afternoon six miles of Highway 93 looked pristine. Other volunteers were out “picking” on the side streets and in front of their homes helping to complete the beautification.

Thanks so Much! You are very special people!

CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONER: Approximately 38 people attended the April 3rd Big Arm Association county commissioner debate. It was between the five people hoping to fill the seat vacated by Mike Hutchison. Jeanne Windham and Vince Rubino are running as Democrats and Ron Boyce, Mike Larson and Bill Barron are running as Republicans. Each candidate got five minutes to introduce themselves and share why they want to be a county commissioner. All candidates got to respond to seven questions that covered: taxes, preserving our environment and quality of life, property rights and the protection of county right of ways, road and bridge maintenance, recycling, support of rural fire departments and the making of aesthetically pleasing county property more accessible to the public. All the candidates spoke openly about the issues and all that attended seemed pleased that they had the opportunity to witness the event.... Paul Maurer. Thank you Paul for organizing and doing such a good job moderating this event.

EXERCISE CLASS Wednesday Apr. 30 9:30am Fire Hall: Amy Edwards, who has a BS Degree in Dance, will be organizing a weekly exercise class which will offer a mix of low impact aerobics and dance that will stretch our muscles and strengthen our bones. \$2 per person. Call 849-5209

COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUR Thursday May 8 10:30

Informal community social hour, everyone welcome!

MAY 30th POTLUCK 6:30pm. “Fire Wise” Talk 7pm

Information to help protect us during the upcoming fire season. The Sheriff's office will also give a presentation about local law enforcement and their upcoming public safety mil levy. Questions will be welcomed.

CONGRATULATIONS MARY WEIDRICH for being accepted into the National Honors Society. Good Work!

1948'ERS: We know of 5 neighbors born in 1948 are there more? Please call 849-6628.

POTLUCK ON FRIDAY APRIL 25 6:30PM NOXIOUS WEEDS 7:00PM CHERRY TREE INFO

Information will be given on how we can help to eradicate the noxious weeds and help protect the Flathead Cherry Crop.

HISTORIC SCHOOL GOOD NEWS! Representatives from **The National Trust of Historic Preservation** and **Montana's Preservation Alliance** toured our historic school and have promised to support us, help obtain grants and organize workshops. The “Save Our School” Committee will be meeting with School District #23 on May 19 to discuss a proposed lease for the historic school which is similar to the leases that Proctor and Rollin's communities have with District #33. We invited the three new candidates for the School Board to tour our school. Both **Caryl Cox & Cesar Hernandez** were very interested in preserving the historic building. Also running in the upcoming School election are **Joe Hovenkotter** and **Mark Russell** who have expressed their interest in a lease which would enable the Big Arm community to preserve our historic school. We will keep you posted, please call 849-6628 for more info and/or if you would like to help.

FAMILY FUN DAY Saturday June 28th The day will include Water Wars, Kids' Carnival, a craft show, other fun events & will support the Firefighter's famous hamburger fry.

RAISING FUNDS: The Firefighters have stressed a need for extra equipment to better protect our Big Arm community and the SOS Committee will need funds, hopefully, to start the preservation process to turn our historic school into a community building. We are trying to find some really creative and fun ways to raise money and would love to hear your ideas, please call!

Visit to ROLLINS WOMEN'S CLUB: I was invited to talk about the Big Arm Association's accomplishments and the goal of saving our historic school. The RWC hold their meetings in the Rollins historic School house. Several Big Arm ladies belong to this club and all members are very active in raising funds for Rollins Volunteer Fire Dept., School Scholarships and other worthy causes. We will keep you posted of Rollins special events....Alison

MIND TEASERS: Logic: In a certain African village there live 800 women. 3% of them are wearing one earring. Of the other 97%, half are wearing 2 earrings, half are wearing none. How many earrings all together are being worn by the women? **Answer to March:** Insert “E” = Every evening Ernest earned eighteen cents exceedingly easily.

MONTANA OLD TIME FIDDLERS, Jam Session, Sunday Apr .27, 2-6pm at the Idle Spur in Dayton.