



BIG ARM HISTORIC SCHOOL

A 5 YEAR RENEWABLE LEASE HAS BEEN APPROVED!

The Big Arm Association is thankful to the Polson District 23 School Trustees for their diligence and cooperation in designing a 5 year renewable lease that not only looks after school districts interests but will allow the Association to begin the process of restoring the historic school in Big Arm.

Now a new era begins and we look forward to protecting and preserving this wonderful piece of local history. The next phase will be scheduling a workshop with the Montana Preservation Alliance and the National Trust for Historic Properties who will help guide the Association as we start the fund raising and planning for the restoration work.

This exciting restoration project will benefit all the people of Lake County but especially the children who will be able, when the school is completed, to have a glimpse into school life almost one hundred years ago. The Big Arm community will be able to preserve the last remnant of the original settlement and once again the school will become an integral part of the village.

This project is to preserve a wonderful slice of local history and we encourage everyone to join us in this venture. We promise to keep residents apprised of our progress and if anyone would like to help in anyway please call us at 849-6628.

Thank you School Board Trustees and everyone who has helped along the way!

FRIDAY AUGUST 22 6:30PM A MUSICAL EVENING

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC & CHAIR to the Fire Hall Lawn

Wilfred Kenmille & Friends Singing a Wide Range of Songs

Dan Debuke: Blues, Rhythm, Soul Through Guitar, Weissborn & Charango with Josh Hargesheimer on Congo drums

Thanks to Deb Raunig for organizing this event and thanks to Amy for inviting Dan to play for us. If it rains we will go inside.

We will have some tents for shade and soda & water will be sold.

WE HOPE TO OFFER TOURS OF THE HISTORIC SCHOOL

BARN DANCE FRIDAY SEPT 12—DANCE TO A LIVE BAND!

Lee & Sonya Engbretson and their committee are working very hard organizing this event. There will be a cover charge of \$5 for everyone over 16 yrs of age which will help defray the cost of the band. Sonya has organized several volunteers to make chili, cornbread and all the fixings however she still needs a few more volunteers, please call her at 849-5522. Kate Jones is organizing a decorating committee for the Gomke barn. The meal will be served from 6:30 to 7:30pm (\$ donations welcome) and the band will play from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. This second annual barn dance is going to be a wonderfully fun community event, thanks to so many willing volunteers.

GARBAGE PICK UP Saturday September 20 9:00am we could use many able bodied people to help keep Big Arm beautiful by picking up trash off Highway 93. Please volunteer, thanks!

OCT. FRID. 31st POTLUCK Guest Speaker: Norma Ashby

Norma hosted "Today in Montana", a live TV show from Great Falls, from 1962 to 1988. She has authored 2 books; TV Stars & Rattlesnakes, and another one about a Montana artist. Thank you Marilyn and Ron Roberts for organizing. This is on Halloween night and there may be plans in the works for something spooky for the kids.

AUGUST 16 5:30 Rollins Com. Club: Ice Cream Social, ice cream provided; bring the toppings. For info call the Rogers at 849-5591

DEEP DRAW FIRE UPDATES: We have been sending, via email, daily updates issued by the Northern Rockies Incident Command Team and Rich Janssen Fire Information Officer from the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes Dept. of Forestry.

To all of those fighting this local fire thank you. Local Big Arm, Polson and Ronan volunteer firefighters had provided structure protection and water delivery to holding tanks. **These neighbors are truly amazing as they continue to give so much of their time to help keep us all safe. Thank you!** For those of you who do not have email and would like updates call 849-6628 for information. Friday 8/15/08 update: 70% contained; crews continue to work on the northeastern corner assisted by helicopters that will drop water on the hotspots. By Thursday evening crews had nearly completed fire-line around spot fires, installed pumps, and laid hoses to get water uphill to the fires on a hillside above the bottom of the Deep Draw.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$2278.83, bills paid: copies, postage, soda, garbage bags, internet services, liability insurance. Thanks to Lester Johnson for volunteering to be the interim Treasurer until Earle Schafer's return.

Byron Crow gave a terrific presentation on falcons last month despite having equipment problems. His charming personality and great sense of humor soon had everyone laughing and asking questions. Thanks to Byron and thanks to Ron Roberts for organizing.

The Notice Board in the fire hall may be used to advertise local businesses and other events, we hope this will become a good source of information and help support local businesses.

Recycle Soda Cans: please bring your clean cans to the fire hall; Ron Roberts is good enough to recycle them so we can buy some new tables and chairs, thanks everyone!

Dog Register: Aviva Brooks will organize a data base listing your pet's description, name, address and contact tel. #. If you lose or find a pet Aviva will contact the owners right away or send out an announcement with the hope of a speedy reunion. Call 849-5338.

Exercise Class is held every Wednesday at 9:30am. Amy Edwards starts with stretching, and gently warms up to low impact aerobic exercise then back to stretching. This is a great work out! Cost \$2

Line Dance Class if you would like to have some fun dancing how about joining the new line dance group. Please call Amy for dates 849-5209. \$2 per class. Amy, who is one of our general leaders, is encouraging residents to participate in healthy exercise and has offered to design classes for our specific needs.

Projector Screen in Memory of Larry & Fay Osburnsen has been purchased; we now have a 106" screen mounted to the ceiling. Every time we watch this screen we will think of this couple who, for years, were active in the Big Arm community. Thanks to Trish and Ron Friez for this "memory" gift.

The Fire Hall is clean due to Amy Edwards's efforts Thank you!

Coffee Hour continues the second Thursday each month. This is a wonderfully relaxed opportunity to get acquainted with some of our neighbors. Everyone is welcome, please join us!

Teasers: this poem includes every letter but one from the alphabet "A jovial swain should not complain of any buxom fair, who mocks his pain and thinks again to quiz his awkward air."

Ans: abyss, drying, yield, yonder, buyer, oyster, maybe, stymie, yacht, hoyden, yearn, prepay, yeast, player, satyr, yearly.