

BIG ARM ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER JULY 2008

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Thank you to everyone who helped in the Family Fun Day! Thanks to the organizers, the tent erectors, the mowers, the carnival game hosts and ticket managers, the bounce-house team, the water-war fighters, the Bingo host, the raffle-ticket sellers, the parkers, the cleaners and people who packed everything away. Thanks to our wonderful firefighters for the wonderful food, the wonderful music by Erma and Gil and Wilfred and his friends, Ken Avison for his incredible magic show, the pony rides by Full Sail Farm, the crafts people, and to the CS&K Tribes for leasing more land for the special day.

The following are the special people who helped in the Family Fun Day, let us know if we have forgotten someone. Thanks to all! Lynda & Jerry Zero, Judith Lievesley, Lester Johnson, Lynn Schafer, Amy & Marisol Edwards, Cynthia & Dave Waterman, Bonnie & Tom Eddy, Lee & Sonya Engbretson, Cindy Fischer, Jan & Dennis Wolf, Earl and Wanelda Schafer, Paul Maurer, Mary & Emmy Driscoll and a band of helpers, Helen Leishman, Lily and Roger Rogers, Lu and Arnie Gomke, Ron Friez, Kerry Weidrich, Patti & John Waterman, Jim Brandenburg, Jim Bruner, Ron Roberts, Jeff & Alison Meslin. Thank you to all the brave firefighters and everyone who attended, played games, ate hamburgers and helped support this special day.

Second Annual Water War was held on June 28, the Polson combatants showed up in force with a thirst for victory. This year Polson put together a sizeable army with the largest best trained contingent coming from MT Calvary Lutheran Church. The Polson combatants won four of the six hard fought battles which means the humongous traveling trophy full of jellybeans will be housed in Polson temporarily until Big Arm wins it back in 2009. Don't get too attached to it, Polson was lucky. Some overly zealous Big Arm combatants stepped over the so-called DMZ line (a minor battle infraction) and also got the judge wet (which was also a minor infraction) or the outcome might have been different. Seeing how the MT Calvary Lutheran Church provided Polson with the most fiercest fighters the trophy will be housed in the churches fellowship hall until it is returned to Big Arm. Anyone wanting to view it, eat some of the jellybean booty and ogle its splendor can see it in the church's fellowship hall.

Polson you may rest assured the humongous travelling trophy is coming back to Big Arm. I am already laying plans on how it will be accomplished and where the trophy will be placed on display once it is back at it's rightful home.Paulus Maurerus, Despot Dictator and self appointed mayor if Big Arm.

Get Well Soon to Wanelda Schafer who is now home from spending a few days in hospital. Wanelda is very dear to many of us and is an inspiration with her energy, willingness to help out anytime and anywhere, her great sense of humor and good common sense. Wanelda is also Big Arm's official weed police; no undesired and uncultivated plant is safe when she is around. Love & quick healing Wanelda!

Larry Osburnsen former BA resident recently passed away and in memory of him and his long participation with all Big Arm community events Trish and Ron Friez have made a donation to help buy a larger projection screen for the fire hall. Larry on his last visit to a BAA event was heard to say we need a larger screen. We send our condolences and thanks to his family and friends.

Boat Parade participants put on a grand patriotic show for the Fourth of July. We counted 18 boats decorated with flags and one boat even had bat woman aboard. There were several wave runners, one was decorated with many balloons. Great fun! Thanks to everyone who participated and thanks to everyone who waved and cheered from the docks. Thanks to Charlie & his friend for providing the lead boat.

Recycle Soda Cans: please bring your clean cans to the fire hall; we will recycle them to buy more tables and chairs, thanks!

Historic Big Arm School: we are reviewing a lease from the School Board which started as a couple of pages and now has grown to eight! We are hoping to resolve some of the questions and look forward to signing the 5 year renewable lease early August. Hopefully soon the community will be able to bring this historic school back into the center of Big Arm village life.

**FRIDAY JULY 25TH COMMUNITY POTLUCK 6:30
BYRON CROW'S PRESENTATION WILL BE ON
PEREGRINE FALCONS & THE USE OF AVIAN SPECIES
AS ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS OF
MERCURY IN OUR WATERSHED**

August 22 Bring Your Own Picnic and chair to an evening of musical entertainment. Deb Raunig is working very hard to gather many musical entertainers for a delightful evening. For those of you who would like to contribute to the School Building Fund a free will offering box will be available at all our events.

September 12 Barn Dance and BBQ: Lee Engbretson, Jeff Meslin and Deb Raunig will be on the committee organizing and would love any offers of help.

July 27 Rollins Volunteer Fire Dept.'s 31st Annual Turkey & Buffalo BBQ. \$12 in advance \$14 on the day. Ron 844-2386

BINGO!!!!!!! Helen Leishman has lent us the Charlo Bingo game and Linda Althouse has offered to help organize some game nights. Please contact us for the dates and details and spread the word to family and friends, the more players better prizes. This will be fun!

Boys made our day! At the end of the family fun day we were all pretty tired but feeling good. As I packed up the ticket tent which had pictures displayed of the old school, Youstah and Bassle Eneas, Hunter Numicena, Malik Caye and another young friend introduced themselves. I discussed what we were planning for the old school, they were excited, asked why we can't we start it now and one lad assured me it was haunted. I explained the delay and said how the family day was not only to have fun but to raise money for the school. Youstah took out a pocket full of change put it in my hand followed by his friends and together they gave \$4.49 the last money they had, dripping wet from the water wars, and said put it towards the school. A beautiful ending to a lovely community day!

T-Shirts & Sweatshirts we are ordering these with the Big Arm logo, please call 849-6628 if you would like to add to the order.

Leaders: We thank everyone who participates in helping to organize the BAA, the last meeting especially was a lot of fun. We have a monthly leader potluck at one of our homes, review upcoming events and receive updates on various committees. We believe the more people who participate, the more successful we will be.

Teaser: Add a Y and rearrange to form a new word
BASS, GRIND, IDLE, DRONE, RUBE, STORE, BEAM, TIMES,
CHAT, HONED, NEAR, PAPER, SEAT, PALER, STAR, RELAY

Ans: dined-ate, whirled-spun, groove-rut, cut-carve, pet-caress, lie-recline, save-salvage, shed-barn, sour-tart, fat-plump, slopes-hills.

Community Garage Sale Next Summer: Please save your stuff!!