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BOAT PARADE JULY 4TH 4:00pm: Boats & watercraft will start at the Arrowhead RV dock (call 5545 for trailer parking). Last year we had a large fleet with lots of flags and patriotic decorations. We hope you will join us with your boat and if not be cheering on the shore; this is great fun and a fabulous way to recognize Independence Day!

FAMILY FUN DAY PREPARATIONS: Thank you to everyone helping to prepare and to all those who have offered to erect tents and help on the 28th. If you would like to help and join in the fun please call Alison. Thanks to CS&K Tribes for the use of the extra land.

NEW DOOR: The BAA purchased a storm/screen door for the upstairs fire hall which can be closed instead of the main door to solve the problem of the automatic lock. Thanks to Jeff Meslin for installing.

DOT PUBLIC MEETINGS: Recently the DOT held a public meeting to analyze truck traffic on Route 35 and Highway 93 because of the recent fuel spills on 35. If you would like to write your opinion on re-routing trucks on to H93 please write to Jim Lynch at PO Box 7039, Missoula MT 59807-7039, or email pgrant@mt.gov. or fax to 406-494-4396. If you have complaints of careless driving and un muffled Jake brakes call 444-6201,406-253-4937, 249-3929, 444-6140 giving truck company, if possible the truck number, date and time.

EXERCISE CLASS is 9:30am every Wednesday if you would prefer another day please call Amy at 849-5209. \$2 per person.

COFFEE MORNING THURSDAY JULY 10, 10:30 Come meet you neighbors! An informal community hour, everyone welcome!

JULY 25 FRIDAY WILL BE THE NEXT POTLUCK at the fire hall starting at 6:30pm. Ron Roberts has kindly offered to organize a presentation for the evening. Will announce later.

AUGUST 22 FRIDAY will be BYOP, Bring Your Own Picnic. We will have live musical entertainment.

SEPTEMBER 12 FRIDAY BARBECUE BARN DANCE thanks to Lee, Jeff & Deb who will be organizing this event, mark the calendar!

BAA ELECTIONS: The BAA by-laws state "Positions will be filled by willing volunteers. These positions will be confirmed or changed annually during the July general meeting with a majority vote." Rather than take a lot of time on our fun July event we ask you to contact BAA if you would like changes in the following leaders:

General Leaders: Alison Meslin, Deborah Raunig, Amy Edwards
Treasurer: Earle Schafer, Luella Gomke. Administration: Frank and Kate Jones. Tribal Liaison: Mary Driscoll. Web Master: Tom Eddy.
Activities and Work Party Leaders are volunteers from our large pool of leaders that change with the project. New leaders are welcomed.

DOG REGISTER: Recently Lynette found a lost and very frightened dog and because we were able to send out a mass email the dog was quickly reunited with his owners. Danialle from Jette Lake suggested creating a dog register and Aviva Brooks has offered to take on this task. If a registered dog is found Aviva will contact the owners immediately or if a dog is lost will send out a mass email asking neighbors to help. Register your dog by calling Aviva at 849-5338. Thanks Aviva!

NEW CHAIRS: A big thank you to Arnie & Luella Gomke for donating 10 new folding chairs. Thank you to the person who left 2 bags of aluminum cans and to Ron and Marilyn Roberts who are recycling these cans for cash to buy more chairs and tables for the Association. Please bring your soda and beer cans, we will put them to good use!

TEASER: Turn each pair of different words into synonyms by taking a letter from either and placing it in the other: RIPE-TAR = RIP-TEAR
DIED-ANTE, WHILED-SPURN, GROVE-ROUT, CURT-CAVE, PEST-CARES, LICE-RELIN, SALVE-SAVAGE, SHRED-BAN, OUR-START, FLAT-PUMP, LOPES-SHILLS.

May's Answer: The only word made from "chesty" is SCYTHE

Thank you Chris McGuiness for the "Being Fire Wise" presentation. This was an educational talk on how we can protect our homes when wild fires strike. He taught us to think as firefighters checking on a home as attached fences became a fuse, wood or whicker furniture became kindling, wood stacked too close became fuel, vinyl or other oil based building products became additional fuel, open vents and windows were easy access for fire embers which can travel a mile or more from the main fire. When fires are close mow all of the grass, circle the buildings with water sprinklers and if possible one on the roof. Remove debris from the gutters, corners of the foundation, under decks and remove all deck furniture etc. away from the house. Move extra vehicles, mowers etc into the garage and close the doors. Close vents and windows, remove curtains and turn off the gas supply. Make sure you have a 30 foot defensible space around your house and that you have ample space for a fire vehicle to turn around in your yard. Call Chris McGuiness at Polson Volunteer Fire Dept. or speak with him on the 28th.

Thank you Carey Cooley from Lake County Fuel Reduction Office for the pamphlets on available grants. Call 883-6999

Thanks to the Sheriff's Dept's 4 officers for educating us why they needed the new mil levy and surprising us with the low salaries and age of vehicles. Contact them for a citizens' tour.

ZONING DISTRICT?By Vince Rubino

During my recent campaign for Lake County Commissioner, planning and subdivision were the hot topics and quickly found that there was a lot more to the planning process than previously thought. One area of planning that most interested me was the establishment of Zoning Districts. I promised myself that if I was not elected, would seriously look into the pros and cons of a Big Arm to Rollins Zoning District. I was not elected so here I go.

There are 16 zoning districts in Lake County (LC). 11 are administered by LC planning and they may help facilitate the formation of new zoning districts if a majority of landowners in an area demonstrate commitment to the process. All landowners within the proposed area should be included at every step. Compromise is required to develop an acceptable set of regulations. The process used to form zoning districts and the contents of zoning regulations are outlined in Title 76. Chapter 2 MCA. The regulations must conform to the Lake County Growth Policy.

The process would be to form a steering committee. Propose a boundary area etc. Send out a survey to all landowners inviting them to a meeting. Using the survey results and further discussions, compile a set of draft regulations. Hold a public hearing on the district and regulations. A demonstrated majority of the landowners is generally required to approve regulations.

Advantages are the process is citizen directed and democratic—local landowners may guide growth in ways that are specific to the local landscape. The process is highly flexible. The process is based on consensus— an issue is not settled until all parties can come to an agreement. Everyone who wants to participate can have a major role. Citizens can direct growth to where it makes most sense. Land use regulations may be used to protect property values and separate incompatible uses. Disadvantages are the process takes lots of effort, patience and can take a long time. Landowners place some restrictions on their future use of the property.

I have planned to meet with LC Planning Dept to get smarter. In the mean time if you are pro or con on the idea of a Big Arm to Rollins Zoning District let me hear from you. My email address is Hog_heaven2004@yahoo.comVince Rubino