



## **BARN DANCE Friday September 12th THE SOUTHERN COMFORT BAND**

The Big Arm Association invites everyone to our Second Annual Barn Dance. There will be a \$5.00 band cover charge for everyone over 16 years of age. We will be serving chili, cornbread and all the fixings from 6 to 7pm. Dinner \$\$ donations would be welcome. We thank Lee Engbretson and his large group of enthusiastic volunteers for all their cooking, cleaning, organizing, and decorating as they create a very memorable evening for the community. We especially thank Arnie and Lu Gomke for the use of their barn. **So come along, bring your family and friends and join in the fun!** Tickets can be purchased from Lee at 849-5522 or Alison 6628 or buy them at the door of the Barn Dance. **We will have many door prizes!** The barn is at mile marker 71 & 1/2, please follow the signs. We thank the many local businesses that have sponsored the dance and they will be highlighted in our next newsletter along with all of the wonderful neighbors who volunteered their help. The funds raised during this barn dance will help restore the Historic Big Arm School.

**Big Arm Sweatshirts** will be available at the dance for \$26; specific sizes, colors or other items can be custom ordered.

**Garage Sale:** Amy is organizing a community garage sale at the fire hall parking lot on Sat. Sept. 20th from 9am to 2pm. Residents can sell their own items with 10% of sales going to school restoration fund or donate items with all proceeds going to the fund. Drop off and set up time is 8am to 9am. Held inside if it rains. Call 849-5209

**Garbage Pick Up on Saturday Sept. 20th at 9:00am.** We will be cleaning the highway from mm 70-76 and hope to have enough helpers so we only have to pick up 1/2 a mile each. **Please join us to keep Big Arm beautiful!** Pick-up can be done at a different time but please call 849-6628, thanks!

**Thank you** to Lynda & Gerry Zero and Gregg & Bonnie Doerfler for the generous donations. We received a letter from Dianne & Don McFarlane thanking the association and all the self-less firefighters. Thank you Dianne & Don.

**Historic School Update:** Jeff Meslin took down the plywood from the door and windows and repaired the broken glass; daylight now streams into the school after many years of darkness. Please call Alison if you would like a tour of the school. A workshop will be held this month with the MT Preservation Alliance and the National Trust of Historic Preservation. The restoration committee is looking forward to learning from the experts on how to proceed. Please consider joining this committee as we will be much more successful if a large group of us are working together. We plan to raise the necessary funds by applying for many different grants and holding many fun fund raisers. If we raise enough money we will be able to hire contractors to do most of the restoration work. When the school is finished it has been suggested to use it as a community hall, for after school programs, a senior citizen center, an informal library, a museum or anything else the community would need.

### SEPTEMBER 11TH 2001

**On this anniversary of September 11th 2001 we honor those who lost their lives, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **FRIDAY OCTOBER 31 POTLUCK 6:30pm**

Guest Speaker Norma Ashby 7:00pm

Norma is a celebrated author and was the host of the TV show "Today in Montana" for many years.

#### **EXERCISE CLASS EVERY WEDNESDAY 9:30AM**

Join Amy as she teaches stretches and low impact aerobics: a wonderful hour of exercise to strengthen bones & muscles.

#### **COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUR THURS SEPT 11th**

An informal gathering held the 2nd Thurs of each month at 10:30am & is a wonderful way to get to know our neighbors.

#### **BEGINNER LINE DANCING CLASS**

If you enjoy music and would like to have some fun exercise, join Amy's line dancing class. Held Fridays 1 to 2pm.

Other times are available, call Amy 849-5209.

#### **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21 POTLUCK**

Francis Davidson: Oil Today, Here, There, Everywhere  
Francis will share his broad spectrum of experience and knowledge of the locations of fuel supplies including MT. Thank you Earle Schafer for organizing this speaker.

**The August Musical Evening** was a delightful way to spend a summer evening. Thanks to Deb Raunig for organizing and a special thank you to Wilfred Kenmille & Liz, Dan Debuque & Josh Hargesheimer for the musical entertainment. Thank you to those who helped erect and dismantle the tents and to Jim Brandenburg for the loan of the trailer.

**We are recycling aluminum cans** to help buy new chairs etc. Please leave clean cans in a plastic bag by the back door of the upstairs fire hall. Thanks, we appreciate your help!

**A Dog Register** is being compiled by Aviva; please call her at 849-5338 if you would like to record information about your pets so they can be quickly returned if they should stray away from home.

**Refrigerator Needed:** During the June hamburger fry the Big Arm firefighter's old refrigerator died. If anyone has a spare refrigerator they would like to donate please call Jeff Meslin 849-6628 or any of the firefighters. Thanks.

**Teaser:** Make words out of "scrapbook" meaning small stocking, playground, thief, shellfish, wild pig, chef, tree, ghost, snake, another snake, policeman, boulder, bag, stream, country bumpkin, shovel, crowlike bird, automobile, barrel.

**Answers Aug:** the "e" is missing.

**Hope to see you at the barn dance!**