

# BIG ARM ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER April 2009

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## SPRING CLEAN UP IN BIG ARM

**This Saturday May 2nd would you join us on highway 93 to help pickup the trash that has collected on both sides of the road. If we have enough people it should only take an hour. Please meet at the fire hall 9:00am bring gloves and wear waterproof shoes. We hope you can help!**

**Big Arm takes a look back into history.** Have you noticed the changes with our historic school? The 1970's porch has been dismantled which has revealed the original east windows. Now we see the school as the students saw it and Big Arm takes a look back into history. **This is so exciting!** Volunteers have removed numerous mouse nests, cobwebs and swept the grand old floor (which will be super for dancing on). Windows have been cleaned and this week we will start to recreate the original front steps and entrance along with working on the inside wainscoting. We send a special thank you to Commissioner Bill Barron for making special arrangements to dispose the old building materials and a thank you to School District 23 Trustee John Laimbeer who pitched in and helped us tear down the old porch. Very special thanks to the work crew Ron Roberts (Boss man), Ross Hoyt, Lester Johnson, Jeff Meslin, Paul Maurer, Harold McMillan, Leo, Dave Waterman, Marion Retzer, and Alison Meslin. **Why not join us, there is lots to do! Call Boss Man at 849-5133 and if you are physically unable to help but would love to support this incredible community project please call Paul Maurer 849-5131 for information on how to donate to the fund or provide materials.**

**Polson School Trustee Election:** We were going to include a bio on the five candidates but as the Valley Journal did a wonderful job reporting their biographies and their opinions we can only suggest you read the April 23 edition. One of the 5 candidates, Bill Harrington, is a Big Arm resident and we are sure along with the other candidates will be eager to answer your questions so please contact them directly.

**Polson Rural Fire District's** election ballot for two Trustees should be returned to the election office by May 5th. If you have not received a ballot please call Cathy at 883-7268 as soon as possible. Everyone who pays this Fire District tax is eligible to vote.

**The Big Arm Volunteer Fire Company** has two announcements for this issue. First, free burn season ends on the 30th April. After that time you will have to apply for a permit from Tribal Fire Management(406-676-2550). You will get a permit good for ten days of burning, but you must call the Lake County Sheriff's Dept. each day before you burn and give them the information they ask for (406-883-7301). Make sure you are well prepared and check the weather before starting your burn, as fire danger conditions usually increase as we move toward the summer. Also, the BAVFC expects to hold it's annual Hamburger Fry in June. **This event will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Big Arm Volunteer Fire Company.** The day is intended to provided

the community with a fun event, as well as a fund raiser for the Fire Company. Please be on the lookout for the date and time in the next issue and plan on attending to support your community fire protection. Calls: Elmo auto accident, Big Arm brushfire, Big Arm Car fire, Big Arm auto accident, 8 Polson stand-bys, 1 Elmo stand-by.....FF Ron Friez

**Potluck & Presentation May 15th 6:30pm.** Don't miss the remarkable Dr. Ann Perkins on Friday, May 15th. Her slide presentation and delightful persona will delight and amaze you. The Human-Animal Bond program at Carroll College she founded and fostered at Carroll College is putting Montana on the map. Please bring your favorite dish, family and friends.

**DOLLSHOW May 23** is promising to be another MUST SEE. The incredibly unbelievable dollhouses and Santa's by Barbara Wamsley of Charlo will knock your socks off. We will be featuring antique dolls and furniture in the schoolhouse and the dollhouses, and the tea room will be in the community room of the fire hall. **Needed:** More volunteers to help tea room, table watchers, etc. Call Trish at 849-5323. Ticket prices and times will be announced in the next newsletter.

**Thanks to Kassandra Hardy** for a fascinating glimpse into Glacier National Park's centennial preparations to be held in 2010. The park will be reviving historic tours, holding special educational events and have many plans to make your trip to the park an even bigger adventure. Check out their website or call for centennial information.

**Our Heartfelt Sympathy** goes to Jan Phillips for the loss of her Mother.

**Best Wishes for a speedy recovery** to Helen Leishman, Mary Driscoll's mother.

**Ballroom Dancing:** we have had several residents asking for classes, would anyone be willing to teach?

**Line dancing classes** call Amy for details 849-5209.

**GIANT YARD SALE!** Save your collectibles to either sell yourself or donate to help restore the historic school. This event will be held end of June. Info call Alison 849-6628.

**Book Club Blurb:** Hello, all lovers of the printed. Have you read Ivan Doig's latest--The Eleventh Man ? As always, the man writes with genuine warmth and knowledge. It's a great guy's book (think Father's Day gift) as it is a tale of a football team, WWII, and Doig's signature characters. It's only out in hardback . . . .but if you ask nice and donate some money to the schoolhouse, I will let you borrow my copy..... Trish 849-5323

**Riddle:** I sleep by day, I fly by night. I have no feathers to aid my flight..... what am I?

March answers: Owl, Evaporated Milk

**Supporting the Big Arm School:** Neighbor Kate Jones from Re/Max American Dream Properties for all of your real estate needs. 270-1043.

Neighbor Jim Brandenburg a Master Electrician for all of your electrical needs. 212-8313