

Lake County 100 Years Commemoration: Lois Hart from Polson Flathead Historical Museum is the coordinator and is still in the planning stages. Lois hopes to encourage all museums and historic places to hold events throughout the year to commemorate this areas proud heritage. We will keep you posted on Big Arm school's part in this program.

Recycling Cans : Thank you for all of the cans! Ron was able to buy another chair for the fire hall. Please only clean & label free cat food cans. Thank you Ron!

Newsletter Editing: A special thank you to Lily Rogers who does a grand job of making sure our newsletter is grammatically correct.

Polson School District #23 Trustee Election: We are delighted that Big Armian, Bill Harrington, has stepped forward to be a candidate for a trustee position. The closing date for candidates is not until March 26th. Next month we will include information on all of the candidates.

Food For Thought: With the ultimate goal of having a book club in Big Arm --as in monthly gatherings in the historic little schoolhouse-- I am throwing out a few titles for your perusal. Getting started with Montana authors is the initial goal. What could be better than a book by a Big Armian, Nedra Sterry, about one-room schools across Montana. A grand memoir published when Nedra was 85 about her young life with her mother, a teacher. The title: Where the Meadowlark Sings, can be tracked through Page by Page in Polson, and The Sandpiper Art Gallery. Another local offering is A Cup of Tea, by Florence Smith and her daughter Bonnie K. Worley. It chronicles the life story of Marie Johnson, as in "Fox" Johnson, from Siberia to Sunny Slope in Polson. 'Tis grandly told. And the latest local offering by Jennifer Graf Groneberg, Roadmap to Holland. This is an intimate, honest and profound rendering of her family's journey through tears, fears and boundless love with the birth of a child with Down syndrome.

Other titles by local authors: God's Thunderbolt, by Carol Buchanan--history of the vigilantes with enthralling story-line and up for lots of awards; Blind Your Ponies, by Stanley G. West, of a basketball team in Willow Creek, Mt. . . . I could go on and on, but I will wait for you . . . Anyone interested in pursuing this, or info on these books and others, call Trish Friez, 849-5323.

Riddles: 1) What does an Invisible man drink at snack time? 2) My first is in ocean but never in sea, my second's in wasp but never in bee, my third is in glider and also in flight, my whole is a creature that comes out at night. What am I ?



For Sale: Dayton garage/shop propane heater 2400BTU, ceiling mounted. Model #3E403B made between 1998 &

2002. Best offer call 849-6628.

Line Dancing & Exercise Class: Line Dancing is on Monday's at 6:30pm at the fire hall. Exercise Class Wednesday 9:30am. Please call Amy to confirm 849-5209. \$2 per class.

Community Coffee Hour: An informal gathering held the second Thursday each month 10:30am at the fire hall. A great way to get to know Big Armians!

Shared Recipes: How was the Mug Chocolate Cake? Swedish Roast Potatoes: 6 baking potatoes (small to medium), scrub skins, make slices every 1/8" but do not cut through, place in a buttered baking dish, baste with some of the melted 3 Tbs of butter cut side up, bake 30 minutes at 425, sprinkle with 2 Tbs of breadcrumbs and baste with the rest of the butter, cook until golden brown and tender, add 2 Tbs of parmesan cheese 5 minutes before potatoes are done. Dennis Wolfe has publicly recommend these potatoes! We would love to share your favorite recipe.



Big Arm Volunteer Fire Company News

We would like to correct an error appearing in the last newsletter. The phone number listed to use before free burning should be the Lake county Sheriff's office(883-7301). Just call and give them the information they ask for. Please continue to burn with caution as conditions are getting warmer and drier and fires can get out of control easier. The BAVFC wants to congratulate Matthew Sisler, our newest member, for attending the Rollin's recent Ice Rescue Course and completing it satisfactorily. Also thanks to the Rollins Fire Dept. for hosting the course and to Jeff and Alison Meslin who volunteered time to help serve lunch to the Ice Rescuers.

A big thanks to retired Missoula Fire Chief Paul Laisy for teaching the BAVFC a two hour course on structure evaluation relating to possible fires. Chief Laisy now resides full time at his house on Sunny Slope.

There are some improvements being undertaken in the Big Arm State Park. Of interest to the Polson Rural District is the proposed installation of a dry hydrant beside the boat ramp. When completed, this makes it possible to draft (draw) water into a fire engine by just pulling up beside the hydrant and connecting to it. This feature was suggested to the MT State Parks department by local Big Arm residents during the public meeting period for the project.

Fire Calls: 2/19 Skidder roll-over stand-by; Polson smoke alarm stand-by; 3/3 Auto accident mm70; 3/14 Electrical Fire Wilderness Valley Road.

Businesses that are 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