



BIG ARM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION And FIRE COMPANY BENEFIT on JUNE 27th

Join us in congratulating and thanking all of Big Arm's past and present firefighters for their great service to our community. We also thank all of the generous residents who stepped forward 30 years ago to build the fire station and to those who continued to support and renovate the building throughout the years.

Big Arm Volunteer Firefighters and their friends are knocking on neighbors' doors selling tickets for the Big Arm Fire Company's 30th Anniversary on June 27th. During this special day Big Arm firefighters will be cooking gourmet hamburgers with all the trimmings from 11am to 3pm. There will be special raffles and live music, and the Big Arm Association will be providing lots of family fun.

The money raised by this event will stay in Big Arm and will enable the firefighters to buy needed equipment and supplies. Please support them by calling Ron Friez at 849-5323 to buy tickets at \$10 each (\$6 for kids under 12). We hope you can attend on the day and if you don't already know the firefighters please introduce yourselves. If you are unable to attend please still buy tickets to show your support.

Desserts & Salads: If you would like to further help the firefighters please bake a dessert or make a salad. Call Ron to confirm 849-5323. Thanks!

Bovine Drop Raffle! The firefighters have organized this event which should be lots of fun! Buy a ticket for a plot of land and hope the cow selects your patch of grass! The winner will receive half \$'s and the Fire Co. the other half.

Live Music by Erma & Gil Prier "Western Aires" 11-1pm and **Wilfred Kenmile and Friends** from 1-2pm. Thanks musicians for supporting our firefighters!

Magic Show at 1:00pm! For the last two years **Ken Avison** has enthralled kids and adults with his magic, this is a show NOT to be missed! Thanks Ken for supporting our firefighters!

Big Arm Association will be helping entertain the family by holding a Kids' Carnival and the Third Annual Water Wars from 11 to 3pm.

The Carnival will have many fun games under tents with lots of prizes! Tickets 4 for \$1 can be spent on the games. Amy Edwards is running this event and if you would like to help please call Amy at 849-5209 **..bounce house also!!**

The Famous Water Wars will be held 11-3pm and is organized by Big Arm's self appointed Despot Dictator **Paulus Maurus**. He is determined Big Arm Warriors will win the humongous trophy back this year. Organize a team, rent water cannons and be prepared to get soaked! For more details and to register your battalion call the Dictator at 849-5131.

Community Flea Market/Garage Sale8-3pm

COME BUY! COME SELL! COME DONATE!

Indoor space will be available in the historic school for \$20 and outdoor space for \$15. Donate some of your unwanted treasures for the Association to sell with all proceeds going to the restoration of the historic school. For reservations and info call 849-6628.

All Events will be held on Saturday June 27th at the Big Arm Fire Hall and the Big Arm Historic School. Parking and the Water Wars will be held on the field east of the fire hall which has been generously loaned to us by S&K Confederated Tribes.

Location is mm 73 1/4 on Highway 93 north of Polson.

Other News: Thank you to Dr. Ann Perkins for her wonderful talk on the new Human-Animal Bond program at Carroll College: A fascinating glimpse into today's students very different courses and career opportunities. Thank you Trish Friez for inviting Dr. Perkins.

The Doll Show!!! Wow!!! Thank you Trish for all of your work and allowing us to view the fabulous collections. Through Trish and her friend's efforts the show raised \$708 towards the historic school's restoration fund. Thank you Trish, Barbara and all of the helpers, you did a great job!

Historic Big Arm School News... On May 29th Jim McDonald of A&E Architects visited the school and after many hours of review with two engineers proclaimed the school structurally sound! Lots of cosmetic work to be done but over all excellent news!

The Polson 23 School Board this past Monday approved building a storage shed on the property and a go ahead to follow the Architect's recommendations. We really appreciate the Board's continued support of this project. We will be holding many more "fun" fund raisers to benefit the restoration fund. Next will be the Garage Sale and hopefully in August an old fashioned Ice Cream Social followed in September by the wonderful Barn Dance.

A School Reunion will be held July 12th. Ross Hoyt and helpers are inviting ex-students, and anyone connected to the school or interested in its preservation to attend a picnic. This will be an informal event with plenty of opportunities to gather more historic photographs and intriguing stories of Big Arm's past. Please contact Ross at 849-5568 or Alison 6628 if you would like to attend or help out in anyway. It will be great fun to meet these students and to add to historic displays of photographs and stories for future generations to share.

July 4th Boat Parade... We are looking for someone or a group of residents to help organize this decades' old event. Please call 849-6628 soon to help keep this event going, thanks.

Supporting the Big Arm School: True Value Hardware Store and Woody's Western Building Supply have offered materials. Super One donated tea and goodies for the Doll Show and the UPS store continues to help! When you visit them please thank them for their support.