

## BIG ARM ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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**COFFEE HOUR**  
**Thu Dec 17, 10:30am**  
**At the Fire Hall, Join Us!**  
**Informal and Fun**



# Santa Claus Comes to Big Arm

**Saturday December 19th**

**At the Big Arm Fire Hall**

**Bring your family, young and old!**

**2:00pm... A Wonderful Magic Show**

**by Magician Ken Avison**

**2:30pm... Santa Claus will pass out**

**treats and pick up children's letters**  
**to take back to the North Pole.**

**3:15pm... by Popular Demand!**

**The Barber Shop Chorus from**  
**Columbia Falls will delight us with**  
**Christmas Music**

**Holiday Goodies Will be Served**

**DON'T MISS THIS!**

**COME CELEBRATE!**

**With the Big Arm Volunteer Firefighters 849-5323**



**The Coffee Hour will be Thursday December 17th**, this is an informal hour at the fire hall starting at 10:30am when we will be decorating the hall for the firefighters Christmas party on Saturday. Come help or just keep us company. If you have any decorations you would like to loan or cookies to share that would be wonderful. For more info call 849-6628.

**Historic school:** Both the CTEP and Historic Preservation grants have been submitted, thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the preparation and presentation. The results of the CTEP grant should be out early January and the other grant late February or March. If anyone would like more information on the school, our plans, the history or would like to help out with restoration by either donating or a pledge of work please call us, thanks.

**January Potluck** should be either the 22nd or 29th we will confirm later. We are hoping to have a presentation on Herman Schnitzmeyer a renowned photographer who homesteaded on Wild Horse Island in 1910.

**February Potluck** we are hoping to have some information on the Flathead Lake or a talk on Eagles.

**100 year Commemoration of Homesteading in the Flathead Reservation** is being planned for next year by a group of area historians. The Big Arm School and area residents have been asked to participate. The organizers, Lois Hart and her committee, are asking for the special events to be educational. The BAA has suggested 3 events May, July and September. The May event would be held in the school (dependent on restoration work) and would be a description of school life in Big Arm in 1910 and a display or related

tools, gadgets, household items of that era. Do you have any items from that era that we could borrow for the day? Would you like to participate by being a guide or story teller? Do you have any vintage cars or farm equipment that span from and 1910 and the following decade? Please contact us and perhaps also consider helping in organizing the event, thanks.

July event will perhaps be an ice cream social with Joyce Decker Wegner giving a talk on the history of the Big Arm school among other interesting items. Perhaps for September we can do something historic in conjunction with the wonderful Barn dance.

**The Raffle** was won by Steve Combes one of the great Barber Shop Singers.

**The Flathead Valleyaires a Columbia Falls Barber Shop Chorus** who entertained us at the November potluck were wonderful. We encourage you to attend the Firefighters Christmas party on the 19th to hear their unique sound. They will start singing at 3:15pm if you don't want to attend the magic show and visit with Santa. Thank you Trish Friez! Mark your calendars for their big concert on April 17th at the Glacier High School, Kalispell., 7:30pm.

**Donations:** Thank you Ethel Diettert for your continued support.

**Just for a chuckle:**

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Clause? What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? What does Santa Claus call his wife?

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

What fruit do you get if you cross an apple with a Christmas tree? (answers below)

**Boxing Day?** The day after Christmas, a legal holiday in England and traditionally the day boxes were given to employees.

**We Wish You a Very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, a Wonderful Winter Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year!**

**Get Well Soon** to a number of residents who are suffering various illnesses. We wish you a speedy recover and please let us know if we can help in any way.

**Useful tips:** Do not use Cruise Control in your car on wet or icy roads as this can cause hydroplaning.

If raining very hard try wearing sunglasses as this is supposed to eliminate the mist, please let us know if this works.

Answer: Claustrophobic; frostbite; Mary Claus, snowflakes, pineapple;