

BIG ARM ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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COFFEE HOUR
Thu Nov 12, 10:30am
At the Fire Hall, Join Us!
Informal and Fun



"SMOKE ON THE WATERS"
Friday October 23rd at the Fire Hall
Movie on Early Day Steam boating
on Flathead Lake. Gil Mangels from
the Miracle Of America Museum will be
showing the MOVIE at 7 pm POT-
LUCK at 6pm, please bring your family

& friends. Gil has been very supportive of our efforts and recently donated an antique desk & chair for the school.

THIRD ANNUAL BARN DANCE on Friday September 11th was a wonderful success. The weather was delightful, the Southern Comfort Band, foot-stomping good, the food scrumptious, and Arnie & Luella Gomke's barn was the perfect setting. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended as your support raised \$1600 for the restoration of the school. A very special mention to Lee and Sonya Engbretson who worked so incredibly hard for weeks organizing this wonderful event, thank you!

Historic School: Thank you to Lois Hart of the Polson Flathead Historical Museum for being very helpful in researching old photographs and documents for our school and for donating period school books and finding two desks. Please when you next visit our two very good local museums will you thank both Lois and Gil for their continued support.

The work continues on the storage shed and my goodness the building committee is doing a grand job. Thank you Ron Roberts, Ross Hoyt, Lester Johnson, Jeff Meslin, Lee Engbretson and many other gentlemen who have helped.

The Fund raising committee is now in the process of applying for a Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP) grant. Thank you to Paul Maurer, Lee Engbretson and David Waterman who have already had a meeting with the Lake County Commissioners to discuss the project and will be forwarding a grant proposal for a public hearing towards the end of the month. If successful the grant will be used to build an addition onto the west side of the historic school. This will be designed by A&E Architects and will house bathrooms, a kitchen and a handicap access ramp. We will need a water supply, and septic system. The community can help us with this grant by attending the public hearing, we will keep you posted by email or call for the date and time. Another thank you goes to George Bailey and Jim McDonald who are writing an historic preservation grant through the Montana Department of Commerce and if successful this will pay for a new roof, new siding, repair of all woodwork, windows, foundation and roof support.

We will continue to hold events to raise money to help pay for the interior work and invite everyone to come along and help in any way you can. Thank you.

Highway Cleanup was on Saturday Sept19 and thanks to

everyone's efforts Big Arm looks much more beautiful. Thank you Joyce & Tim Bruner, Sonya & Lee Engbretson, Alison & Jeff Meslin, Tom & Bonnie Eddy, Dave & Cynthia Waterman and friend Will, Jan & Dennis Wolfe, Karen & Paul Maurer, Marilyn & Ron Roberts, Lester Johnson, Earl Holland, Ann Hubbard, Todd Funke, Luella Gomke, Jim Sisler, Mike Reynolds, Bill Sergeant, and Tim Beebe.

Yard Sale: Our second sale for the year was once again a good success and raised \$626.00 for the school restoration. Thank you to Bonnie, Joyce, Luella, and Sonya for all of your hard work. Thank you to the shoppers and a big thank you to those who donated items. Please keep donating; we will have another sale in the Spring.

BIG ARM FIRE COMPANY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Rural Fire District uses the taxes you pay to provide for fire trucks and equipment, building costs, insurance, training, protective gear, operating supplies among other items. But the actual fire protection is dependent on neighbors helping neighbors by volunteering to become a rural firefighter at a local fire company. The Big Arm Fire Company needs more volunteers. An applicant can be any age over 18, male or female, even summer residents will be considered. Responsibilities will be dependent on physical abilities. Being a firefighter can be a very personally rewarding experience as it is an opportunity to provide an invaluable community service through protection of lives and property of your family and friends and residents of the rural fire district. We will train you to be a knowledgeable and safe responder and outfit you with all of the necessary safety gear. For more information please call Alison Meslin Chairperson Rural Fire District 849-6628 or Ron Friez President of the Big Arm Fire Co. 849-5323. Also if you know someone who lives between Jette Lake and Polson who might like to volunteer for the NEW fire station north of the bridge at the Fairgrounds please call. Thanks...Alison

Treasurer's Report: Thank you Earle Schafer, Ethel Dietert, J&M Anderson for your donations. Thank you Doug for completing the books. School Fund balance = \$6072. BAA operating fund = \$325. The operating fund pays for the use of the fire hall, potluck utensils, soda, water, coffee and cleaning supplies. When you use the fire hall please consider putting a couple of \$\$ in the donation box to help pay for supplies, thanks. Lily thanks for the help.

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