



April is
Prevention of
Cruelty to
Animals Month

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Notes from the Village Office

First of all, thank you to Editor Linda for covering for me with last week's article! I was at a training conference in Red Deer and didn't get an article sent in on time.

The conference had great education sessions again this year, one in particular on cybercrime and how it can affect a municipal office. Communities of every size from Atlanta Georgia to an unfortunate community in central Alberta with a population the same as ours are being targeted for Ransomware cyberattacks.

This was a particularly good topic for me since Big Valley's e-mail account was hacked last year. It taught me many different things to watch out for and how to further protect the administration computers from being compromised. I can say it was a worthwhile course because it raised my awareness to the point where I was able to detect and delete one virus that came through our security settings already this week.

Something else I learned from the presenter, Passwords should be treated like your underwear

- Don't leave them out
- Change them regularly
- Don't share them

We are very happy to welcome back Public Works Assistant Tammy Rotvik for another season! Over the winter, Tammy was successful in becoming a certified Small Systems Water and Wastewater Operator. Big Valley is very lucky to have two fully accredited Operators. Many small Villages have to do service agreement with neighbouring towns or counties to get someone with the proper level of training.

Next Council meeting will be April 26th at 6:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public, agenda highlights will be in next week's article.

Michelle White, CAO
Village of Big Valley (403) 876-2269



Historical Notes



Greetings from the Historical Society.

The Big Valley Historical Society meets every third Tuesday of the month for their regular meetings. We meet in the Train Station Museum at 7pm. If you are interested in the history and preservation of Big Valley and area's past, you are welcome to join us and see what we are all about.

Our next meeting will be May 15th at 7pm in the Train Station Museum.

A BIT OF HISTORY

(Now that you have the layout of the 1920's town of Big Valley let's take a look at what was going on around the town)

Ranching

At the turn of the century ranchers began to arrive, trailing their cattle and horses. The great distance to the nearest railroad, at

Red Deer and Lacombe, made grain growing for export close to prohibitive. Ranching remained the only feasible form of agriculture. Many of the early settlers began herds with their own few head of cattle, while others took cattle on shares with Pat Burns. (As We Remember Big Valley, 1974).

Imperial Ranch

By Barbara Walters - 1999)

The first settler in the area near Gopher Head Hill, which is part of the Imperial Ranch, was reputedly a man named Jim Ellwood, who chose the site because of the natural spring there. He settled there about the turn of the century (or a little before) and was bought out by a family named Dahl, who was in partnership with a Mr. Alexander, who proceeded to stock the ranch. They named it the Imperial Ranching Company, but did not make a success of it. In about 1909 the lease of about four townships was sold again, this time to Pat Burns, who was acquiring more land to provide the needed cattle for his abattoirs and packing plant in Calgary.

Imperial Ranch





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BIG VALLEY DROP IN CENTRE SCHEDULE

POT LUCK & MEETING – APRIL 19TH – 12 NOON

SUNDAY CRIB – 7:00 P.M.

FLOOR CURLING – THURSDAYS – 1:00 P.M.

CANASTA – MONDAY & FRIDAY – 7:00 P.M.

ROSE BUD THEATRE BUS TRIP
(FOR MEMBERS)

DRIVING MISS DAISY
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THE DROP IN CENTRE IS OPEN EVERY
MORNING FOR COFFEE

APRIL 29TH WILL BE THE LAST CRIB
UNTIL FALL



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(old Big Valley Antiques location).

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and we look forward to
seeing you soon.

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**3:00 pm
Thursdays
at the
Library**

We can judge
the heart
of a man by
his treatment
of animals.

-Immanuel Kant



FRIENDS of the
Big Valley Library
MEETING

**Friday, April 20
10:00 am at the Library**

2019 HOMECOMING



We will be holding an information meeting for Homecoming 2019 to see if there is any interest in having one next year

Meeting at
Legion Hall
Thursday, April 26th
at 7:00 pm

Legion 

**Big Valley
LEGION MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 1
7:00 PM**

**Installation/Initiation Ceremony
Uniform If You Have One**

Big Valley Inn Crib

11 players came out for crib on Sunday, April 15th. Lillian Kirtley took first, Gladys McLeod took second and Stan Nattestad took third. Caroline Pound went home with the booby and Vi McCarty won the regular draw.

See you next Sunday April 22nd at 1 pm.

April 29th will be the last crib until Fall.

Paint Night
at the Big Valley Inn
by Rose Johnson

Howling at the Moon

Friday, April 20
at 7pm

Cost \$ 35

Everyone welcome

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with Rose Johnson
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Pizza Mondays

5 - 8 p.m.

- 8" - 2 Topping Pizza \$11.00
+ \$1.50 per topping
12" - 2 Topping Pizza \$18.00
+ \$2.50 per topping

Wing Tuesdays

5 - CLOSING

Wings - 1lb. - \$9.95
FREE POOL

Wing Thursdays

5 - CLOSING

Wings - 1lb. - \$9.95
FREE POOL

Steak Night Fridays

5 - 8 p.m.

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Sunday & Monday
11:00 am - 10:00 pm
Tuesday to Thursday
11:00 am - Midnight
Friday & Saturday
11:00 am - 2:00 am

Restaurant

7:00 am - 8:00 pm

Liquor Store

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

INCOME TAX - EFILED

PERSONAL RETURNS - \$50.00

SENIORS / STUDENTS - \$45.00

RENTAL PROPERTY - \$85.00

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AND MOVING EXPENSES

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"The greatness of a nation
and its moral progress
can be judged
by the
way its
animals
are treated."

- Mahatma Gandhi





Big Valley United Church

Rev. Barbara Lieurance

We will meet for worship on May 6 at 11 am

*"Great opportunities
to help others seldom come,
but small ones surround us
every day"*



Sally Koch

*To the residents of Big Valley,
there will be a graveside service
for*

Rod Miller

**on May 12 at 2:00 pm
at the cemetery.**

All are welcome to attend.

*There will be coffee and snacks
at the senior centre
after the short service.*

Thank you

*Bill Smillie 403-740-2410
Wayne Olson 403-969-3619
or 403-876-2901*



BIG VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

137 First Ave. S

*Welcomes you to fellowship with us
Sunday Mornings 10:30 am
Sunday School*

Contact Numbers

*Pastor Clark @ 403 876-2877
or 403 740-6540*

*...two men stood by them in shining
garments...they said to them,
"Why do you seek the living among the
dead? He is not here, but is risen!"*

Luke 24:5,6



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HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FOR SALE

Various household items for sale such as: bedroom furniture including single bed, dresser, and chest of drawers; dining table; microwave; smaller chest of drawers; mini fridge; other miscellaneous items.

Sale date and time: Saturday, April 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: #11, 45 Main Street, Big Valley

ESTATE SALE

345 - 4 Ave S. Big Valley

House with attached garage, large unattached garage,

ALSO

5 piece bedroom suite - oak
Coffee table - oak, glass top
Chesterfield, reclines both ends
3 piece bedroom set, extra dresser

Bill Smillie 403-740-2410

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Regular office hours are from

8:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday thru Friday.

Council meetings are the 4th Thursday of each month beginning at 6:00 pm and are open to the public. If you wish to present to Council on a topic, please contact the office.

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