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Notes from the Village Office

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Village Auditor Justin Tanner presented the audited 2017 financial statements for the Village. If anyone would like a copy of the statements, please just stop by the office and we can print you off a copy.
- Su Balog presented to Council regarding a business license bylaw. The suggestion was to require business licenses and have different rates for those who have store front businesses vs. those who come in to Big Valley to do business.
- Lois Miller presented on behalf of the Big Valley Historical Society regarding problems with the hill on the west end of Main Street and the shifting of the Blue Church. Following the presentation, Council directed staff to get a quote for a geotechnical study that would determine the state of the hillside.
- Rochelle Hughes presented to Council regarding the idea of a farmer's market for Big Valley. The market could be a fair size and Rochelle is hoping to have an outdoor space to hold it. Council will get more information and options from administration and bring the request back to the next meeting for further consideration.
- Sidewalks work for 2018 has been prioritized as follows: Post Office corner; 1st Ave from Main Street to 1st Street (east side); 2nd Ave from back alley to 1st Street (east side); 4th Ave from 2nd to 3rd Street

(west side). In addition to this, the sidewalk will be removed on 2nd Street from 1st Ave to 2nd Ave (south side). We will get as far down this list as possible within our \$75,000 budget.

- Various workplace safety policies were passed.
- First reading was given to a bylaw that will add definitions to our Land Use Bylaw pertaining to the upcoming cannabis regulations. There will be a public hearing on the matter at the next council meeting. Watch for ads in the next issue of the Whistle.

No one has called in with interest in taking a fire extinguisher course yet. You have until May 4th to give us a call so we know if we should run a course. This would be subsidized through FCSS and so the cost of the course would be minimal. I had taken one several years ago and I have to say, I found it very helpful. I feel much more comfortable using one now should I ever have a need to.

Compost pick up will start May 9th

Office will be closed May 3rd, 8th and 11th - I apologize for the inconvenience

HELP WANTED - Part Time Administrative Position
The position will be up to four days per week during initial training, transitioning to two days per week minimum.

The successful applicant will have a working knowledge of office equipment, be proficient in MS Office
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(Word and Excel in particular), have very strong time management skills, as well as excellent written and verbal communication skills. Customer service skills are essential to the position.

Resumes will be accepted at Village Office in a sealed envelope marked ATTN: CAO until 12:00 noon on May 8th or until a successful candidate is found.

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

(Ranching continuing from last week)

Imperial Ranch-the Frank Wroe story

(Excerpts from an interview, conducted in 1987 by Allan Johnston, and information from Frank's daughter, Mary Hubert)

Frank came to Alberta, in 1910, to work on the Imperial Ranch. Pat Burns owned the Imperial Ranch, at that time, but Ted Gardner was the head foreman. They had 8-9 thousand head of cattle to work with in an area of about three townships. Some of his workmates were Shady Green, Herb Gridley, and Jack Dahl. His wages were \$25/month. Frank said that prairie fires were always a concern and that it was customary to keep a couple of cow hides

in the sloughs so that they could to put out a fire. He was a proud cowboy, by choice, all his life. He had only a few weeks of formal schooling in his youth. Like many early ranchers of the open range, high hills, such as Jake's Butte, and Gopher Head were used as landmarks and vantage points to help locate the far flung herds.

Frank went with the first trainload of cattle to be shipped out of Big Valley to Calgary. He says that the Frontenac Hotel was finished in 1913 but only the bar was open for business at first. Ted Gardner and he were at the first meal served in the hotel. The first house he saw, in Big Valley, was the one where Harry Stuber now lives. (editor's note-Harry and Fran are now both deceased-it is the corner of 3rd St and 1st Ave S.)

Through the years Frank became quite a proficient trick roper and could handle two ropes at one time. He suffered many broken bones in his cowboy career and, eventually a broken arm, that healed incorrectly, curtailed his roping ability. By 1914 there were still no fences, and no farmers. Frank left the lease in 1916 and went to the Gleichen area (near the Bow River, where he worked with cattle and bucking horses, for about ten years. From there he moved northward, met Elsie Schenk and they were married in 1928. Elsie had been born near Cairns, on September 11, 1909. They worked on the Eden Valley Ranch (south of Calgary) for a couple of years and then moved to McLaughlin Alberta (south of Lloydminster) for some fifteen years. While there, Frank built the church (United), his hardware store, and his own home. He organized the highly successful Battle River Rodeo there, and he and Elsie took part in it, and ran it, for several years.

Frank and Elsie had a family of three: Jeanne (born Mar. 6, 1930), Dwayne (born Aug. 16, 1938), and Mary (born Jan. 13, 1940). In 1946 the family came to Big Valley. Frank bought the hardware store from Fred Law. It became Wroe's Hardware and Frank and family served the community's hardware needs for many years. Frank retired and the business was sold to Ed and Elaine Habberstock in March of 1974.

Hulley's Art Gallery

Art Lessons



One of my favourite activities in life is teaching art.

I am happy to provide private or small group lesson in my Gallery in my home at 37 – 1 Ave. N. Big Valley.

Please call me to discuss times, prices, styles and age of students (children to adults).

Thank You, Vivian Hulley
(403) 876-2737 or (403) 740-3507

Big Valley Artists' Group



Last day of painting at the Station this season will be May 23rd.

Look for announcements of our outdoor painting event (plein air painting) with an instructor.

We will return to the station for painting Sept. 12. Our Fall painting will include:

- Paint your own copy of a master, paint at your own speed with guided help.
- Start a colour chart.
- A watercolour instructor from

Edmonton.

Please join us.

Questions? Call Rose at 403-741-9800

ELKS HAPPENINGS.....



Our April meeting saw the installation of Scott Eros as our new Sec/Treas taking over the duties from long time Sec. Allan Jacobson who served admirably for the past number of years. Christopher Rowland is taking on lecturing Knight duties and it's great to see our younger members stepping forward. It bodes well for our long term viability.

Bro Bob Nelson and his wife Audrey (duty driver) made it over from Trochu and it was very fitting as Bob conducted many an initiation ceremony in the past. Audrey won our Club Draw so her name will be in the hat for an end of year draw as our draw money goes to the Elks Children's Charity

We will be hosting an Elk District camp out on June 23-24. Our district has 246 members and it is hoped that many will attend.

May 27 will be our Memorial Golf day and everyone is encouraged to attend. Posters will be up but the format is unchanged. Breakfast and lunch provided and a few prizes and a nominal fee to enter.

On the agenda for the Purple Park will be a gazebo type shelter for a shady spot or inclement weather protection.

A disbursement was made to the Historical Society to aid in their fund raising for the Blue Church to make some much needed repairs.

Our new season for our Club 200 draws kicked off and the first winners are:
Archie Williams, Ezra Neilson, Don Fooks, and Carter Fafard.

Tickets are still available.

Employment Opportunities

Are you a student looking for summer employment? Big Valley Historical Society is currently looking for students to fill their summer positions. Work involves weekends and some evenings and you must be able to work independently and commit to the positions. Please submit your resumes to Box 352, Big Valley, AB T0J 0G0. For more information contact 403-741-9366 or ask for Tanya at the Bistro on the Boardwalk.

The Big Valley Library is looking for creative and enthusiastic students to organize and deliver this year's Summer Reading Program. Duties also include delivering regular library services to our community. Applicants must enjoy working the public, especially children, and be able to work independently. Please submit your resumes to Box 205, Big Valley, AB T0J 0G0, l.stillinger@gmail.com or in person at the library.

BIG VALLEY DROP IN CENTRE SCHEDULE

FLOOR CURLING – THURSDAYS – 1:00 P.M.

CANASTA – MONDAY & FRIDAY – 7:00 P.M.

**ROSE BUD THEATRE BUS TRIP
(FOR MEMBERS)**

DRIVING MISS DAISY

MAY 16TH \$40

THE DROP IN CENTRE IS OPEN EVERY
MORNING FOR COFFEE



**We are OPEN
Saturday, May 5th**

Come see what

"All That Buzz"

is about

**Old Big Valley Antiques Location
10 am – 5 pm
Your local Honey & Gift Shop**

SPRING CLEANUP



Blue Church – Tuesday, May 8th
Grain Elevator – Thursday, May 10th

To volunteer come at 10 am
to the locations mentioned.
For more info phone Flo at 403-876-2593
or Lois at 403-741-5522

NOTICE



All Citizens and Organizations

The Homecoming information meeting only yielded 6 people showing up. We would like to try once more with a short meeting on

Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 pm
at the Legion Hall.

If no further interest is shown then we will have our answer.

Please come out and give your opinion.

START RIGHT PROGRAM REGISTRATION MORNING

Any students who are 3 or 4 years of age and have not been to the START RIGHT PROGRAM, but would like to join us, are invited to come play on **May 31 at 10 - 11am**

We will be introducing kids to the play based education that takes place with Mrs. Tizzard and Mrs. Fryer!

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 403-876-2271.

Big Valley Inn Crib

10 players came out for our final crib tournament of the season. Lawrence Wilkie took first, Stan Nattestad took second and Lillian Kirtley took third. Trudy Spence went home with the booby and Dale Kobe won the regular draw.

Have a great summer everyone and see you in October.

I will post date and times in the Whistle.

Notice of the Development Officer

The following Development Permit for the proposed uses listed below has been issued in accordance with Land Use Bylaw #765 of the Village of Big Valley;

Garage (14' x 34')
Lot(s) 2; Block 9; Plan 1725 AN
125 3rd Ave South
Permitted use

Decision April 26, 2018

Further information regarding this decision may be obtained from the Village Office, Box 236, Big Valley, AB T0J 0G0.

A Notice of Appeal must be received in writing no later than May 10, 2018.

Michelle White,
Development Officer

BIG VALLEY INN

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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.

Featuring a Strip Loin Steak,
Baked Potato with all the fixings
along with Baked Beans
and Garlic Toast for \$15.95

(Prices are Eat In Only)

PHONE

Main: 403-876-2203 Restaurant: 403-876-2040

Bar

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

Mother's Day

BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 13

9 am – 11 am

\$5.00 per person

Big Valley Community Hall

Big Valley



Golf Course Society

Looks like spring has finally sprung and the 2018 season is upon us. We will be putting out the mats and flags right away and will be continuing to make some changes to the golf course throughout the year.

The 2018 memberships can be paid to Val at the ATB or given to Bob or Sue Boswell.

Membership fees are as follows:

ADULT \$100.00 annual membership

JUNIOR (17 and under) \$15.00 annual membership

If you are looking to book the course for the day, please contact Sue or Bob Boswell at 403-876-2031 to get in the books.

Tournament fees for the day are \$200.00 minimum or \$10.00 per golfer.

Look forward to seeing everyone up there.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The Big Valley E Free Church

Monday, May 7

12 NOON

All seniors are welcome

*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 United Church

Rev. Barbara Lieurance

We are warmly inviting to celebrate with us
a **MUSICAL SERVICE** on May 6 at 11am
with special musical guests,
*Norah Watts, Wanita Gauthier, Evelyn Strandquist,
Lori and Dallas Gordon,*

*followed by a
light finger
food lunch.*



*(author
unknown)*



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*



EMERGENCY FOOD BANK

Contact
Marion 876-2617
or Val 876-2515

classifieds

BIG VALLEY MINOR HOCKEY - AGM

Thursday May 3/18

7:00 pm

At the Arena

Everyone invited

Contact Kyle Switzer or Christy Rivett
for more info

ESTATE SALE

345 - 4 Ave S. Big Valley

House with attached garage,
large unattached garage,

ALSO

3 piece bedroom suite, twin
extra dresser

corner computer table

tv stand rotating top, 2-drawers

assorted small tables

book shelf

fold-up ironing board

Bill Smillie 403-740-2410

Wayne Olson 403-969-3619

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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Whistle/Linda.....403-741-9193

Fire Chief/Lori Gordon.....403-740-4858

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