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Notes from the Village Office

Happy New Year!

Hopefully everyone had a great holiday season with family and friends. A new year means it is time to renew your dog license. Please stop by before the end of February to get licenses for a reduced rate. \$10 for fixed; \$15 for intact until the end of February.

We are working with County of Stettler Bylaw Enforcement Officers and Stettler Detachment RCMP to arrange "Coffee With a Cop" here in the Village. This will be a very informal early evening session on January 31 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Legion Hall where residents of the Village and surrounding area can stop by for a cup of coffee or tea and ask questions that you may have of the individuals hosting the event. This will be a great chance to have your questions answered such as; when to report a crime, when to use 911, what is the best/easiest thing you can do to protect your property against theft, what the new rules are for breathalyzer testing or any other questions you may have.

We will be putting up posters and advertising in the Whistle and Facebook. Hope to see you there!

Another thing that's good to do this time of year is to update the list of medications in your Capsule of Life. Not sure what this is? It is an oversized pill bottle that has a list of all your medications and dosages in it.

Emergency responders can use this list to treat you more accurately and faster in the event of an emergency. If you don't have one but would like to, please stop by Village Office and pick one up.

What a great success the Village Christmas Party was again this year! Special thank you to the event organizer and all those who gave of their time to make this evening such a special event for everyone. One of the things that kept coming up from the public consultation events that Council held last year was the need to continue with as many family events in Big Valley as possible, so thank you to everyone who helped to make that happen!

By now many of you have heard Big Valley is in the process of looking for a new CAO. I will be staying on until the end of February to make sure year end and audit etc. are complete as well as have a bit of cross over time with the new person hired. It was not an easy decision for me to move on from a community I have grown to love so much. Big Valley is a very special place full of kind, warm and amazing people. You have made my job exciting and enjoyable for the last 6 ½ years and I know staff, council and residents will welcome the new CAO every bit as warmly as I was welcomed when I started working here.

Michelle White, CAO
Village of Big Valley

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.

NOTE: Our next meeting will be January 16th. Memberships of \$10.00 per person are due.

A BIT HISTORY

Ranching In and around Big Valley (con't)

The Ewing Ranch (con't)

The John Ewings—a pioneer couple as I remember them. From the Stettler Independent, March 16, 1977 by Lester Lohr

No Ewing story would be complete without repeating the one told and retold on several occasions, about when they lost their first born son, also named John. This occurred sometime during the year of 1899 and as Mr. Ewing sadly explained it, this was the most difficult, hardest and most heartbreaking task he had ever been called upon to perform. This boy, in his middle teens, had been sickly for some time and finally succumbed one night in his Father's arms. There were no neighbors, no one to turn to for help, so Mr. and Mrs. Ewing with much anguish and sorrow were compelled to pick out a burial site, dig a grave and as they had no casket or material out of which to make one, they rolled him in a blanket and as no Minister was available, they repeated a few prayers, shed many tears and shoveled the dirt back in. Talk about pioneering. This burial was followed by others and by now there are at least nine in unmarked graves, under a common mound, in an area about 15 feet by 15 feet square. This little Cemetery is beautifully situated on the brow of a hill that undoubtedly served the Indians for ages as a view point when they were on the look-out for buffalo or possible enemies. (to be continued)

BIG VALLEY INN

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,
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along with Baked Beans
and Garlic Toast for \$15.95

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PHONE

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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



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& THEIR FAMILIES

WISH TO INVITE FAMILY & FRIENDS TO

ROSS & MARION ANNABLE'S 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

AT THE BIG VALLEY LEGION HALL
ON JANUARY 19TH, 2019,
STARTING AT 1:00 PM.

NO GIFTS PLEASE



Pastor Allan hosts a focused Bible study

Every **Wednesday**

from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Library

All are welcome.



JANUARY 3, 2019
RESULTS

Progressive carried over 49# Loonie Pot carried over
Super Winner – Audrey Hauck
Next Bingo January 10th. Doors Open – 6:00 p.m.
Bingo – 7:00 p.m. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE



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Contact
Marion 876-2617
or Val 876-2515



Big Valley United Church

Rev. Barbara Lieurance

We will worship on
January 13 and January 20 at 11 am
at the Drop In Centre



"I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me.

If you follow and love
you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to be:
to bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth!"
(United Church Hymn)



BIG VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

Contact Numbers
Pastor Clark @ 403 876-2877
or 403 740-6540

Then He who sat on the throne said,
"Behold, I make all things new."
And He said to me, "Write,
for these words are true and faithful."
Revelation 21 :5.

classifieds

Big Valley Artists Group

Come Paint with
Artist Cheryl Peddie from Calgary

January 19th from 10:00 - 3:00
at the Big Valley Train Station

Cheryl will be teaching, in both Oils and
Acrylics, how to paint a Still-life.

\$45.00 per person,
Limited Spaces Available

Sign up with Rose at 403-741-9800
to receive a supplies needed list.
Bring a Bag Lunch.



Big Valley Inn Crib

12 players came out Sunday the 6th for 2019. Dale Kobe took first place; Betty Bell took second and Lawrence Wilkie took third. Stan Nattestad went home with the booby and Len Shaw won the regular draw. See you all next Sunday at 1pm.

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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Sit'n Stitch



Saturday, January 12th,
2 till 4-ish at the library

Bring your work-in-progress, or start a new project for the new year.
Share your knowledge, or if you have a problem, hopefully we can help you.