



Valley WHISTLE

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BIG VALLEY, ALBERTA

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Notes from the Village Office

Wow, amazing generosity was shown for the Big Valley Cemetery last year. With a total of \$5,475 donated last year, we are able to increase the Perpetual Care Fund up to \$2,660. The Perpetual Care Fund has to reach a total of \$30,000 before we can start taking the interest out of the account. Once we get to that point, the idea is that the interest from the fund will start to cover Cemetery expenses rather than have to pay for it through property taxes. A most sincere thank you to everyone who has donated, every bit helps us toward our goal.

Did Santa bring a lot of new toys for Christmas? If those toys are burning through the batteries, don't forget to bring your dead batteries in to Village Office. We ask that you tape over the + and - ends of the batteries before dropping them off. Thanks to Waste Management for making local battery recycling possible!

Thank you to everyone who has been doing such a great job keeping your sidewalks clean and clear of snow - and thank you to the Snow Angles out there! As the Village works hard to replace and repair sidewalks, your cooperation is needed to give residents safe walking paths throughout the winter. If you are not able to clear the sidewalk in front of your

property yourself, we can help you make arrangements to hire someone. There is a list of local people in the office who do odd jobs. You can find someone for anything from carpentry to house and pet sitting. Copies of the list are available at the office, also please call us to have your name added to the list.

Unfortunately the start of a new year also means starting a new wave of Tax Recovery. This means if your taxes are more than one year in arrears there will be a lien put on the property this year. If you have questions about Tax Recovery and are concerned it might apply to you, please call or stop by and I can help answer your questions. We currently have \$57,324.89 outstanding in property taxes.

Speaking of taxes, if you would like to pay by monthly installment please make sure your first payment is made this month in order to be penalty free by mid year. If you would like more details on monthly payments or need to know the amount to make your cheques for just give us a call. NOTE: we cannot directly debit your bank account for tax or utility payments.

Michelle White, CAO
Village of Big Valley



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.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing were both very religious, never a morning passed but what right after breakfast a small service was held with the entire family being present, on Sunday a similar service was engaged in, usually this was held in the afternoon and consisted of reading a sermon out of the Family Herald and Weekly Star, the teaching of a Sunday school lesson from the same paper and the singing of a few hymns. If any visitors or outsiders were present they were expected to join in and participate in these services. An item in an early history recording of the Olds District reads as follows, "June the 22nd, 1893 saw the first Presbyterian Service in Olds and the forming of the first congregation and that four men, a Mr. Smith who acted as Chairman, along with a Mr. McCaskie and a Mr. Ewing and their first Minister, Rev. Peter Naismith organized this service." The Ewings were always very active in all religious activities, they often had student Ministers in their home for several months during the summer, even as early as before 1900. They would provide these young fellows with a saddle and saddle horse so they could visit all the other ranchers. Occasionally one of these young students would be the owner of an old style box camera and this was the source of some of the early pictures.

(to be continued)

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.



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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.**

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Big Valley Inn Crib

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 2019 RESULTS

11 players came out for crib this beautiful Sunday. Dale Kobe had 8 perfect games and went home with 1st place and an extra five in his pocket. Lillian Kirtley won 2nd and Lawrence Wilkie and Len Shaw tied for 3rd. Trudy Spence and Dorothy Annable shared the booby and Stan Nattestad won the regular draw. Congratulations to all our winners and see you all next Sunday at 1pm.

Big Valley

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Big Valley 4-H Beef Club Report



Peyton Lyke (club reporter)

Our club met for our second & third meetings on November 5th and December 3rd at the Big Valley Agriplex.

In November our district had a successful day at weigh in, with all our members bringing a show steer for a total of 18! Also, being weighed in were heifers and carcass calves. Our club has 3 members who will be showing a herd on show day. A herd consists of a 3-year-old cow and calf, 2-year-old cow and calf and a yearling heifer. Typically, a good-looking herd will have similar traits in breed, color, size and possibly blood line.

November also brought our first club fundraiser of the year, as we attended the Annual Big Valley Craft Sale. We sold out all our members homemade baking it was a success as always!

At our meeting in December, we made matching green halters for all the show steers to wear come show and sale. A great big thank you goes out to Connor Robertson and Lowell VanStraten for instructing and assisting our club with the halters.

As we fast-forward quickly into the new year, the club will be hosting a Bottle Drive on January 22nd. If you have bottles you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Big Valley Bottle Depot or contact Raelene Sobchyshyn at 403-741-6518 and she can arrange to pick them up!

February arriving before we know it, all our members are preparing and practicing their speeches for Public Speaking.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4th at 7:00pm at the Big Valley Agriplex.



BIG VALLEY INN

Pizza Mondays

5 - 8 p.m.

8" - 2 Topping Pizza \$11.00

+ \$1.50 per topping

12" - 2 Topping Pizza \$16.00

+ \$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

BIG VALLEY DROP IN CENTRE SCHEDULE

MEETING & POT LUCK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH- 12 NOON

PANCAKE SUPPER

JANUARY 21ST- 5:30 P.M.

CRIB SUNDAYS - 1:30 P.M.

FLOOR CURLING THURSDAYS - 1:30 P.M.

CANASTA MONDAY & FRIDAY - 7 P.M.

SUNDAY, JAN 6TH CRIB RESULTS

1ST EARL ORTMAN - PERFECT GAME

2ND LYNNE GJALTEMA

3RD- BOB BOSWELL

THE DROP IN CENTRE IS OPEN FOR COFFEE
MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 8 A.M. TO 10 A.M.



JANUARY 10th BINGO RESULTS

Progressive carried over 50#

Loonie Pot Won - Florence Walker

Super Winner - Brenda Klat

Next Bingo January 17th

Doors Open - 6:00 Bingo - 7:00 P.M.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE

Thank you

to
the Big Valley Community
for their generous donations
to the food bank,
A special thank you
to all the people
who helped out and
helped me get organized.

*Thank you
Ann Tizzard*



EMERGENCY FOOD BANK

Contact
Marion 876-2617
or Val 876-2515



Big Valley United Church
Rev. Barbara Lieurance

We will gather for worship
January 20 at 11:00 am and
February 3, 10, 17 at 11:00 am at the Drop In Centre.



**BIG VALLEY
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*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.*

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Big Valley **ATB** Financial Agency
403-876-2515

Business Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 9:30 - 12:00 1:00 - 3:30
Fri. 9:30 - 12:00 1:00 - 4:30



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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THIS WEEK, SINCE PASTOR
ALLAN IS OUT OF TOWN**

Pastor Allan hosts a focused
Bible study

Every **Wednesday**
from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Library
All are welcome.