

Valley WHISTLE

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BIG VALLEY, ALBERTA

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Notes from the Village Office

Was nice to get away for some sunshine in Mexico with the family but it's always nice to come home.

Wednesday January 24 Council Meeting
6 pm at the Village Office

Agenda Highlights

Visitors and Delegations

- Netago- Fiber optic service for Big Valley
- Canadian Northern – update on roundhouse

Old Business

- Bylaw 841 – Utility Rate increases third reading

New Business

- FCSS Grant application Hivernant Metis Cultural Society
- County of Stettler – Big Valley Fire Agreement
- Bears paw – Notification of Proposed Pipeline Substance Change

Financial Statements

Coffee with a Cop – an informal evening for open discussion with Stettler County Peace Officers and RCMP is on January 31, 2019 from 5:30 till 7:00 p.m. at the Big Valley Legion.

Gail Knudson,
Administrative Assistant
Village of Big Valley

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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Legion 

Big Valley Legion Meeting
Tuesday, February 5

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 February 19th.

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

Maybe it should be explained here that life on a ranch in the 1890's and early 1900's was not very complicated. No land was owned, no taxes were paid, there were no fences except those around hay stacks and a garden spot, and these were made out of poplar poles and could be taken down and used at a new site the next year. The total set-up of machinery consisted of haying equipment; mowers, rakes and wagons with racks, and a single furrow walking breaking plow, this plow was used mostly to plow fire guards around the hay stacks right after haying was finished. Prairie fires were a feared menace for all ranchers, especially during the fall and spring. Often a fire would get started in the Hand Hills area and with a south or southeast wind it would reach Buffalo Lake by the second day destroying everything in its path. Making hay in the summer and fall and feeding it out in the winter was the main labor occupation. Haying usually started after the first of July and continued, weather permitting, until frost spoiled the grass for hay. As late as 1900 the Ewings were still stacking hay by loading it on a wagon and rack by hand, hauling to the stack and unloading by hand. About this time a much improved method of stacking hay was devised,

using what was known as a buck-pole and slide. Within a year or two, all ranchers were using this device to stack hay. The spring round-up was always participated in and a trip out to Red Deer or Lacombe for supplies was a welcome break made about twice a year, in late spring or early fall. Even to Lacombe this was a four day journey, with a team and wagon, two days going in and do the trading and two days on the return trip with a load. A tent was carried and nights were spent camped out by the side of the trail, if at all convenient a stop was made at Bullocksville to join Mr. and Mrs. Billy Grey and have either dinner or supper with them. Buckskin Billy was at that time operating a stopping house at this point, and if anybody enjoyed company he did. The usual supplies consisted of several one hundred pound bags of flour, one of the same size of sugar, one or two eighty pound sacks of rolled oats, a fifty pound box of dried apples, a twenty five pound box of prunes and maybe one of raisins, this along with tea, and salt both for the home and the cattle and a few other necessities made up the load.

(to be continued)



JANUARY 17th BINGO RESULTS

Progressive carried over 51#
Loonie Pot carried over
Super Winners - Yvonne Burnstad and Ron Milton
Next Bingo January 24th
Doors Open - 6:00 Bingo - 7:00 P.M.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE

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



Big Valley United Church

Rev. Barbara Lieurance

We will meet for Worship
the following Sundays in February:
February 3, 10, 17 all at 11am - Drop In Centre.



"Praying
it doesn't have to be the blue iris,
it could be weeds in a vacant lot,
or a few small stones;
just pay attention,
then patch a few words together
and don't try to make them elaborate,
this isn't a contest
but the doorway into thanks,
and a silence
in which another voice may speak."
Mary Oliver



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.

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BIG VALLEY DROP IN CENTRE SCHEDULE

MEETING & POT LUCK
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST - 12 NOON

PANCAKE SUPPER
FEBRUARY 25TH - 5:30 P.M.

CRIB SUNDAYS - 1:30 P.M.

FLOOR CURLING THURSDAY - 1:30 P.M.

CANASTA MONDAY & FRIDAY - 1:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20TH CRIB RESULTS

1ST- DONNA CLARK, 2ND - LINDA GARSTAD
3RD - BOB BOSWELL, BOOBY DAVE GARSTAD

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



Big Valley Inn Crib

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 2019 RESULTS

12 players came out on Sunday the 20th. Stan Nattestad had 8 perfect games and took first place. Lawrence Wilkie took second and Mary Wilkie took home third. Betty Bell won the booby and Blanche Johnson won the regular draw.

See you all next Sunday at 1pm.

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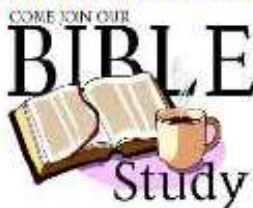
*** 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE ***



Justin Anderson

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Wednesday
Bible Study
is cancelled

unless more interest shown

Please contact Pastor Allan
if interested



Contact
Marion 876-2617
or Val 876-2515

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