



# Valley WHISTLE

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*BIG VALLEY, ALBERTA*

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## Notes from the Village Office

▪ We have been busy with our yearly audit this week at the office. Audit should be ready and presented to Council this spring and available for public review after presentation.

▪ We have had a couple of Cowboy flags go missing (Bud Stenburg & Sam Uttley) - if anyone knows where they could be please give us a call before we incur the cost of replacing them. We get many comments from residents and tourists that they enjoy our Cowboy history on display.

▪ This year will be the 30th anniversary of Alberta Prairie Railway, with the first train trip coming to the Village of Big Valley. They have set up special pricing for the month of June to commemorate this milestone. Though the schedule is not available in print form as of yet - you can check it out on [abstreamtrain.com](http://abstreamtrain.com).

▪ The Big Valley Bottle Depot will be increasing their hours as of Feb. 01/2019 to:

Tuesday – Wednesday - Thursday 10am – 4pm  
Saturday 9am – 4pm

### January Meeting Highlights

▪ Representative from Netago was not able to attend the Council meeting at this time

▪ Hivernant Metis Society presented the Village with lovely prints of their signboards that are on display on the North side of the Village. They should be on display in the Village office in the near future.

▪ Council will continue to work with Canadian Northern on preservation of the Roundhouse

▪ Utility Rate Bylaw has been passed, these increases will be in effect on your next utility bill. Meter rate will be increased from \$2.53 to \$2.60. Fixed rate will be increased from \$18.00 to \$23.00. This increase has been made to better reflect current market costs.

Gail Knudson,  
Administrative Assistant  
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 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*

*The main source of income was derived from the sale of steers, these had to be at least three years old or older and were always delivered in the fall. Pat Burns was the only buyer and Bill Puffer from Lacombe was his purchasing agent. Mr. Puffer covered the entire ranching area east to the boundary of the territory each summer and fall, usually with a team and buggy or a borrowed saddle horse, and there was just one schedule of prices, if he judged a steer to weigh between 1200 and 1500 pounds he was worth \$40.00, under 100 pounds, they were valued at \$35.00, and any over 1500 pounds \$45.00. Bill Puffer always made the Ewing Ranch his headquarters when buying cattle in this area. This same Bill Puffer was elected as a member of the first Government when the Province of Alberta was formed in 1905 and John Ewing played no small part in the success of Mr. Puffer winning his seat. John Ewing spent many, many days via saddle horse calling on anyone that was eligible to vote, extolling the capabilities of the candidate and advising them where to go to cast their ballots.*

*1905 was a swiftly moving year in many other ways for Alberta, and the Ewing district was not escaping any of this activity. Nearly all land*

*available and suitable for homesteading had been filed on and was being occupied by new settlers, road allowances were being opened up, barb-wire fences were being erected and the Ewings with their cattle were being slowly but surely corralled in and Mr. Ewing in order to protect himself for pasture and hay was compelled to start purchasing C.P.R. land. That same year the Railroad was being built in from Lacombe and by late fall a new town called Stettler had been born. The Ewings by now were well into their eighth year of residence on their ranch.*

(to be continued)

Big Valley



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### JANUARY 24th BINGO RESULTS

Progressive carried over 52#  
Loonie Pot carried over  
Super Winners - Elaine McAnrew

Next Bingo January 31st  
Doors Open - 6:00 Bingo - 7:00 P.M.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE

### 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.

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



### Big Valley Inn Crib

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th RESULTS

Nine players came out this past Sunday. Lillian Kirtley won 1st with 7 perfect games, Earl Ortman won 2nd and Len Shaw won 3rd. Crystal Daychief went home with the booby and Dorothy Annable along with Trudy Spence shared the regular draw.

See you all next Sunday at 1pm.

## ROSS & MARION

SEND A GREAT BIG

# THANK YOU

TO EVERYONE WHO CAME  
OUT TO HELP US CELEBRATE  
OUR 80TH BIRTHDAYS  
ON JANUARY 19TH

SPECIAL THANKS TO  
TERRY & JANET  
WHO ORGANIZED IT  
AND ALL THOSE WHO  
HELPED WITH ANYTHING;  
LUNCH, SNACKS,  
REFRESHMENTS, ETC.

WE DIDN'T EXPECT SUCH A  
WONDERFUL TURN OUT.  
THE MUSIC WITH THE SAX  
PIANO AND GUITAR WAS  
ENJOYED IMMENSELY.

# Big Valley Golf Course Society



We will be holding our annual AGM on

**March 12th, 2019  
7pm at the Legion**

We would like to invite anyone who would like to join in and have some fun to come and give your input into our meeting. We have quite a number of enthusiastic members and would like more.

Anyone wishing to join can pay membership at the ATB or at the meeting.

For more info you can call Bob or Sue Boswell @403-876-2031



Big Valley Curling Club  
and Big Valley School  
are hosting a

## **Junior High Curling Bonspiel**

to be held at the  
Big Valley Curling Club on

**Friday, February 8, 2019**

\*Spiel to start at 9:30 am\*

Come on down and cheer on our teams!

**Thank you so much to our sponsors:**

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*Big Valley Inn  
Super Bowl Party  
Sunday Feb. 3, 2019  
4:30pm*

*Happy Hour Prices All Day!!*

*\$30.00 Platters*

*\$9.95 Wings*

*( EAT IN ONLY )*



*RAMS vs PATRIOTS*

*Come out and Cheer on your team!*

# 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



## “Walk Away the Winter Blues and Join Big Valley’s Walking Club”

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Starting January 29.

Where: Seniors Drop In Centre

Suggested Drop In Donation \$1 Per Night

Come down to the Senior’s Drop In Centre  
either by yourself or with a friend  
and walk at your own pace for 5 minutes  
or the entire hour!

A few things to know before coming:

Indoor Shoes Only

Bring your own water bottle

Kids 14yrs and older permitted with an  
adult.

Any questions call or text Angie Proulx  
403-740-2564 or message on FB.



**"KNOW WHAT WE BELIEVE,  
KNOW WHY WE BELIEVE."**

**"MAKING BELIEVERS THINK AND  
HELPING THINKERS BELIEVE  
WITHOUT LOSING THEIR MIND."**

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FEBRUARY 14TH  
FROM 7-9 PM  
AT THE BV LIBRARY.**

**EACH WEEK  
A TOPIC WILL BE ADDRESSED.**

**PASTOR ALLAN AND ASAPHKEN  
WILL HOST A DISCUSSION TIME  
AFTER THE DVD.**

**403-740-2632.**



**Big Valley United Church**  
Rev. Barbara Lieurance

We are gathering for worship  
at the Drop In Centre at 11am  
the following Sundays: February 3, 10, 17.



**"Every creature is a word of God: a word, a question  
to which we can reply with love" (Annika Spalde)**

**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.*

# classifieds

## Legion

Big Valley Legion Meeting  
Tuesday, February 5



### Regular office hours are from

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

Council meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> 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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