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Notes from the Village Office

Hope everyone is keeping warm in this deep freeze.

If you are having problems with your water freezing remember to leave a trickle of water running so the pipes won't freeze.

I made an error in the Whistle last week with the Bottle Depot hours. They are open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 10 till 4 and Saturdays 9 till 4.

Thank you to everyone who made it out to the Coffee With a Cop presentation. Hopefully some of you were able to get your questions answered.

Thank you to the residents that continue to keep the vehicles off the main street to make plowing snow easier.

Although we have not had any major amount of it as of yet, it is always nice to be prepared.

We have quite a few residents that adapt to this weather rather well so it was nice to see so many out and about.

People with new cell phone numbers please give our office a call so that we could have a number on file in case of a situation where you may have to be contacted..

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

About the only other source of income for the Ewings was the making of butter to be taken out on the semi-annual trips to Lacombe for supplies and then being traded in as payment on the needed flour, sugar, rolled oats etc., for the next six months. The cows were hand milked, the milk strained into tall cans called creamers and during warm weather stored in the spring for the cream to rise, this of course was skimmed off every morning and several times a week was churned also by hand and the butter stored in a wooden tub called a Firkin, as these tubs filled they were stored in the coolest place available, with about an inch of salt brine over the top to act as a preservative. During the six months they would accumulate from 1000 to 1500 pounds of this product. On one occasion Mrs. Ewing had built up enough reserve so that she was able to pay for the purchase of a new mower. This would be an expenditure of around \$60.00. Mr. Ewing who was a fearless and enthusiastic horseman and already had a large herd of Clydesdales on the ranch proceeded to hitch a pair of half broken, wild-eyed young Clyde stallions to this new machine. He made it out to the field all right, put the mower in gear, spoke to the horses and at the first rattle the team decided to leave, Mr. Ewing soon lost control of the outfit, fell off and when

the horses were finally located in a brush pile, there was very little left of the new mower. This necessitated a return trip to Lacombe with more butter and the purchase of a replacement for the wrecked machine.

Mr. Ewing generally speaking was a very peace loving man, not very excitable and very even tempered but on that rare occasion that he did lose control of his temper he was quick to apologize with an apt piece of Scottish philosophy, "It's a poor axe that has no temper!"

(to be continued)



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 Painting Group 5D Diamond Painting Workshop
Saturday, March 16 9:30 am at the Big Valley Train Station



WHAT IS 5D DIAMOND PAINTING?

Diamond painting is a calming hobby that has quickly become the **newest trending craft project**. It's a relatively new art form based on a century-old practice of rhinestone/beaded paintings. 5D Diamond Painting utilizes technology to break down images into patterns, and it's similar to cross stitching. Small, shiny diamonds (beads/drills) are applied to a sticky canvas to create a work of art!

Join the Big Valley Painting Group in trying out this new craft.



This is just a small sample of the kits available.
Order a kit through the Big Valley Painting Group or
order your own through Amazon.
For more information or to order:
Contact Rose at 403-741-9800 or Cindy at 403-876-2132

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!

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Wing Tuesdays

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Steak Night Fridays

5 – 8 p.m.

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and Garlic Toast for \$15.95

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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."**

**A DVD SERIES
THAT ADDRESSES THESE ISSUES
IN AN INTELLIGENT
AND ENTERTAINING WAY
WILL BE OFFERED BEGINNING
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

Our next worship services will be
Feb. 10 and Feb. 17 at the Drop In Centre at 11am



Loving God,
may we fully live,
may we honestly explore our doubts,
may we boldly name our fears,
may we turn our questions into adventures,
may we gladly share your love.
Amen.



**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 Inn Crib

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd RESULTS

9 players came out on this cold Sunday to play crib. Mary Wilkie placed 1st, Lawrence Wilkie placed 2nd and Earl Ortman placed 3rd. Trudy Spence and Dorothy Annable won the booby and Stan Nattestad won the draw.

See you next Sunday at 1pm.
Hopefully a bit warmer day.

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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