



# Valley WHISTLE

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**BIG VALLEY, ALBERTA**

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## Notes from the Village Office

Wow this cold weather is just not wanting to let up.

We are excited to welcome Priscilla Brown to the Village of Big Valley team!

Priscilla brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new administrative role at the Village Office.

With her first day being February 12th, I know that all residents will be patient and understanding as new computer programs are learned. With her strong roles in the community and many years of Big Valley background, Council and staff look forward to working with Priscilla to help Big Valley achieve the goals in our Strategic Plan.

Please remember that as of March 1st prices will increase on dog tags.

As of yet there has been no response as to our missing Cowboy flags – Bud Stenburg & Sam Uttley, if anyone has any information please give the office a call.

Are you new to Big Valley? Please stop by and see Val at the ATB and pick up a welcome package!

Effective March 04/2019

the Big Valley Village office will be open  
Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gail Knudson,  
Administrative Assistant  
Village of Big Valley



Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



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 acquaintanceship of the Lohrs and the Ewings took place suddenly and under almost tragic circumstances. However, it proved of lasting duration. The Lohrs, Father, Mother and three boys ages 12, 9 and 5 years, were newly arrived immigrants from the state of South Dakota who had landed and unloaded their stock and settlers effects at Lacombe on September 8 in 1900. After spending about ten days in Lacombe, part of this time being spent in driving east looking for a suitable ranching site, two wagons were loaded and this family with their 49 head of cattle and ten horses took the trail leading to Tail Creek, passing through Pleasant Valley, past the Hoppus and Larkin homesteads, these folks being on the outer edge of the settled area, they kept on going, still heading for that unsettled and little known area east of Tail Creek and of course still dreaming of locating a suitable place and starting a ranch. On the fourth day out from Lacombe they crossed Tail Creek, and by evening were within a few miles of the Ewing ranch, the usual overnight camp was made, a tent set up and everybody was bedded down for the night. Up until this time the weather had been most cooperative, no storm, no wind and not even any frost. However, during the night a sudden change in the weather pattern took place, a storm*

*blew in from the North, first rain, which later turned to wet snow. This of course stuck to the tent which soon with much tearing and rending collapsed on the sleeping inmates, by morning nearly a foot of snow covered the ground. Just imagine two people with three little kids in a situation like that. Fortunately the storm did not last long and by nine o'clock the next morning the sun was out, and the temperature was above freezing. However a dirty dark bank of clouds was plainly visible low down to the North which could mean more snow. Along about this time two Metis teenage boys from the Baptiste Vaness cabins came riding by, took a long look and lit out for the Ewing place. As soon as these fellows had reported to John Ewing what they had seen along the side of the trail, he piled a saddle on a horse and in a short time was on the scene. In a matter of minutes he had sized up the situation, too, a good look at the now growing bank of clouds in the north, realized that a possible tragedy was in the making, decided that prompt and positive action was required to prevent this, and after gathering some necessary and pertinent information such as, "name" "where are you going?" etc. and etc., he took charge and started giving orders. He explained that he had an empty shack at a spring hole which they used for a hay camp about five or six miles to the northeast, that there was also a stable and that the Lohrs were welcome to use this for the winter at no cost, he would help us get established and settled for the winter. We were instructed to get our horses harnessed and hitched to the wagons. We were given detailed instructions on how to locate this set of shacks and headed in the right directions. He would go ahead, get the shack ready, cut some firewood and so on. Later in the afternoon Mr. Ewing met us, piloted us in, helped to unload and set up stove and beds and by dark we were sheltered from the elements, had warmth, water and ample fuel and by this time it was storming again. By the way this was the storm and the night that Sam Harbison got lost and perished from exposure, his body wasn't found until*



the following May. The stone on his grave at Penhold says he died September the 23rd, 1900 and he was 23 years old. Both Mr. Ewing and his son Jim spent many days during October and November helping in the search for Sam. Their efforts however proved fruitless as he had drifted with the storm a lot further south than anyone thought possible and when finally located his remains were in a clump of brush and timber in the vicinity of where the Warner Brothers resided in later years. The body was still in an excellent state of preservation when found, other than a few disfigurements on his face caused by mice. His horse which Sam had tethered securely had slowly perished from starvation. Those that found same in the spring, told that the animal had eaten all the trees and willow branches it could possibly reach. It would be all right for water as there was snow on the ground most of the time. A sad affair.

(to be continued)



**NEXT BINGO FEB 14th  
SWEETHEART BINGO BRING YOUR DATE**

**PROGRESSIVE CARRIED OVER 54#  
DOORS OPEN - 6:00 p.m. BINGO - 7:00 p.m.  
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE**



## Big Valley School News

Big Valley School would like to send a huge thank you to Fred and the staff of the Big Valley Hotel for their incredible donation to our curling bonspiel, the hot dogs and burgers were fantastic. Also thanks to Loralee Stefanik, your chili was awesome.

Thanks to Chris Laisnez for all the time you dedicated to keeping the ice and things rolling.

Thanks to all the sponsors  
**\*Big Valley Curling Club\***  
**Ponto's Patch Service**  
Big Valley Inn  
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We would like to congratulate the winners: Eric Elines, Brady Duncan, Jonah Jarmin, and Callum Levers.

Our other Big Valley team of Rowan Laisnez, Seth Lucki, Brayden Ponto and Tess Thurston advanced to the B pool play downs and came in fourth overall.

Thanks to Mrs. Sorensen & Mr. Knight for planning the day, it was a huge success!

# 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.

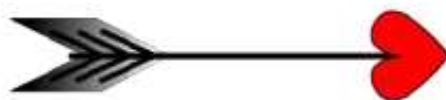
For more info you can call Bob or Sue Boswell @403-876-2031



## Big Valley Inn Crib

10 players came out Sunday, February 10th. Mary Wilkie took home 1st; Gladys McLeod took home 2nd and Doug Harrold took home 3rd. Len Shaw went home with the booby and, won the regular draw.

Great day guys.  
Next Sunday same time and place,  
1 pm in the Big Valley Inn Bar.



### **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 FEB 10TH CRIB RESULTS**

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

**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**



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**THUR. FEB 14, 2019  
FROM 5PM - 8PM**



# Big Valley Historical Society

presents.....

a night of comedy and music

with **Rosco!**

Join us at our annual fundraiser...

evening includes....

rib dinner

silent auction

comedy and music



## Saturday, March 30, 2019

Jubilee Hall, Big Valley

Cocktails: 5:30

Dinner: 6:30

Rosco : 8:00

Silent auction to run until 9:30

Tickets \$40.00 each available  
from members, ATB, Boardwalk  
Bistro

Call 403-876-2571 or  
403-741-6789



Alberta Healthy  
Living Program



## Managing Emotional Eating

**Dates:** February 19,26, March 5 2019

**Time:** 1:30pm to 4:00pm

**Location:** Drop - In Center Big Valley AB.

Registration is required as date and time are subject to change. Call 1-877-314-6997

This free educational workshop is for anyone who who wants help improving their eating habits.

Participants will learn about:

- Food triggers, such as emotions, situations, events and cravings
- Strategies for long-term, healthy eating habits
- How to form a healthy relationship with food.





**Big Valley Ag Society would like to  
Congratulate our Winners:**

**NOVEMBER 23, 2018 - HONOLULU : Anita Strohschein  
- Cash Prize: Kelsey Angelvedt**

**DECEMBER 10, 2018 - TORONTO : Robin Glencross  
- Cash Prize: Jodi Goldsney**

**JANUARY 14, 2019 - ST. EUGENE : Fred & Denise Reinbold  
- Cash Prize: Sharon Duncan**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2019 - LOS CABOS : Scott McKenzie  
- Cash Prize: Danny Grover**

**Next Draw: March 11, 2019  
Whitefish, Montana Value: \$1450**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN OUR FIRST EVER  
TRIP A MONTH FUNDRAISER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS  
FUNDRAISER IN THE YEARS TO COME.**

*Big Valley*



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# 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."

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

We will meet for worship on Sunday, February 17,  
11 am at the Drop In Centre.

"Living  
is  
Giving"



**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

Please be aware that my mother

## Jean Cherry Sarasin

Passed away on  
February 11, 2019

K. Sarasin



*Sadly Missed*

### 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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