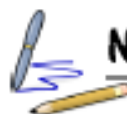


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Notes from the Village Office

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Dustin Edwards attended the December 21st Council meeting asking the Village for permission to put up signs that he will have made at the north and south entrances to the Village noting Big Valley as "Home of PRCA 2016 World Champion Saddlebronc Zeke Thurston." Council was unanimously in favour and directed staff to work with Dustin on placement of the signs.

Congratulations Zeke, what an amazing accomplishment!

- Nuisance Abatement Bylaw 827 was passed.
- Utility account charges more than 90 days past due will be transferred to the corresponding property tax accounts. NOTE: after being transferred 3 consecutive times, you will receive a 5 day warning that your water service will be shut off.

WATER RATES

The Town of Stettler has increased the charge for water to Town residents by 5 cents per cubic meter. The Town of Stettler supplies the Shirley McClellan Water Line with water. Though Big Valley has not been notified of a change to the water rate charge at this time, we expect to be informed of an increase by

May of this year. We will keep residents informed as more information becomes available.

Please stop by the office if you would like to set up a monthly payment schedule for 2017 taxes. One way this can easily be done by leaving post-dated cheques at the office. Those who make monthly payments will not be charged a penalty on the outstanding balance in July or August. Contact the office for more information.

Dog licenses are now due for 2017. Licenses are \$10 for fixed and \$20 for intact pets until the end of February, then the rates increase. Residents are allowed up to 3 dogs per household.

A reminder to residents to keep dogs on leashes when off your private property. Also please "stoop & scoop" to clean up after your pets and be mindful of your neighbours (whether you are home or out for the day) and work with your dogs to prevent constant barking.

The next Council meeting will be January 26th at 1:00 pm at Village Office.

Michelle White, CAO
Village of Big Valley (403) 876-2269

Historical Notes



Greetings from the Historical Society.
HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

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.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on the 17th of January at 7pm.

Membership fees for 2017 are \$5.00 per person and are due at the January meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting you may give your membership fee to either Lois Miller or Trudy Spence or mail your fees to the BVHS, Box 342, Big Valley, AB. T0J 0G0.

Reminder

Our Museums continue to be closed for the winter months unless we are working inside (Tool Museum). There is a list of volunteers on the window at McAlister Motors who will open up the museum for visitors during normal hours.

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Emery Gyurica, a resident of Big Valley since his retirement. Although Emery was not an official member of the Historical Society he liked to help with the elevator. Every spring for the past two years he would volunteer to help us clean up the elevator and make it ready for the season. We very much appreciated his help and support.

A BIT OF HISTORY

(Excerpt from Big Valley Memories Book)

With the arrival of automobiles, the building of roads became a priority for governments all over North America. This was experienced in the Big Valley area starting around 1915 or 1916. Local farmers were allowed to participate in this venture if they had a good team of horses, or better yet, two good teams of horses that would work

together on a Fresno scraper or an earth ripper, which required four-horse hitches. As Ed Webster had some of the best work horses in the area, and was himself a rather accomplished horseman, he jumped on this opportunity (as did many others in the area). Farmers were allowed to work a specified number of days for each quarter of land that they owned; additional days could be worked if labor was in short supply. Compensation was fifty cents per day per horse and three dollars per day per man. With four horses, Ed earned five dollars per day. It was common for farmers to have their land taxes paid from the proceeds of road work. (Horses were used for this purpose until about 1930 when tractors and early earth-moving machines took over. By this time, the compensation had risen to one dollar per day per horse and five dollars per day per man.)



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Legion News

Due to the Holidays and no pressing business, our first meeting for the New Year will be
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ELKS HAPPENINGS.....

I have a little catching up to do as our November and December meetings were fairly close to each other. Our November meeting was highlighted by a visit from Grand Exalted Ruler Dennis Ellinsboe who explained the new web site and the need for support for various Elk charities as the down turn has affected contributions. He has since sent a congratulatory note on how well we work in our area. We gave disbursements to the Rumsey and Big Valley Children's Christmas Parties. The club draw was won by our visitor, Guy Giroux and he donated his share to the Children's Fund. Final plans for our Christmas meeting and pin night were put in place as well.

Our December meeting saw a pot luck smorg with Bill deep frying a couple of turkeys. What a feast, and the turkey was excellent. Thank you one and all for your efforts as it was one of the best I have attended. This was also our pin night and the following Elks received pins: Bob Nelson 55 yrs.; Larry Anderson, 50 yrs.; Ken McFarlan 25 yrs.; and Bob Boswell 5yrs. Congratulations to them for their dedication and years of service. Brother Nelson conducted our meeting that followed. Chris Rowland won the club draw and donated his share to the Children's Fund.

Our annual Bingos are also over and what a success they were. Rumsey totals were 68 attending and Big Valley had the best attendance that any of us can remember as 100 attended. People from Red Willow, Red Deer, Calgary, Innisfail, Delburne and others that I probably didn't know. A lot of familiar faces who support us each year, win or lose, were also out in full force. We thank you all for supporting our efforts as we support you. As a sage once said, "you done good". Also we indoctrinated a new caller for the two Bingos and other than a couple of glitches and some good natured heckling, Chris Rowland did quite well for a novice caller who also in not a Bingo player. Well done young fellow. Chris and other young members are fitting in quite well. Club 200 winners for Nov. are: Gordon & Anita Dick, Norm Silverstein, Sue Boswell, Riley Baird. Dec. winners are: Cheryl Elines, Henry Hennel, Kim Helmer and Ross Temple for \$100.

BINGO

24 people attended Bingo last Thursday night. The Progressive Jack Pot is at \$316.00 and building. The Consolation winner was Bob Sinclair. The Bonanza winner was Doug Hearold and the Consolation winners were Gladis McLeod and Carol Kashuba. The Loonie Pot is still building. The next Bingo will be on Thursday, January 12th. Warm up starts at 7:30 p.m. See you there.



Big Valley Inn Crib

13 players came out Sunday the 8th of January. Vi McCarty took first place; Stan Nattestad took second and Doug Harrold took third. Len Shaw went home with the booby and Vi McCarty won the regular draw.

See you all next Sunday.

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Big Valley Art Group

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JAN. 8

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Jesus (Matthew 11:28)*



Big Valley United Church

Rev. Barbara Lieurance

We are welcoming everyone to our next
worship service on
January 22 at 11:00 am
and to our
ANNUAL MEETING on
February 5 at 11:00 am, after worship.

"In relation to others, gratitude is good manners; in relation to ourselves, it is a habit of the heart and a spiritual discipline."

(Daphne Rose Kingma)



Classifieds

RINK SCHEDULE

TUES. JAN. 10	4:00 PM	MITES
	5:00 PM	NOVICE
	8:00 PM	LEAFS
WED. JAN. 11	4:30 PM	PUCK & STICK
	6:30 PM	AA BANTAM
	8:30 PM	RAMPAGE
THURS. JAN. 12	3:30 PM	CANSKATE
	6:00 PM	PEEWEE
	7:15 PM	BANTAM
	8:30 PM	ICE DOGS
FRI. JAN. 13	4:30 – 6:30 PM	PUBLIC SKATE
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