



Valley WHISTLE

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Notes from the Village Office

Our regular office hours are 8 a.m. till 4p.m.
Tuesday till Friday until March 01, 2019.

New office hours start March 04
8 a.m. till 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday

In case of emergency our public works operator
can be reached at 403 740 6285

Due to our recent snowfall:

Snow removal policy
Priority #1 – Railway Avenue and Main Street
(east to west) and Bus Route
Priority #2 Fire Hall and Commercial Lanes
Priority #3 Residential streets
Priority #4 Residential Lanes

Also as a reminder:

Bylaw 827
SNOW ON SIDEWALKS

An Owner shall ensure the removal from any improved public sidewalk located adjacent to the Property, including private driveway crossings, all snow and ice deposited, whether from natural or unnatural means, within 24 hours of deposit.

For the purpose of Section 7, in the case of a sidewalk being below grade resulting in repeated coverage by ice or water through drainage of melted snow or rain, the sidewalk must be cleaned as completely as reasonably possible and a non-slip, non-corrosive material such as sand or similar material must be scattered on the surface of the sidewalk as frequently as required to maximize traction for pedestrians.

For the purpose of Section 7, where an Owner reasonably anticipates being absent, the Owner must make arrangements to ensure the sidewalks are maintained in accordance with this Bylaw.

If you are in need of help with snow removal we have a list of people for hire available at the Village office.

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.

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 Lohrs have always cherished a feeling of respect and affection for the John Ewings, they kept a watchful eye on us that first winter, had us in for Christmas dinner; in that same log shack, fourteen of us altogether, and the first time that any of us had eaten Plum Pudding: assisted us with the construction of our own log buildings at a location a couple of miles more to the northeast and the two families always remained close friends and neighbors.

John Ewing during those years they resided at Olds, met, became acquainted with and counted as friends several men who later had their names enshrined in history. He often talked about his association with Pat Burns, Hon. Duncan Marshall, Father Lacombe and one friendship they valued very highly was that of Rev. C.W. Gordon (Raphl Connor) who was at that time stationed in the Cochrane area as a Presbyterian Missionary but spent a lot of his time in the Olds district.

The small Church located at the south end of Ewing Lake and presently being moved and preserved by the Stettler Museum, was faithfully supported by the entire Ewing family and for many years was Mrs. Ewing's personal project. If any member of her family was not present

for the Sunday service she wasn't long in finding out how come. In the event of a wedding, funeral or christening going to be held, she had all the details looked after and provided for and everything would be under control.

The family name is being preserved for all time as Ewing Lake, Ewing School and for a few years in the early part of this century there was a Ewing Post office operated by the family with Mr. Ewing as the official Postmaster. The mail was transported by team and democrat from Lacombe via Bullocksville and Content and was delivered once a week. Before the time of Content the nearest post office was at Lamerton, near where Bashaw is now. This was a round trip of about seventy miles from the Ewing ranch and in the winter time it was a real ordeal to make the journey. The few ranchers that were in the district took turns going to Lamerton for the mail, and I well remember my father, George Lohr, making the trip when his turn came around. He had constructed a very serviceable jumper or cutter out of birch trees and had a very capable driving team. He left early in the morning; this was in January, but nice weather, long before daylight, with no roads to follow the first few miles, and he was back home by late evening with two big grain sacks full of parcels and mail. Some of this was for Ranchers who we had never heard of before, and who were located as far away as the Hand Hills, but were known of by the Ewings. However it was forwarded on from one rancher to another and eventually everybody received their parcels, letters and papers.

As the country continued to fill with settlers, the Ewings were forced to curtail their ranching efforts, confine their activities to what land they owned, buy machinery, engage in farming, and grow their own feed. They carried this on successfully until the spring of 1925 when Mrs. Ewing who was the main driving force in making the ranch go, suddenly passed away in her sleep. This naturally meant some drastic

changes in management and Mr. Ewing who was now past seventy years of age, soon was agreeable to making his home with his son-in-law, Les Legg and when Les retired and moved into Stettler he of course took him along and looked after him until the end, which occurred on April 18, 1945 in his 90th year. He was laid to rest in their own cemetery along with those who had predeceased him.

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.**



NEXT BINGO FEB 21st

**PROGRESSIVE CARRIED OVER 55#
LOONIE POT CARRIED OVER
DOORS OPEN - 6:00 p.m. BINGO - 7:00 p.m.**

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE

INCOME TAX - EFILED

PERSONAL RETURNS - \$50.00

SENIORS / STUDENTS - \$45.00

RENTAL PROPERTY - \$85.00

FARM OR BUSINESS - \$135.00

ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES

CLAIM FOR MEALS (TRUCKERS)

AND MOVING EXPENSES

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Big Valley



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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



FRIENDS of the
Big Valley Library

MEETING

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28
12:30 AT THE LIBRARY**

**Anyone interested in forming a
YOUTH DROP IN
there will be a meeting
on March 20
at the current E-Free Church
at 7:00 pm**



**BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 26
7:00 p.m.
at the Library**

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
4-H Beef Club Report**



Peyton Lyke (club reporter)

Our club met for our fourth & fifth meetings on January 22nd and February 11th at the Big Valley Agriplex.

On January 22nd our club had a very successful bottle drive, raising almost \$1100.00! We would like to send a big "Thank You" to the following:

- The Big Valley Bottle Depot – for staying open late helping us take on this big job.
- The anonymous family that dropped off \$20
- All the families and people that either gave a member their bottles or those that dropped them off at the bottle depot
- We would like to include a thank you to Parker Van Haga who came with the Fahey family and he helped us members out!

At our meeting in February, we all worked together on this years 4-H Diaries. Each member from ages 9 – 20 is eligible to complete and submit a 4-H Diary. The Diaries are a place to record and celebrate your involvement and participation in 4-H and the

community, as well a place to document your personal growth and skill development as we "Learn to do by doing." The 4-H Diary is an important part of your 4-H career and it will come in handy in your future. Especially if you plan to apply for any scholarships or bursaries and importantly for those exclusively through 4-H.

Our members have been diligently working hard and memorizing their 4-H speeches for our up coming Public Speaking. This will be held on February 26th at 6:00 pm at the Big Valley Drop-In Center, everyone is welcome!

Looking forward to the next couple months the club will be getting together on March 26th to work on our Barn Display for the Show and Sale.

Then onto April 13th we will be having our Mock Achievement at the Red Cat Arena. This

gives our members a chance to bring our animals together to practice showing for the big day in May. This also, gives the younger members a chance to get some one on one practice with some of our older members. And a glimpse at what it will be like for them come show day. We have also planned to set up a practice grooming and judging competition. This is always a good chance for our older members to pass on some of their knowledge to the younger members.

In the future I would like to do a report on the history of the Big Valley 4-H Beef Club. So, if there is anyone out there with some history or information that they would like to pass on please email: klyke@tjtankers.com or pass on any contact information. I would appreciate hearing from them.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 26th during our Barn Display workshop, held at Elines' Farm.



Notice of the Development Officer

The following Development Permit for the proposed use listed below has been issued in accordance with Land Use Bylaw #765 of the Village of Big Valley;

Commercial Building Extension

**Lot(s) 5 & Part of 6;
Block 2; Plan 4035AF
36 Main Street E.
Permitted use**

Decision February 14, 2019

Further information regarding this decision may be obtained from the Village Office, Box 236, Big Valley, AB T0J 0G0.

A Notice of Appeal must be received in writing no later than March 6, 2019.

Michelle White,
Development Officer

**BIG VALLEY
CAR WASH AND
STORAGE YARD**



**NOW OPEN
Phone 403-741-6870**

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 1-877-314-8997

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.

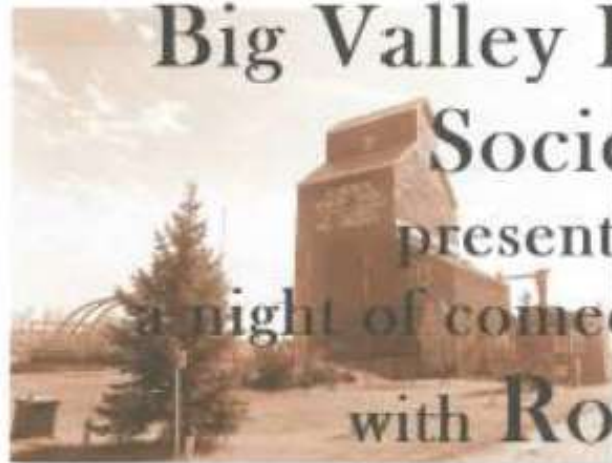


Big Valley Historical Society

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



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

Lincoln Colt Banziger

was born October 19th, 2018 at the Stettler Hospital to Martin & Amanda (Cook) Banziger of Big Valley.

He was immediately intubated and transported to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Edmonton at the Stollery where he spent his first month on earth.

Lincoln was born with a condition called Pierre Robin Sequence which is a rare condition causing the baby to have an underdeveloped jaw, a small set back chin and a cleft palate.

Pierre Robin Sequence can cause many life threatening problems such as breathing obstruction and malnutrition. He needs such things as a breathing machine to keep him breathing at night and he also has a feeding tube through his nose into his belly and that is how he eats. He must have constant care at all times.

Lincoln is scheduled for surgery Feb 19 and will be in the Stollery for at least a week in ICU. He will also be having surgery again in 8 months to repair his cleft palate. There is no way to know how many surgeries/procedures he may have to have.

We have started a Fundraiser for this young family to help with the cost of meals, fuel, accommodations, etc. (they are on the waiting list for Ronald McDonald House but no room as of February 18). There have been many trips to Edmonton and many more to come.

If you'd like to help out, the link is below.

<https://www.gofundme.com/nytfm-help-for-Lincoln>

Sincerely,

Bonnie Myers (Lincoln's Grandmother)
PO Box 397
Big Valley, AB T0J 0G0

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THIS WEEK'S TOPIC PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS: SAYS WHO?

Truth is not simply an academic concept.
The way we think about truth has a direct
bearing upon the way we live our lives.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21
FROM 7-9 PM
AT THE BIG VALLEY LIBRARY**

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

403-740-2632.



Big Valley United Church

Rev. Barbara Lieurance

We will worship in March on the following Sundays:
March 3, 10, 17 at 11am at the Drop In Centre.



"To me, every hour of the light and dark is a miracle,
every inch of space is a miracle." - Walt Whitman



**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.*

classifieds

Big Valley **ATB** Financial Agency
403-876-2515

Business Hours

Mon. – Thurs. 9:30 – 12:00 1:00 – 3:30
Fri. 9:30 – 12:00 1:00 – 4:30



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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