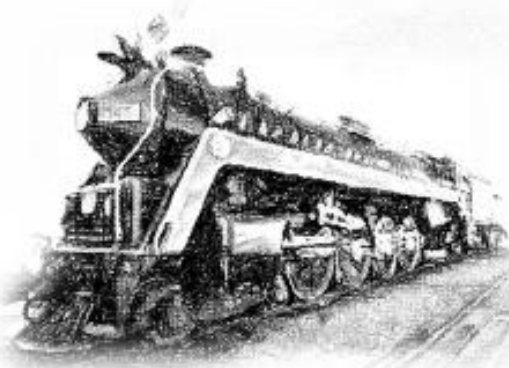


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BIG VALLEY, ALBERTA

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Look for "Notes from the Village Office" updates next week.

Join us at the Big Valley Inn
On Saturday July 6th, 2019
For a Tiki Beach Party
Wear your Hawaiian shirts and shorts
DJ will start around 8pm
Take pictures at our Tiki Themed backdrop

Appy specials and
Happy Hour All Day and
All Night



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.

Our next meeting is on July 16th, 2019 at the Big Valley Train Museum at 7:00pm.

There are three trains this week, on the 5th, 6th and 7th respectively. The first is a Teddy Bear Special that arrives at 12:40pm and departs for Stettler at 3pm. The second is a Steak BBQ, which arrives at 4:10pm and departs at 6:30pm. The final train is a Country Dinner that arrives at 12:40pm and departs at 2:30pm.

A BIT OF HISTORY

BIG VALLEY'S BUILDING BOOM

Excerpt from: Thanks For The Memories: Big Valley Commercial and Main Street (first printed in the Valley Whistle, March 27, 2013)

While Big Valley was booming, thanks mainly to the railway and coal mining, the town was also enjoying a building boom, both commercial and residential. An example follows;

Let's imagine driving into Big Valley, from the North, in 1920. You would be on the old highway, which ran through all the villages along the railway tracks from Stettler to Drumheller (a large portion of this highway is still intact as of 2019, and it takes you about halfway to Stettler going North, and well past Scollard in the South). Our current highway, #56 from Stettler to Big Valley, was not built until 1956. Big Valley's Railway Ave. was therefore a part of the highway. The first three buildings you would see on your right, as you enter town, are small private homes, then a large Rooming House (on the north side of the current White Owl garage). Next was the "Postmaster's House", followed by the post office and Pool Hall (two separate buildings on the

same lot). Then came the Back Lane, followed by the brick Royal Bank building on the north corner of Main Street and Railway Ave. (built in 1920, in remains today essentially as it was then).

By this point you should have passed three or four large homes on your left (north of the Station). They were mainly railway-related dwellings (Station Foreman, etc.). Incidentally, one of those homes was later moved to the Sam Watts farm, near Scollard, and another is now a residence in Big Valley, on Block 18, 4th Ave. South.

As you turn right (west) up Main Street, you would notice a one-storey building next to the Royal Bank. It contained two businesses: a dentist's office and the local Imperial Bank of Canada. The next building was also a two-storey structure, built as a Royal Bank. It was closed temporarily but still carried the name Royal Bank of Canada while all equipment, furniture and signage was transferred to the new brick building on the corner. A low building next to it was divided to serve as a Telephone Exchange and Barber Shop. Next was another low building that also served two businesses: a Jewelry/Watch Repair shop and a Dry Goods Store. After a narrow walkway was a two-storey structure housing a restaurant on the ground floor with Rooms To Rent above. The BC Laundry was located behind and accessed via the narrow walkway already mentioned. Two large buildings completed that side of Main Street. Both were owned by Dick Richards, with the first one devoted to Machinery and automobile sales and the one on the corner being fully a Hardware Store (this corner store became Olive's General Store following the disastrous fire of 1939).



YOU ARE INVITED!!

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

@7:00pm in the rail station

Big Valley Historical Society requests your attendance at an open forum for any members and volunteers – old or new!

We are hoping to “reintroduce” the society and gain some insite into how we can better interact with our members, community and volunteers.

Any and all suggestions are welcome!

Refreshments will be available

Hope to see you there!

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Farm Succession Planning

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Date Thursday, July 18, 2019

Time 11:00 am

Location Big Valley Drop In Centre

44 Main Street

Big Valley

Hosted by ATB Wealth - Don Jensen | Dallin Jensen | Chris Raab

Please RSVP by July 10, 2019 to 403-740-4012 | teamjensen@atb.com

****RSVP required as seats are limited and lunch will be served****



Rivett Seeds Ltd.

Invites you to.....

Corn School

When: Tuesday July 9th, 2019

Where: 4.8 km south of HW 585 & HW 839 Corner
(South of Rumsey) at Kent Holowath's corn plots

What: Join Rivett Seeds Ltd. and Pioneer
Agronomist Nicole Rasmussen for a morning of
information on corn staging, plant counts, seeding
accuracy, herbicide application and more!

Agenda: 9:45 meet at plot
10:00 Corn school
Lunch to follow

****Check out our new
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South of the Rumsey cemetery****



*Please RSVP to Christy Rivett 403-823-0977 before Friday
July 5/19*

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- 8" – 2 Topping Pizza \$11.00
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+ \$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.

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INSTRUCTOR: Kae-Lynn Sorenson

WHEN: July 9TH-30TH

TIME: Tuesdays 7pm-8pm

WHERE: Big Valley School Gym

Cost: \$40 for 4 weeks
or Drop In \$15/class

email kaelynns.booty@gmail.com
for more information



Big Valley School News

Our school year has come to an end and we are excited for all the adventures summer will hold. We would like to send a huge THANK YOU to the whole community for the endless support during the whole year. Every time we asked our community was more than willing to help us. From the Sevec exchange donations to breakfast program and reading with kindergartens our community was always behind us. The latest donation from Six Finger Fritz and the community donations from the street dance brought over \$1300 to our Breakfast program! Our school is a growing and exciting place because of this endless support.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer!!
BVS staff and students.

BIG VALLEY DROP IN CENTRE SCHEDULE

POT LUCK & MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 20 – 12:00 NOON

CANASTA
MONDAY & FRIDAY – 7:00 P.M.

THE DROP IN CENTRE IS OPEN FOR COFFEE
MONDAY TO FRIDAY – 8 A.M. TO 9:30 A.M.

NO COFFEE WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS



Big Valley United Church
Rev. Barbara Lieurance

We are taking our traditional summer holiday and will not meet for worship services in July.



*Help us to keep our ears to the earth,
and our eyes in the stars. Amen.*
- Steve Myrvang


**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

*Why are you looking for a living person
in this place for the dead?*
He is not here;
He has risen from the dead.
Luke 24:5,6

classifieds

TD Summer Reading Club

Come Join the Fun
at the Library
every
Tuesday & Thursday
at 2:00 p.m.
beginning
Tuesday, July 9



Regular office hours are from

8:00 am to 4:00 pm MONDAY THRU THURSDAY

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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Fri. 9:30 – 12:00 1:00 – 4:30



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