

## Happy Valley Road

Having been around for 45 years puts me kind of in the middle - not yet old, but old enough to reflect.

One day last summer, I watched Petra walking up "Happy Valley Road" with her children. It was like looking in a mirror & the image stuck. What will be the result of our children being raised "farm boys"? The road we choose to travel - is it a good one? There are so many options . . . . & the road sign . . . . why Happy Valley Road? "Pumpers" & oil wells suggest a resource rich area. Was it a materialistic value that prompted the name? . . . or is "Happy Valley Road" a more complex dream. . . . one that a young woman dreams of, for herself & for her children.