



Mayor's Christmas Greetings, 2009

by Mayor Jerry Iwanus

Ladies & gentlemen, Christmas is for celebrating and for spending time with family and friends, but it is also a time for reflecting and for giving thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon this country, this province, and this village.

Considering the serious difficulties that people in many parts of the world face, we are indeed fortunate and I want to take some time to thank those groups and individuals who make our lives in this part of the world enjoyable and fulfilling.

The first group that Council and I want to recognize is Village staff who, as I've said many times before, compare favourably to any staff anywhere in Alberta in a municipality our size. Please know how very proud of you we are.

We also want to express our deep appreciation to the many volunteers who donate their time and money to make the Bawlf community a better place to live, work, and play. This includes our service clubs, our community groups, and our boards, as well as numerous individuals. Nothing of value happens either here in Bawlf or anywhere else without the commitment and dedication of our volunteers.

Council and I also want to wish the very best to Principal Diana White and the staff and students of Bawlf School. Our school is a lynchpin of community life in Bawlf and we look forward to continue building our relationship to the betterment of both the school and the community.

At the same time, we want to say "thank you" and wish the very best in 2010 to all our neighbouring municipalities, with whom we continue to forge ever-strengthening bonds of common effort. Council and I want to pay particular respect to Camrose County Council and staff, who are there to assist us in so many ways throughout the year.

Finally, Council and I want to thank you, the residents of Bawlf, for your continued trust and confidence in our own efforts to make Bawlf the best small town that it can be.

May you all be blessed by the true spirit of Christmas and may you enjoy a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2010. Thank you.