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# Village Voice

**The Village of Bawlf Newsletter**  
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## *Mayor's message*



People like mayors, councillors, MLAs, and MPs tend to get all the ink and attention in public life, yet it's the volunteers in local community organizations who, through their vision and dedication, make a *real* difference in our communities. Some of these groups are more visible than others, yet each makes a tangible contribution to the quality of life that we enjoy in rural Alberta. Probably the most visible community organization in Bawlf is the **Lions Club**.

Most of us know about the **Mother's Day breakfast** that the Lions host every year. Many people also attended, and participated in, the famed Lions **Pig & Whistle** for the many years that it ran. These are just two examples; the list of contributions by the Lions Club to the community is a long one and can't be detailed here. One more has to be mentioned, though, and that is the fact that the Village technically owns the **Bawlf Community Hall**, the Lions Club operates and maintains it.

Yet perhaps because of all the work the Lions do with regard to the Community Hall, it often gets forgotten that **it is a community facility rather than a Lions facility**. In fact, members of the Lions Club specifically asked me to point that out to the readers of this newsletter (which now include residents of the surrounding countryside as well as residents of the Village proper) and mention that there are still any number of ways either to contribute financially (and thereby still be included among the hall's founding donors) or otherwise. The **Bawlf Community Hall** is not just a place to gather; it's a tangible symbol of what the community can accomplish when it decides to don the work gloves and puts its mind to getting something noteworthy done.

*If you want more information about the Bawlf Community Hall or the Bawlf Lions, call Lions president, Bryan Berg, at 780-373-2565 or e-mail him at [b2bawlf@telusplanet.net](mailto:b2bawlf@telusplanet.net). For hall rental inquiries, call the Village Office at 780-373-3797 or visit the Village website at [http://www.bawlf.com/community\\_hall](http://www.bawlf.com/community_hall).*

Another organization that plays a crucial role in the Bawlf community, but who tends to "fly under the radar" while doing it is the **Bawlf Branch #232 of the Royal Canadian Legion**. Unlike the Lions, the Legion doesn't have a facility in Bawlf anymore, but that doesn't make their contribution to the quality of life in the Bawlf area any less tangible or important. Many people might not realize some of the Legion's recent undertakings. They:

- sponsor the annual **Remembrance Day literary contest at Bawlf School**, with prizes to the best entries and a chance to compete for additional prize money at the provincial and national levels (the local branch pays out approximately \$300 annually to participating local students)
- **donate \$300 annually to the Bawlf Family Day celebrations** (have supported this project for a number of years)
- recently provided **financial assistance to three local students** travelling abroad on educational summer trips

- **donated \$9,450 toward the new Bawlf Community Hall** to purchase a dish washer, an additional water heater, and some sound equipment
- **donated \$1,000 to the Bawlf Curling Club** for 2007-08 season operations
- hold bi-annually (alternating with the Daysland Legion) a **Remembrance Day Service**, at which they sponsor a free lunch to attendees after the service (the 2007 service was in Bawlf)

The Bawlf Legion is currently seeking new and younger members. It is not a requirement to have military experience or be descendants of military personnel. New members must simply be Canadian Citizens, male or female, who are interested in the general welfare of our Canadian Service Personnel and willing to provide a broad spectrum of local community support. The Bawlf Branch needs new members so it can continue providing the high level of community service that it has provided for many decades.

So, if you're looking to **contribute to a sense of community by participating in organizations that play a direct and crucial role in Bawlf community life**, the **Bawlf Lions** and the **Bawlf Legion** are two worthy organizations to consider.

*If you want more information about the Bawlf Branch #232 of the Royal Canadian Legion, call Branch President, John DeMerchant at 780-373-3445 ([jrdemerchant@syban.net](mailto:jrdemerchant@syban.net)) or Michele Iwanus at 780-373-2263 ([shelmcd@hotmail.com](mailto:shelmcd@hotmail.com)).*

**Another reminder that, according to By-law 524/04, watering of lawns and gardens is restricted to after 7 PM and before 10 AM** (i.e., no watering in the heat of the day, when the water all evaporates). *Let's not waste our most precious resource!*

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***By-laws that were given first reading at the June 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting:***

- By-law 562/08**      a by-law to rescind and replace the Traffic Bylaw (and amendments) and the Non-Highway Vehicle Bylaw
- By-law 536/08**      a by-law for the purpose of amending bylaw 524/04 to include consequences of not abiding to the watering restrictions

**The Village invites comments on proposed by-laws after first reading.** Copies of the by-laws are available on the Village's website at [www.bawlf.com](http://www.bawlf.com) or at the Village Office.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>July 2008 Calendar</b></p> <p><b>July 1<sup>st</sup>:</b> Happy Canada Day!</p> <p><b>July 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, &amp; 24<sup>th</sup>:</b> <b>Summer in the Park</b> 10 AM to 2 PM. Arts &amp; crafts, games, leadership activities, at the east end park. For information, call 780-672-0141.</p> <p><b>July 15<sup>th</sup>:</b> Regular meeting of Bawlf Village Council at the new Community Hall, 7 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <p><i>Do you have an event or announcement that you would like to have included in a future newsletter? Please contact the Village Office at the number or e-mail address below.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Village of Bawlf Council Members</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mayor Jerry Iwanus</i> (780-373-2263 or <a href="mailto:jiwanus@bawlf.com">jiwanus@bawlf.com</a>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deputy Mayor Darrell Szott</i> (780-373-2517 or <a href="mailto:dszott@bawlf.com">dszott@bawlf.com</a>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Councillor Jody Yuha</i> (780-373-3806 or <a href="mailto:jyuha@bawlf.com">jyuha@bawlf.com</a>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Councillor Reta Porter</i> (780-373-2448 or <a href="mailto:rporter@bawlf.com">rporter@bawlf.com</a>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Councillor Gord Blatz</i> (780-373-3733 or <a href="mailto:gblatz@bawlf.com">gblatz@bawlf.com</a>)</p>
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*Council meetings are normally held the third Tuesday of every month at the Community Hall at 7 PM.*

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