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Village Voice

The Village of Bawlf Newsletter
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Mayor's message



From my perspective, it would seem self-evident that having the school and the surrounding community work closely together wherever possible would strengthen both. I'm thankful that **Principal Doug Bowie** of Bawlf School and his excellent staff concur. As a result, the Village of Bawlf and Bawlf School have agreed to work together in a number of ways. This includes having the Village represented at various school functions (such as the annual class farewell and the recent Academic Awards night), having students exposed to the idea of civic responsibility through means such as participating in the Village spring clean-up, and undertaking some relatively more ambitious initiatives.

One of these is the "**Mayor for a Day**" contest. As part of their social studies curriculum, students in Mr. Murphy's Grade 6 class will write essays on some aspect of local government. The first-place finisher will get to attend a regular meeting of Bawlf Village Council and assist the Mayor in chairing the meeting. He/She will also have his/her photo and essay published in this newsletter and receive two tickets to a Camrose Kodiaks hockey game (thanks to a generous donation in this regard from Councillor Blatz). There will be prizes for 2nd and 3rd place as well. Aside from having the potential to be a lot of fun, the idea is that youth who are engaged in the political process at an early age are more likely to become politically engaged adult citizens.

Another joint initiative between the School and the Village is a **regular recycling drive**. It came to the Village's attention that residents continue to throw away a significant number of paid recyclable containers. Since this costs ratepayers money due to the increased volume of garbage that has to be taken to the landfill, the Village approached Mr. Bowie and suggested that the School collect these paid recyclables on a monthly basis and use the funds to supplement their extracurricular programs. This program **starts on November 18th**, with subsequent collections to occur as per the calendar in this newsletter, in the School *Bulletin*, and on the Village's website:

Bawlf School Recycling Drive **(paid recyclables only)**

Date of first pick-up:

Tuesday, November 18th

(items to be at the curb in front of your house by 12:00 noon)

Area **rural residents** who wish to participate can bring their items to the door of the bus storage shed north of the school

Questions? Call Bawlf School at 780-373-3784

Anyone interested in volunteering a truck and/or a bit of time once a month to help transport the items to the bottle depot should call the School.

The Bawlf Public Library: A Resource for Today and a Legacy for Tomorrow

“A world without libraries is a world without education..., without progress, without justice. Without libraries, we can neither explore and learn from our past, nor build a better future.”

~The Late Honourable Lois Hole

Among the building blocks that make up a community, public libraries are often overlooked. Yet, a community's library is a critical source of information, entertainment, and knowledge. With its on-line computers and its access to books and reference materials that might be located literally anywhere in the world, the library is among our most precious of resources. It is a place for everyone: young and old, male and female, wealthy and not-so-wealthy. There is literally (and literarily!) something for everyone.

Exciting things are happening at the Bawlf Public (Dave Knipe Memorial) Library these days. Firstly, the Library Board would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the Bawlf community for its support at the Library's **Book and Bake sale** on October 9th. Thanks to everyone who donated items for the bake table and to everyone who purchased the items (all that baking came in handy for Thanksgiving!). The sale was a huge success, with almost \$400 raised.

Secondly, the **Friends of Bawlf Public Library** would like to remind everyone that they are selling tickets for a **Cash Draw** (wouldn't it be great to have a little extra money just before Christmas?):

1st Prize - 25% of Ticket Sales (potential \$1000)
2nd Prize - 15% of Ticket Sales (potential \$600)
3rd Prize - 10% of Ticket Sales (potential \$400)

Half the proceeds are earmarked for the Library, while the remainder will be split as noted above. Tickets are \$2.00 and can be purchased at the Library, the Village Office, Homestyle Café, Bawlf Country Store, Bawlf UFA, Ankerton Gas, the Post Office, or from any Library Board member.

The draw will take place at the **Bawlf Library Christmas Party** on December 7, 2008 at the Bawlf Community Hall (1-3 PM).

For further information, call Board Chair Karen Robbins at 780-373-2468.

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Lest we forget

Remembrance Day service

Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at the Daysland Community Hall

Please be seated by 10:30 AM

Lunch and entertainment to follow (no charge)

It would be great to see some of our young families at this event so that the next generation has the opportunity to learn of the sacrifices that have been made and that are being made as we speak.

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Council meetings are normally held the third Wednesday of every month at the Community Hall at 7 PM.

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News & Notes

The Bawlf Lions are hosting a roast beef supper on Sunday, November 16th at the Bawlf Community Hall, 4:30-7:00 PM. Cost: adults \$12.00, ages 6 to 12 \$7.00, 5 and under free. Tickets available at the door. All proceeds will be applied toward eliminating the mortgage on the Bawlf Community Hall. For further information, contact Bryan Berg at 780-373-2565.

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The Bawlf Lutheran Church is hosting a community supper on Sunday, November 30th at the Bawlf Community Hall. Cost: \$10/person. *Advance tickets only.* Tickets will be available at the Lutheran Church, at the Bawlf Country Store, at Homestyle Café and from Lil Bohmer (780-373-2566). All proceeds from this supper will be directed toward the Women’s Shelter. For further information, contact the Church at 780-373-3929.

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The first joint Council meeting between the Town of Daysland, the Village of Rosalind, and the Village of Bawlf was held at the Bawlf Community Hall on Tuesday, October 21st. The idea was to initiate a series of ongoing discussions regarding matters of mutual interest, such as assisting each other in terms of public works equipment and expertise, joint access to funding, and any other co-operative endeavours that would be in the interests of the three participating municipalities. The Government of Alberta is strongly encouraging municipalities to co-operate in this way and the Village of Bawlf is pleased to have been the first to host such an undertaking in our immediate area. A wide variety of issues were discussed, including environmental concerns, water, public works (particularly the sharing of information and the potential for joint submission of bids), garbage, by-law enforcement, and disaster services. It was agreed that future meetings would be beneficial; the next one is scheduled for Daysland in late January.

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No by-laws were given first reading at the October 22nd Council meeting.

<p>November 2008 Calendar</p> <p>Nov 2: DST ends; clocks fall back 1 hour</p> <p>Nov 8: Heck/Yuha UFA retirement party, Community Hall, 5:30 PM</p> <p>Nov 11: Remembrance Day service at the Daysland Community Hall, 10:30 AM</p> <p>Nov 16: Lions fall supper, Community Hall, 4:30-7:00 PM</p> <p>Nov 16, 17 and 18: Ecumenical Services, Bawlf Lutheran Church, 7:00 PM each night</p> <p>Nov 17: School closed (staff meeting)</p> <p>Nov 18: School recycling drive (items at the curb by 12:00 noon)</p> <p>Nov 19: Village Council, 7:00 PM</p> <p>Nov 21: School closed (day in lieu)</p> <p>Nov 30: Bawlf Lutheran Church supper, Community Hall, 5:00-7:00 PM</p>	<p>Village of Bawlf Council Members</p> <p><i>Mayor Jerry Iwanus</i> (780-373-2263 or jiwanus@bawlf.com)</p> <p><i>Deputy Mayor Darrell Szott</i> (780-373-2517 or dszott@bawlf.com)</p> <p><i>Councillor Jody Yuha</i> (780-373-3806 or jyuha@bawlf.com)</p> <p><i>Councillor Reta Porter</i> (780-373-2448 or rporter@bawlf.com)</p> <p><i>Councillor Gord Blatz</i> (780-373-3733 or gblatz@bawlf.com)</p> <p>* * * * *</p> <p>Administration</p> <p><i>Village Manager</i> (780-373-3797 or LHorbasenko@bawlf.com)</p> <p><i>Municipal Administrator</i> (780-373-3797 or mschapansky@bawlf.com)</p>
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