



Your *Village* *Voice*

The Village of Bawlf Newsletter
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Next Council meeting:

**Wednesday, December
17th at the Community
Centre, 7 PM**

**The public is welcome
to attend all Council
meetings. If you
would like to address
Council, please contact
the Village Office by
noon on
December 11th to
arrange a time.**

Mayor's message



Council and I consider it a privilege to have served the residents of Village of Bawlf in 2008 and we look forward to continuing our work in strengthening and enhancing this community in 2009. On behalf of my wife, Michele, my daughter, Jillian, and myself, as well as all members of Village Council and their families, I want to wish each and every one of you a joyous and meaningful Christmas and a safe, prosperous, and happy New Year.

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The **Friends of Bawlf Public Library** would like to remind everyone that they are selling tickets for a **Cash Draw**:

- 1st Prize - 25% of Ticket Sales (potential \$1,000)**
- 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 Centre (1-3 PM)**. For further information, call Board Chair Karen Robbins at 780-373-2468.

Bawlf School Recycling Drive

(paid recyclables only)

Date of this month's pick-up:

Monday, December 15th

(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

Are you enjoying your ride on Highway 13 a lot more these days? That's largely due to the efforts of **our MLA, Doug Griffiths**, in convincing the powers that be that this highway badly needed the attention that it finally received this past fall. On behalf of Council and all members of this community, I want to thank Mr. Griffiths for going to bat on this issue and for all the work he does in representing the sprawling constituency of Battle River-Wainwright.

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The **Bawlf Curling Club** is on hiatus for the 2008-09 season. anyone interested in curling is encouraged to contact Gordon Pennycook at the Daysland Curling Club (780-678-0130).

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Regional Children's Centre Update

Under the umbrella of Bawlf Playschool Society, the Regional Children's Centre Committee has been working since October, 2007 toward the establishment of a facility **in Bawlf** that would house **40 daycare spaces, 20 playschool spaces and 20 out-of-school care spaces and serve the entire region to the east of the city of Camrose**. This endeavour has been supported with optimism, resources, partnerships, work, and a shared vision to provide rural families with the support needed to care for their children and their development in a safe and enriching environment.

The committee has formed a partnership with the Battle River School Division this fall with the following results:

- 1) The Battle River School Division made a motion earlier this fall **to allocate Battle River School Division land (the land immediately west of the Bawlf Lutheran Church)** to the Bawlf Playschool Society by way of lease or purchase.
- 2) On behalf of the RCC Committee, the Battle River School Division has submitted a proposal to obtain a **modular building unit** from East Central Child and Youth Services. Alberta Education, Alberta Infrastructure, and Alberta Youth and Children Services have allocated one modular to each children's services region in order to enhance childcare services.

The RCC Committee is cautiously optimistic regarding this proposal (receiving a modular unit would reduce or eliminate the need to fundraise for the purpose of constructing a building from scratch). The Committee should have an answer in this regard by the end of December. If the modular is not made available, the RCC Committee will return to the original plan to construct a "stick-built" structure on the site noted above.

Questions? Contact Tammy Albers at 780-373-2421 or
Christine Ginther at 780-672-8262.

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By-laws that have been given first reading:

No by-laws were given first reading at the November 19th Council meeting

The Village invites comments on proposed by-laws after first reading. Copies of these by-laws are available on the Village's website at www.bawlf.com or at the Village Office.

Council meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at the Community Centre, 7 PM.
Website: www.bawlf.com **e-mail:** vilbawlf@syban.net **ph:** 780-373-3797 **fax:** 780-373-3798

Did you know that the Bawlf Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion...

- sponsors 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)
- **donates money annually to the Bawlf Family Day celebrations** and have supported this project for a number of years
- provided **financial assistance to three local students** travelling abroad on educational summer trips this past spring
- **donated \$9,450 toward the new Bawlf Community Centre** to purchase a dish washer, an additional water heater, and some sound equipment
- holds bi-annually (alternating with the Daysland Legion) a **Remembrance Day Service**, at which they sponsor a free lunch to attendees after the service (the 2009 service will be in Bawlf)

The Bawlf Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is always looking for new members

For more information, call Branch President, John DeMerchant at 780-373-3445 (jrdemerchant@syban.net) or Michele Iwanus at 780-373-2263 (shelmcd@hotmail.com).

December, 2008 Calendar

- Dec 4:** H.S. Basketball vs. Forestburg, 6 PM
- Dec 7:** Bawlf Public Library Christmas Party, 1-3 PM, Community Centre
- Dec 11:** H.S. Basketball vs. Ryley, 6 PM
- Dec 14:** United Church Christmas concert. Daysland United Church, 7:30 PM
- Dec 15:** School recycling drive (items at the curb by 12:00 noon)
- Dec 15:** Bawlf School Christmas concert, School gym, 7 PM
- Dec 17:** Village Council, 7:00 PM
- Dec 20:** Village Christmas decorating contest. Judging at 7 PM.
- Dec 20:** School Christmas break begins.

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“Freedom is the right to *be* wrong, not the right to *do* wrong.”

Rt. Honourable John G. Diefenbaker
in Sudbury, ON on June 3, 1962