



# Your *Village* Voice

**The Village of Bawlf Newsletter**  
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## **Next Council meeting:**

**Thursday, January  
22<sup>nd</sup> 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  
January 15<sup>th</sup> to  
arrange a time.**

## *Mayor's message*



**Happy New Year! Like most of you, I'm very proud to live in a rural community.** Having lived in both major cities and rural areas in my life, I possess what I think to be an appreciation of what both types of lifestyles have to offer (not that I would want to trade small-town life for anything, mind you). As rural Albertans, there are many general things in which we appreciate and take pride, such as knowing your neighbours (sometimes too well!), clean air, less violent crime, starry skies, and so forth. Specifically in our region, we have some amazing contributions to community life such as the Daysland Concert series, theatre communities in Daysland, Rosalind, and Kelsey, the Children's Centre that is slated to open in Bawlf in 2010, and many others.

However, there are also numerous noteworthy individuals in the area, who tend to fly under the radar most of the time, but who nonetheless deserve accolades for what they've accomplished in their own respective chosen fields. We have several musicians in the area – too many, in fact, to mention without accidentally leaving someone out. We also have accomplished writers, one of which we lost this past year when Village resident **Carol MacKay** and her family moved to Vancouver island (her daughter, **Allison**, has also been recognized in this publication for her amazing work as an animator). More recently, **Michelle Beattie** published a historical romance entitled *What a Pirate Desires*, which was released on December 2<sup>nd</sup> (published by Berkley books in New York, which is a division of the Penguin Group). This was originally intended as a stand-alone book but it has now been made into a series. Congratulations, Michelle!

I'm quite sure that there are many more such hidden gems of talent in the greater Bawlf area and we at the Village of Bawlf would be most pleased to publicize those accomplishments as well, so please feel free to send information to the Village in that regard. Let's recognize and appreciate those people who make us the proud rural community that we are!

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

***Date of this month's pick-up: Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>***

*(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

Congratulations to the **winners of the Village's 2008 Christmas decorating contest!** Cheryl Reum and Sheldon Hoynick are the winners for yet another year running.

**1st place:** Cheryl Reum & Sheldon Hoynick (\$75)

**2nd place:** Frances & Florence Gartner (\$50)

**3rd place:** Reg & Terri Blackwell (\$25)

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**Congratulations to Evan Bellingham for being the inaugural winner of the Village's "Mayor for a Day" contest.** Evan wins two tickets to a Kodiaks game and will assist the Mayor in chairing the regular Village Council meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Read Evan's winning essay on the last page of this month's newsletter.** Congratulations also to **Damon Johns** and **Connor Hastings**, who finished 2nd and 3rd respectively. Well done!

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Congratulations to the following people for claiming the prizes in the **Bawlf Public Library's recent cash draw:**

**1st place:** Christine Reinke (\$567)

**2nd place:** Pat Rennich (\$340)

**3rd place:** Joe Banack (\$227)

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**Looking for some inexpensive, local family entertainment?** Why not take in one of the many athletic events at the School? Even if your own child isn't involved, it's a whole lot of fun watching the effort and the skills that are showcased by participating students. This time of year, it's **basketball season**. The Village of Bawlf strongly supports Bawlf School athletics and attempts to include the dates of all the regular-season games. However, if you require information about upcoming tournaments, please contact the School at 780-373-3784.

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**By-laws that were given first reading at the December 19, 2008 Council meeting:**

**By-law 564/08:** Master rates by-law (revised)

**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](http://www.bawlf.com) or at the Village Office.

<b>January, 2009 Calendar</b>	<b>Village of Bawlf Council Members</b>
<b>Jan 5:</b> first day of classes	<i>Mayor Jerry Iwanus</i> (780-373-2263 or <a href="mailto:jiwanus@bawlf.com">jiwanus@bawlf.com</a> )
<b>Jan 6:</b> HS basketball: New Norway at Bawlf; first game at 6 PM	<i>Deputy Mayor Darrell Szott</i> (780-373-2517 or <a href="mailto:dszott@bawlf.com">dszott@bawlf.com</a> )
<b>Jan 7:</b> JHS basketball: Rosalind at Bawlf; starts right after school	<i>Councillor Jody Yuha</i> (780-373-3806 or <a href="mailto:juha@bawlf.com">juha@bawlf.com</a> )
<b>Jan 14:</b> JHS basketball: Charlie Killam-2 at Bawlf; starts right after school	<i>Councillor Reta Porter</i> (780-373-2448 or <a href="mailto:rporter@bawlf.com">rporter@bawlf.com</a> )
<b>Jan 19:</b> School recycling drive (items at the curb by 12:00 noon)	<i>Councillor Gord Blatz</i> (780-373-3733 or <a href="mailto:gblatz@bawlf.com">gblatz@bawlf.com</a> )
<b>Jan 22:</b> Village Council, 7:00 PM, Community Centre. <b>NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH.</b>	* * * * * <b>“Heroism is not a memory of the past. It is the virtue by which a nation can preserve its identity and fulfill its destiny”</b>
<b>Jan 28:</b> JHS basketball: Bashaw at Bawlf; starts right after school	<b>DONALD CREIGHTON,</b> distinguished Canadian historian
<b>Jan 30:</b> School closed (day in lieu)	

# Mayor for a Day Essay

By Evan Bellingham



The local government is responsible for looking after the needs of the people and the community. A local government helps look after some of the people's needs. They can look after things like parks, sidewalks, recycling depots, roads, street signs, water systems, sewer systems, garbage collection, fire department, and ambulance services. The Village of Bawlf provides services like a volunteer fire department, water and sewer system, parks and camping, curling rink, ice rink, library, community hall, and garbage collection. Other services available in Bawlf are a post office, school, senior centre, recreation association.

Local governments are made up of people who are hired by the council and people of the community who are elected by the tax payers. In the Village of Bawlf council consists of Mayor Jerry Iwanus, Deputy Mayor Darrell Szott, Councillors Jody Yuha, Reta Porter and Gord Blatz. They meet every third Wednesday at the Community Hall.

The citizens discuss their needs and issues with council. Council discusses these issues and ways to meet the needs of the community. The discussions can result in bylaws being passed and making sure the bylaws are followed. Taxes are collected to pay for services and project that the town is responsible for.

The mayor makes these decisions by discussing it with the councillors. First the issue is presented, then a motion is made, someone seconds the motion. There is discussion again about the motion and then there is a vote taken. The majority of the votes in favour consider the motion as passed.

Bawlf has many bylaws, some pertaining to Land Use, Master Rates, Mil Rate, Licensing and Control of Dogs, Nuisance/Unsightly and Untidy Premises and Watering Restrictions. I think the Watering Restrictions Bylaw is good because people should not be watering their lawns during the heat of the day when the water just evaporates. This bylaw also helps to maintain the water supply for the village at a good level. The one thing I think should be changed in this bylaw is the permitted hours of watering. I feel the times should be from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. and 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. so that water is not wasted and people don't forget to shut their water hoses off.

Local government looks after local problems and issues. Without local government it would be harder to find someone to discuss your problems and find a solution to these concerns.

Becoming more involved in the community, attending council meetings and volunteering for boards and committees benefits everyone in the community. I would like to be Mayor for a Day because I could attend a Council Meeting and learn how the Village of Bawlf operates, the responsibilities of Council and how they arrive at their decisions.

## Regional Children's Centre Update

The Regional Children's Centre Committee wishes to thank everyone for their support throughout the past year and is gearing up for a very busy and exciting 2009!  
Watch this space for news and information over the next few months.

*Happy New Year!*

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