



Your *Village* *Voice*

The Village of Bawlf Newsletter
Volume 7, Issue #3 (March, 2010)

**Next Council
meeting:**

**Wed, March 17 at the
Village Office, 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 March 11
to arrange a time.

Mayor's message, by Mayor Jerry Iwanus



I have a good friend who owns property in both the Village of Bawlf proper and in the surrounding rural area. He is therefore a Village ratepayer and, needless to say, has some opinions and ideas about how things should be done in town. One of the things I like best about him is that he's not afraid to voice and share those opinions! We played hockey together for eight years, so we don't pull too many punches with each other.

We were chatting over lunch at Homestyle a while back and he, like many others, wondered when the Village would be addressing our road situation, I reminded him that, if all goes well in terms of grants, costs, and availability of contractors, we were planning to re-construct Macrae Street in its entirety this year. "Why not Sanden Street?" he countered. "Sanden Street has just as many, if not more, houses." My response was that, according to our Public Works people, the underground infrastructure on Macrae Street is in more dire need of replacement than in any other place in Bawlf. Moreover, with the Regional Children's Centre slated to be constructed on the corner of Macrae Street and Alberta Avenue, it is imperative that both underground services and access points be brought up to standard there. After all, as I've stated many times in the past, the construction of the Regional Children's Centre here will enhance enrolment at the School and secure Bawlf's future as a viable community for many years to come.

Now, through this newsletter (which goes to everyone in the T0B 0J0 area, in-town and out-of-town alike), Village Council made its 2010 plans known right at the beginning of the year. So I said to my friend, "You knew a while back what our plans were and you have every right to come address Council and tell us that you feel differently. Yet, neither you nor anyone else did, so we have to assume that residents are in general agreement with our plans." He thought about it for a moment and responded, "You have a point there" (he's just so *reasonable*).

The crux of the matter, fellow residents, is this: democracy functions well only if everyone participates and makes his or her views known; this is just as true at the municipal level as it is at the provincial and national levels. We elected officials can do our jobs well only when there is open two-way communication and when the people we serve provide us with feedback. There are some politicians who would rather hide from the voters between elections but I firmly believe that we will do a much better job on our fellow residents' behalf if our feet are held to the fire on an ongoing basis. In the bigger centres, the media does much of this but in municipalities like Bawlf, it's up to each and every one of us to participate directly. If you have something on your mind, call one of your Councillors or, better yet, come address Council. We'd love to hear what you have to say.

* * * * *

On the topic of the Village of Bawlf's 2010 capital spending plans and taxes, we're still digesting information from the Provincial budget and waiting for the 2010 assessment figures. More information to come over the next two months.

Every Thursday until the end of April (*changed from Wednesdays*), the Senior Citizens Society invites area residents of all ages to attend its new weekly community games night at the Seniors' Clubroom in the Bawlf municipal complex. Doors open at 7 PM. Anyone who wants to come socialize while playing pool, shuffleboard, board games, or cards is welcome. *Bring a friend or perhaps make a new one!*

Bawlf Lions Murder Mystery, Saturday March 20th at the Bawlf Community Centre. Evening includes a beef supper and interactive "Murder Mystery" play. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available from any Lions member, Bawlf UFA or Homestyle Bakery & Café. *This is sure to be a fun evening, so pick up your tickets early!*

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Bawlf Children's Christmas Party on December 13. Special thanks to Tara Miller (Close to My Heart & Mary Kay), Books For You, the Movie Gallery and the Bridger family for their generous door prize donations, and to the Bawlf Lions Club for making it all possible!

THE REGIONAL RURAL CHILDREN'S CENTRE PLANS TO START OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER, 2010

An exciting new program to provide family child care support is coming to Bawlf under the direction of the Bawlf Playschool Society. This program will provide out-of-school care to children of Bawlf and surrounding rural areas. A waiting list has been started for the out of school program as well as the future daycare program. If you would like more information about these programs and/or if you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact Christine at 780-672-8262 or Tina at 780-608-8304.

Bring your child to meet the teacher! The Bawlf Playschool is hosting two open houses and registration days for the 2010-2011 school year. They are:

**Wednesday, April 7
&
Monday, April 19
9:30-11:30 AM at the Old Bawlf Hall**

No by-laws were given first reading at the February 17 Village Council meeting

March, 2010 Calendar

Mar 4-5: School closed: teachers' convention

Mar 14: Spring forward: DST begins

Mar 17: Village Council, 7 PM

Mar 20: Bawlf Lions Murder Mystery at the Community Centre. Doors open at 5:30 PM; dinner at 7:00 PM

Mar 24: School recycling drive (items at the curb by 12:00 noon)

A search of what we can get from life is never as fulfilling as a search for what life expects from us.`` (Dr. John Izzo)

Village of Bawlf Council Members

Mayor Jerry Iwanus
(780-373-2263 or jiwanus@bawlf.com)

Deputy Mayor Darrell Szott
(780-373-2517 or dszott@bawlf.com)

Councillor Jody Yuha
(780-373-3806 or jyuha@bawlf.com)

Councillor Reta Porter
(780-373-2448 or rporter@bawlf.com)

Councillor Gord Blatz
(780-373-3733 or gblatz@bawlf.com)

Bawlf Family Day Olympics and Winter Sports Day



by *John De Merchant* -- On Family Day, February 15th, our morning started off with a torch run. We had 12 torch-bearers: John Fortier, Colby Craig, Halley Hay, Erin Keohane Christopher Benke, Brandon Johns, Kyla Nemeth, Alex Benke, Jasper Robbins, Talyna Ekelund, Jannah Pasychnyk and Robin Severson. All torch bearers will be getting a T-shirt from the Family Day organizing committee.

Here are the winners of the sports and a picture of the torch run. **Milk jug toss:** 1st place, John Fortier; 2nd place, Halley Hay. **Snow ball toss:** 1st place, Nataila Beattie; 2nd place, Clarissa Gendreau. **Ball roll:** 1st place, Dan Ekelund; 2nd place, John Fortier. The winner of the annual Broom-a-loo championship was the team from Bawlf East. I would like to thank all of the Family Day sponsors, the kitchen help Patricia Rennich, Caroline Courish and Heather Taylor. This year we had two students from Grade nine that volunteered to help run the games and help out wherever they were needed: Andrea McLean and Grace Peterson. A special thanks to the Bawlf Playschool Society for holding a bake sale and for taking pictures of people with the Torch. All proceeds received will go to the Regional Rural Children's Centre.

* * * * *

A great big **THANKS** to John DeMerchant and the rest of the volunteers and organizers who helped make this Family Day one of the best ever. Of course, it didn't hurt that John brought his Olympic torch to share with the community!

* * * * *

Brett Hay: Mayor for a Day



Bawlf School Grade 6 student, Brett Hay, who was the 2009-10 winner of the "Mayor for a Day" contest, came to Village Council on February 17th and did an absolutely wonderful job in helping chair the meeting. Brett assisted Mayor Iwanus in helping pass several motions, and even assisted in making law by helping with the final two readings of By-law 570/10. Council particularly appreciated Brett's excellent manners. **Great job, Brett!**

The Bawlf Playschool Society has the following positions available:

- **Playschool teacher for the 2010-2011 school year (part-time)**
Applicants must have a minimum Level 1 child care certificate
- **Director for the (future) out-of-school program (part-time)**
Applicants must have a minimum Level 3 child care certificate

Qualifications:

- child development experience
- enjoy and relate well to children
- strong organizational skills
- excellent communication skills
- able to work independently
- supervisory experience would be an asset

These two positions may be combined. Hours may increase to full time

Deadline for applications is March 5, 2010

Please submit résumés to **Christine** at:

The Bawlf Playschool Society

Box 210
Bawlf, AB T0B 0J0
Phone: 780-672-8262
Fax: 780-608-1436



Deputy Director of Disaster Services

The **Deputy Director** is responsible for assisting the Director of Disaster Services, whose duties include the management and/or updating of the Village's current Emergency Plan, providing annual reports to the Village Council, attending relevant training and information sessions, and coordinating all emergency services and resources during an emergency.

The Village will provide compensation on a per diem basis and cover the costs of training, travel, etc. Specific support is also available from the Government of Alberta's Emergency Management Field Officer for our region.

If you are interested in this volunteer position, please contact Lynn Horbasenko, Village Manager, at 780-373-3797 or e-mail her at LHorbasenko@bawlf.com.

DAYSLAND PALACE THEATRE

Movie Information Line: 780-374-3774

SHOW TIMES: Friday & Saturday 8 PM
Sunday 2 PM
(Note Sunday time change for March)

March 5, 6 & 7

IT'S COMPLICATED Rated: 14A
Detailed substance abuse, mature subject matter
Starring: Meryl Streep, Alec Baldwin
Romance. A long-divorced couple re-kindle their relationship, even though he has remarried and she has just begun to move on with her life.

March 12, 13 & 14

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL Rated: G
Family/Comedy. Alvin, Simon and Theodore are sent to school where they become popular as musicians, and where they meet the Chipettes, a female singing trio.

REEL ALTERNATIVE

Thursday March 18 8 p.m.
CREATION Rated: PG
Mature subject matter.
Starring: Paul Bettany, Jennifer Connelly
Period drama. Charles Darwin struggles to compile the results of his research while reconciling differences with his and his wife's religious convictions and recovering from the death of their beloved daughter.

March 19, 20 & 21

THE LOVELY BONES Rated: PG
Violence, Mature subject matter.
Drama. In December 1973, 14 year-old Susie Salmon is murdered by a neighbour; she subsequently watches over her family and her murderer as they try to move on.

March 26, 27 & 28

WHEN IN ROME Rated: PG
Mild coarse language
Starring: Kristen Bell
Romantic comedy. The life of a workaholic art curator is turned upside down after she removes five coins from a magical fountain in Rome.

"See you at the movies!"

Bawlf School Recycling Drive

(paid recyclables only -- now including plastic milk jugs!)

Date of this month's pick-up: Wednesday, March 24th

Items to be at the curb in front of your house by 11:45 AM. 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