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Happy New Year Everyone,  
I sure hope that your holidays were filled with plenty of love and laughter.

There has been request for computer classes for seniors or those that are needing help in learning the basics of finding their way through the internet, word documents, etc. If you are able to teach a few classes, please contact me and we can start planning.

We are just weeks away from our annual winter festival and there is a full week of activities being planned again. If you are interested in getting involved, our next meeting is January 7th at the museum, 7:30pm. The participation has been wonderful so far, but there is always room for more helpers.

Take care,

*Laurie Berube, Rec Director*

## Birch Hills Cowboy Church



@ Community Centre  
1st Sun of each month  
Next Service

**January 4th 7:00pm**

Featuring Country Gospel Music with down home bible message.  
All are Welcome Pastor Rick Martin  
981-2235

## COMEDY NIGHT in Birch Hills BLACKHAWKS hosting



Just

**SOLD OUT**

for Laughs'

Comedian, Kelly Taylor.

Followed by DJ

Dance

Saturday, January 3rd

## DROP in GYM NIGHTS

starting again at the school

7:00pm

Days to be determined

\$2 drop in fee

Volleyball to start.

Other activities by request.

Sitters may be arranged, if there's interest.

16yrs and older invited to play

Watch 'Town of Birch Hills & Community' Facebook Page



## AND THE NEW YEAR SPECIALS ARE...

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• A SLICE OF LOVE  
WITH A DASH OF  
TENDERNESS

• A PLATTER OF  
GOOD LUCK WITH  
AN ASSORTMENT  
OF BEST WISHES

• TWO SCOOPS OF  
HAPPINESS WITH A  
SPRINKLING OF  
GOOD CHEER

FILL YOUR PLATE TO OVERFLOW  
& THEN COME BACK FOR PLENTY MORE!

## JOINT CONCERT

at Lake Park Baptist

Sunday, January 18th

@ 7:00pm

(note time change)

Cost is \$8 at the door

Featuring the First  
Friday Band and the  
Prince Albert  
Symphony Orchestra



**JANUARY** issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for by:

**the Flute and Fiddle,  
Lorris & Ruth Myhr,  
Lorne Ridgway &  
Marilyn Smith**

If you would like to be a sponsor of the 'Heartbeat' newsletter, contact Laurie at 306-749-7451/

[birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net).

The cost is \$100 each sponsor (3/month) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for you & the community.

Thank you for supporting your local paper.

**NOTE: Sponsors are booked till March, if you would like a spring sponsor reserve today!**

## Special Upcoming Services at St. Mary's Church

### The Name of Jesus

Thurs, Jan 1st @ 7:30pm -  
Join us as we commit the new year to the Lord in prayer

### The Epiphany

Tues, Jan 6 @ 5pm.

Join us for a second Christmas eve as we remember the visit of the wise men to Bethlehem



## Birch Hills Skating Rink

**Public Skating** - subject to change pending rentals

Tues/ Wed/ Fri 3:30-5:00pm

Saturdays 2-4pm Hockey or Shinny

Sundays 2-4pm Family Skate - no sticks pls

Public Skating is \$3 per person or \$10 for Family Skate on

Sundays. Please pay at canteen when open

### Rink Memberships

\$30/yr Single membership or for families registered with  
Minor Hockey or Skating Club

\$75/yr for Families Members skate for free and show  
their support for the skating arena.

**Skating Rink Caretaker - John 960-0427**

**Canteen Leaser - Mike**

**Ice Rentals or for other info, call 749-7451**



Book a **Birthday Party** at the  
Skating rink.

\$150 for 10 kids.

1 hour Private Ice time & burger/  
hotdog meal (fries/drink)

Extra fees apply for meals after 10 kids

Contact 749-7451 to book today

### Sr Hockey Blackhawks Games



Away Game @ Leoville	Jan 2	8:30pm
Home Game vs Big River	10	8:00pm
Away Game @ Meadow Lk	17	8:30pm
Away Game @ Big River	24	8:30pm
Home Game vs Meadow Lk	31	8:30pm

Join us Jan 3rd for the Kelly Taylor, Comedy  
Night Fundraiser. Limited Tickets are \$25,  
includes comedy show, dance and evening lunch

### Minor Sports Home Games

Atoms vs Tisdale White	Jan 6	6:30pm
Novice vs Star City	Jan 7	6:30pm
Novice vs Naicam	Jan 11	10:00am
Bantam vs Nipawin	Jan 11	4:15pm
Atoms vs Porcupine Plain	Jan 13	6:30pm
Atoms vs Tisdale Red	Jan 18	4:15pm



### Men's & Ladies Rec Hockey Teams

Goosers play home Wednesday Nights

Hawkeyes play home Thursday Nights

Barracudas play mostly Fri Nites/Sundays

Call 749-7451 for more info



## GLEE CLUB

in Birch Hills

### WHEN:

4:30-6:00 Tuesdays & Fridays, Saturdays 2:00-4:00

START DATE: January 3rd

WHERE: at The Flute and Fiddle

WHO: Boys and Girls 15yrs and younger

WHAT'S NEEDED: Waterbottle, Running Shoes,  
No Jeans (because you can't dance in jeans) Pls wear  
something loose fitting and comfortable)

### LEADERS:

Shana (singer), who will teach and lead the singing  
Tori (choreographer), who will teach dance moves

The user groups of the Arena would like to thank  
those that participated in the **ARENA CHRISTMAS  
BINGOS**. \$800+ was raised to use towards  
expenses at the Skating Arena. Whooohoo!

### MINOR HOCKEY PICTURES and STORIES wanted

Hello there, all we are looking for is a write up on the kids and to find out how they are doing this season. We love to hear about events, tournaments and any awards they have received. We like to learn about programs and activities you have to offer. If you have any pictures, that would be great too. The more pictures the better. It's always nice to thank your volunteers and sponsors. Just keep in mind, we can't make this paper possible without receiving an article from you. If your club hasn't started up yet this season, please write about the upcoming season or the past season. Feel free to call me with any questions. The deadline for submissions is Jan 9, 2015.

Email: [stories@yfinews.ca](mailto:stories@yfinews.ca) The Minor Hockey News Thanks again, GERRY POON  
News and Pictures

### Birch Hills Barracudas Ladies Hockey Next Home Games

Jan 4 @  
4:00pm  
vs Tisdale



Jan 16 @ 7:00pm  
vs PA Tundra

## BIRCH HILLS BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS



The Flute and Fiddle is a Heritage Dance Hall and Events Centre in Birch Hills.

We hold regular events on Fridays and Sundays. Friday is "Open Mic and Chili Night"; Homemade Chili on a Baked Potato for \$5.00 is served from 6:00pm-9:00pm; Open Mic begins at 8:00pm. Free admission. Once the weather turns nicer, we will return to our Friday Steak Nights. Sunday is Grandma B's "Soup on Sundays" held from 10:30am-2:00pm. Refillable homemade soup, fresh-baked bread, dessert, and assorted refillable beverages are served for \$10.00.

Concerts are held throughout the year - check our website at [www.fluteandfiddle.ca](http://www.fluteandfiddle.ca) for upcoming events. You can also like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to receive updated information.

The Flute and Fiddle is available for private events (i.e. wedding and funeral receptions, bridal and baby showers, birthday and retirement parties, club meetings and windups) - let us handle your food, beverage and audio/visual requirements, while you enjoy your event. For more information, please contact 306-749-1222 or email

[thefluteandfiddle@gmail.com](mailto:thefluteandfiddle@gmail.com)

The management and staff of The Flute and Fiddle would like to thank all the hosts, performers and our patrons for their support.



### Drama Club for kids

9yrs - 15yrs

Thursdays 6:30 - 7:15pm

\$25 /month

@ the BH Dance Centre

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Birch Hills Golf Course is accepting applications for the 2015 Season

\* Full-Time Greens keeper positions  
Mechanical experience an asset

\* Casual, Part-time or Full-time  
Clubhouse Customer Service positions

Forward resumes to Box 280, or email to [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)

### Christmas Tree Drop Off

You can drop off your trees on the corner lot of 3rd Ave and Bellamy. Kiddy corner to the Post Office.



The Birch Hills Sno Posse is holding their

### 20<sup>th</sup> annual Snowmobile Rally on Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Registration at the Birch Hills Civic Centre

Hands sold from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Prizes for Earlybird Riders

Last Hand in By 4:00 PM

Free Trail Lunch

Pancake Breakfast starting @ 8:00 AM

BBQ Burgers serves at the civic centre which is hosted by the preschool.

Come and support the Birch Hills Sno Posse and Preschool!!!!

By hosting the snowmobile rally the Birch Hills Sno Posse has been able to support the surrounding communities by donating funds back or purchasing large items. Also by hosting a rally this has given us the opportunity to have three warm up shacks and keep them in good condition as well as do upgrades when needed. Some examples of how The Birch Hills Sno Posse has given back to the community are...

- \*Purchasing new windows for the curling rink
- \*Purchasing a new fridge/cooler for the Civic Centre
- \*Purchasing new items for the new Day Care in Birch Hills
- \*Purchasing a defibrillator for the fire hall
- \*And many other projects and items within the surrounding communities

Your support for our rally is greatly appreciated and makes a difference within your community.

Any questions or concerns please contact

Jodie Gordon 306-930-7306, Sheldon Gordon 306-749-7645 or Matthew Njaa 306-749-7010

Deadlines for submissions for newsletter are the 10th and 25th of each month.

Send entries to [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net) or call 306-749-7451





## CURLING RINK NEWS

Caretaker/ Ice Rentals 749-2951

Tuesday & Fridays Senior League 1:30pm  
coffee & dessert after

Wednesday Nights Brahma Ins 2 Person Curling  
First Draw @ 7pm

Thursday Nights Super League  
(Cervus Equip sponsored)  
First Draw @ 7:00pm

### Fridays Afterschool Programming COMING SOON

Sunday Fun Day 2:00-4:00pm Drop In Fee  
Starting in the New Year, pending interest

### Upcoming Bonspiels

Firemens Bonspiel Jan 23/24

Ladies Bonspiel Feb 7-8

Winter Festival 4 person 4 end bonspiel February 25th

Seniors Bonspiel Week March 2-6

Open Bonspiel TBA

Legion Dominion Nat'l's March 14-19

Two Person Tuff Spiel Mar 28-29



## Firemen's Bonspiel

January 23 & 24, 2015  
Entry Fee \$60/4 person team  
Call/leave message at Fire Hall to  
Register 306-749-2900



More information to follow in next paper  
No experience needed, but having fun is mandatory!

## COFFEE ROW at the Curling Rink continuing



weekday mornings

7:00 - 10:00 am.

Coffee & toast available

All are welcome



The winner of the Basket of Cheer was **Diane Ganes**. The Curling Club wants to thank everyone who sold tickets and those who supported the club by purchasing tickets. Watch for the Valentine themed basket, Tickets will be available soon.

Sunday Dec 7, was the first "Sunday Fun day" at the Curl A Drome. Thank you to all that came out for the afternoon.



We will be hosting Sunday afternoon curling starting at **2:00 pm**. We will continue in 2015 depending on attendance. If you are interested in curling, but haven't tried since high school, **Sunday Fun day** is for you!! A nominal drop in fee will apply to non-members. All ages welcome

## FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 31 - Marty Grambo & Donny Parenteau (details to follow)

### Open Stage & Karoke Friday Night Hosts in January

Jan 2 - Closed Jan 9 - Ame Dahlin

Jan 16 - Kerri English & Fiddle Students

Jan 23 & 30th - Sheryl Kimbley & Voices of the North

Grandma B's "Soup on Sundays" Serving 10:30 - 2:00pm

### Friday Nights 6-9pm

Chili Stuffed Potatoes with Toppings

Like us on Facebook,

Follow us on Twitter

Purchase concert tickets at Bunny Hug Inn or online

[www.fluteandfiddle.ca](http://www.fluteandfiddle.ca)



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We hope to start the program mid January. We will start with Friday Curling and Wednesday Skating. Kids that are interested in playing or learning to curl will meet at the curling rink on Fridays, and go to the skating rink on Wednesdays, right after school. Watch for details and posters regarding more afterschool activities.

All children attending must be registered. There is no cost. Forms will be available at the school or contact the Rec Office for more information.

We are still seeking adults to supervise and help with the youth led activities. If you are available and can help for one day a week, (Mondays) or for a special activity (ie: soccer in spring, hockey shinny in winter, crafts on Monday, etc. Please contact Laurie at Rec Office asap call 749-7451 or email [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

## EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS



### MONDAY

Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364  
 Line Dancing starts 9:30-11:30 Sr Hall  
 Thimbles & Threads Sewing Club 6:30pm @ Birchview Melissa 749-3482  
 Fire Depart Mtgs every 2nd Mon 7pm @ fire hall Kyle Jensen 749-7536

### TUESDAY

Knitting Grannies 1pm @ Sr Hall 2nd & 4th Tuesday of ea month  
 Library Open Weekly 12-4pm and 5-8pm  
 Community Booster Mtg 3rd Tues of the month Civic Centre 7:30-9pm  
 St Louis Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500  
 Optimist Club 2nd & 4th Tues of the month New members welcome  
 Crystal Springs Bingo 7pm Done for the season...see you in spring

### WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am @ the Sr Hall  
 Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 9-4:00pm Great Deals!  
 Coffee & Sweets at the Museum 3:00 pm  
 Birchview Ladies Aux 9:30 every 2nd Wed ea month New members welcome  
 Randy Hoback Office 1st Wed of month @ Town Hall 1-3pm  
 Town Council Meetings 2nd and 4th Wed of the month



### THURSDAY

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364  
 Library Open 12 - 4:30pm  
 St Louis Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500  
 Legion Mtg 2nd Thurs ea month 7pm @ legion hall. New members welcome  
 \* **NEW** Drama Club for Kids @ Dance Center 6:30pm \$25/mos

### FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St  
 Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm **Story time** 1-1:45pm  
 Flute & Fiddle Open Mic & Karaoke Night Happy Hour 7-8pm All ages welcome

**Call if you have changes or events to add to this list; Laurie at 749-7451**

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS

Birch Hills Community Lutheran Brethren Church @ 11:00am  
**Pastor Clint Knutson** (Lutheran church corner of Bellamy & 4th St)



Lutheran Church Service 9:30am w/ **Pastor Dan Haugen**  
 (1st, 3rd & 5th Sun of the month)

United Church Service (2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)  
 Glad Tidings Tabernacle (Pentecostal) @ 101 4th St 11am

Lake Park Baptist Church @ Hwy 3 11:00am  
 Saron Lutheran Church near Hagen 9:30am  
 St Mary's Anglican Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 11:00am  
 St Anne's Roman Catholic Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 9:00am

### COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONTACTS

#### Senior Hall

Vel Bompais 749-3364 Hall Rentals  
**(Birch Hills) Royal Cdn Legion**  
 Lyle Mohn 749-7927 Hall Rentals  
 Marlene Lypchuk 749-2571 Member Info



#### Birch Hills Lions Club

Bruce Tilford 749-7743  
 Todd Devenis 749-3425

#### Birch Hills Historical Society

Shirley Ulvild 749-2500

#### Community Boosters

Stewart & Louise Adams 749-3521

#### Dreamland Optimist Club

Stuart Matice 306-314-2378

#### Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders

Audrey Matheson 749-2217

#### Fire Department

Kyle Jensen **749-7536**

#### Sno-Posse Snowmobile Club

Jodi or Sheldon Gordon

#### Birchview Ladies Auxillary & Meals on Wheels (help wanted)

749-2288

### BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY NEWS

#### Library Hours:

Tuesdays: 12-4 & 5-8 pm,  
 Thursdays & Fridays:  
 12 to 4:30 pm



#### StoryTime

Stories read to kids 3yrs+  
 on Fridays 1:00-1:45pm

#### Sparks/Brownies Guides/Pathfinders

Contact Natalie  
 749-2217



### Lake Park Baptist Church News

#### AWANA For Kids

ages 5 to 12

Tuesday nights from 6:45 to 8:30

#### YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Evenings at 7 pm



#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

on Friday evenings



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Please Share Paper with a friend or Send request to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net to receive the news letter online

### Prairie Women On Snowmobile

This year we are so lucky to have the Prairie Women on Snowmobile come through our town on Saturday January 31.

The Sno Posse will be meeting the girls and bringing them into town for their morning coffee at 10:00. They will be brought from the Lake Park Church to the Curling Rink where the CIBC in Birch Hills has partnered up with the Birch Hills Sno Posse to serve coffee and dainties for the riders and supporters to enjoy.

I encourage everyone to come down and support such a good cause. Last year I was fortunate enough to be a core rider with the Prairie Women on Snowmobile and help raise funds and awareness for Breast Cancer so I know how it feels to have the support of a community behind you for the 1800 km journey. These ladies are away from their families and in a different hotel every night and in communities that are strange to them so everyone who comes out makes a huge difference. The Prairie Women on Snowmobile have a pinning ceremony where cancer survivors are recognized as well as they are able to collect donations along the way. If you have any questions or concerns please give me a call. Jodie Gordon 306-930-7306.

I hope to see all of you on  
Saturday January 31 @10:00

### The 4th Annual BRRR CHILLS WINTER FESTIVAL Feb 20-28, 2015

**Sponsor Opportunity:**  
Sno-Pitch Bonfire-  
Prizes or up to \$150

**Snow Sculpting**  
- up to \$200  
**Game Night- Prizes**

**Febru-hairy Contest**  
-Prizes

**Human Dog Sled Race**  
-Prizes or up to \$275

**Color Contest- \$100**

**Progressive 50/50**  
**on now.** Watch for  
Bud or John Herd for  
tickets.

Want to get involved  
with the Winter  
Festival?? Help still  
needed:

- \* With organizing  
Sno-Pitch Tourney
- \* Supplying soup for  
the Senior Hall Lunch
- \* With the Snow  
Stomp Family Dance  
and contests (door,  
posters, luncheon,  
bar, etc)

**NEXT MEETING is**  
January 7th  
7:30pm

For More Info  
Contact Laurie  
749-7451



### Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Jan** 3- Kelly Taylor Comedy Fundraiser  
4 - Cowboy Church  
6 - St Mary's 'The Epiphany'  
7 - Winter Festival Meeting  
10 - Sr Hockey vs Big River  
18 - Joint Concert @ LBPC  
23/24 - Firemans Bonspiel  
31 - Prairie Women on Snowmobile Visit  
- Grambo & Parenteau Concert F&F  
- Sr Hockey vs Meadow Lake
- February** 6-8 - Sask First Bantam Zone Camp  
7/8 - Ladies Bonspiel  
14 - SnoPosse Snowmobile Rally
- 4th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival 20-28th**  
20 - Light Parade, Tobogganing/Bonfire  
21 - Library Breakfast, SnoPitch,  
Human Dog Sled Race  
22 - Country Gospel, Museum Potatoe Supper  
24 - Talent Night (must Register)  
25 - Curling Funspiel  
26 - Birchview Carnival, Dinner Theatre  
27 - Luncheon, Airband Entertainment  
28 - Cross Country Ski, SnowStomp
- March** 2-6 - Seniors Cashspiel Week  
13/14 - Gooser Tournament  
TBA Open Bonspiel  
14-19 - Legion Dominion Nationals Curling  
21 - Skating Rink Carnival & Supper  
28/29 - Two Person Tuff Spiel

### Participants Needed for:

**the Human Dog Sled Race.**  
3 Boys, 3 Girls, 3 Generations (30 yrs between oldest & youngest). Human Dog Sled Teams will pull a sled down main street in a race to the finish. 2 teams registered already. Check out our Facebook page for last years videos!!

**Sno-Pitch** Teams of 8 can register with the Rec Office

**Light Parade** - Pick a festival theme, get creative and make a float.

Entertainers for the **Talent Night**  
(contact Lyle Mohn) and **Country Gospel**  
(contact Inez Shilling)

**Airband Performers** - at the F&F

**Contests:** Snow Sculpting, Febru-Hairy  
Register with Rec Office