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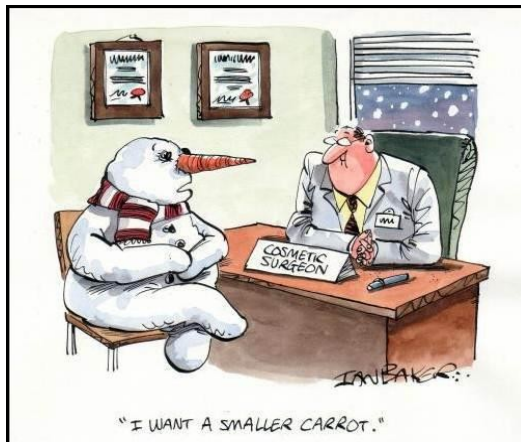
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Welcome to 2016!! May this year bring you plenty of joy, peace and happiness. ...and may I add snow?! For without snow, our winter festival and Sno-Posse Rally won't be as fun. So if anyone knows where it's hiding, please send some this way! Sorry to those that don't care for snow, but if we're going to have a cold winter...I hope to be able to play in some snow! All the best to you,

Laurie Berube, Rec Director



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

Birch Hills Cowboy Church
@ Community Centre
1st Sun of each month
Next Service

January 3rd 7:00pm
All are welcome



Featuring Country Gospel Music with down home bible message w/ Pastor Rick Martin (981-2235)

All are Welcome

Epiphany / Ukrainian Christmas

Wednesday January 6, 2016
7:00pm
St. Mary's Anglican Church,
Birch Hills

Come and celebrate the visit of the wise men to Bethlehem. This short service will be followed by a perogi supper. All are welcome.



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If you would like to be a sponsor of the 'Heartbeat' newsletter, contact Laurie at 306-749-7451/ birchhillsrec@sasktel.net. The cost is \$100/ sponsor (3/month) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for you & the community. Sponsoring into March. ..reserve your spot today! Thank you for supporting your local paper.

SAVE THE DATES!

5th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival

Will be held

Thursday, February 25 - Saturday 28th, 2016

All your favourite events and family activities packed into four days of winter fun!! Next planning meeting is

JANUARY 7th @ 7pm in the museum basement

Come be a part of all the FUN!!

Seeking Sponsors for any of the following events. Sign up early to make sure your name or company is advertised in all of the promotional materials

Curling Funspiel,

Library Pancake Brunch

Snow Stomp Family Dance

Street Hockey,

Family Skate w/ Brrrrt

If you have ideas, would like to help, donate prizes or sponsor events, please contact Rec Office. At 749-7451 (text or call)

Progressive 50/50 tickets on sale now: \$5 ea or 3 for \$10

SCHOOL NEWS

Jan 4 Return to School
28 School Wide Celebration
Feb 1 PLC (no classes)
15 -21 Winter Break

LIBRARY NEWS

STORY TIME Fridays
for 3 - 5yrs old
1:00-1:45pm



Come Visit your Local Library Today

You're at home here. NOTICE OF NOMINATION



Nominations will be accepted January 18, 2016

to January 29/2016 for Delegates of The Prince Albert Co-operative Association. Delegate Positions are available at the following locations:

Domremy (one 3 year term)
La Ronge (one 3 year term)
Paddockwood (one 3 year term)
Shellbrook (one 3 year term)
Smeaton (one 3 year term)
Wakaw (one 3 year term)
Big River (one 3 year term)
Kinistino (one 3 year term)
Marcelin (one 3 year term)
Canwood (one 3 year term)

BIRCH HILLS (one 3 year term)

Prince Albert (five 3 year terms)

Nomination forms are available at the Food Store at each location, except Shellbrook where they can be picked up at the Agro Center.

Nominees must do the majority of their Co-op purchases at the location for which they are nominated, or be a resident of the district.



GOLF COURSE NEWS

CLUB HOUSE MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2015 8:00PM AT MUSEUM

FIRST RESPONDER COURSE

If there is interest there will be courses offered on February 26-28, 2016 and March 4-6, 2016 in Prince Albert at Parkland Ambulance.

Pre-request to have CPR-C certification (available at Parkland) and commitment to the dates of course. Contact Brian @ 306-953-8354 or email brian@parklandambulance.com

JOIN THE FIRST RESPONDERS OF BIRCH HILLS!

Thank you to those that are willing to be there in times of need

Notice: Starting Saturday January 9, 2016 the **Birch Hills Museum and Thrift Shop** will be open on Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm (we have had requests from folks who work when we are open) We will continue to be open on Wednesday's as usual. Happy New Year to all from the Board of Directors and the Volunteers at the Museum, join us for coffee and a visit soon.

Shirley

PRAIRIE WOMEN ON SNOWMOBILES (PWOS)

Will once again be coming through Birch Hills during their 6 day tour across Saskatchewan. PWOS is a group of dedicated volunteers with one mission in mind - to help in any way they can to find a cure for breast cancer. Birch Hills will be their 1st stop of their tour on Sunday, January 31/16. Members from the Birch Hills Sno-Posse will meet them at the LPBC at 9:30am Sunday morning and lead them into town. They will have their 1st coffee stop of their tour at the BH Curling Rink at 10:00am. Everyone is welcome to come and welcome the girls and kick off their tour by having a coffee and a treat. If you have any questions or concerns please call Jodie Gordon 306-930-7306



Summer Employment Opportunities:

Playground Leaders: Seeking students interested in a future working with children. Candidate would be creative, safety minded, fun and responsible.

Golf Course Clubhouse Workers or Greenskeepers:

Please send your resume or letter of interest to Rec Dept at birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or mail to Box 280

BIRCHVIEW NEWS JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone Welcome

2:30pm

Jan 14th The Sinclairs
Jan 20th The Job Mates Band
Jan 25th The Gramps
Jan 28th BH Line Dancers - Step Outs



BIRCH HILLS SKATING ARENA NEWS

PUBLIC SKATING

Mon, Wed, Fri 3:30-5:00pm Sat & Sun's 2:00-4:00pm.

Fees are \$5 for public skate, Sundays (or anytime) Family Skate \$10 or
Become an Arena member (covers Public Skate for whole season)
(pay at the canteen or the caretaker)

Wednesdays After School
Scrimmage

All Ages Welcome. Parents,
Adults, Youth Encouraged to
Come Play. Helmets are
mandatory for youth 18yrs <

BLACKHAWK SENIOR HOCKEY NEWS



Volunteers needed to help at gate and canteen. Even one time
would help alot! Please contact Jamie Tilford if you are available

Come out to cheer on our Senior Hockey Team. Game Fee \$6/adult plus 50/50
draws help to pay for refs, bus trips and ice time. Your support is appreciated!

UPCOMING GAMES

Jan 9th 8:00 @ LaRonge	Jan 16th 8:00 @ Moosomin
Jan 22nd 8:30 vs Big Rivers Braves	Jan 24th @ Whitefish Flyers
Jan 29th 8:30 vs Whitefish Flyers	Jan 30th 8:00 vs Moosomin



SKATING CLUB NEWS

Our skating days are
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Star Skate 4:00-5:15pm
CanSkate 5:30-6:15

Skating resumes Jan 5th

SAVE THE DATE:
Skating Carnival March 20

Comedy Night with 3 comedians!

Lars Callieou, Alex Flortin & To be Announced

January 2nd

Tickets \$25 at the Birch
Hills Civic Centre

SOLD OUT



BOOK A PRIVATE ICE BIRTHDAY PARTY TODAY



\$150 includes 1 hour ice time, hotdog,
fries & drink (Minimum 10 kids)
over 10 charge \$5.50 each.

Staff, Friends & Family Private Parties available too!

Call Laurie 749-7451 to book Afterschool or weekends

MINOR HOCKEY

HOME GAMES

Sun, Jan 3	Atoms vs Melfort	11:00am
Tues, Jan 5	Novice vs Melfort	6:30pm
Wed Jan 6	Atoms vs Melfort	6:30pm
Thur Jan 7	PeeWee vs Tisdale	6:30pm
Wed Jan 13	Novice vs Carrot Rvr	6:30pm
Thur Jan 14	PeeWee vs Carrot Rvr	6:30pm
Sat, Jan 16th	<i>Atom Tourney</i>	
Tues Jan 19	PeeWee vs Melfort	6:30pm
Wed Jan 20	Atom vs Melfort	6:30pm
Sat, Jan 23rd	<i>IP Tourney</i>	
Sat Jan 23	Midget vs Melfort	6:30pm
Sun Jan 24	Atom vs Carrot Rvr	4:15pm
Wed Jan 27	Novice vs Nipawin	6:30pm
Sun, Jan 31	<i>Novice Tourney</i>	



Barracuda's Ladies
Hockey Tournament
Jan 8 & 9th

Raffle Table,
50/50's, Canteen Specials and
Lounge (Sat). If you are able to
help for a couple hours, pls contact
Natalie @ 960-3408



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

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

Jan 8/9 Ladies Hockey, Barracuda's Tournament	Jan 23 IP Tourney
Jan 16 Atom Tourney	Feb 5/6 SHA Midget Camp
Jan 31 Novice Tourney	

If you have any helmets and/or skates, sticks
not of use to you and you'd like to donate
to the rink, please bring to Caretakers or
Canteen Workers for those who do not have
equipment to play. Thank you!



NOTE: Helmets are now
required for youth 18 yrs
when playing on ice

EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

MONDAYS

Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Dolores Jones 749-2680
Fire Depart Mtgs every 2nd Mon 7pm @ fire hall Kyle Jensen 749-7536
Linedancing Mondays starts soon @ Civic Centre
Public Skating 3:30-5pm

TUESDAYS

Senior Curling League 1:30pm Coffee & Dainties to follow
Moms & Tots @ Youth Centre 10am-12pm \$2 drop in fee
Library Open Weekly 12-4pm and 5-8pm



WEDNESDAYS

Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am @ Civic Centre
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
Public Skating 3:30-5pm **Afterschool Shiny**
Goosers Rec Hockey 9:30pm Shannon 749-7908
Town Council Meetings 2nd and 4th Wed of the month
Brahma Insurance Two Person Curling League



THURSDAYS

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Dolores Jones 749-2680
Moms & Tots @ Youth Centre 9am-12pm \$2 drop in fee
Library Open 12 - 4:30pm
Hawkeyes Rec Hockey 9:30pm Tyler C. 749-2228
Red Head Equipment Super Curling League Teams of 4
Legion Mtg 2nd Thurs ea month 7pm @ legion hall.



FRIDAYS

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St
Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm/ **Story time** 1-1:45pm **4&5yrs**
Senior Curling League 1:30pm Coffee & Dainties to follow
Public Skating 3:30-5pm



SATURDAY & SUNDAYS

Public Skating 2-4 Saturday Shiny, Sun Family Skate
***NEW Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 1:00-4:00pm**
Sunday Drop in Volley Ball 7:30pm @ the school gym \$2/ea
Call if you have changes or events to add to this list; Laurie at 749-7451

DROP IN VOLLEYBALL



Sunday Evenings

7:30 - 9:00pm

in the School Gym

\$2 drop in fee

Recommended for 16yrs+

Anyone Welcome even spectators!



...It seems there was some confusion to the joke put in the last paper.. As some claimed, perhaps a little 'too deep'! But I'm not going to just give it away, but I'll give some clues. The lack of color on the printed newsletters may not have helped. So, Hint #1: The nose was red, which leads to Hint #2: This is Rudolf, Santa's head reindeer. Hint #3: Review the subject marks. Hint #4: The punch line is in the famous Christmas song...last line! Oh now I've gone and given it away! I hope that helps.



BIRCH HILLS LADIES LINE DANCING

NOW Two Days a week!!

9:30-11am @ Civic Center

No experience necessary.

Come join the 'Step Outs' Mondays & Wednesdays or when ever you can!



Hello from TLC Daycare!!! The daycare



is in need of new playground equipment. We would like to

purchase structures that will last, so the expense will be quite high. We will gladly accept any donations. We also now have our charitable status and can issue tax receipts for any and all donations. TLC cares for children 6 weeks to 12 years, we have space for 45 children. Currently the daycare is running pretty much to capacity so if you need care please phone or drop by and we will add you to the waiting list!! We are open Mon-Fri from 7am to 6pm.

RYSC YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISING

We are continuing to accept donations of **RECYCLABLE BEVERAGE** cans & bottles.

Donations of Canadian Tire Money can be dropped off in mailbox outside Post Office Call 749-2478 for more info



REMINDER: 2016 LICENCES

As outlined in the Town of Birch Hills Bylaw #04/12 residents are required to annually register their dogs and cats. Failure to do so could result in fines.

Annual Registration Fee	\$10
Failure to Register	\$20
Subsequent offences	\$40

Impoundment:

First Offence	\$75 plus \$5 per day
Subsequent Offences	\$150 plus \$5 per day

Stop by the Town Office to register your pets. Copies of the bylaw available upon request



NOMINATIONS being accepted at the Rec Office for those you would like to recommend as Outstanding Volunteers in our Community. Send information of who and why you would like to recognize them for their Volunteerism and the difference that they make in our town.

Big or small it all counts
Email Laurie at
birchhillsrec@sasktel.net



Volunteer Positions available at Birchview Home - Birch Hills (306) 749-3488

You can also reach the PAPHR Volunteer Services Department at (306) 765-6010, by email at volunteers@paphr.sk.ca or find us on the web at www.princealbertparklandhealth.ca.

We look forward to matching your talents and interests with the right position for you

Mark the Date for a

PLAY DATE

Friday, January 15, 2016

Free Pop Up Play Date is being held for all children.

Hosted by Peekaboo Beans
Watch for more details in next newsletter for times & place.

It's all about Kids & Play



BOUQUET OF THANKS: From the Grade 7 & 8 Club Volleyball team: Special thank you to all the folks in the community that supported the team in their Ice Melt Fundraiser. We sold 120 pails of ice melt in 2 weeks. Thank you to Crop Production Services for this opportunity.

Coaches, Vicki Eldstrom & Roxanne Mitchell

PS: Thanks to Tammy Forsyth for coordinating the fundraiser...Your effort & support are appreciated!

Send entries to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or call 306-749-7451

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

BIRCH HILLS BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS and NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP:

'The Flute & Fiddle'

We are moving Salon Krush into the Flute and Fiddle. We would like to thank everyone for their patients while we are in this transition and we look forward to trying out new ideas in January to see what works best for us and you! Please do not hesitate to call or text for any rentals or appts needed. We look forward to hearing from you! 749-7405 / 749-1112
Kristy Nelson & Shea Markling



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Community & Recreation'
Website: www.birchhills.ca

SENIOR CURLING BONSPIEL

January 18 - 22nd
\$140/ 4person team (includes luncheon)

Register at Curling Rink with Robyn.
Leave a message 749-2951

CURLING CLUB NEWS



Tuesdays & Fridays Senior League 1:30pm
Coffee and Treats to follow

Wednesday Brahma Insurance 2 Person League first draw 7:00pm

Thursday Red Head Equipment Super League Teams of 4
7:00 and 9:00pm draws



Junior Curlers: There will be afterschool curling program for youth starting in the new year.

Tuesdays, 3:45-5:00pm Watch for more details or contact the Rec Office or Hugh Sampson

ANNUAL RAFFLE Buy your tickets now for the 'Winners Choice' Curling Club Fundraiser. Choose Elkridge or Waskesiu.
Draw Date March 19th. Tickets \$5 ea or 5 for \$20

LEGION MEMBERS OPEN BONSPIEL

January 21st to 24th, 2016
All Legion members welcome to play 4/team
Thurs, Jan 21st: Registration, Meet & Greet 5pm
Fri, 22nd: Pancake Breakfast 8-10am Open to Public @ CC
10:30-11 Opening Ceremonies (march to rink)
11:00 First Draw, 2:30pm 2nd Draw Mixed & Masters
Sat, Jan 23rd: 9am - 6pm Curling. 5:30 Cocktails, Banquet & Entertainment. \$15/person
Sun, Jan 24th 10am Finals, Closing Ceremonies

LADIES BONSPIEL 70's Theme

February 5 - 7th, 2016
\$160/4 team includes banquet Sat Night
To register pls contact Jodie Gordon 930-7306
(asap, spots are filling up fast) Only 16 teams allowed.
First come /First Served
Everyone welcome to come out and cheer the ladies on over the weekend. Friday Night there will be a wing night as well as lunch counter through the weekend



Thank you to all who gave to the "Fellowship of the Least Coin" in 2015. Birch Hills United Church Women (UCW) has sent \$187.75 to Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada for the Fellowship of Least Coin projects in Canada and around the world. Also thank you to everyone who donated food items for the Ministerial Christmas hampers here in Birch Hills and to those who gave items for the Women's Shelter in Prince Albert.

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Jan 2 - Sr Hockey Comedy Night
- 3 - Cowboy Church
- 5 - Jr Afterschool Curling Starts (Tuesdays)
- 6 - Epiphany / Ukrainian Christmas
- 7 - Winter Festival Planning Meeting
- 8-9 - Barracuda Ladies Hockey Tourney
- 9 - Thrift Shop starts Opening Saturdays
- 15 - Peekaboo Beans Free Pop up Play Date
- 16 - Atom Hockey Tourney
- 18-22 - Seniors Curling Bonspiel
- 22 - Sr Hockey Home Game
- 23 - IP Hockey Tourney
- 21-24 - Legion Open Curling
- 29 - Sr Hockey Home Game
- 30 - Sr Hockey Home Game
- 31 - Novice Hockey Tourney
- Prairie Women on Snowmobiles Tour Stop
- Feb 5-7 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel
- 5&6 - SHA Midget Hockey Camp
- 13 - SnoPosse Snowmobile Rally
- 25-28 - 5th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival
- Mar 5&6 - 4 Person Open Bonspiel
- 11-12 - Gooser Rec Hockey Tourney
- 18/19 - 2 Person Tuffspiel & Windup
- 20 - Skating Club Carnival
- Jul 1 - Raffle draw for new Golf Cart