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Greetings Folks,

Winter Festival planning is going well and BIG THANKS to those who have been helping to plan.

It is going to be another fabulous week!

Now we just need your participation. Check out pages 2 and 3 for events and contests. Many events require pre-registration. Even if you are not sure, pls contact organizers so they can save a spot for you. Tickets for SnowStomp & Valentines Dinner will be ready for pick up soon. You wont want to miss out these events.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Cheers,

**Laurie Berube, Rec Director**



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## Family Curling Funspiel

Sat, Jan 18th, 2014

Starts at 12:00pm

Bring the kids out

to play and learn

the game of curling

Curling Club

members willing to teach



## Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training

January 18, 2014

8:00 - 1:30pm

St Johns Ambulance in PA with Marty Howe

This course is free, only 10 spots available. Looking to fill with Skating & Hockey Coaches

## Birch Hills School...

### a Bully Free Zone

Donny Parenteau will be visiting our school on his "It Starts with a Dream/ Bully Free Zone" Tour Thursday, January 16th, 11:00pm @ Birch Hills School

JANUARY issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for you by: **Sno Posse Snowmobile Club, Marcel & Monique Cousins Farm, Allan & Barbara Haug,**

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 ea sponsor (3/month) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for you & the community. Thank you for supporting your local paper.

## Alphabet Soup in Motion

returning... Jan 29 for 6 wks

Wednesday evenings

5:30 to 7:30 pm @ TLC daycare.

This program mixes family literacy, healthy eating, and physical movement in a

fun filled program for children 2 - 5 years old and their parents.

There are limited spots, pls RSVP Terri Morgan [tmorgan.kidsfirst@gmail.com](mailto:tmorgan.kidsfirst@gmail.com) partnered with Kids First



## BIRCH HILLS FIREMEN'S FUNDRAISER FUNSPIEL & STEW COOKOFF

January 24 & 25, 2014

Curling - \$40/Team of 4

Stew Cookoff - \$20/Entry



Looking for competition for the stew cook off ...Let's taste what you got!!

**REGISTER EARLY!!**

For more info or to sign up, call Tracy Lubyk 980-7675

## Birch Hills and District Historical Society

### Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Museum basement

Pot luck supper 5:00

Annual meeting to follow

Everyone welcome. We invite people to get involved with their Historical Society. Plans are being made for 2014 Threshing Day and help is needed to continue.

## BIRCH HILLS SKATING ARENA NEWS

Book a Staff, Family or Birthday Party at the Skating Rink Contact 749-7451 to book today



### MINOR HOCKEY in BIRCH HILLS

Jan 15	Novice vs Melfort	6:30pm
Jan 16	Midget vs Nipawin	7:00pm
Jan 18	<b>IP Tournament</b>	all day
Jan 21	Atom vs Hudson Bay	6:30pm
Jan 24	IP vs Wakaw	6:00pm
Jan 25	Bantam vs Nipawin	12:15pm
Jan 26	IP vs Nipawin	12:15pm
Jan 27	Novice vs Star City	7:00pm
Jan 29	IP vs Cudworth	6:30pm

### BIRCH HILLS SENIOR BLACKHAWKS HOME GAMES



Sat, Jan 18	vs Meadow Lake Broncos	8:00pm
Fri, Jan 24	vs St Louis Blues	8:30pm

### DROP IN SCRIMMAGE

Monday Nights

**CANCELLED** due to lack of participation. Big Thanks to Natalie Matheson for her never ending patience for trying to make this happen.



**CORRECTION:** The Birch Hills Good Neighbour Baskets were donated by the Birch Hills Historical Society (not the Community Boosters)



## 3rd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival

February 7 - 15th, 2014

**The next planning meeting is JAN 27th, 2014!!** 7:00pm at the Museum. Contact Rec Office if you can not make it but are interested in helping. 749-7451 or [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Friday:** **Human Dog Sled Races** (3boys, 3girls, 3 generations) Win Cash! *Sponsored by Brahma Insurance*  
**Light Parade** - Light up your Ride! Register with Duane 749-3446 or 960-9937  
**Tobogganning and Bonfire:** @ Max Creek *Sponsored by McIntyre Construction & RM of BH*  
**Flute & Fiddle** - Opening early for race/parade. Regular Open Stage
- Saturday:** **19th Annual SnoPosse Poker Rally:** Breakfast served by Pre-School Group Raffle Table & Food open to all, even if you are not snowmobiling
- Sunday:** **SnoPitch Ball Tournament:** Individuals or Teams must register at Rec Office *Sponsored by Lions Club*  
**County Gospel:** Those wanting to share their gift of song/music contact Innez 749-2716  
**Potato Supper:** you won't want to miss this amazin' Potato & Fixin' Dinner by the Historical Society
- Monday:** **Birchview Nursing Home Winter Carnival** - who will be crowned Queen/King, Prince/Princess this year? (tentative) **Street Hockey:** @ 4pm between the rinks  
**Family Curling and Snacks** - Bring the whole family out to play starts 7pm *Sponsored by Curling Club*
- Tuesday:** **Talent Show:** If you have talent and you want to share contact Lyle Mohn 749-7927 to register  
Treats for fundraiser sales with the **Birch Hills Fire Department**
- Wed** **Soup/Sandwich Luncheon:** *hosted by Birch Hills Seniors* All are welcome Games to follow
- Thursday:** **Game Night:** pick your favorite game, invite your friends and Play! Send in photos for prizes
- Friday:** **Mexican Valentines Fiesta - Ola Amigos!** *Proceeds towards Birch Hill Recreation Board*
- Saturday:** **Library Pancake Breakfast** - Delicious homemade pancakes *Event sponsored by Birch Hills Co-op*  
**Family Skate with Brrrt** Come skate with the festival mascot. *Event Sponsored by Cargill Birch Hills* (tentative) **Cross Country Skiing** @ Golf Course 1pm  
**Snow Stomp Family Dance** - Draws, Contests and Dancing for the whole family

WATCH FOR PHOTOS AND MORE INFORMATION ON FACEBOOK - [Birch Hills Community & Recreation Page](#)

## SIGN UP AND GET READY for contests, games and fun in the Brrr Chills Winter Festival

### Sno-Pitch Tournament

February 9th, 2014

Seeking individuals and teams of 8  
No fee for entry, just for fun but  
you must register. Call 749-7451.

Weiner roast, chips & pop for players

*Event Sponsored by Birch Hills Lion's Club*



### NEW: Human Dog Sled Races

(3 boys, 3 girls, 3 generations)

Teams do not have to be related. Must be 40 year span  
between youngest and oldest. 5 'dogs' will pull one on  
sled and race downtown for prizes and fame.

2 teams have registered already! Contact Rec Office

*Event Sponsored by Brahma Insurance*

CASH & PRIZES TO BE WON

### Snow Sculpt Contest:

Register your town address with Lorne  
960-2456 by Jan 31st. Sculpture to  
be ready by February 7th.

*Event Sponsored by Mayor, Shirley Ulvild*

Cash Prizes 1st \$100, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40



### Winter Festival Participation Draw

Enter your name for prizes.  
The more events you attend, the  
more chances to win.  
Watch for helpers handing out  
ballots at events.

### Progressive 50/50

Tickets available @  
Brahma Insurance,  
Quayle Pharmacy or  
from Bud. **Money Pot  
over \$100 so far**

### Brrrt Color Contest -

*Sponsored by Clay Oven and  
Knitting Grannies*

Color Pages available soon at  
school, Co-op on online  
(Facebook). Kids 12yrs under  
bring your pages to the Snow Stomp  
Family Dance, February 15 to win your  
very own Brrrt Bear



### Febru-hairy Contest returns....

Who will be awarded title of having the

- Hairiest Legs
- The Sexiest Legs
- The longest Legs
- or the Best Dancing Legs in town

Contest held at the Snow Stomp Family Dance.

Register 749-7451. Prizes to be won



### SNOW STOMP FAMILY DANCE

Festival Wind up, Fun for the whole family  
Saturday, February 15th  
@ the Civic Center  
7:00 - 12:00am

Tickets available soon at Grumpy's & CIBC.  
\$10 each Kids under 12yrs supervised by  
an adult are free. Old time Dancing, Con-  
tests, Draws, Midnight Lunch

For More Info Call Laurie @ Rec Office 749-7451

## BIRCH HILLS COMMUNITY CLUBS

Birch Hills Sno-Posse would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!!! We are the local snowmobile club in town and will be hosting our **19th ANNUAL SNOWMOBILE RALLY** this year on **Saturday February 8, 2014**. We would like to extend an invitation out to everyone to come to the civic center that day and check out some of the prizes we have to raffle off and our silent auction items.

The Birch Hills Pre-school will also be putting on a pancake breakfast in the morning and serving burgers in the afternoon. Keep an eye out for our posters around town with all the details!! This will be the 19<sup>th</sup> rally the Sno Posse has put on. The snowmobile rally is our only fundraiser for the club. Money is used to maintain the three local snowmobile shacks we have built up over the years. These warm up shacks are welcome for anyone to use. The club also makes donations to local organizations like the curling rink, civic center and fire dept.

This year our snowmobile club brought in a new board of members and we are excited to see new faces and open to new ideas to help continue the strength of our club since it was created.

Contact Sheldon Gordon at (306)749-7645, Mathew Njaa at (306)749-7010 or  
Jodie Guse (306) 930-7306 for further information about meetings or becoming a member!

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Playground Program Leaders:** The Recreation Depart will again host the Summer Playground Program in Birch Hills and Weldon. Candidates will be returning to highschool or post secondary school. Must be 15yrs of age. Preferably interested in careers involving children development.  
Number of position available pending grant approvals

**Golf Course Positions:** If you are interested in summer employment on the greens or in the clubhouse....

Send resumes to the Rec Office @ Box 280, Birch Hills or via email at [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)

### BIRCHVIEW NURSING HOME'S LADIES AUXILIARY,

which was organized when it opened in 1983, is still an active group of volunteers in Birch Hills. Among services we provide are Bingo and Hair Care for residents, and funding for 'extras' that help make Birchview Home such a special place to live. Getting volunteer drivers and arranging their schedules for delivery of Meals on Wheels is also faithfully looked after by one of our members.

As well we provide other satisfying volunteer opportunities for local people who are willing to become involved. Most of our funding now comes from monitory gifts given to our club in memory of departed loved ones and is used in various ways for enhancement of Birchview residents' quality of life.

Our **meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of each month in the Birchview Activities room. Why not join us there for a coffee and a meeting to see first hand what we are all about. "***Touching Lives and Lifting Spirits***" is our goal and a fine effort to be part of, and new members are always welcome

### OLD TIME FIDDLE CONCERT

Monday, Feb 3rd 7:00pm  
Featuring accomplished Fiddlers Gordon Stobbe and JJ Guy  
with Cathy Sproule on piano

Birch Hills Sr Hall

Admission at the door \$20 12yrs and under \$5  
Limited Seating, Dancing Encouraged  
Donations at the door for use of the hall much appreciated. Seats can be reserved with  
Marj Graham 749-3391



### UPCOMING CURLING BONSPIELS

**Family Funspiel** Jan 18 Bring the Kids  
**Firemens Bonspiel** Jan 24/25  
**SCA Sr Playdowns** Jan 31/Feb 1  
**Dominion Playoffs** Feb 21-22

**Seniors Bonspiel** Moved to March TBA  
Includes luncheon

**Ladies Bonspiel** March 7-9  
Includes Saturday banquet



**Open Bonspiel** March 15/16  
Open to any adult curlers. includes banquet

**2 Person Bonspiel** March 29/30  
Saturday Night Dance & Season Windup

*Register at the Curling Rink 749-2951  
Curling sheets are available to rent for parties  
& gatherings. Cost is \$75-350.  
Contact Robin for more information*

### The Birch Hills COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

will meet on Tuesday February 18th, 2014  
@ 7:30pm in the Museum Boardroom.  
**(meeting ends 9pm sharp...we promise)**  
ANYONE interested in making town im-  
provements is WELCOME

### KAISER TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 25th  
@ St Louis Senior's Club



Entry Fee \$50/ team  
\$100, \$300, \$600 Cash Prizes to be won

For information or to Pre-Register call  
Luc @ 423-5435 or Marc @ 422-8679 or  
Marcel @ 422-8665

Deadlines for submissions for newsletter are the 10th and 25th of each month.  
end entries to [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net) or call 306-749-7451



## EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS



### MONDAY

Line Dancing 930-1100am @ the Senior Hall  
 Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364  
 T.O.P.S. (take pounds off sensibly) 5-6pm at the Health Centre  
 Thimbles & Threads Sewing Club 6:30pm @ Birchview Melissa 749-3482  
 Drop In Co-ed Hockey **2nd & 4th Monday** Natalie 960-3408  
 Fire Department Meetings 7pm @ fire hall

### TUESDAY



Knitting Grannies 2nd & 4th Tues of ea month @ Sr Hall  
 Karate 7:30pm St Louis Karate Club 422-8665  
 Library Open 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 1st Tues of the month  
 AWANA Kids 6:45pm @LPBC For Kids 5-12yrs / kind-grade 6

### WEDNESDAY



Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am at the Sr Hall  
 Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 9-4:00pm Great Deals!  
 Coffee & Sweets at the Museum 3:00 pm  
 Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders Contact Audrey 749-2217 to join  
 Birchview Ladies Aux 9:30 every 2nd Wed ea 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

### FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St  
 Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm **Story time** 1:00pm  
 Flute & Fiddle Steak Night, Open Mic & Karaoke Starts 5pm All Welcome

### SUNDAY

Ladies Hockey 4:00-5:00pm Laurie 749-7451/Natalie 960-3408

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS



Birch Hills Community Church @ Civic Centre 11:00am  
 428 Bellamy Ave 9:30am  
 Lutheran Church Service (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

## BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY NEWS

### Library Hours:

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



**StoryTime** Every Friday  
 1:00-1:45pm For kids 3yrs+--

## COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONTACTS

### Senior Hall

Vel Bompais 749-3364 Hall Rentals

### Birch Hills Royal Cdn Legion

Lyle Mohn 749-7927 Rentals  
 Marlene Lypchuk 749-2571 Member Info

### 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

### Community Garden

Ann Woods 306-749-3237

### Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders

Audrey Matheson 749-2217

Fire Department

Tracy Lubyk

Sno-Posse Snowmobile Club

Jodi or Sheldon Gordon

Birchview Ladies Auxillary

'Like' our facebook page Like

to get activity updates.

Feel free to add your own event or activity info

'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

### Other Local pages:

Birch Hills Bargain Basement, Birch Hills Mamas, Birch Hills Dance Centre, Birch Hills Blackhawks, General Quarters Paintball, Flute and Fiddle, Birch Hills Community Garden, Birch Hills Sno-Posse, Clay Oven Café, Birch Hills Co-op, Partie Perks Rental Studio, Community Boosters

**NEW** Dreamland Optimist Club of BH

'Like' these pages to become part of these groups activities events

## Birch Hills & District Recreation

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director  
Box 280 Birch Hills, SK S0J 0G0  
Fax: 306-749-2545  
E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net  
Text or call cell: 306-749-7451  
Facebook Page: 'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

## Birch Hills Cowboy Church

@ Community Centre

1st Sunday of each month

Next **Feb 2nd, 7:00pm**

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



**CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS** are open at the Golf Course.



## CURLING RAFFLE

Tickets now available at Curling Rink or from Curling Members.

### Winner's Choice

Summer Golf Vacation @ Waskesieu OR

Winter Ski Vacation @ Elk Ridge.  
\$5 ea or 5 for \$20

Draw Date March 22 @ 2 Person  
Bonspiel Wind up Dance

## SOUP FOR SENIORS

Come down to the Senior Hall on January 18 and February 22  
11:00 - 1:00pm

Lunch will be Served, the Friendship is up to you!



## Birch Hills Guiding Association Fruit Drive

Oranges and Grapefruits for sale. \$10 Half and \$20 for Full boxes available.

If you do not receive a phone call from one of our families by Jan 22, you can phone your order into Audrey @ 749-2217. Fruit will be available for pick up Feb 6 & 7



## CURL-A-DROME NEWS



Monday: Adult Curling 7:00pm Drop In's Welcome

Tuesday: Senior League 1:30pm coffee & dessert

Wednesday: 2 Person League sponsored by Brahma Insurance

Thursday: Super League 4/ team 7:00pm

Friday: Senior League 4/team 1:30pm coffee & dessert

**Drop In's Welcome** just \$10, for those that can't commit to weekly play or just want to try curling

**MANY BONSPIELS COMING UP. SEE PAGE 4 FOR COMPLETE LIST**

## Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Jan** 15 - Historical Society AGM & Potluck  
16 - Donny Parenteau Bull Free Zone  
18 - Family Curling Funspiel  
- Soup for Seniors  
- IP Minor Hockey Tournament  
- Senior Hockey Game  
24 - Senior Hockey Game  
24/25 - Firemens Curling Bonspiel & Cookoff  
25 - St Louis Sr's Kaiser Tournament  
29 - Alphabet Soup in Motion  
31 - Register Snow Sculpt address

## February

2 - Cowboy Church

## 7-16 3rd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival

- 7-Human Dog Sled Race, Light Parade, Tobogganing, F&F Open Stage  
8 - Sno-Posse Rally, PreSchool Breakfast  
9 - Country Gospel, SnoPitch, Museum Potatoe Supper  
10 - Family Curling, Street Hockey(?) Birchview Winter Carnival  
11 - Talent Night  
12 - Sr hosted Luncheon & Games  
13 - Family Game Night  
14 - Mexican Valentine Fiesta  
15 - Pancake Brkfst, Cross Country Skiing, Skate with Brrrt, Snow Stomp Family Dance  
18 - Community Booster Mtg  
22 - Soup for Seniors

- March** 7-9 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel  
Senior Curling Bonspiel (new date TBA)  
15/16 - Open Curling Bonspiel  
22 - TLC Daycare/Birchview Art Gala  
29/30 - 2 Person Curling Bonspiel & Dance



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills