

TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS

HEARTBEAT

The 'Birch Hills Community Heartbeat' newsletter is printed bi-monthly and available at the following locations on the 1st and 15th of the month: Co-op Grocery, Brahma Insurance, Grumpy's Confectionary, Quayle Pharmacy, and various other businesses downtown. Pick up your free copy and share with a friend. Send your email address and request to be added to newsletter emailing list to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

January 15th, 2015

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Greetings All,

This weekend Birch Hills hosts the Boys and Girls school Winter Slam Basketball tourney.

Games start at 3pm on Friday and continue all day Saturday starting at 9am. Good luck Marauders!

There are plenty of activities coming up, including the winter festival. Most activities are free and many are family friendly.(pg6) Keep your calendars open from Feb 20-28th, you won't want to miss a thing. There are also some fun curling bonspiels coming up. If you're new to the game, come out Sunday for lessons and some practice. (pg4) Take care and stay warm,

Laurie Berube, Rec Director

Midget AA Hockey Game in BH

Beardy's vs Prince Albert

Wed, January 21 game starts 7:30pm

5 local players have been playing AA this year. Come cheer on Travis Elsaesser, Zach Lacombe, Connor Njaa, Andy Slind and Scott Swenson

LADIES CASH-SPIEL

Friday Feb 6th & 7th

Entry fee \$120.00/team of 4

Includes banquet

This year's bonspiel theme is VEGAS and there will be a contest for best dressed.



If you would like to register a team please contact Jodie Gordon by Sun, Feb 1st 306-930-7306. Individuals welcome. Pls specify if you need a team.

Watch our Town's Facebook page for pics of last years ladies event

SOUP FOR SENIORS

Come down to the Senior Hall

Saturday, January 17th

11:00 - 1:00pm

for a homemade luncheon served by loving community members

Next dates are Jan 17, Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 11 & May 9 (BBQ)

Firemen's Curling Bonspiel

January 23 & 24, 2015

Entry Fee \$60/4 person

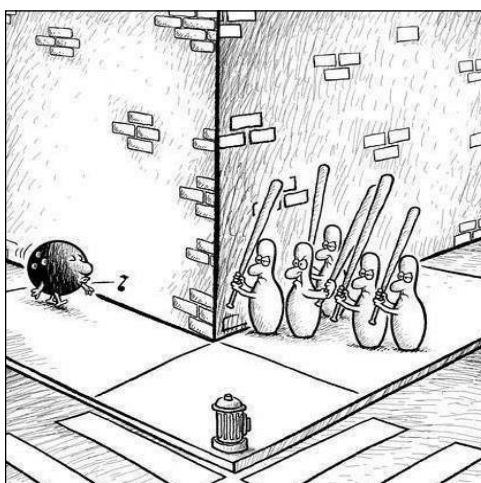
Call Kyle Jensen 749-7536

or Todd Devenis 749-7726

Proceeds going towards funding for new Command/Rescue Truck

50/50 & Silent Auction

No experience needed, but having fun is mandatory!



JANUARY issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for you 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.

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 May, if you would like a summer sponsor reserve now!

Hey You, Take a Hike!!

Join us 10:00-11:00am on Tuesdays & Thursdays

@ the civic Center

We will walk at our own pace and stay active.

Contact Shirley

Lyons 749-3233

for more info



All Welcome

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





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

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

Minor Sports Home Games

Atoms vs Tisdale Red Jan 18 4:15pm

PeeWee vs Nipawin Black Jan 24 2:00pm

PeeWee vs Nipawin Gold Jan 29 7:15pm

Novice vs St Breiux Feb 4 6:30pm



Birch Hills Barracudas Ladies Hockey Next Home Games

Jan 16 @ 7:00pm vs PA Tundra

Feb 6 @ 7:00pm vs PA Cougars

Feb 8 @ 4:00pm vs Tisdale



If anyone is interested in hosting a fundraiser with
hypnotic entertainment, I have contact
information. Laurie @ birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

The Clay Oven Cafe is currently under renovations
and redesign .

New Management eagerly awaits the opportunity to
offer a fresh new menu with exciting new ideas.

We will be re-launching the new service to our
community in the near future.

For possible Employment Opportunities

Contact Kim Fusick @ (306) 717-9661

If anyone or group is interested in operating the
canteen at the Skating Arena for games in February
and March, pls contact the Rec Office at 749-7451.

Sr Hockey Blackhawks Games



	Jan	
Home Game vs Leoville	16	8:45pm
Away Game @ Meadow Lk	17	8:30pm
Away Game @ Big River	24	8:30pm
Home Game vs Meadow Lk	31	8:30pm

NOTE: \$6/person game fee. These fees help to
pay for ice time and referees. Please support your
local Sr Hockey so our team can continue to play
for theirs and our enjoyment

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



COACHES CORNER

The Birch Hills Blackhawks Senior Hockey team and
executive would like to thank all those who supported
the Comedy Night (Jan 3rd) whether by prizes, help-
ing or attending, your support is greatly appreciated.

League Standings so far:

Big River W8, L3, Meadow Lake W8, L3,

Birch Hills W7, L4, Beardys W2, L5, Leoville W2, L9

DROP in GYM NIGHTS

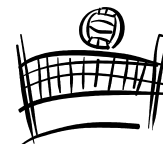
Recreation Volleyball to start

8:00pm @ the school gym

Tuesday Nights

\$2 drop in fee

16yrs + are invited to come play. Other activities
by majority request. Sitters may be arranged, if
there's interest. All athletic skill levels welcome



BOUQUET OF THANKS



The family of the late Bill Crawford wish to
express our deep appreciation to those who have
offered such kindness, support and messages of
sympathy and comfort in our bereavement.

We especially wish to thank the staff at Birchview
Home for taking such good care of Dad; The Reverend
Chris Dow for all of your support; Reverend Gary
Stobbs; Birch Hills Legion #122; St Mary's ACW; Bri-
an & Bev Stobbs and staff; our extended family and
friends; and the community of Birch Hills.

The Crawford Family

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

MOMS & TOTS GROUP

There is a group forming for mothers and preschool children. Dates, Times and Place are yet to be determined. Watch for more details in the next paper and on the Town Facebook page.



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

Persecution has a Face

Please join us to hear testimonies of persecuted Christians and to discover how you can come alongside those suffering for their faith in the middle east.

Sunday January 25

10:00am

at Lake Park Baptist Church

Guest Speaker: Greg Musselman,
VP of Outreach, the Voice of
the Martyrs Canada



The Birch Hills Sno Posse is holding their
20th annual Snowmobile Rally on Saturday February 14th, 2015.

Registration at the Birch Hills Civic Centre

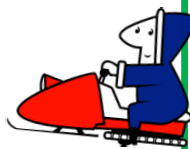
Hands sold from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Prizes for Earlybird Riders

Last Hand in By 4:00 PM

Free Trail Lunch

Pancake Breakfast starting @ 8:00am AM



BOUQUET OF THANKS from Bike Bob (McRury)

Bob would like to send out his sincere gratitude and thanks to those in the Birch Hills community that have helped to make the house project a reality for him.

This project would not have been completed if it wasn't for those folks that contributed with donations of supplies, money, and carpentry skills. The project would never have even existed if it wasn't for Vili Bati, Orvin Opseth and Kevin Hawreschuk organizing this project. Hats off to you fellas! Bob received the best Christmas present he could ever imagine and has been in his new home for a few weeks now. Bob invites you to come by for a visit and see what big hearts can do!!

Prairie Women On Snowmobile

Saturday January 31.

10:00am @ the Curling Rink

The Sno Posse will be bringing the women from the Lake Park Church to the Curling Rink where the CIBC in Birch Hills has partnered up with the Birch Hills SnoPosse to serve coffee and dainties for the riders and supporters to enjoy.

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. I hope to see all of you.
Jodie Gordon

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

Send entries to 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
Sunday Fundays	2-4pm Family all ages Curling Minimal Drop in fees

Fridays Afterschool Programming Starts January 23

Upcoming Bonspiels

Firemens Bonspiel	Jan 23/24
Ladies Bonspiel	Feb 7-8
Winter Festival	Feb 25th
Seniors Bonspiel Week	March 2-6
Open Bonspiel	March 20-22
Legion Dominion Nat'l's	March 14-19
Two Person Tuff Spiel	March 28-29



COFFEE ROW at the Curling Rink continuing
weekday mornings 7:00 - 10:00 am.
Coffee & toast available
Fri Breakfast Specials
All are welcome



VALENTINES Basket Raffle
tickets available from Curling Club members
\$5 ea or 3 for \$10
Proceeds used towards Curling Rink expenses

Winter Festival Family Curling Social
Wed, Feb 25th 7:00pm
No experience necessary
All ages welcome. No Charge



Sunday FunDays Family Curling

Come between 2 - 4:00pm
each Sunday
Lessons available.



will continue pending participation.

ANNUAL 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 29 @ Season Wind up Dance
Proceeds go towards Curling Club expenses



Curling Rink 749-2951 leave message

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Friday Curling starts on January 23rd
For kids in Grade 5+

Kids will meet with the youth leaders
afterschool in the lunch area.

Youth Leaders: Mackenzie Devenis,
Ally Bzdel & Alicia Hood

Adult Leaders: Hugh Sampson and
Robyn Ganes

There is no cost. This is a free program
thanks to Affinity Credit Union & Sask
Lottery Community Funding

Skating rink activities, street hockey,
craft activities and more will follow
pending leader and active participants.
I appreciate any feedback.

If you have any questions, please
contact Laurie at Rec Office email
birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
Or call 749-7451



FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 31 - Tribute to Classic Country Music with Donny Parenteau &
Marty Grambo 8-9:30 Classic Country 10:30-12 Cabaret
Feb 20 - Airband Contest (Brrr Chills Winter Festival Event)

Open Mic & Karoke Friday Night Hosts in January

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 Baked Potatoes with Toppings

Like us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter

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
 Salsa Classes @ the Dance Ctr 7-8pm
 Yoga Classes Beginner & Multi Level Call Rebecca 960-3376

TUESDAY

Knitting Grannies 1pm @ Sr Hall 2nd & 4th Tuesday of ea month
 *NEW Walking Group @ the Civic Ctr 10-11am
 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

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
 *NEW Walking Group @ the Civic Centre 10-11am
 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
 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

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

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

* Full-Time Greens keeper positions
 Mechanical experience an asset

* Casual, Part-time or Full-time Club-house Customer Service positions

Forward resumes to Box 280, or email to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

Salsa Workout Classes

Have returned...

Monday Nights w/ Norma
 7:00 - 8:00pm

\$10 ea time @ Dance Center.

Bring water, friend, towel, yoga mat and small weights if you have.



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

Birch Hills Cowboy Church



@ Community Centre
 1st Sun of each month
 Next Service

February 1st 7:00pm

Featuring Country Gospel Music with down home bible message.

All are Welcome Pastor Rick Martin
 981-2235



Laurie Berube,
Recreation Director
Box 280, Birch Hills, SK
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Cell: 306-749-7451 text or call

Fax: 306-749-2545

E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

Facebook Page:

'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

Website: www.birchhills.ca

Winter Festival Progressive 50/50

Tickets available @
from Bud McRury or
John Herd. **Cash Pot
over \$175 so far**

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

January 16 - Sr Hockey vs Leoville
16/17 - School Winter Slam B-ball Tourney
17 - Soup for Seniors
18 - Joint Concert @ LBPC
21 - Beardys vs PA Midget AA game
23/24 - Firemans Bonspiel
29 - Winter Festival Mtg
31 - Prairie Women on Snowmobile Visit
- Grambo & Parenteau Concert F&F
- Sr Hockey vs Meadow Lake

February 1 - Cowboy Church
6-8 - Sask First Bantam Zone Camp
7/8 - Ladies Bonspiel
14 - SnoPosse Snowmobile Rally
Soup for Seniors
21 - St Louis Lions Club Snowmobile Rally

4th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival 20-28th

20 - Light Parade, Tobogganing/Bonfire
21 - Library Breakfast, SnoPitch(register),
Human Dog Sled Race (register)
22 - Country Gospel, Museum Potatoe Supper
23 - School Carnival(tentative), Game night
24 - Talent Night (must Register)
25 - Street Hockey, Curling Funspiel
26 - Birchview Carnival, Dinner Theatre(tix)
27 - Luncheon, Airband Contest
28 - Cross Country Ski, SnowStomp(tix)

SIGN UP AND GET READY for contests, games and fun
in the 4th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival

February 20-28, 2015



Fri, Feb 20 **Light Parade** - light up your ride and
join in the parade. Register info in next paper

Human Dog Sled Races

Sat, Feb 21st (before SnoPitch)
(3 boys, 3 girls, 3 generations)
Teams do not have to be related.
Must be 30 year span between
youngest and oldest. 5 'dogs' will
pull one on sled and race down-
town for prizes and fame.

2 teams have registered already!

Register with Amanda or Pat
749-3111 or Rec Office

CASH & PRIZES TO BE WON

Seeking Event Sponsor

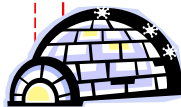
Check out town Facebook page
for last years videos!!

Sno-Pitch Tournament

Sat, February 21st,
Seeking teams of 6
Register at 749-7451
Individuals Welcome
*Seeking Event Sponsor
& help organizing*



Snow Sculpt Contest:



Register your town
address with Lorne
960-2456 by
Feb 10th. Sculpture
to be ready by Feb 20th.
Cash Prizes
1st \$100, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40

*Seeking Entertainers for the
Talent Night Tues, Feb 24th*

Contact Lyle @ 749-7927

*Sponsored by the Birch Hills Beauties
Desserts & Coffee served by the
Birch Hills Fire Department*



Airband Contest

Friday, Feb 27th @ the Flute
and Fiddle

Get your go-go boots,
spike your hair, grab
some friends and let's
dance!

Seeking Event Sponsor



Seeking Event Sponsor

**Next Winter Festival
Meeting is
January 29th 7:30pm
@ Museum**

All your favorite winter festival activities returning, plus a few more:
including Tobogganing & Bonfire @ Max Creek, Skate with Brrrt,
Games Night, Family Curling, Birchview Crowning of King and
Queen, Dinner Theatre, Senior's hosted lunch & games, Cross
Country Skiing and the Snow Stomp Family Dance. Watch for
more details on Facebook and around town or call 749-7451



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

Yoga in Birch Hills

Yoga classes will resume Mondays starting
January 26, 2015. Beginner yoga will run
from 6:15-7:30 and multi-level yoga will
run from 7:45 to 9:00. Classes will be held
at Birch Hills School in the elementary
gym. Previous participation in yoga classes
or Rebecca's beginner class is a pre-
requisite for enrolment in the multi-level
class. To register, please contact Rebecca
at (306) 960-7736
or rebecca_quaale@hotmail.com.
Fee will be \$88 for the 8 week session