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Hello there Readers!

I hope your 2016 has started off well.

'Tis the season for curling bonspiels and hockey tournaments. Sign up your teams today or come out to watch and support the teams and canteens.

Make sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming 5th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival Feb 25-28th...Fun for Everyone!

Cheers,

SEEKING Volunteers for

**Pre-Festival Family
Winter Carnival**

Sunday, February 7th, 2016

Join us downtown Birch Hills for an afternoon of Games, Races, Crafts, Sleighrides, Ice Carving display, food & more
Contact Laurie at Rec Office if you can help organize games. 749-7451. Watch for more details in next paper

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Thank you for supporting your local paper.



IT'S A PLAY DATE

Fri, January 15, 2016

1:00 - 3:00pm

at the Civic Centre

Free Pop Up Play Date is being held for young ones & all are invited

Hosted by Peekaboo Beans

It's all about Kids & Play



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



5th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival **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 26th @ 7:30pm** in the museum basement. Come be a part of all the FUN!!

Events being planned: Street Hockey... All ages invited to play.

Birchview Home Winter Carnival (Vote week previous for Festival King/Queen/Prince/Princess)

Senior Hall Lunch Fundraiser and Games, Birch Hills School Winter Carnival, Tobogganing & Bonfire

Library Pancake Brunch, Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe, Snow Stomp Family Dance (Tickets on sale soon)

Family Curling, Country Gospel & Desserts, Family Skate w/ Brrrt, Dinner Theatre (tickets on sale soon)

Seeking Sponsors for some of the events. If you have ideas, would like to help, donate prizes or sponsor events, please contact Rec Office for more information. At 749-7451 (text or call)

Sponsor today to make sure your name or company is advertised in all of the promotional materials.

Progressive 50/50 tickets on sale now:

\$5 ea or 3 for \$10

(Last yrs winner won \$622.50!!!)

SCHOOL NEWS

Jan 28 School Wide Celebration
Feb 15 -21 Winter Break
26 School Winter Carnival

Christmas Tree Drop Off

Beside Post Office,
Back Alley ... closer to
HD Cabinets.

Until February 20th



NOTICE OF NOMINATION

You're at home here.



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.



The Knitting Grannies have moved and are now
meeting in the Museum basement. We meet at
1:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Our mission is to give a little comfort and warmth
through shawls, toques and mittens. We invite you to join us
and feel the joy of knitting or crocheting something that will
put a smile on someone's face.

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

Birch Hills Museum and Thrift Shop

NOW open on Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm

As well as Wednesday Afternoons.

Happy New Year to all from the Board of Directors and the
Volunteers at the Museum, join us for coffee and a visit soon.

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 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

UPCOMING GAMES

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 Warriors



SKATING CLUB NEWS

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

SAVE THE DATE:
 Skating Carnival March 20



Blackhawks Comedy Night

Thanks to everyone who supported the **SOLD OUT**
 Blackhawks Comedy Night, especially our Comedy Night
 corporate sponsors, Brahma Insurance Inc., Crop Production
 Services, and Carter's Custom Ag, our silent auction donors,
 Ethel Rutherford & Jamie Tilford (midnight lunch), the
 comedians, Alex, Brent and Lars and deejay, and
EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED. Was such a fun evening!

MINOR HOCKEY HOME GAMES

Sat, Jan 16th Atom Tourney
 Tues Jan 19 PeeWee vs Melfort 6:30pm
 Wed Jan 20 Atom vs Melfort 6:30pm
 Sat, Jan 23rd IP Tourney in BH & Kin
 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
 Jan 30 in Kin /31st in BH Novice Tourney

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

Atom Tourney	Jan 16th	Games start 9am
IP Tourney	Jan 23	Games in BH 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Rest in Kinistino 1:30, 3:00, 4:30
Novice Tourney	Jan 30th in Kinistino Jan 31 in Birch Hills	start 9am

Feb 5/6 SHA Midget Camp
 Feb Playoffs watch for details
 Mar 11/12 Gooser Tourney

Mar 5 PeeWee Tourney
 Mar 20 Skating Carnival



The Prince Albert Raiders Hockey
 Team will be coming to Birch Hills!
 Monday, January 25, 2016
 They will practice 2:00-3:00pm
 and have a public skate 3:15-4:15
 with an autograph session and
 prizes after.
 Everyone is welcome to come out

Read, Move, Share!

For parents & children ages 2-5
 February 2, 9, 16, 23 and Mar 1, 8
 @ TLC Daycare



Share reading fun and active games
 Includes: Free books, snack, take home ideas &
 props. Please pre-register.

Limit to 8 families.

Contact Terri 306-922-3247

tmorgan.kidsfirst@gmail.com

Cupid's February Tradeshaw

February 6, 2016
 10:00 - 4:00pm
 @ Birch Hills Civic Center



Join us for Cupid's February
 Tradeshaw to find something special
 or unique for your loved ones!

Over 30 Vendors **FREE ADMISSION** - Door Prizes,
 raffle tickets, and 50/50 tickets!! Proceeds will be
 going to Dreamland Optimist Club of Birch Hills

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

World Day of Prayer, an ecumenical service that takes place worldwide, will be held on Friday, March 4 at 2 p.m. in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. This year the annual event is being hosted by Birch Hills United Church Women



CROSS COUNTRY SKI trail has been groomed on the Birch Hills golf course! Hikers, walkers/dogs, snowshoers, please stay away from the track itself. Snowmobiles are not allowed on the course!!! Thank You

AND Thanks to Ron Bodnarchuk for setting the trails!!



BIRCH HILLS LADIES LINE DANCING

Starting Mon, January 25th!



As you know we are now dancing Mondays in addition to the Wed class--both at the civic centre. We have decided that to encourage new dancers our Monday classes will be geared towards some of our easier dances---a beginner level. We will also "teach" the steps at an appropriate pace, dance each dance a number of times to different music. So more repetition for the newest dancers yet still interesting for dancers who have been here awhile and already know the steps. So if someone has been considering learning line dancing but felt that they wouldn't be able to catch up, now is the time to come get started with others at the same beginner level.

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 7am to 6pm.



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



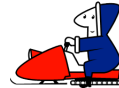
NOMINATIONS being accepted at the Rec Office for those you would like to recommend as Outstanding Volunteers in our Community. Send information of who you **Keep 'em Coming** and why you would like to recognize them for their Volunteerism and the difference that they make in our town. Big or small it all counts **Email Laurie at birchhillsrec@sasktel.net**



You're at home here.
CO-OP
The Prince Albert
Co-operative
Association Limited
Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, March 19, 2016
John M. Cuelenaere Public Library
125 12 St. E Prince Albert, SK
10:30 a.m.

All Members Welcome!

**2nd Annual Meskanaw
Snowmobile Rally**
Saturday, January 30th, 2016
Registration 10am @ Meskanaw Hall
Hands: 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20
Prizes for best hand: 25%, 15%, 10%
Last rider out by 1pm. All riders must
be back by 4pm. Cash bar, hot lunch
& concession, Raffle prize draws
Proceeds going towards re:
shingling Meskanaw Hall



Mark Your Calendars!
First Friday Coffeehouse
February 5th @ 7:30pm
at Lake Park Baptist Church
Featuring the
"First Friday Band"
Come and enjoy Music, Coffee,
Desserts & Fellowship
Cost is \$8/person

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Kinsmen Telemiracle Luncheon
February 23, 2016
Contact Maxine Cromartie if you
can offer help before or day of

Send entries to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
or call 306-749-7451. Deadlines for submissions for
newsletter are the 10th and 25th of each month.

NEW OWNERSHIP: NEW NAME
'Cut Loose Salon & Bar'
Formerly known as Flute & Fiddle
and Salon Krush, is now open!!
The salon will be open Mon-Friday
10am-7pm (hours subject to change)
The bar/hall will be open for events
only at this time and hope to be
open more in the future. If you have
a date you would like us to be open
or have an event you would like to
book please let us know. We will be
open the evenings that the Sr. Hock-
ey team plays in Birch Hills. Watch
our Facebook page for updates on
events coming soon. We hope to
hear from you! **Kristy Nelson**
306-749-1222 or 306-749-7405

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Same great service! We now come to you!**
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5:00pm (Closed Fridays for Lunch)
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Insurance or any SGI needs.

Brahma Insurance
Wishing everyone a happy and safe
New Year!



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Facebook Page: 'Town of Birch Hills
Community & Recreation'
Website: www.birchhills.ca

SENIOR CURLING BONSPIEL

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

LUNCH COUNTER OPEN TO PUBLIC

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

CURLING CLUB NEWS



Tuesdays & Fridays Senior League 1:30pm

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

Thursday Red Head Equipment Super League 7 and 9pm draws



Junior Curlers: Afterschool Curling for youth
Tuesdays, 3:45 - 5:00pm 14yrs > 3:30-4:15, 14+ till 5pm

ANNUAL RAFFLE Buy your tickets now for the 'Winners Choice'
Choose your vacation: Winter at Elkridge or Summer in Waskesiu!
Draw Date March 19th. Tickets \$5 ea or 5 for \$20

EASTER RAFFLE - Dinner for 4 catered by Chef Jenni (Willems)
in your own home. Tickets on sale \$2 ea or 3 for \$5

LEGION PROVINCIAL PLAYDOWNS

January 22nd to 24th, 2016

FRI 22nd: Registration, Meet & Greet 5pm

SAT 23rd: 8-10am Pancake Breakfast Open to Public @ CC
10:30 Opening Ceremonies (march to rink)
11:00 Curling starts

LUNCH COUNTER & BAR OPEN - EVERYONE WELCOME

5:30 Cocktails, Banquet & Entertainment.

OPEN TO PUBLIC \$15/person @ Civic Centre

(tickets call Carol Pryzyk 749-7793)

SUN 24th 10am Finals, Closing Ceremonies



Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Jan 15 - Peekaboo Beans Free Pop up Play Date
- 16 - Atom Hockey Tourney
- 18 - Golf Board Meeting
- 18-22 - Seniors Curling Bonspiel
- 22 - Sr Hockey Home Game
- 22-24 - Legion Provincial Playdowns
- 23 - Legion Hosted Dinner & Dance (open)
- 23 - IP Hockey Tourney
- 25 - Linedancing Mondays starts
- 25 - PA Raiders visit Skating Arena
- 26 - Winter Festival Mtg
- 29 - Sr Hockey Home Game
- 30 - Meskanaw Snowmobile Rally
- 30 - Sr Hockey Home Game
- 30 - Novice Tourney in Kinistino
- 31 - Novice tourney finals in BH
- Prairie Women on Snowmobiles Tour Stop
- Feb 2 - Read, Move, Share (must register)
- 5 - LPBC First Friday
- 5&6 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel
- 5&6 - SHA Midget Hockey Camp
- 6 - Cupid's February TradeShow
- 7 - Family Winter Carnival (tentative)
- 9 - Arena Board Meeting
- 13 - SnoPosse Snowmobile Rally
- 23 - Kinsmen Telemiracle Luncheon
- 25-28 - 5th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival
- Mar 4 - World Day of Prayer
- 5&6 - 4 Person Open Bonspiel
- 11-12 - Gooser Rec Hockey Tourney
- 18/19 - 2 Person Tuffspiel & Windup
- 20 - Skating Club Carnival
- 31 - Rec Board Meeting

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) Max 16 teams First come /First
Served Come out and cheer the ladies on over the weekend.
Lunch counter & Bar will be open



WING NIGHT Friday 6-11pm. Everyone welcome



Wishing Kara Kilden (Northern Lights) and her
team mates best of luck in the Viterra Scotties
Tournament of Hearts Provincials. Jan 27-31 at
the PA Curling Club. We hope to see you all in
the Canadian Championship this February