

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

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Hello there,

As one who didn't grow up playing hockey or even have an interest until 4 years ago, I have to admit, I've become quite a fan. There have been some very exciting senior games and I am looking forward to see how our Blackhawks make out in play offs. Watch for game announcements.

A big congratulations to Taylor Lyons for being scouted onto Sask-Can 2015 hockey team (see p2) What a fantastic opportunity and let's show our support for this young lady as she raises funds.

Be sure to check out the complete list of events for the Winter Festival on Pg 5/6. Register or get your tickets for the event from the hosting groups.

Take care for now,

Laurie Berube, Rec Director

SENIOR CASH-SPIEL

February 14 & 15

\$240/team, 4 games

Ages 50yrs+

Register at 749-2951



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 306-930-7306. Individuals welcome. Pls specify if you need a team.

SOUP FOR SENIORS

Come down to the Senior Hall

Saturday, February 14th

11:00 - 1:00pm

for a homemade luncheon served by loving community members

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

All are Welcome to come celebrate Myrdena Reynish's 80th birthday

Come and Go Tea

Saturday, February 7th

2:00 - 4:00pm

@ the Senior Hall

Gifts are not necessary



READ, MOVE, SHARE!

For: Parents & Children ages 3-5yrs

Share reading fun and active games

Includes free books, snack, take home ideas & props.

Limit of 8 families, 6 sessions

Dates: Feb 12, 19, 26, Mar 12, 19, 26

Times: 6:15 - 7:45pm

Venue: TLC Daycare in Birch Hills

Contact: Terri Morgan 922-3247

tmorgan.kidsfirst@gmail.com

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Friday Curling has begun. Kids, grade 5+ will meet with the youth leaders afterschool in the foyer.

This is a free program thanks to Affinity Credit Union & Sask Lottery Community Funding. Watch for more after school activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie at Rec Office

FEBRUARY issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for you by:

Birch Hills Sno-Posse Snowmobile Club

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

DANCE LESSONS

with "Miles Fiddler"

Beginning Tuesday,

Feb 3rd for 6wks.

Start time is 7:30pm

@ the Flute and

Fiddle. Couples,

singles are welcome! Learn

the old basic dances and /

or new ones. 1.5 hours

Cost is \$10/person/lesson

Call Brenda @ 749-7769 or

749-3172 or

Miles @ 981-5396



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



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

PUBLIC SKATE HOURS DURING SCHOOL BREAK 2-4pm

Skating Rink Caretaker - John 960-0427

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

Sr Hockey Blackhawks Games



Our Sr team is having a great season of hockey, @ 6 wins in a row, tied for 1st place and are headed for playoffs soon.

Watch for updates on facebook and in next paper of upcoming playoff games. Good Luck Boys!

Birch Hills Barracudas Ladies Hockey

Next Home Games



Feb 6 @ 7:00pm vs PA Cougars

Feb 8 @ 4:00pm vs Tisdale

Minor Sports Home Games

Novice vs St Breiux Feb 4 6:30pm

PeeWee Tourney Kinistino/BH Feb 28-Mar 1

Watch for days & times of playoff games on 'Town of Birch Hills Community & Recreation' Facebook Page



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 immediately at 749-7451.

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

DROP in GYM NIGHTS

Recreation Volleyball

8:00pm @ the school gym

Tuesday Nights

\$2 drop in fee

16yrs + are invited to come play.

All athletic skill levels welcome



TURKEY SUPPER & SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, March 11th

6:00pm Birch Hills Civic Center

Tickets \$12.50 ea 200 Seats available

Advance Tickets at Co-op, or Rec Director

Laurie 749-7451 Take Out Orders by

calling Youth Centre 749-2478

Proceeds to support 15 year old Taylor Lyons who has been scouted and selected by SASK-Can hockey team to play on their 2015 Roster. Taylor will be competing in tournaments in Canada, Boston and New York. Let's show Taylor she is proudly supported by her community!

Supper sponsored by Birch Hills Co-op



CONGRATULATIONS Birch Hills!

You have come through again showing your community spirit! Bob McRury's (Bike Bob's) house is completed. THANK YOU so much to everyone who supported this project through our fundraising efforts (in our bottle drives, garage sale and bake sales) and to all who gave financially and gave of their time, expertise supplies and equipment to see this venture completed. We'd also like to thank the Simpso's for housing Bob and Ken McAuley of Secure Choice for storing Bob's belongings during the building project. On behalf of Bob and the project coordinators we would like to invite everyone to a come and go tea open house at the new home #337 Bellamy Ave. on Sunday February 8, 2015 from 2 to 5 pm. Please feel free to drop by during that time to see what you've been apart of and enjoy a coffee and dainties.



Bob McRury, Orvin Opseth, Vili Bati, Kevin Hawreschuk and Gary Pechkam

CANpitch Clinics being scheduled. Saskatoon, or

Melfort

Contact

Jacqueline

Eiwanger,

306-780-9235



Missing Golf Season?

Golf Tek Simulator

now available at the Youth Center. Bring your clubs and play a round or hone your skills. Watch for more info on upcoming events!





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 & 9pm
Thursday Nights	Super League @ 7:30pm (Cervus Equip sponsored)
Sunday Fundays	2pm Family all ages Curling Minimal Drop in fees

Fridays Afterschool Programming Started January 23

UPCOMING BONSPIELS

SCA MIXED PLAYDOWNS Feb 27-March 1

SENIOR BONSPIEL WEEK March 2 - 6 (daytime)
\$140/team. Includes Banquet

LEGION DOMINION NATIONAL CURLING PLAYDOWNS
March 14 - 19 Volunteers Needed Call Ian or Carol
7 Provincial teams and our local team **GOOD LUCK**
Robyn & Diane Ganes, Leon Pratchler, Jodi Gordon

OPEN BONSPIEL March 20 - 22
\$200 entry /team (4) Includes Saturday Banquet

TWO PERSON TUFF SPIEL March 27-28
\$100 entry /team Includes Saturday Banquet
Calcutta, Year End Windup Social @ F&F \$6/non curlers

Register at Rink 749-2951 leave message



COFFEE ROW



at the Curling Rink continuing
weekday mornings 7:00 - 10:00 am.
coffee & toast available
All are welcome

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

Sunday FunDays Family Curling

CANCELLED due to lack of participation

ANNUAL CURLING RAFFLE

Tickets available at Curling Rink or from Curling Members. **Winner's Choice**
Summer Golf Vacation @ Wasquesieu OR
Winter Ski Vacation @ Elk Ridge.
\$5 ea or 5 for \$20
Draw Date @ Season Wind up
Proceeds go towards Curling Club expenses



Curling Fans are welcome to come watch and support the committees supplying food services and curlers. Homemade Soups & Pies!



FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 27 - Airband Contest
(Winter Festival Event)



Open Mic & Karoke Friday Night Hosts in February

Feb 6 - Lea Swenson Feb 13 - Ashley St Denis
Feb 20 - Ron Samson Feb 27 - Pam Cochet
Grandma B's "Soup on Sundays" Serving 10:30 - 2:00pm

Friday Nights 6-9pm

Chili Stuffed Baked Potatoes with Toppings \$5

Like us on Facebook

Follow us on Twitter

Purchase concert tickets at Bunny Hug Inn or online

www.fluteandfiddle.ca

JOB OPPORTUNITIES in Birch Hills

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM LEADERS:

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:

Interested in summer employment on the greens or in the club house? ...

Send resumes to the Rec Office @ Box 280,
Birch Hills or via email at
birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

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

Registration at the Birch Hills
Hands

CANCELLED due to lack of snow



Civic Centre
sold from
8:00 AM –
1:00 PM

Prizes for Earlybird Riders

Last Hand in By 4:00 PM

YOUTH BOTTLE DRIVE
Wednesday February 4th
from 6:00 - 8:30pm

If you won't be home you can leave
your bagged bottles/cans on your
doorstep or they can be dropped off
at: **81- 2nd St.**

Thank you for your support

We know for now that we are looking to create a playground in 4 phases and raise approximately \$155,000. The school division is taking care of the demolition of the old playground, and installation costs for the new playground, but the actual playground equipment cost must be provided by parents raising the money. For anyone that might be interested in helping out with this great cause for our community, any amount of cash donations would be greatly appreciated. Cheques can be made out to Birch Hills School or Sask Rivers Charity Fund. There will be recognition for donors and a tax receipt will be provided by the secretary at the school and by the school division. We will also be holding fundraisers starting in the very near future, as well as writing grant proposals. We are very excited to get started on meeting our goals and we will give progress updates as we reach each phase! Thank you! Please contact Jenny Riviere @ 749-2237 or Laura Mitchell @ 749-2885

St. Louis Shotokan Karate Federation

Proudly Celebrates 25 Years in St. Louis (Est. Feb. 4, 1990)

From the School Gymnasium, to 118 2nd street, to the Metis hall, to the Community Hall and finally to the present location in the basement of chief instructor Marcel Lussier. The St. Louis Karate Club started out with 8 members 25 years ago and has grown to become the most successful Karate club in the Province. Students have competed in local, to World tournaments. Members have traveled all over the country, the USA, and even to the birthplace of Karate, Japan. The club is celebrating by hosting the provincial training seminar, belt examination and Prov Championships on March 13-15. Events will be shared with the PA Karate Club throughout the weekend. However, the highlight of it all will be a special banquet held at the St. Louis Comm Hall on Sat to celebrate the 25 years of Karate in St. Louis. Invited will be all present and past brown and black belts who have trained with the club over the past 25 years (a total of 100 in all). Over the years people have come from not only St. Louis but surrounding communities, many from the Birch Hills area. A special guest instructor has been invited for the weekend from Trinidad, Mr. Dexter Shim, an 8th degree black belt who has been involved in Karate for almost 50 years. Anyone wanting info about the club or this special event coming up can call 306 981-3810 or visit our website at www.saskshotokankarate.com.

StepOuts (Linedancing Group) is selling **Raffle** Tickets for a homemade quilt made by Kerry Kyler. Proceeds going towards the group travel funds. Contact Sandra Barber for more info

MOMS & TOTS GROUP

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

ST. LOUIS LIONS CLUB

Annual Snowmobile Poker Rally,
Saturday, February 21,
Start 10am - 2pm, end 5pm
at community hall.



Many door prize draws, rider only draw and more.

Pancake Breakfast 9am to noon, for riders and general public.

Free trail lunch sponsored by
Claude Tournier-Riverside Agencies.

Major sponsor Ben Gareau from
JG's Collision. For info call 306-961-9888

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

4th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival February 20 - 28th, 2015



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Friday:** **Light Parade** - Light up your Ride! Register with Jerel 749-7940 hosted by *Dreamland Optimists*
Ladies Hockey Game @ 7pm Barracudas vs PA Tundra
Tobogganning and Bonfire: after parade @ Max Creek *Sponsored by McIntyre Construction & RM of BH, Conexus CU, Winding River Colony, and Barry & Kevin Evans*
Flute & Fiddle - Opening early for parade. Regular Open Stage and karaoke
- Saturday:** **Library hosted Pancake Breakfast** - Delicious homemade pancakes @ Civic Center 8-10am
Human Dog Sled Races (3boys/3girls/3 generations) Win Cash! Register 749-3111 *Sponsored by Brahma Insurance*
SnoPitch Ball Tournament: Individuals or Teams register at Rec Office 749-7451 *Sponsored by Lions Club*
- Sunday:** **Family Skate with Brrrt @ 2pm** Come skate with the festival mascot. *Sponsored by Bling Car Wash*
County Gospel: Those wanting to share their gift of song/music contact Inez 749-2716 3pm @ Lutheran Church
Potato Supper: you won't want to miss this amazin' Potato & Fixin' Dinner by the Historical Society 4-6pm
- Monday:** **Polar Bear crafts @ 3:30pm** at the school *Sponsored and hosted by Jenny Riviere/Shane Hunter*
Game Night: pick your favorite game, invite your friends and Play! Email photos for prizes to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
- Tuesday:** **Street Hockey:** @ 5-6:30pm between the rinks *Hosted by the Rec Hockey Teams* All ages welcome
Talent Show: If you have talent and you want to share contact Lyle Mohn 749-7927 to register
Desserts & Beverages hosted by **Birch Hills Fire Department** *Sponsored by BH Beauties*
- Wed** **Family Curling and Snacks** - Bring the whole family out to play starts 7pm *Sponsored by Curling Club*
School Carnival kids will enjoy some winter activities
- Thursday:** **Birchview Home Winter Carnival** - who will be crowned Queen/King, Prince/Princess this year? 2-4pm
***NEW* Drama & Dinner Theatre** - Be entertained while you dine. Tickets \$20 *Hosted by BH Dance Centre*
- Friday:** **Luncheon & Games: 11am** *hosted by Birch Hills Seniors* All ages welcome for lunch & games to follow
Ladies Hockey Game @ 7pm Barracudas vs Chili Peppers (Melfort/Kinistino)
Air Band Contest after 8pm Win Prizes *Sponsored and hosted by the Flute & Fiddle*
- Saturday:** **Cross Country Skiing @ Golf Course** 1-3pm Ski sets available for use
Snow Stomp Family Dance - Draws, Contests and Dancing for the whole family 7-12am @ Civic Centre
Featuring Cottonwood Creek *Sponsored by Town of BH, BH Co-op Adv Tixd \$15 12yr+ free w/adult*

WATCH FOR PHOTOS AND MORE INFORMATION ON FACEBOOK - *Birch Hills Community & Recreation Page*

Human Dog Sled Races

Sat, Feb 21st (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 downtown for prizes and fame.
Register with Amanda or Pat 749-3111 or
Rec Office 749-7451
CASH PRIZES TO BE WON

Sponsored by

Check out town Facebook page for last years videos & pics!



Brrrt Coloring Contest

Pages will be available soon at the school or at the Birch Hills Co-op.
Win your very own Brrrt Bear by bringing your paper to the Snow Stomp Family Dance Feb 28th @ the Civic Ctr

Prizes Sponsored by Shirley Ulvild & Myrdena Reynish

Snow Sculpt Contest:



Register your town address with Lorne 960-2456 by Feb 20th
Sculpture to be ready by Feb 25th. Cash Prizes
1st \$100, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40
Sponsored by CPS & Barth Family



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills



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Recreation Director
Box 280, Birch Hills, SK
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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 or John
Herd. **Cash Pot over
\$225 so far**

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Feb**
- 3 - Dance Lessons Start 8wks
 - 4 - Youth Bottle Drive
 - 6-8 - Sask First Bantam Zone Camp
 - 7 - Myrdena's 80th Bday Celebration
 - 7/8 - Ladies Bonspiel
 - 8 - Bob's Open House & Tea
 - 14 - ~~SnoPosse Snowmobile Rally~~
Soup for Seniors
 - 14/15 - Senior Cash Spiel
 - 21 - St Louis Lions Club Snowmobile Rally
- 4th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival 20-28th**
- 20 - Light Parade, Barracudas Hockey, Tobogganing/Bonfire
 - 21 - Library Breakfast, SnoPitch(register), Human Dog Sled Race (register)
 - 22 - Country Gospel, Skate with Brrrt, Museum Potatoe Supper
 - 23 - Polar Bear Crafts, Game night
 - 24 - Street Hockey, BH Got Talent Night
 - 25 - School Carnival, Curling Funspiel
 - 26 - Birchview Carnival, Dinner Theatre (tix)
 - 27 - Luncheon & Games, Barracudas hockey, Airband Contest
 - 28 - Cross Country Ski, SnowStomp(tix)
- March**
- 2-6 - Seniors Bonspiel Week
 - 11 - Lyons Supper Fundraiser
 - 13/14 - Gooser Tournament
 - 14 - Soup for Seniors
 - 14-19 - Legion Dominion Nat'ls Curling
 - 20-22 - Open Curling Bonspiel
 - 21 - Skating Rink Carnival & Supper
 - 28 - Birchview & TLC Art Gala
 - 28/29 - Two Person Tuff Spiel
 - 28 - TLC Daycare Evening

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 snowmobile,
truck, skis, quad or whatever ride you have and join in the
parade. Pick an event and help advertise.

Birch Hills Got Talent Night **Tues, Feb 24th**
@ the Civic Centre Contact Lyle @ 749-7927 if you have
some entertainment to share. Desserts & Coffee served by
the *Birch Hills Fire Department*
Sponsored by the Birch Hills Beauties



FEBRU-Hairy Contest

Not just for the hairy! Seeking
participants who may have

- the Hairiest Legs
- the Longest Legs
- the best dancing Legs
- the Sexiest Legs

Contest held at the Snow
Stomp Family Dance, on
Feb 28th

Prizes sponsored by
Quayles Pharmacy & Salon
Krush



SNOW STOMP FAMILY DANCE

Festival Wind up, Fun for the
whole family

Featuring *Cottonwood Creek*
Saturday, February 28th
@ the Civic Center
7:00 - 12:00am

Tickets available with Rec Dept
or Town Office Advance \$15 /
\$20 at the door. Kids 12yrs >
supervised by an adult are free.
Dancing, Contests, Draws,
Evening Lunch. Legion cash bar

Drama & Dinner Theatre

Thursday, February 26th
@ the Civic Centre Doors open @ 6:00
3 course catered meal and Entertainment.
Tickets are \$20 available at Dance Centre
or Dance members. Cash bar



Airband Contest

Friday, Feb 27th 8pm
the Flute and Fiddle
Get your go-go boots,
spike your hair,
grab some
friends and let's dance!
*Event Sponsor the Flute
and Fiddle*



Sno-Pitch Tournament

Sat, February 21st, Starts after
Human Dog Sled Race (noon-ish)
Seeking teams of 6-8
Register at 749-7451
Individuals Welcome
*Event Sponsor Lion's
Club*
Seeking help to organize



Birchview Home & TLC Daycare's 2nd Annual "A Life with Art"

Evening Gala
Saturday, March 28th
7:00pm @ the Civic
Center
Appetizers/ Cash Bar
Tickets are \$20 and available at
the Nursing Home & Daycare

