

The **'Birch Hills 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**

February 1st, 2016



Greetings Everyone,

Plans are coming together for the 5th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival.

The committees have been working hard to organize events that are fun for the whole family to enjoy. There are festival bracelets and pull tab buttons to advertise our festival. Please help spread the word at home or work with family and friends by sharing posters, Facebook posts and talking about signing up for your favorite events. Some activities do require tickets to be purchased or registration. See page 2 for the full list of activities to play or be entertained. Don't forget to purchase your 50/50 tickets!! Draw Date Feb 27th, proceeds used towards festival expenses.

Have a great couple of weeks,

Laurie Berube, Rec Director



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Snow Sculpting + Super Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 7th, 2016
Join us downtown Birch Hills for an afternoon of Snow Sculpting, food & more

Cut Loose (F&F) open during day. Kids with shovels needed to come help create snow art.

Appetizer & Supper served 4:30, Super Bowl Game 5:30.

Open to All ages



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

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

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

Annual Kinsmen Telemiracle Luncheon

February 23, 2016

Contact Maxine Cromartie if you can offer help before or the day of

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

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 May. ...reserve your spot today! Thank you for supporting your local paper.

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

Cupid's February Tradeshow

February 6, 2016

10:00 - 4:00pm

@ Birch Hills Civic Center

Join us for Cupid's February Tradeshow 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

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



SCHOOL NEWS

Feb 15 -21 Winter Break
26 School Winter Carnival



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



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**

BIRCHVIEW NEWS FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone Welcome 2:30pm

Feb 11 Valentine Party w/ The Sinclairs
Feb 17 The Job Mates Band
Feb 22 The Gramps
Feb 25 Winter Festival Crowning & Games @ 2:00pm
Feb 28 Winter Festival Country Gospel



Birch Hills Museum and Thrift Shop

NOW open on Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm
As well as Wednesday Afternoons.
The Board of Directors and the Volunteers at the Museum invite you to join us for coffee and a visit soon.
Saturday Feb 27th Tours and Strawberry Shortcake (A Brrr Chills Festival Event)



OPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL
Friend of Youth

BH Dreamland Optimists - Looking for Members!

The Optimist Club is a well recognized service group with a strong tradition of providing programs to build strong youth. Supported by the High Noon Optimist Club of Prince Albert. The

Dreamland Optimist Club in Birch Hills needs community support to bring this tradition to its community. Contact Stuart Matice @ 30-314-2378 or feel free to come to one of our scheduled meetings to see what we are all about. Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesday of ea month @ the Legion Hall 7:30pm



5th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival

Thursday, February 25 - Sunday 28th, 2016

Cash Prizes for best Snow Sculpture: Build at your home or business.. Must be in town limits
Must Register with Lorne @ 960-2456 Seeking Sponsor (\$300)... contact Rec Office asap

THURSDAY:

Birchview Home Winter Carnival (Vote week previous for Festival King/Queen/Prince/Princess)
Street Hockey 5:30 - 6:30pm All ages Welcome Hosted by Rec Teams, Sponsored by S&A Ulvild

FRIDAY:

Luncheon and Games @ Sr Hall Lunch 11:30-1pm, Games to follow
Birch Hills School Winter Carnival 1:00 - 3:00pm
Tobogganing & Bonfire & Fireworks @ Max Creek Sponsored by Evans 8 Excavating, Fire Dept, Winding River Colony, RM of BH

Open Curling Bonspiel: Register @ 749-2951 \$200/team includes Sat Supper

SATURDAY:

Library Pancake Brunch @ Flute & Fiddle 9:00-11:00am
Sleighrides with River North Ranch Downtown 10:00 - 12:30pm
Museum Tours, Thrift Store & Strawberry Shortcake \$2 donation
Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe Amazing Race: 1:00-3:00pm @ the Golf Course
Snow Stomp Family Dance Adults \$10 Advance/ \$15 at the door @ the Flute & Fiddle

SUNDAY:

Country Gospel & Desserts @ Birchview Home 2:30pm Free will offering towards Birchview Aux
Family Skate w/ Brrrt Starts 2:00pm Games hosted by the BH Skating Club
Barracudas Ladies Hockey Game 4:15pm @ Rink
Dinner Theatre Hosted by the BH Dance Center Drama Club 100 tickets only \$20



Progressive 50/50 @ 100 and rising \$5 ea or 3 for \$10 (Last yrs winner won \$622.50!!!)

BIRCH HILLS SKATING ARENA NEWS

PUBLIC SKATING FEES \$5/PERSON OR \$10 FAMILY OF 4 MEMBERS SKATE FOR FREE!!

Memberships are \$30 for individuals or family of Minor Hockey/Skating Club or \$60 for family.

Thank you for supporting your local arena and winter community meeting place

CANTEEN HOURS: 4:30 – 8:30 (short order menu available 5–8pm) Hours may vary due to ice rentals but we will be open for any games. Grill/Fryer will be turned off after final period of last game of the day or 1/2 hour before last practice of day. Feel free to pre-order hot menu items for after games/practices at canteen before closing.

BLACKHAWK SENIOR HOCKEY NEWS

Hawks Sitting 3rd Place in the league!!

PLAY-OFFS Round 1 Best of 3



1st Game Friday, February 5th – 8:30pm vs Muskeg Lake

50/50 draw Sponsored by Rupert Bremner of

Investors Group, guaranteed \$500!! Plus...

2nd Annual Shootout Calcutta following the game

2nd Game away Feb 6.

3rd Game Feb 12th in Birch Hills 8:30pm

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



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

Playoffs coming soon TBA

Mar 11/12 Gooser Tourney

Mar 5 PeeWee Tourney

Mar 20 Skating Carnival

SKATING CLUB NEWS

The Skating Club is planning some fun games for the Family Skate with Brrrt on Feb 28th during the 5th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival
Skating Carnival March 20



MINOR HOCKEY HOME GAMES

Wed Feb 3 Atoms vs St Brieux 6:30pm

Wed Feb 10 Atoms vs Nipawin 6:30pm

Playoffs starting after break. Watch for info

SHA Midget Hockey Camp

in Birch Hills

Feb 6 & 7

Contact Joel at 306.789.5101

Email: joelh@sha.sk.ca

Cut Loose Salon & Bar

(aka Flute & Fiddle)

Is hosting **A Birthday Party!!**

Saturday, February 20th

8:30 - 2:30 am

Music, Food, Drink

Specials and Karaoke

Come celebrate your

February birthday w/Friends.

Check out our Facebook page for more details



Barracudas vs Tigerhawks!

The Ladies Hockey has invited the PeeWee's to play

Friday, Feb 19th

Birch Hills Arena

Game Starts 7:00pm

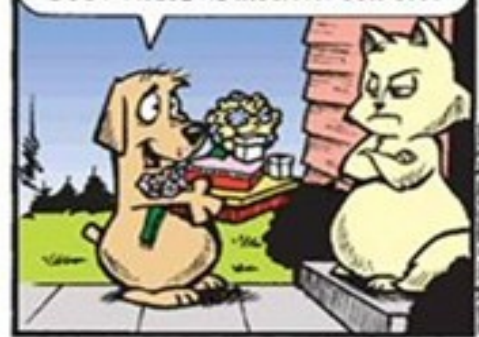
Canteen concession

Sponsored by Sask Lotteries



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

I'VE GOT GREAT NEWS! BY FORGETTING VALENTINE'S DAY AND BUYING NOW I GOT TWICE AS MUCH AT 50% OFF!



Dear Lee, Wanda and Lisa

With the closing of the CIBC in Birch Hills and on behalf of the community, I would like to thank you for your years of service, smiles and we wish you ladies all the best in your future endeavours.



A new playground is in the works for the Birch Hills School, thanks to the commitment of a group in Birch Hills. The old playground is on the way out and fundraising is still on going!! Thanks to the Birch Hills Co-op manager Roy Sinden who presented a \$5000 cheque to Shelley Carrier of the School Community Council and Vice Principal Kevin Tate to use towards a new playground!

REMINDER: 2016 LICENCES

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



BOUQUET OF THANKS

The Birch Hills Atom Hockey Team would like to thank Brahma Insurance for their donation to our tournament that took place Jan 16th.

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 of the Month!! Congratulation to **STELLA SORENSON** ...you have been nominated by...

D & L Yeaman: Stella Sorensen, gives and gives and gives of her time to so many in this community

Jean Gray: Stella sat with my aunt in her final days so she would not be alone because I was unable to be there as

ST. LOUIS LIONS CLUB annual
Snowmobile Poker Rally
Saturday, February 20th
start - 10am to 2pm, last sled in by 5pm
St. Louis Community Hall.
Door prize draws, Pancake Breakfast & lunch at Hall, Free Trail lunch supplied by RIVERSIDE AGENCIES. \$10.00 per hand or 3 hands for \$20.00. Major sponsor JG's Collision Inc. For info call 306-422-8214 or 306-961-9888

I was in Victoria hospital myself. Stella brought baking and meals to me and to many other people here in town.

Lil Sorenson: She has been giving her time in many many ways to the seniors of the BH Community for many decades. From taking seniors to doctors/specialist appointments in PA, to getting groceries or the mail in downtown BH, along with hair appointments in Weldon. She has volunteered for the "Secret Santa" program at the Nursing home as well as doing hair. She has also done a lot of baking over the years and given it to many who can't get out regularly. She has volunteered for the "United Appeal" each year and is always willing to help out when & where needed, always putting others first.

D & M Mohn: 'She is an unsung hero in the community... Stella just quietly goes about helping anyone in need'

Floyd Sorenson: She has helped a lot of people by visiting, giving of her baking, doing hair and taking people to appointments and shopping. Stella, It's apparent that your selfless acts have not gone unnoticed.

On behalf of many, I thank you and join them in nominating you as an outstanding volunteer in our community. You have been a wonderful neighbour and friend. Laurie Berube

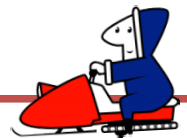


Bouquet of Thanks

From Terry Genik to the Soup for Seniors crew for the lovely poinsettia.

Your thoughtfulness is appreciated

BIRCH HILLS HIGHLIGHTS and NEWSLETTER SPONSOR



Birch Hills Sno Posse will be hosting there on Saturday February 13th, 2016.
Last hand in by 4:00.

20th Annual Snowmobile Rally

Registration is 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Pancake breakfast starting at 8:00 put on by the Birch Hills Pre-school. There is a free trail lunch provided and warm up shacks along the trail. BBQ burgers served at the Civic Centre throughout the day. 50/50, Raffle table, pick a prize along with silent auction will follow after last hand.

The funds raised from our annual snowmobile rally go towards the maintenance of our three warm up shacks as well as being able to support our surrounding communities by donating funds back or purchasing items.

Some examples are... Purchasing new windows for the curling rink, purchasing a new fridge/cooler for the Civic Centre, purchasing new items for the Day Care in Birch Hills, purchasing a defibrillator for the fire hall and many other projects and items within surrounding communities. We welcome everyone and anyone with or without snowmobiles to come out and partake in this event. Any questions or concerns please contact Sheldon Gordon 306-749-7645, Matthew Njaa 306-749-7010 or Jodie Gordon 306-930-7306.

In With The Old is coming to Kinistino for the first time in years!

In With The Old is a folk/bluegrass band based out of Saskatoon, consisting of members Jaxon Lalonde, Ellen Froese-Kooijenga and Kinistino's very own Kasia Thorlakson! The band's sound emulates many talented musicians from the early 1900's including the Stanley Brothers, Bill Monroe, Del McCoury, Hank Williams, and many more!

Coming Feb. 20th at the United Church on Main Street at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6 pm, advance tickets are \$10 and tickets at the door are \$15. The show is all ages!

Call or text 1-306-864-7124 for advanced tickets or more information!

You're at home here.



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!

Since the Multi-use Facility committee first met on October 8, 2015 a lot of progress has been made.

A meeting and site visit with the Consulting Engineer Mike Finney of Arrow Engineering of Saskatoon was held on January 14, 2016. This showed that the committee had done due diligence in bringing the project this far.

Duane Lowe and Joanne Bzdel have had several meetings and now feel the Library space is satisfactory.

Moving forward the next phase will include interior demolition, tendering of the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Design, identifying of all rooms and major structural elements.

Print outs of the facility are being prepared and will be displayed in the windows for the public to see. We should have a project cost in the near future so fund raising for the project can begin.

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Employment Opportunities:

PLAYGROUND LEADERS: Seeking students interested in a future working with children. Candidate would be creative, safety minded, fun and responsible. Must be returning to school. First Aid Training and Food Safety Certificate an asset. Volunteers welcome to help during program. Contact Rec Office

Canada Census Jobs Stats Canada

35,000 Jobs across Canada.

Period of Employment: early March to end of July 2016 (start dates vary)

Rate of Pay: \$16.31 to \$19.91 plus authorized expenses

Hours of Work: flexible, but must commit to a least 20 hrs/wk

Requirements: Min 18 yrs of age & eligible to work in Canada

Apply Now / Tell a Friend www.census.gc.ca/jobs

1-877-25-2016

THE BIRCH HILLS GOLF COURSE is looking for interested people to work on the golf course itself and in the clubhouse. Students welcome, but you must have a drivers license. Job duties for the golf course include operating and maintaining equipment required for the upkeep of the golf course, such as various mowers, chain saws, trimmers, snow blowers, tractors, water pumps, sprayers and sharpeners, and also includes working with various types of irrigation. You should have some mechanical abilities to provide routine repairs to mowers, blades, golf carts, etc.

You must also be physically fit to perform upgrades to the course itself, including cutting and replacing sod with gravel for cart paths, trimming trees, etc. A good working knowledge of workplace safety would be an asset.

Working conditions for all positions may include shift rotations and/or working 12 hour shifts and weekends.

Duties inside the clubhouse include reception, sales and services to clients, booking tee times and tournaments over the phone and in person, renting out golf carts and golf clubs, operating a cash register and debit/charge machine, providing information on policies as set by the golf course board. As well, individuals are responsible for the preparation, cooking and serving full course and short order meals, under the general direction of the clubhouse manager. Food Safety certificate an asset.

Please send resumes, emails or letters of interest to Lorisa Ganes, Golf Board Member at lganes@sasktel.net or c/o Box 280, Birch Hills, SK S0J 0G0 by February 28, 2016. Those who have applied to the previous ad in the January 2016 Heartbeat need not reapply. Those individuals who have worked at the course previously and who are interested in returning, please contact me by email or phone at 749-7756 by February 28, 2016.



Laurie Berube,
Recreation Director
Box 280, Birch Hills, SK
S0J 0G0

Cell: 306-749-7451 text or call
Fax: 306-749-2545
E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
Facebook Page: 'Town of Birch Hills
Community & Recreation'
Website: www.birchhills.ca

OPEN CURLING BONSPIEL

February 26, 27, 28 *DATE CHANGE*
\$200 per team of 4 includes Saturday
Supper. Cash Prizes
Register with Robyn 749-2951



A Brrr Chills Winter Festival Event

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 6 catered by Chef Jenni (Willems)
in your own home. Tickets on sale \$2 ea or 3 for \$5

LEGION PROVINCIAL PLAYDOWNS

The Birch Hills Legion would like to express our thanks to the volunteers who helped us make our 2016 Legion play downs a success. The Legion instigated the process of hosting the 2016 event. We knew that the people of Birch Hills town and the R.M would help as they did for the other two play downs. The saying Birch Hills is a town and community that has a big heart. You have proven the saying again and again. We at the Legion would like to thank the countless volunteers again



LADIES BONSPIEL 70's Theme

February 5 - 7th, 2016
\$160/4 team includes banquet Sat Night
To register pls contact Jodie Gordon 930-7306
(Only a couple spots left) 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 starts 6pm. Everyone welcome

DROP IN VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Evenings
7:30 - 9:00pm
in the School Gym
\$2 drop in fee
Recommended for 16yrs+
Anyone Welcome
even spectators!



Community Funding Assists
Recreational Activities in
Birch Hills. Each year funds
are given to communities
based on their population
and pending lottery profits

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Feb 2 - Read, Move, Share (must register)
- 5 - LPBC First Friday
 - Wing Night at Curling Rink
 - Sr Hockey Playoff Game (1 of 3)
- 6 & 7 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel
- 6 & 7- SHA Midget Hockey Camp
- 6 - Cupid's February Trade Show
- 7 - Snow Sculpting & Super Bowl Sunday
- 9 - Arena Board Meeting
- 12 - Sr Hockey Playoff Game (3 of 3)
- 13 - SnoPosse Snowmobile Rally
- 20 - Feb Birthday Celebration @ F&F
 - In with the Old (Kinistino)
 - St Louis Snowmobile Rally
- 23 - Kinsmen Telemiracle Luncheon
- 5th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival**
 - 25- Birchview Winter Carnival
 - Street Hockey
 - 26 - Luncheon & Games (Sr Hall)
 - School Winter Carnival
 - 4 Person Open Bonspiel (starts)
 - Tobogganning, Bonfire, Fireworks
 - 27 - Pancake Brunch, & Sleigh rides
 - Museum Tours & Strawberry Shortcake
 - Ski/Shoe Amazing Race,
 - Snow Stomp Family Dance
 - 28 - Country Gospel,
 - Family Skate w/ Brrrt
 - Barracuda Ladies Hockey
 - Dinner Theatre
- Mar 4 - World Day of Prayer
- 11-12 - Gooser Rec Hockey Tourney
- 18/19 - 2 Person Tuffspiel & Windup