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Hello Everyone,

Just a couple weeks and we'll be enjoying our 5th Annual Winter Festival. Check out page 2 for all the exciting activities being planned for all ages to enjoy. Get your team ready for the races, or your sculpture registered and made for prizes or your tickets for events.

In case you were wondering, on Feb 7th, Quentin Sylvestre and family carved the snow art beside the post office to advertise for the festival.

It's also hockey playoff time. Watch the Community Facebook page and rink bill board for upcoming games coming to Birch Hills. Just a few more curling bonspiels left too... Register today.

I hope you enjoy the festival,

Laurie Berube, Rec Director

Snow Sculpting Contest

Must Register your sculpture at a town address by Feb 20th.

Sculpture to be ready by Feb 25th
Community votes on Facebook
and winners chosen Feb 27 at
Snow Stomp Family Dance

Cash Prizes to be won
1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50
Homes & Businesses allowed to
*Register w/ Lorne 960-2456 or
Rec Office*

*Sponsored by
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and Cargill*



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NEW NAME! **Mane Event Salon & Event Hall** (aka Flute & Fiddle)

Is hosting Your Birthday Party!!

Saturday, February 20th 8:30 - 2:30 am

Music, Food, Drink Specials and Karaoke



Mane Event Salon & Event Hall is now open!! Full service hair salon open Mon-Friday 10-7pm (Hours subject to change) walk-ins welcome. Please watch Facebook page or billboard for upcoming events in the hall. Call or text 749-7405 for appointments or hall inquiries. Thanks, Kristy

NOTICE -

The Birch Hills and District Historical Society Annual General Meeting Friday, February, 19th, 2016,

Pot Luck Supper at 5:00. Meeting to follow, everyone welcome.

New members are always welcome and needed to help keep activities going

BIRCHVIEW NEWS FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone Welcome 2:30pm

Feb 17 The Job Mates Band
Feb 22 The Gramps
Feb 25 Winter Festival Crowning & Games @ 2:00pm
Feb 28 Winter Festival Country Gospel



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual Kinsmen Telemiracle Luncheon

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

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



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

THURSDAY:

Birchview Home Winter Carnival Starts 2:00pm (Vote week previous for Festival Royalty)
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

Tobogganning & Bonfire & Fireworks @ Max Creek after 4:30pm

Sponsored by Evans & Excavating, Birch Hills Fire Dept, Barry's Rock and Dirt,

PA Co-op, Birch Hills Store, Winding River Colony, RM of Birch Hills

Open Curling Bonspiel: Register Today @ 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 Sponsor Quayles Pharmacy

Museum Tours, Thrift Store & Strawberry Shortcake \$2 donation

Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe Amazing Race: Starts 1:00pm @ 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 Sponsor Bling Car Wash

Barracudas Ladies Hockey Game 4:15pm @ Rink

Dinner Theatre Hosted by the BH Dance Center Drama Club 100 tickets only \$20

CROSS COUNTRY SKI / SNOW SHOE RACE

Saturday, February 27th



Teams of 2, 3 or 4 to meet at the Golf Course.

Timed Races start 1:00pm. Recommended for ages 10yrs to Adult.

After races, trails will be open to try skiing or shoeing. If you have your own skis or shoes please bring or some are available to use. Limited sizes

Seeking 2 or 3 toboggans with rope to use for race. Pls contact Rec Office 749-7451

Progressive 50/50 NOW over \$400

\$5 ea or 3 for \$10

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



Proceeds used towards festival expenses

Tickets available with Bud or Festival Committee

Members. Draw date Feb 27th at the Snow Stomp Family Dance



OPEN CURLING BONSPIEL

February 26th

\$200 per team of 4 includes Saturday Supper.

Cash Prizes Register with Robyn 749-2951



A Brrr Chills Winter Festival Event

Birch Hills Dance Centre hosting...

"An Evening of Comedy, Tragedy & Delicacy"

Dinner Theatre

Sunday, February 28th 6pm @ the School

Tickets \$20 ea or \$10 for children under 10.

Available from the drama students or call Mary 749-3446 or BHDC 749-7019

Tickets for the dance available at Rec Office and Town Office.
Kids 12yrs younger free and must be accompanied by Adult



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

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 win 1st best of 3 series against Muskeg Lake!!



PLAY-OFFS 2nd Series Best of 5 vs Big River

1st Game in Big River, Friday, Feb 12th, Blackhawks won 5–1,

2nd Game in Birch Hills, Hawks take the lead 6–3.

3rd Game in Big River Feb 21st. 5:00pm. Bus leaves early afternoon. Contact Iris to reserve your seat.

4th Game if needed Friday, Feb 26th 8:30pm in Birch Hills
GO HAWKS!!!

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 5 PeeWee Tourney

Mar 11/12 Gooser Tourney

Mar 20 Skating Carnival

SKATING CLUB NEWS

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



Skating Carnival March 20
'Super Heroes'

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



BOOK A PRIVATE ICE BIRTHDAY PARTY TODAY

\$150 includes 1 hour ice time, hotdog,

fries & drink (Minimum 10 kids) over 10 charge \$5.50 each.

Staff, Friends & Family Private Parties available too!

Call Laurie 749-7451 to book Afterschool or weekends

During School Break (Feb 15-21)
Public Skating Hours
2:00 – 4:00pm Daily

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

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

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 On Friday, March 4 Christians in more than 170 countries and in 2,000 communities across Canada will gather to learn about, pray for and celebrate Cuba in solidarity with the women of Cuba through the World Day of Prayer. Birch Hills United Church Women are hosting the World Day of Prayer at the Evangelical Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 4. All the churches in Birch Hills and area will be taking part in this special ecumenical service of worship. The offering goes towards funding special projects of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada in Canada and around the world. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Birch Hills Community Boosters

ANNUAL SPRING TRADE SHOW

Saturday April, 9, 2015. 10 am to 2 pm

Lunch served by Birch Hills Guides and Brownies

Birch Hills Civic Centre

Phone 306 749 2500 for Information

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**



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

DROP IN



VOLLEYBALL

NOW ON

Tuesday Evenings

8:00 - 9:30pm

in the School Gym

\$2 drop in fee

Anyone Welcome even spectators!

Outstanding Volunteer in our Community!!

Congratulation to **STELLA SORENSEN** ...you have been nominated by many...as one who 'gives and gives and gives of her time to so many in this community'

As a 'volunteer for the "Secret Santa" program at the Nursing home as well as doing hair. As someone who has 'done a lot of baking over the years and given it to many who can't get out regularly.

As a 'volunteer for the "United Appeal" each year and is always willing to help out when & where needed, always putting others first.'

Like 'taking seniors to doctors/specialist appointments in PA, to getting groceries or the mail in downtown BH'

'She is an unsung hero in the community... Stella just quietly goes about helping anyone in need'

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. LBerube

Thank You! My heartfelt thanks to my friends that nominated me for *Outstanding Volunteer*. I would like to thank Darlene & Leonard Yeaman, Jean Gray, Duane & Mary Mohn, my daughter Lil & my husband Floyd. Thanks again. Stella Sorensen

BIRCH HILLS HIGHLIGHTS and NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

Birch Hills Sno Posse hosted the **20th Annual Snowmobile Rally** on Saturday February 13th, 2016
Big thanks everyone that supported the rally. Just wanted to post winners for the cash prizes from last night.

Rider hands

1st place. Travis Craik \$420.00

2nd place. Brad Owen \$252.00

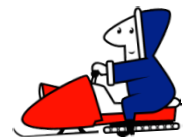
3rd place. Matthew Evans \$168.00

Non Rider Hands

1st place. Roger Bégard \$110.00

2nd place. Ashley Farrham \$66.00

3rd place. Larry Evans \$44.00



50/50 cash payout prize Angie bear \$625.00

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. .

In With The Old

Coming Feb.20th to Kinistino, 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!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: IN BIRCH HILLS



Cargill has an opening for a seasonal employee at our Crop Input Farm Service Center in Birch Hills.

DUTIES INCLUDE: Shipping and receiving seed and crop inputs, operating a forklift, farm deliveries with a 5 ton truck as well as other yard duties and housekeeping activities as required. Basic computer skills would be an asset but not required. Applicants must have a valid SK drivers license with clean abstract. Strong customer service and teamwork skills are required.

Successful candidates must be able to handle the physical labour requirements of the job and be able to work variable shifts, extended hours including evenings and weekends.

Please mail, fax 749-2942 or drop off your application at the facility on Simpson Ave. Box 456. Attention: Bill Brooks, Production Supervisor 749-2242 bill_brooks@cargill.com

Deadline: April 1, 2016

We thank all those who apply but will only contact those selected for interviews. Cargill is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PLAYGROUND LEADERS: Seeking students returning to school in fall interested in a future working with children. Candidate would be creative, safety minded, fun and responsible. First Aid Training and Food Safety Certificate an asset. Volunteers also needed during the summer program. Send resumes or letters to Rec Office Box 280. or email birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

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

Firemen's Curling Bonspiel



March 4 & 5th
Register with Todd 749-7726
Teams of 4
Cost is \$60/team
Come watch and support lunch
counter. Proceeds to Fire Dept

Birch Hills Recreation AGM's

Golf Board

Wed, April 6th
@ Senior Centre
Dinner & Meeting to Follow

Skating Arena Board

Tues, April 12th
7:00pm @ Arena

Rec Board

Tues, April 26th
7:00pm @ Museum

Community members with
vested interest in recreational

activities in any of these
facilities are encouraged to
attend these meetings and
to consider joining a board
that they would like to see
youth and adult activities
continue. There will be
empty seats and it's time
for new faces and new ideas
to relieve those that have
already given many years
to these boards. Thank
you to all of the volunteers
that help manage to keep
Recreation in Birch Hills.
For more info call
749-7451



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to update my profile picture."



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to receive the news letter
online

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 3:30-4:30pm

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

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Feb 19 - BH Historical Society Supper & AGM
20 - Feb Birthday Celebration @ F&F
- St Louis Poker Rally
- In With the Old Concert Kinistino
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 Curling Bonspiel
Tobogganing, Bonfire, Fireworks
Game #4 (best of 5) Sr Hockey vs BRiver
27 - Pancake Brunch,
Sleighrides
Ski/Shoe Amazing Race,
Snow Stomp Family Dance
28 - Country Gospel,
Family Skate w/ Brrrt
Barracuda Ladies Hockey Game
Dinner Theatre

- Mar 4 - World Day of Prayer
5 - PeeWee Hockey Tournament
4&5 - Firemen's Curling Bonspiel
11-12 - Gooser Rec Hockey Tourney
18/19 - 2 Person Tuffspiel & Windup
20 - Skating Club Carnival
31 - Rec Board Meeting
April 6 - Golf Board AGM
8 - Birchview Nursing Home Dinner Theatre
9 - Community Boosters Spring Tradeshaw
12 - Arena Board AGM
26 - Rec Board AGM