

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, Quayle Pharmacy, Grumpy's Confectionary and various other businesses downtown. Pick up your free copy and share with a friend. Send your email address and request for mailing list to [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)

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Warm Greetings to you and your family, with another jam packed newsletter. Enjoy!

Laurie Berube, Rec Director

## 1st Annual Birchview Home & TLC Daycare Gala "A LIFE WITH ART"

Saturday, March 22

@ Birch Hills Civic Center

Doors open and silent auction begins 7:00pm

Ticket \$20 available at Birchview & at Daycare

This is a formal evening out for adults only.

Appetizers and refreshments available.

The residents & children are (live & silent) auctioning their beautiful art pieces.

Proceeds to the home and daycare

## Ash Wednesday

St Mary's / St Anne's will be hosting an ecumenical service of evening prayer and imposition of ashes on 5 March at 7:30pm.

All are welcome.

## OLD TIME DANCE Fiddlers 'IN WITH THE OLD'

in Birch Hills March 15th, 2014 (DATE CHANGE)

Starts 8:00pm @ Seniors Rec Hall,

call 306 749 3391 for advanced tickets \$15, \$ 20 at the door, \$10 for students and 12 and under \$5.

Bring a a toonie to to donate to the Senior Hall.



Skating Carnival presenting

## 'DREAM DESTINATIONS'

Sunday, March 16th

Starts 10:00am



Steak Supper & Silent Auction to follow.

\$25/person @ Civic Center Tickets on sale now at Brahma Insurance or Affinity Credit Union

## St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew Supper Monday, March 17th at St. Mary's church On Bellamy & 3rd

All ladies are invited to

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Friday, March 7th

2:00pm @ Birch Hills

Lutheran Church

Theme: Egypt -

"Streams in the Desert"

Coffee following program

MARCH issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for you by: **Mayor, Shirley & Arvin Ulvild**

If you would like to be a sponsor of the 'Heartbeat' newsletter, contact Laurie at 306-749-7451/

[birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net).

The cost is \$100 ea sponsor

(3/month) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for you & the community.

Thank you for supporting your local paper.

## Annual Seniors Curling Bonspiel

Week of March 3rd - 7th



Homemade Lunches and Pies

Served All Week

Everyone Welcome for lunch and to visit and watch games

## Ladies Curling Bonspiel

Theme 'Country Living'

March 7 & 8

Starts Friday @ 7:00pm

Supper on Saturday Evening

\$120/team of 4

Prizes for best costume and game winners.



For more info Call Sandra Barber 749-3216

## BIRCH HILLS SKATING ARENA NEWS



Book a **Staff, Family or Birthday Party** at the Skating Rink Contact 749-7451 to book today

### BIRCH HILLS SENIOR BLACKHAWKS NEWS



For the first time since their resurrection, Birch Hills advances to Round 2 of the BLHL playoffs after beating Debden 13-5 in game 2 to take the sweep Feb 21&22, Big River wins and takes a 2-0 series lead. Blackhawks can still pull through if they win Feb 28th against Big River. They will then play in Birch Hills March 1st. Watch for updates on facebook.

### MINOR HOCKEY in BIRCH HILLS

Mar 2nd Midget vs Melfort 5:30

Mar 3rd Novice vs Nipawin 7pm

Mar 9th Bantam vs Hudson Bay 5:30

Watch Rink Boards for more Minor Hockey Playoff Games



The Nordiques TigerHawks took the Prince Albert Tournament early February. They beat LaRonge in O/T to take the "A" Final. The Birch Hills players are Avery Bruce, Aaron Fetherling, Camryn Harper, Cole Glauser, Sydney Glauser, Codie Lum, Dallas McNab and Trent Swenson.

Karen Glauser

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### Summer Playground Program Leaders: F/T & P/T

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 on funding.

**Golf Course Positions:** Positions available in the club house and on the greens ...

Send resumes to the Rec Office @ Box 280, Birch Hills or via email at [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)

**Country Leathers** now hiring full time position in Birch Hills. Inquire at Country Leathers (Rugged Country) or call Frankie at 749-2210

### PUBLIC NOTICE: re: Summer Playground Program

Due to funding cuts a large portion of our sponsorship will affect our playground programming for summer 2014. (by almost \$9000). This program has been very successful the past 5 year and continues to grow, averaging, 40-50 kids in Birch Hills and 10-15 kids in the Village of Weldon. It would be a shame to let this program go and regrettably, the program in Weldon is in jeopardy.

The response from the public and a few local community groups has been encouraging. In March, watch for details of a Street Hockey tournament and May 1st, the Optimists are hosting a dinner fundraiser. Watch for more details and ways you can participate to make sure our playground program continues in Birch Hills.

Kind Regards, Laurie Berube

### COMMUNITY BOOSTERS TRADE SHOW

Saturday, April 12, 2014

@ Birch Hills Civic Center

10:00am-3:00pm

Vendors Contact Leanne Bailey 749-2784



Deadlines for submissions for newsletter are the 10th and 25th of each month.  
end entries to [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net) or call 306-749-7451

### 3rd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival Review

Overall, I would have to say this festival was another great success for Birch Hills. For having a late start in planning, I am extremely impressed with the effort put forth with the organizers, committees and businesses that participated in providing an action packed festival for all ages. We had some new events this year such as the Human Dog Sled Race (video is on Facebook) and Street Hockey (nets are available outside the hockey rink for those that would like to continue to play throughout the winter). We had great exposure on several radio stations and even on CTV News. The Brrr Chills Winter Festival is catching on by other communities!

Each of the activities that were planned by the respective committees was well organized and those that participated expressed such gratitude for the fun that they had. These committees for the most part were able to have a profitable fundraiser, which is always a positive aspect of a community event. However, one overall concern of the festival was the lack of community participating in the events planned. The week of the festival seemed to be especially busy with other activities, holidays and the cooler temperatures seemed to keep some folks indoors. Another good observation was the new faces that did attend the festival events. However, I know there are plenty more that missed out on the fun.

#### HOW DID WE DO??

In your mailbox you may have received a survey (on a green paper). We need your help by telling us what you liked about the Winter Festival, what you didn't like, or why you didn't attend events, etc, etc. This will help guide us for future events. We need to hear from those that attended and from those who didn't attend winter festival events. Your feedback is much appreciated.

Those receiving the newsletter on line, can click on the link below to fill out our questionnaire on 'Survey Monkey' Takes 5mins max! It's easy, copy link to your computer or just click here.

➡ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MCGDKYK>

Your opinion counts, we need to hear from you. Thanks for your help

#### Your 2014 Winter Festival Committee:

Amy Dow, Ann Woods, Anna Devenis, Bud McRury, Dale Pratt, Ethel Rutherford, Inez Shilling, Jerel Woods, Joanne Bzdel, John Herd, Karen Lemon, Laurie Berube, Lorne Ridgway, Marilyn Smith, Mary & Duane Mohn, Millie Rowluck, Myrdena Reynish, Shirley Ulvild, Terry Morgan

If you enjoyed the festival at all, take a moment to thank these community members for their efforts.

The festival organizers urge you to help us with future planning to let us know what, if any events, you as the community are interested in again. Please fill out your surveys (placed in mailboxes) or via email (see box below).

On behalf of the organizers, we hope to have made your winter more bearable by helping you play with winter instead of fighting it!

#### Winter Festival Progressive 50/50

Congratulation to **Wayne Clancy** for winning \$772.50 in the Winter Festival Progressive 50/50. Total money pot to split was \$1545!!

Thank you to **John Herd** for organizing/selling and to **Bud McRury** for selling over \$1000 himself. WOW!! Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser. It is the only source of income that helps to cover extra winter festival activities (and losses)

#### Febru-hairy Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the Febru-hairy Contest. Winners were:



- \* Hair-est Legs went to **Eric Mickelson**
- \* Best Dancing Legs went to **Greer Tilford**
- \* Longest Legs went to **Amy Dow**...(not sure how that happened lol)
- \* Sexiest Legs went to **Mandi Court**

Thank you to the participants for their energy and willingness to entertain. Thanks to our sponsors of the Febru-hairy contest: **Quayle Pharmacy, Salon Krush, Clay Oven and BH Golf Course**

#### Snow Sculpt Contest:

Congratulations to **Art Barth** for winning 1st place, \$100 in the snowsculpting contest. 2nd Place winners are **Alexis and McKenzie Devenis**. \$60



Hopefully the weather is more cooperative next year! Thank you to **Mayor, Shirley Ulvild** for donating cash for these prizes.

**The Birch Hills Community Boosters** is a group of concerned people who are interested in improving the appearance of the Town. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Museum Board room; all interested folks are welcome to attend.

We sponsor the spring and fall Trade Shows in April and November and the Garage Sale Day, the 1st Saturday in June.

Our efforts last year with the Community Garden and Main Street beautification were very well received; we plan to build on this with help from the community. We ordered several large flower pots and will work with our local Co-op to purchase the flowers and materials for planting. Trees have been ordered for replacement plantings on the berm and around Town.

The project is ongoing and has the potential of attracting new businesses and residents to Birch Hills, with the ultimate goal of increasing property values.

The Spring Trade, Crafts and Home Baking Show will be held on Saturday, April 12th from 10am to 2pm at the Civic Centre. Lunch will be served. Proceeds go towards the Community Boosters.

Shirley Ulvild

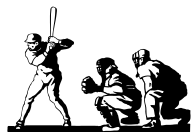
### HELP IS NEEDED

Birchview Home is seeking helpers in the mornings to come help set hair for the lady residents at the home. If you are available one or more days per week please call Lil Woodrich @ 749-2919.

**DID YOU KNOW...** that Birchview is the only nursing home in the province that still offers free hair setting to their residents. Thank you to our past, present & future volunteers!!

Believe it or not spring is coming and Ball Season is right around the corner....

### WANTED: Umpires for May/June Boys and Girls ball



Training courses available and Minor Sports will reimburse for the umpires clinic fees plus pay per game umpired. Candidates would be at least 12 yrs-Adult and have basic knowledge of how baseball is played. If you are interested please contact Leon Pratchler at 749-7348 or Laurie at Rec office 749-7451

### Save the Date....

**Birch Hills Golf Course AGM  
and SUPPER** April 16th, 2014

Any person with financial or other interests of either of these town facilities is welcome to attend meetings or join the board. Fresh ideas and new faces are always welcome. The Rec Facilities would not function without the assistance of a volunteer board. *The dedication of past and present members is appreciated.*

### WATCH for Details...

**Skating Rink  
Board  
AGM**  
in April.  
Date to be  
announced in  
next paper

### Birch Hills Cowboy Church

@ Community Centre

1st Sunday of each month



Next **Mar 2nd, 7:00pm**

Featuring Country Gospel  
Music with down home bible message.

All Welcome.

Refreshments to follow.

Pastor Rick Martin 981-2235

Anyone concerned of town  
development is welcome to join

### **The Birch Hills COMMUNITY BOOSTERS**

**Next meeting Tuesday March 18, 2014**

@ 7:30pm

in the Museum Boardroom.

**(meeting ends 9pm sharp...we promise)**

### SAVE THE DATE

### **Annual Library Gala**

April 10, 2014

Guest Speaker Rebecca Grambo.

More info to follow in next paper



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

### UPCOMING CURLING BONSPIELS

**Seniors Bonspiel** March 3-7

Includes Luncheon

**Ladies Bonspiel** March 7-9

Includes Saturday banquet



**Open Bonspiel** March 15/16

Open to any adult curlers. includes banquet

**2 Person Bonspiel** March 29/30

Saturday Night Dance & Season Windup  
w/ The Hot Tamales. Tickets available NOW

Register at the Curling Rink 749-2951

Curling sheets are available to rent for parties  
& gatherings. Cost is \$75-350.

Contact Robin for more information



## EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS



### MONDAY

Line Dancing 930-1100am @ the Senior Hall  
Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364  
T.O.P.S. (take pounds off sensibly) 5-6pm at the Health Centre  
Thimbles & Threads Sewing Club 6:30pm @ Birchview Melissa 749-3482  
Fire Department Meetings 7pm @ fire hall



### TUESDAY

Knitting Grannies 2nd & 4th Tues of ea month @ Sr Hall  
Karate 7:30pm St Louis Karate Club 422-8665  
Library Open 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 2n & 4th Tues of the month New members welcome  
AWANA Kids 6:45pm @LPBC For Kids 5-12yrs / kind-grade 6

### WEDNESDAY



Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am at the Sr Hall  
Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 9-4:00pm Great Deals!  
Coffee & Sweets at the Museum 3:00 pm  
Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders Contact Audrey 749-2217 to join  
Birchview Ladies Aux 9:30 every 2nd Wed ea month New members welcome  
Randy Hoback Office 1st Wed of month @ Town Hall 1-3pm

### THURSDAY



Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364  
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

### FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St  
Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm **Story time** 1:00pm  
Flute & Fiddle Steak Night, Open Mic & Karaoke Starts 5pm All Ages

### SUNDAY

If you have something to add to this list, contact Laurie at 749-7451

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS



Birch Hills Community Church @ Civic Centre 11:00am  
at 428 Bellamy Ave 9:30am:  
Lutheran Church Service (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 9:00am  
St Anne's Roman Catholic Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 11:30am

## BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY NEWS

### Library Hours:

Tuesdays: 12-4 & 5-8 pm,  
Thursdays & Fridays:  
12 to 4:30 pm



**StoryTime** Every Friday  
1:00-1:45pm For kids 3yrs+

## COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONTACTS

### Senior Hall

Vel Bompais 749-3364 Hall Rentals

### Birch Hills Royal Cdn Legion

Lyle Mohn 749-7927 Rentals  
Marlene Lypchuk 749-2571 Member Info



### Birch Hills Lions Club

Bruce Tilford 749-7743  
Todd Devenis 749-3425

### Birch Hills Historical Society

Shirley Ulvild 749-2500

### Community Boosters

Stewart & Louise Adams 749-3521

### Dreamland Optimist Club

Stuart Matice 306-314-2378

### Community Garden

Ann Woods 306-749-3237

### Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders

Audrey Matheson 749-2217

### Fire Department

Tracy Lubyk

### Sno-Posse Snowmobile Club

Jodi or Sheldon Gordon

### Birchview Ladies Auxillary &

### Meals on Wheels

749-2288



our Facebook page to  
get activity updates. Feel  
free to add your own event or activity  
info to the 'Birch Hills Community &  
Recreation' page

### Other Local pages:

Birch Hills Bargain Basement, Birch  
Hills Mamas, Birch Hills Dance Centre,  
Birch Hills Blackhawks, General  
Quarters Paintball, Flute and Fiddle,  
Birch Hills Community Garden, Birch  
Hills Sno-Posse, Clay Oven Café, Birch  
Hills Co-op, Partie Perks Rental  
Studio, Community Boosters,  
Dreamland Optimist Club of BH

### NEW Bling Car Wash

'Like' these pages to become part of  
these groups & get more information

## Birch Hills & District Recreation

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director  
Box 280 Birch Hills, SK S0J 0G0  
Fax: 306-749-2545  
E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net  
Text or call cell: 306-749-7451  
Facebook Page: 'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

**CROSS  
COUNTRY SKI TRAILS**  
are open at the Golf  
Course.



## Country Gospel Benefit Concert

For Nathan and Marcie  
(Stangeland) Gitzel and family

Sunday, March 23 7:00pm at  
the Lake Park Baptist Church on Hwy 3  
Tickets are \$15/person and are  
available at the door. Please call Joy  
Evans at 306-922-6418 for more info

## Telemiracle Luncheon

THANK YOU to all the people who  
supported the Kinsmen Telemiracle 38  
Luncheon by preparing food, serving  
food, enjoying the food and by making  
such generous donations. Due to your  
generosity and support we cleared  
over **\$4500+!!** Thank you Birch Hills  
and surrounding area!!

Maxine & Bev Cromartie



Please Share Paper  
with a Friend or  
Send Email to  
receive the news  
letter online



## FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 8, 2014

Calvin Vollrath - Canada's Fiddling Sensation Tickets \$20

Purchase tickets at the Clay Oven or online at  
[www.fluteandfiddle.ca](http://www.fluteandfiddle.ca)

## SOUP FOR SENIORS

Come down to the Sr Hall on  
Mar 15, Apr 12, May 10 @ 11:00 - 1:00pm

Lunch will be Served, the Friendship is up to you!



## CURL-A-DROME NEWS



Monday: Adult Curling 7:00pm Drop In's Welcome  
Tuesday: Senior League 1:30pm coffee & dessert  
Wednesday: 2 Person League sponsored by Brahma Insurance  
Thursday: Super League 4/team 7:00pm  
Friday: Senior League 4/team 1:30pm coffee & dessert  
**Drop In's Welcome** just \$10, for those that can't commit to  
weekly play or just want to try curling

**GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS...Draw date is Mar 29 @ windup Dance**

## Birch Hills Upcoming Events

**March** 2 - Cowboy Church  
2 - Midget Playoff game  
3 - Novice Playoff game  
3-7 - Senior Bonspiel Week  
5 - Ash Wednesday  
7 - Women's Day of Prayer  
7/8 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel  
8 - Calvin Vollrath F&F  
9 - Bantam Playoff Game  
15 - In with the Old Fiddle @ Sr Hall  
15/16 - Open Curling Bonspiel  
15 - Soup for Seniors  
16 - Skating Carnival & Steak Supper  
17 - St Patty's Irish Potluck Stew  
22 - TLC Daycare/Birchview Art Gala  
23 - (Stangeland) Gitzel Benefit  
29/30 - 2 Person Curling Bonspiel &  
Dance with the Hot Tamales  
**April** 5 - Sask Party Steak & Comedy Night  
6 - Cowboy Church  
10 - Library Gala & Dinner  
12 - Soup for Seniors  
- Community Booster Trade Show  
16 - Golf AGM & Supper  
22 - Earth Day  
**May** 1 - Optimist Playground Fundraiser  
10 - Soup for Seniors  
18-23 - Town Clean Up  
**June** 7 - Garage Sale Day

## Steak & Comedy Night hosted by

*Sask Party Batoche Constituency*

April 5th @ the Flute and Fiddle  
with comedic entertainment provided by  
Jody Peters

Advance tickets \$50.00 Contact:

Kris - 306-864-8058

Kelly - 306-960-1478

Alan - 306-749-7429