

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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Well, the 4th annual winter festival is done!! ...overall... I think another big community success. It's a lot to organize for sure and cannot be done by myself..so I thank all who organized, participated, sponsored and helped make this something kids young and old can think back fondly on. Special thanks to Joanne, Lydia and Mackenzie for being my behind the scenes partners in crime this year...you all made the planning even more fun.

I hope the festival brought a little warmth to your family this winter!

Laurie Berube, Rec Director

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Fridays: Curling

kids grade 5 and up are to meet leaders in foyer right after school or at rink 3:30pm.



Coming Soon: Street Hockey

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

5th Annual Telemiracle Luncheon

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

11:00 - 1:00pm

Birch Hills Civic Centre

Homemade buns, soups and desserts
Admission by donation to Kinsmen Telemiracle. Help us make miracles happen.

Contact Maxine Cromartie 749-2564, if you would like to help with lunch.

Thank you

Birch Hills Skating Club Carnival

Saturday, March 21st 2:00pm

COUNTRY ON ICE

Steak Supper & Silent Auction to follow at the Civic Center

Cocktails 4:00pm

Tickets \$25/person Kids 10yrs+ hotdog include with purchase.

Tickets avail at Affinity CU, Brahma Insurance, or skating members

MINOR HOCKEY PLAY OFFS

Novice vs Carrot River

Wednesday, March 4th

Game Starts 6:30pm



Bantam Northeast Nordiques vs Melfort

Sunday, March 8th

Game Starts 1:30pm

At the Birch Hills Skating Rink

Congratulations goes out to the following for making AAA hockey.

Chase Lacombe - Prairie Force

Rhett Ravndahl - Team Sask JR. Pat

Keegen Dansereau - Northern Predators

We are very proud of these kids.

Good luck.

MOMS & TOTS GROUP

STARTS March 5th

Tuesday and Thursdays from

10-12pm At the Youth Centre

\$2 drop in fee for centre hosting

All Moms welcome

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

DeeJacks Custom Welding, Beau Lac Funeral Home, St Louis Karate Federation

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.

Senior Housing units available from the Birch Hills Housing Authority. For more info on these units please contact Alan Ruder at 306-749-7541

Full Moon Light Cross Country Ski

Thursday, March 5

Anyone interested in a moonlight skiing meet at the golf course trails 9:00pm. Bring your skis & headlamps if you have



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

Skating Rink Caretaker - John 960-0427

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

Rink Memberships

\$30/yr Single membership or for families registered with

Minor Hockey or Skating Club \$75/yr for Families

DROP in GYM NIGHTS

Recreation Volleyball

8:00pm @ the school gym

Tuesday Nights

\$2 drop in fee

16yrs + are invited to come play.



Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to spread the news that kindergarten days are on days 1, 3, 5 on the SRSD school calendar that parents and caregivers have access to through the SRSD web site. It would really be wonderful if some of the events involving the Birch Hills School could be planned on days when Kindergarteners are in school. Just something to think about when planning dates and times because Kindergarteners love to participate in community events too!

Lynne Hunter, Kindergarten, Birch Hills School

BIRTH RHYTHMS from Saskatoon will be coming to Birch Hills to teach the professional doula training course.

The course will be held every Sunday May 31-June 28, 2015.

For more information please refer to the Birth Rhythms website: birthrhythms.ca and contact information can be found on there, or call Jenny Riviere 749-2237

TOWN NOTICE - Waste Site/Transfer Station Closure

The Town of Birch Hills has faced many productivity challenges ever since the landfill was converted into a transfer station site. Due to the rising costs and very little revenue it is no longer feasible to continue the operation of the Transfer Station.

Therefore, the final date of operation will be **March 28, 2015**. Please have any required waste disposed by this date.

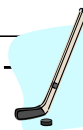
The Town would like to apologize for any inconvenience and would like to thank everyone for their patience while we explored various options during past few years.

Sr Hockey Blackhawks Playoffs

Congrats to our Senior Blackhawks Team on coming from behind (0-2) in the 5 game series to force game 5 over this weekend with a pair if wins. On the road next Saturday (Feb 7th) to Meadow Lake...a bus will be going with limited seats for fans (\$30/seat) Contact Iris Fjeld to reserve.. Watch for updates on Facebook.. Good Luck Boys!



Rec Hockey News



Mar 6th	Goosers and Barracudas	9:00pm
Mar 13/14	Gooser Tournament	
Mar 15	Barracudas vs Tisdale	4:00pm

The benefit for Marina & Sonny Cochet was very nice. We enjoyed a large crowd, with many door prizes, lottery board and silent auction. We would like to mention some people who helped greatly, Claude & Louise Tournier paid the hall rental, Buddha's Pub & Begrand Farms paid for the food and supplies, St. Louis Meats (Brad & Janice) and Greg Cochet paid for the hamburger patties, Doris & Valida paid for the Lottery tickets. The guys who did the cooking, all the volunteers for preparing the salads, setting up the hall, and cleanup. Thank you to all who donated merchandise for the silent auction, door prizes and cash. Thank you to all who attended even with the nasty weather, your support helped make the event the success it was. If you could not make it out to the benefit and would still like to help. The account at the Affinity Credit Union will remain open til' the end of Feb. The name on the account is "in trust for Matina Cochet", TO MAKE A DONATION CALL 306-422-8454, and get instruction, or mail cheques to Affinity Credit Union, Box 76, St. Louis Sask. S0J2C0. Thank you again for all the support

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





CURLING RINK NEWS

The Birch Hills Curling Club is continually working towards keeping our facility to a standard that allows us to host provincial and national events. After the 2011/12 season we sent our old rocks to Winnipeg and had the running surface refinished with the expectation that this refinishing would ensure our rocks would perform equally and well for many years.

Unfortunately, some of the running surfaces are degrading prematurely, which is causing some rocks to perform differently than others (slower, different amount of curl etc). It is likely these rocks will continue to slowly degrade more as time passes. Having new higher grade granite inserted into the centers is the best way to get the best performing rocks (other than purchasing new rocks at more than twice the cost). This project will cost nearly \$20,000. We want to gauge the interest of the community in sponsoring either one rock for \$325.00 or a pair for \$600.00.. Your name will be engraved in the handles and will be a legacy forever! Your sponsorship could be in the form of a memorial to a former curling member if you wish. If you are interested please contact one of the curling club members below for more information.

Leon Pratchler 749-7348

Brad Mitchell 749-7667

Sandra Barber 749-3261

Robyn Ganes 749-7270

UPCOMING BONSPIELS

SENIOR BONSPIEL WEEK March 2 - 6 (daytime)

\$140/team. Includes Banquet

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

Non-Curler Banquet Tickets \$15

Register at Rink 749-2951 (leave message)



FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 17 St Patrick's Day 8pm Free Admin (Irish Music, Green Beer, Irish Dancing, Food for purchase) Come & visit with the Dominion Legion Curlers

Mar 28 Curling Club Year End Banquet & Social - Non-Curler Banquet Tickets \$15. Social to follow, cost TBD

Open Mic & Karoke Friday Night Hosts in March

Mar 6 - TD Christopher Mar 13 - Pam Cochet

Mar 20 - Not My Monkey Mar 27 - Carmen Robertson

59TH ANNUAL LEGION DOMINION

NATIONAL CURLING PLAYDOWNS

March 14 - 19 Volunteers Needed
Call Ian or Carol if you can help a lot or a little. 7 Provincial teams and our local team will play for Nationals

GOOD LUCK Robyn & Diane Ganes, Leon Pratchler and Jodi Gordon

Thank you Don Lypchuk & other legion members who worked hard to get the playdowns here in Birch Hills. We made National News. For those on computer, Check out the following link... as we are recognized in congress!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvtA0JKpWL8&x-yt-ts=1422579428&v=AvtA0JKpWL8&x-ycl=85114404>

Website Link is

www.legioncurling.hostzi.com

Birch Hills Community Boosters

SPRING CRAFT, BAKE & TRADE FAIR

Saturday, April 18th, 10 to 2
at the Birch Hills Civic Center.
Contact Leanne Baily at 306-749-2784 to book a table (\$20).

Annual General Meeting

Birch Hills and Area Health Foundation

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 7:00pm
@ Health Centre (back of Birchview Home)
We help support health related issues in the community, in the Health Centre and in Birchview Home

JOB OPPORTUNITIES in Birch Hills

Sportsgrounds Maintenance Student Position
Casual Position May-Sept

GOLF COURSE POSITIONS: Interested in summer employment on the greens...?

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

Human Dog Sled Races

1st Place: 'the Ruff Riders' Mackenzie Devenis, Laurie Berube, Luke Budnick, Harley Manson, Chase Berge and Ally Bzdel
2nd Place with great spirit!: 'the Other Guys' Dale Markling, Marylou Thevenot, Rachel & Tristen Dyck, Alexis Devenis, Andy Remenda

Cash Prizes Sponsored by  **BRAHMA Insurance Inc.**
Our Strength... Your Confidence

Snow Sculpt Contest Winners:



1st Rochelle & Derek Fjeld - *Snowman Hottubbing*,
2nd Lydia Francis - *Inukshuk*,
3rd Kathy Evans - *Camping Minions*
Sponsored by CPS & Barth Family

Winter Festival Progressive 50/50

Winner Jaesen Dansereau \$622.50
 Thank you John Herd & Bud for selling tix

Game Night Winners: Forsyth Family, Braatens & Friends, Murphy Family

ICE FISHING SHACK Online/Silent Auction...for \$197! Thank you to Pat & Amanda Murphy & all who bid. Proceeds being donated to the Birch Hills Preschool. Shack donated by Birch Hills Co-op

St. Louis Shotokan Karate Federation

Proudly Celebrates 25 Years in St. Louis

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). 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.

Airband Contest

Winners by default maybe but not without actual talent: *Mackenzie Devenis & Laurie Berube*



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EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

MONDAY



Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364
 Line Dancing starts 9:30-11:30 Sr Hall
 Thimbles & Threads Sewing Club 6:30pm @ Birchview Melissa 749-3482
 Fire Depart Mtgs every 2nd Mon 7pm @ fire hall Kyle Jensen 749-7536
 Yoga Classes Beginner & Multi Level Call Rebecca 960-7736

TUESDAY

Knitting Grannies 1pm @ Sr Hall 2nd & 4th Tuesday of ea month
 Walking Group @ the Civic Ctr 10-11am
 Library Open Weekly 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 2nd & 4th Tues of the month New members welcome

WEDNESDAY



Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am @ the Sr Hall
 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 New members welcome
 Randy Hoback Office 1st Wed of month @ Town Hall 1-3pm
 Town Council Meetings 2nd and 4th Wed of the month



THURSDAY

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364
 Walking Group @ the Civic Centre 10-11am
 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
 Drama Club for Kids @ Dance Center 6:30pm \$25/mos

FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St
 Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm **Story time** 1-1:45pm
 Flute & Fiddle Open Mic & Karaoke Night Happy Hour 7-8pm All ages welcome

Call if you have changes or events to add to this list; Laurie at 749-7451

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS

Birch Hills Community Lutheran Brethren Church @ 11:00am
 Pastor Clint Knutson (Lutheran church corner of Bellamy & 4th St)



Lutheran Church Service 9:30am w/ Pastor Dan Haugen
 (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 **NOTE: Time changes**
 St Mary's Anglican Church @ 255 McCallum Ave **9:00am**
 St Anne's Roman Catholic Church @ 255 McCallum Ave **11:30am**

Lake Park Baptist Church News

AWANA For Kids

ages 5 to 12
 Tuesday nights from
 6:45 to 8:30



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Evenings at 7 pm

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

on Friday evenings

Birch Hills Cowboy Church

@ Community Centre

1st Sun of each month

Next Service



March 1st 7:00pm

Featuring Country

Gospel Music with down home bible message. All are Welcome Pastor Rick Martin 981-2235



Drama Club for kids

9yrs - 15yrs

Thursdays 6:30 - 7:15pm

\$25 /month

@ the BH Dance Centre

Salsa Workout Classes

Monday Nights w/ Norma

7:00 -

Cancelled due to lack of participation

8:00pm

\$10 ea time @ Dance Center.



BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY NEWS

Library Hours:

Tuesdays: 12-4 & 5-8 pm,

Thursdays & Fridays:

12 to 4:30 pm



StoryTime

Stories read to kids 3yrs+
 on Fridays 1:00-1:45pm

WALKING GROUP

10:00-11:00am on

Tuesdays & Thursdays

@ the civic Center

We will walk at our own
 pace and stay active.

Contact Shirley Lyons

749-3233 for more info All Welcome





Laurie Berube,
Recreation Director
Box 280, Birch Hills, Sk
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Sask Firearm Safety and Hunter Education Course

Canadian Firearms Safety Course
(required for possession/acquisition
license) For Course Dates and info
contact Bill 306-749-3394
Leave message.

School Daze

Noon Hour Boredom?

Check out Wii
Mario Kart
League

12:15 - 12:50pm

On the big
screen at youth Center



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

Now booking T
Times for our
GOLF TEK SIMULATOR
at the Youth Centre
Phone 749-2478 to
Book for Weekdays
10:00 am, 1:00pm,



2:30pm
Wednesday
and Thursday
Evenings at
7:00pm
Bring your
Clubs & Balls.
Beginner.....??

Lessons arranged
Free Will Donations
accepted

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- March**
- 1 - Cowboy Church
 - 3 - Telemiracle Lunch Fundraiser
 - 4 - Novice Playoff Game
 - 2-6 - Seniors Bonspiel Week
 - 5 - Moms & Tots Group Starts
 - 7 - Tway Snowmobile Rally
 - 11 - Lyons Supper Fundraiser
 - 13/14 - Gooser Tournament
 - 14 - Soup for Seniors
 - 14-19 - Legion Dominion Nat'l Curling
 - 17 - BH & Area Health Foundation AGM
- St Patty's Day F&F
 - 20-22 - Open Curling Bonspiel
 - 21 - Skating Rink Carnival & Supper
 - 28 - Birchview & TLC Art Gala
 - 28/29 - Two Person Tuff Spiel
- Curling Year End Banquet & Social
 - 28 - Transfer Station Closure
- TLC Daycare Evening Gala
- April**
- 4 - Weldon 4H Beef Club Family Dance
 - 9 - Library Annual Gala
 - 11 - Soup for Seniors
 - 15 - Skating Arena Board AGM
 - 18 - Community Booster Spring Trade Fair

SOUP FOR SENIORS

Come down to the Senior Hall
Saturday, March 14th 11:00 - 1:00pm
for a homemade luncheon served by loving
community members

Weldon 4-H Beef Club Easter Family Dance
Saturday, April 4 2015 @ 8:00pm

Weldon Auditorium

\$15/person (12 & Under Free)

Music supplied by: Cottonwood Country
(The Sinclairs) Cash Bar & Midnight Lunch
All proceeds are going towards the 2015
Charity Steer recipient Saskatchewan
Childrens Hospital. All donations will be
matched by Kinistino Scotiabank
Tickets will be available from: Weldon 4-H
Beef Club Members, Scotiabank (Kinistino),
Affinity CU (Birch Hills)

Recreation Annual
General Meetings

**Birch Hills
Skating Arena**

Wednesday, April 15
7:00pm in the Arena
Lobby

Birch Hills Golf Club

Thursday, April 23
6:00pm Supper
meeting costs TBA

*If you have interest
in either golf or arena
activities, please
consider attending
the AGM.*

Cross Country Ski Trails open at the Golf
Course, thanks to Bruce Stevenson. No
Dogs or snowmobiles on trails please.

Tway - Sno-Snakes Snowmobile Rally

Saturday March 7, 2015

11:00-4:00pm @ Tway Rec-Centre
50% Payout, Lunch & Refreshments at
Rec-Centre. Fuel Available on Trail.
More info Rick @ 233-4790 or
Roger 233-4951



MORE CANADIAN VANDALISM !!

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

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