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Hello Readers,

I hope you were able to get out and enjoy many of the winter festival activities. Thank you to everyone who helped organize, sponsor and participate in the festival. There will be a potluck festival wind up announced shortly. Watch for details in the next paper.

Have a Great Couple of Weeks!!

Laurie Berube, Rec Director

Winter Festival Progressive 50/50

Winner was *Lynn Sampson*

\$497.50

*Thank you all for your support
Congratulations Lynn!!*



**St Patricks Day Irish
Stew Supper
St Mary's Church**



Thursday March 17th,
5-7pm Take out available
\$12 adults, \$6 10yrs & under
Preschool Free

2 Person Tuffspiel & Windup

March 18-20 Includes Supper.
Wind Up Dance Tickets extra
Entertainment with
the Grambo Brothers
To Register or for more
info Call 749-2951
(leave a message)



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

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

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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 April. ..reserve your spot today!

DROP IN VOLLEYBALL



**NOW Tuesday
Evenings
8:00 - 9:30pm**

in the School Gym
\$2 drop in fee Everyone
Welcome, even spectators!

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 SKATING ARENA NEWS

PUBLIC SKATING FEES

If you would like to pay for public skating fees.

A cheque can be sent to Box 280, Birch Hills. Made out to Birch Hills Skating Arena. \$5/skate
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

BLACKHAWK SENIOR HOCKEY NEWS

Hawks win 2nd best of 3 series against last years
Playoff Champions, Big River Braves!!



Final series Best of 5 will be played against Meadow Lake

PLAY-OFFS Round 3!! Best of 5

Game 1 - In Meadow Lake Friday March 4th 8:30pm

#2 - Home Game Saturday, March 5th 7:30pm



Come Cheer on the Hawks!!!

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

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| Mar 3rd | PeeWee Playoff game vs Tisdale | 6:45pm |
| Mar 5rd | PeeWee Tourney | |
| Mar 6th | Atom Playoff game vs Nipawin Whit | 12:00pm |
| Mar 11/12 | Gooser Tourney | |
| Mar 20 | Skating Carnival | |

SKATING CLUB NEWS

Skating Carnival March 20

'Super Heroes'

Everyone Welcome!



SKATING ARENA NOTICE:

The Rink will be closed for the season Mon, March 21st. There are some big projects that will require helpers...a lot of helpers mid to end of March!! The more people that can lend a hand, the easier the projects will be. If you can help please contact Tyler Cochrane (749-2228) or any other board member for more information. Thanks for considering and watch newsletter for more details on how you can help.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



THANK YOU to all the people who prepared such delicious food for the Telemiracle Luncheon. Thank you to all the people who worked at the luncheon: setting up, serving, cleaning up, writing receipts, etc., etc., Your help is so very much appreciated.

THANK YOU to all the people who attended the luncheon and generously donated to this very worthy cause. Because of your generosity, we were able to clear about \$4,500.00, one of our best years. Over the past 40 years the Kinsmen Foundation has helped so many people, including people in our community. Once again THANK YOU!! It is very rewarding working with so many willing volunteers.

Maxine Cromartie

DID YOU KNOW!!

Don Lypchuk volunteered with the very 1st Telemiracle as an Audio-TEC. ...40 years ago!!

He has worked 40 consecutive years with Telemiracle.

Way to go Don!!

BIRCHVIEW NEWS FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone Welcome 2:30pm

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| Mar 4 | The Klausens Easter Program @ 10:30 |
| Mar 10 | The Sinclairs |
| Mar 16 | St Patty's Day Party w/ Job Mates Band |
| Mar 21 | The Gramps |
| April 8 | Eat, Play, Laugh Dinner Theatre (Tickets required) |



BIRCHVIEW DINNER THEATRE

Eat, Play, Laugh

Friday, April 8th, 2016

Birch Hills Civic Centre

Italian Feast Cocktails 6pm, Dinner 7pm

\$25 per person Call 749-2288 for tickets

Age of majority required



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**



**BOUQUET OF THANKS TO BIRCH HILLS
&
MUSKODAY FIRE DEPT.**

*Thank you from 'Evergreen Acres'
(Gerald Holmgren & Carol Wykes) for
coming to our assistance.
Thank you to our families and all the phone calls
of concern.
Gerald & Carol*



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills



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Nominated for Outstanding Volunteer is

Wayne and Karon Thompson

-For their dedication to the many years at the Curling Rink (cleaning, bar co-ordination, board members) 'they do meals on wheels. They have always been very active in the community. They used to work the door for senior hockey games, and helped Rick out when he ran the skating rink.'

Congratulations on your nomination and thank you for all you both have done in the community

Coming Soon... Mark your Calendars & Watch for more details

Library Annual Spring Gala
Birch Hills Beauties Spring Fling

April 21st, 2016

April 23rd

**BIRCH HILLS HIGHLIGHTS and
NEWSLETTER SPONSORS**

Peace Love Healing

**Mackenzie Ackerman -
Crystal Healer/Reiki Master**



NOW AVAILABLE: Reiki Training All Levels

Reiki is a safe, gentle, and powerful energy healing method from Japan. Anyone can learn Reiki, regardless of age, gender or religion. Join me this Spring for these one-day workshops:

Level 1: Learn the history of Reiki and become a practitioner by learning to treat yourself, others, plants & animals; receive the 1st degree attunements.

Level 2: Learn to increase your Reiki, heal mental/emotional issues, distance healing and receive the 2nd degree attunements.

Call 306-961-1386 or find me on Facebook for more information

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 for the Birch Hills Playground Program:

Seeking students returning to school in the 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

THE BIRCH HILLS GOLF COURSE is

looking for interested people to work on the golf course itself and in the clubhouse. 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. or phone at 749-7756

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

1-877-325-2016

TLC Daycare

Hours of operation

7am - 8pm - Monday thru Friday

This week is Teddy Bear week. Bring your favorite Teddy Bear to Daycare with you all week long.

We also take any craft donations people may want to get rid of. We are taking donations for our new playground equipment. TLC is a Charitable Organization so we can issue tax receipts for your donations!!

With the warmer weather we have been experiencing the children have been playing outside. Parents please send appropriate clothing and an extra change of clothes for your children!!



Family Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, March 6

10:00 - 10:45am

Birch Hills Lutheran Church

(Corner of 4th Street & Bellamy Ave)



Discover a Solid Foundation! BH Community Church invites your family to a simple exploration of the stories of the Bible. A chance for all ages to learn together as a family with interactive story telling and discussion.

For more info, Call Pastor Clint at Youth Center 306-749-2478

Missing Golf Season?

Come play a round at the Youth Center!

Opti Tek 2 Golf Simulator and 14ft screen

Kids....Want to Learn? Want to Practice?...



Drop in After School! No Golf Clubs?...no Problem!, We Got You Covered!

Phone 749-2478 for more info or to book a 'tee time'



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

EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

MONDAYS

Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Dolores Jones 749-2680
 Fire Depart Mtgs every 2nd Mon 7pm @ fire hall Kyle Jensen 749-7536
 Linedancing @ Civic Centre
 Public Skating 3:30-5pm



TUESDAYS

Senior Curling League 1:30pm Coffee & Dainties to follow
 Afterschool Curling for kids Starts 3:30 All kids welcome
 Moms & Tots @ Youth Centre 10am-12pm \$2 drop in fee
 Library Open Weekly 12-4pm and 5-8pm
 Drop in Volley Ball 8:00pm @ the school gym \$2/ea



WEDNESDAYS

Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am @ Civic Centre
 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
 Public Skating 3:30-5pm **Afterschool Shiny**
 Goosers Rec Hockey 9:30pm Shannon 749-7908
 Town Council Meetings 2nd and 4th Wed of the month
 Brahma Insurance Two Person Curling League 7 & 9pm



THURSDAYS

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Dolores Jones 749-2680
 Moms & Tots @ Youth Centre 9am-12pm \$2 drop in fee
 Library Open 12 - 4:30pm
 Hawkeyes Rec Hockey 9:30pm Tyler C. 749-2228
 Red Head Equipment Super Curling League Teams of 4
 Legion Mtg 2nd Thurs ea month 7pm @ legion hall.



FRIDAYS

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St
 Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm/ **Story time** 1-1:45pm **4&5yrs**
 Senior Curling League 1:30pm Coffee & Dainties to follow
 Public Skating 3:30-5pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAYS

Public Skating 2-4 Saturday Shiny, Sun Family Skate
***NEW Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 1:00-4:00pm**
 Call if you have changes or events to add to this list; Laurie at 749-7451

Birchview Winter Festival Royalty

Nominated by residents, workers and visitors to Birchview Home.
 And 'crowned' on Thurs, Feb 25th during the Winter Festival

King - **Wilson Power**
 Prince - **Bob Tilford**

Queen - **Audrey Palmer**
 Princess - **Florence Curts**

Early payment of annual

Golf Membership fees

To allow for the early purchase of an annual membership (individual or family) at **current rates to avoid a possible increase** in the new season, those who elect to purchase their memberships for the new season will have until January 15, 2016 ***Extended to April 15, 2016**** to do this. If the rates increase in 2016, the purchaser will not have to pay the increase. The payment must be made IN FULL by January 15, 2016 ***Extended to April 15, 2016****.

Installment payments of annual memberships (individual or family)

To allow for the gradual purchase of the annual membership through installment payments, those who elect to do this will be able to make up to 5 payments, via cash, money order or cheque (receipts will be given). You may start as soon as you wish but the final payment **must be made** no later than May 1st, 2016 and must include any new season increase. There will be an administration fee for any refunds.

Payment can be made at the Rec Director's office (Laurie Berube) or at the AGM April 6, 2016.

Advance Family Dance Ticket Draw

Stella Demery

wins a \$50 Gift Cert at the Co-op

PA Raider Tickets went to **Amy Dow and Lalita Theoneandonly** for sharing our Festival Event info on Facebook

Snow Sculpting Contest

Winners

1st \$100 - Kathy Evans & Twyla Halayka.

Flinstones Drive In

2nd \$75 - Art Barth. Snoopy

Thank you for participating!!

Sponsored by A&M Barth & Cargill





Laurie Berube,
Recreation Director
Box 280, Birch Hills, SK
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E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
Facebook Page: 'Town of Birch Hills
Community & Recreation'
Website: www.birchhills.ca

ANNUAL CURLING 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



CURLING CLUB NEWS

Junior Curlers: Afterschool Curling for
youth Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30

We have had several weeks with kids from Muskoday joining in
our afterschool curling program. There has been 10-15
youth participating and learning the basics of how to
curl. A huge thank you out to **Hugh Sampson,**
Ron Lyons, and Carl Barber for helping to teach
the youth. There has been talk about junior curling next year.
Talk to your kids to Keep in mind for next year! They are our
future Curling Club Members!!



EASTER RAFFLE - Dinner for 6 catered by Chef Jenni (Willems)
in your own home. Tickets on sale \$2 ea or 3 for \$5
Draw Date March 19th.

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

Birch Hills and Area Health Foundation AGM

Wed, March 16
@ 7:00 p.m.
at the Health
Centre. Everyone
welcome to attend

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!

You're at home here.



Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Mar 3 - PeeWee Playoff Game
- 4 - World Day of Prayer
- 5 - PeeWee Hockey Tournament
- 4&5 - Firemen's Curling Bonspiel
- 5 - Sr Hockey Playoff Game (2 of 5)
- 6 - Atom Playoff Game
- Family Bible School starts
- Cowboy Church
- 11-12 - Goosers Rec Hockey Tourney
- 16 - BH Health Foundation AGM
- 17 - St Mary's Irish Stew Supper
- 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 Trade Show
- 12 - Arena Board AGM
- 21 - Library Annual Gala
- 23 - Beauties Playground Fundraiser Dance
- 26 - Rec Board AGM

Jul 1 - Raffle draw for new Golf Cart

Looking for volunteers to form a 'Walking
Trail Committee' for the Town of Birch Hills.
Please call or text Dale Pratt @ 306-960-
4171, if you are interested.