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March 15th, 2014

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Hello Readers,

- I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather. It finally feels like spring is coming and ball season is right around the corner. Take note that youth registration is on the 20th. Adult leagues returning this year so get chatting with your friends and plans for a June/July tournament are in the works. Watch for more details.

The Optimist Club is planning for a street hockey tournament that will be a fundraiser towards the Summer Playground Program. Watch for details on how to register or get involved.

Laurie Berube, Rec Director

St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew Supper

Monday, March 17th at

St. Mary's church (on Bellamy & 3rd Ave)

Starts 5:00 - 7:00pm

\$8/person, \$5/10yrs under, preschool free

Take out or delivery available

Call 930-0748



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. The residents & children are (live & silent) auctioning their beautiful art pieces. Proceeds to the home

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.

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.

Country Gospel Benefit Concert

For Nathan and Marcie (Stangeland) Gitzel and family

Sun, Mar 23 7pm 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

OLD TIME DANCE

Fiddlers **'IN WITH THE OLD'**

in Birch Hills March 15th, 2014

Starts 8:00pm @ Seniors Rec Hall,

\$20 at the door, \$10 for students and 12 and under \$5.

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



Open Bonspiel March 15/16

Come watch curling or visit the lunch counter for homemade soups & pies served the Ladies Hockey Team



2 Person Bonspiel March 29/30

Curling Wind Up Dance

Saturday, Mar 29th

Featuring...

the **"Hot Tamales"**

Tickets available at the curling rink \$20 advance, \$25 at the door
Sorry No Minors



Skating Club presents their Annual Skating Carnival....

'DREAM DESTINATIONS'

Sunday, March 16th

Starts @ 2:00pm

Steak Supper & Silent Auction to follow.

\$25/person @ Civic Center

Proceeds go towards the Skating Club Fees



BIRCH HILLS SKATING ARENA will be closing for the season March 31st. Thank you to our rink members, user groups, patrons, fans, volunteers, employees and board members for another great season. See you in the Fall

BIRCH HILLS SENIOR BLACKHAWKS NEWS



The Birch Hills Senior Blackhawks Hockey Team and Executive would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported them throughout this season. Program Advertisers, Jersey sponsors, game night sponsors, volunteers, families, fans... you all mean more than you know to our team! We appreciate every thing you do and give, no matter how big or small.
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.
Hope to see you all next season!

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

Bingo in Crystal Springs will start on Tuesday, May 6, 2014

BIRCH HILLS COMMUNITY BOOSTERS SPRING CRAFT, BAKE & TRADE FAIR

Sat, April 12 10:00am - 2:00pm
@ the Birch Hills Civic Center

Lunch & Desserts Served by TLC Daycare
Chilli & bun

Featuring: Javita Coffee & tea Co, South Hill Designs, Jamerry Nails, Norwex, Scentsy, Regal, Watkins, Tupperware, Seacret, BCMac Music, Fifth Avenue Jewelry, Lisa Larson Photography, Sunset Gourmet, Prairie Charm Quilts, Silpada, Bethel House, Rada Knives and assorted Craft & Bake tables.

Taxi Service in Birch Hills

Service 7 days a week. Around town, to P.A and back and even to Saskatoon if you have to catch a plane (must make arrangements in advance). Call **306-749-1222**

'VEIL OF TEARS'

Sunday, March 30 @ 7pm

The Birch Hills Anglican, Lutheran and United Churches jointly will host the viewing of the documentary "Veil of Tears", brought to us by the Gospel of Asia, at the Lutheran Church.

Come join us with friends and family to witness the story of thousands of Indian women who suffer solely because they are female and how 'God is raising from the ashes a remnant of women who are sharing hope and restoring dignity to generations of shattered lives'.

There will be a **short discussion led by Amy Dow** as one who has witnessed the struggles of women in India from a distance.

Donations towards the cause will be accepted at the door.

For more information, please contact either Stewart Adams at 306-749-3521 or Amy Dow at 306-749-2229.

We hope to see you there.



BOUQUET of THANKS to the

Birch Hills Beauties; Jackie Manson, Jody Mickelson, Kathy Arnestad, Bev Erickson, Anna

Devenis, Carlene Swales & Shelley Carrier for their donation of \$1800 towards the playground equipment to be installed at the Lions Club Park this Spring. Watch for more details...

Happy 90th Birthday ELWIN STOBBS

Come and Celebrate

Saturday, April 5

@ Birch Hills Civic Center

2:00-4:00pm

Everyone Welcome,

No Gifts please



UNPLUG AND PLAY

Are your kids getting more screen time than playtime?

From **March 24 - 30**, join other Canadian families who took the pledge to #UnplugAndPlay for at least 60 minutes a day.
<http://www.participation.com/get-moving/unplug-play/>

Deadlines for submissions for newsletter are the 10th and 25th of each month. Send entries to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or call **306-749-7451**

BIKE BOB'S HOUSE UPDATE

If you drive by 337 Bellamy Ave, you will notice that progress is being made on the house. The siding, soffit, fascia and shingles are done. The interior is also progressing with insulation, duct work and wiring being done. Next on the to-do list is putting up the drywall (which has already been purchased). We still need to purchase about \$1200 worth of drywall supplies, flooring \$1600, closet shelves/rods \$250, eavestroughing \$800 plus deck materials, light fixtures and door hardware, etc. So we estimate we still need \$7000-10,000 to finish it all off.

If you would like to purchase any of these supplies, please contact Vili Bati at 306-749-2760 or 1-306-263-3571 OR Kevin Hawreschuk at 306-749-3193. Cash donations are still welcomed at the Birch Hills Branch of the Affinity Credit Union in "Bob's House" account. We thank everyone who has supported this project and ask for your continued support to finish. Let's show our town spirit! We ARE...A small town with a big heart!



Thank you to all who have donated time, supplies and effort to make this new home a reality. Special gratitude to Orvin Opseth, Vili Bati and Kevin Hawreschuk for organizing and for giving so much more.

Bike Bob (McRury)

Dreamland Optimist News



Watch for Details on upcoming events

Family Dinner Fundraiser May 1st @ Flute and Fiddle

Street Hockey Tournament...April date to be announced.

All proceeds to go to the Birch Hills Playground Summer Program.

Birch Hills Optimist meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month @ the Flute & Fiddle @ 7pm. Feel free to come to our meetings

Brancepeth Hall Garage Sale Day

Saturday April 12th

11:00am-2:00pm

\$10.00 per table

(weather permitting we will have tables outside as well)

Chili and a Bun lunch will be served

Proceeds go towards the Town Hall.



Weldon Trade Show and Sale

Saturday, April 26

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Weldon Silver Tone Club hosted lunch available for purchase.

Vendors needed. \$15.00 a table.

(need contact info pls)

FIRE HOUSE NEWS

The Firefighters have been very busy with fundraising in January and February and would like to thank everyone who donated and supported their events.

The annual Firemen's Funspiel was held at the Curl-A-Drome on January 24 & 25. Twelve teams participated - most local - but special thanks to those that travelled. Visiting fire departments included Buckland Fire Department's Chief Jim Miller and Smeaton Fire Department's team of Chief Lyle White and his wife Donna, Deputy Chief Randy Fajt and First Responder Crystal Fajt.

The kitchen was busy with the Stew Cook-off. Winner of the People's Choice was Debbie Braaten and Judges' Choice went to Joan Devenis (sister and mother, respectively, of 1st Captain Todd Devenis) - each took home a cash prize of \$60. The Progressive 50/50 pot grew to \$806! Congratulations to Marion Downes of Saskatoon (aunt of Firefighter Derek Macfie) who received a cheque for \$403.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported this event - in total, we raised almost \$2600 towards our new command unit!

February brought the 3rd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival and the firefighters were involved in three events. Three trucks - the Pumper, Snuffer and Command Unit - led the Light Parade around town. The Command Unit also went out to the Tobogganing that night.

Desserts and refreshments were served at Talent Night by BH Fire Dept members. While we were able to enjoy the talent Birch Hills has to offer, \$880 was raised towards our new command unit! Thank you to everyone who participated and supported us in this event - we look forward to being involved with the Festival again next year!

Tracy Lubyk

more FIREHOUSE NEWS

While the rest of the world changes their clocks, Birch Hills Fire Department asks you to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



Alarms for smoke and carbon monoxide SAVE LIVES - please ensure yours are in good working order by changing the batteries twice a year. A good way to remember is to change them when the rest of the world changes their clocks for DST.

Also, did you know your smoke alarm has an expiry date? Most expire in under 10 years. Check for the expiry date printed on your alarm by the manufacturer and, if it's passed, replace as soon as possible. For more Info call Peter 980-7674

NOTICE FROM THE RM of BIRCH HILLS

The RM of Birch Hills No. 460 has developed a website. Please check it out at rmbirchhills460.ca. Listed on the website are Council Minutes, Bylaws, Financial Statements, upcoming events, and much more. The RM can also be contacted at 306-749-2233 between hours 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 Monday to Friday or emailed to rm460@sasktel.net. Please let us know what you think of our website



Birch Hills Dance Center presents its annual

DANCE SHOWCASE 2014

at 2:00pm on Saturday, April 5th

at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre in Prince Albert.

Tickets may be purchased online through the E.A. Rawlinson website or at the box office phone #306-765-1270.

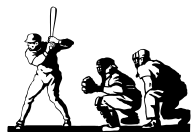
Please support our studio and come out for an afternoon of entertainment. Dancers, ages 3 to 18, will be performing their routines in jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop, lyrical, modern and musical theatre. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$8 for children, 10 and under. Children under 18 months are free of charge as they may sit on their parent's laps. Thank you, Mary Mohn

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: 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



Birch Hills Golf Course Board AGM and Supper

April 16th, 2014 @ the Sr Hall \$10/person just show up
Cocktails 6:00pm, Supper 6:30pm, Meeting to follow

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 and needed. The Recreation Facilities would not function without the assistance of our volunteer boards. *The dedication of past and present members is greatly appreciated.*

Skating Arena Board AGM

Mon, April 28th
7:00pm in the arena lobby
All rink users welcome to attend

Birch Hills Cowboy Church

@ Community Centre

1st Sunday of each month



Next **April 6, 7:00pm**

Featuring Country Gospel Music with down home bible message.

All Welcome.

Pastor Rick Martin 981-2235

BIRCH HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPRING GALA

Featuring Rebecca Grambo, Author & award-winning natural history photographer.

Thurs. April 10, 2014

Birch Hills Civic Centre

\$25/person

Doors open 6:00, Turkey supper 6:30pm

Presentation to follow

Books to purchase, Raffle & 50/50s

Get tickets from any of the following

board members: Mary Ann Hovdebo,

Lee-anne Hood, Nadia Stevenson, Val

Quayle, Maxine Cromartie, Karen

Lemon, Ann Woods, Joanne Bzdel, or at

the Library.

Don't let financial pressure stop you from getting your kids involved in sports. It's a well documented fact that active kids are healthier kids. Click on link or contact these funding resources for more info.

Kid Sport [http://](http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/chapters/sk/documents/applications/princealbert.pdf)

www.kidsportcanada.ca/chapters/sk/documents/applications/princealbert.pdf

or **Jumpstart** [http://](http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en/what-we-do#hta)

jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en/what-we-do#hta

Birch Hills Ball Registration

Thursday, March 20

6:00-8:00pm

@ Birch Hills School Foyer

For boys & girls born 2009 and sooner



Contact Kathy Arnestad

749-2999 for more info

EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS



MONDAY

Line Dancing 9:30-11:00am @ the Senior Hall
Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364
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 2nd & 4th Tues of the month New members welcome
AWANA Kids 6:45pm @LPBC For Kids 5-12yrs / kind-grade 6
Crystal Springs Bingo starting May 6th

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



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

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:

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

NEW Brahma Insurance

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



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Fax: 306-749-2545

E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

Cell text or call: 306-749-7451

Facebook Page:

'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

Town Clean Up Coming in
May ...watch for more details

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

Last Chance for trip to either Waskesiu or Elkridge Lodge...

Draw date is Mar 29 @ windup Dance. Tickets at the Curling Rink

Birch Hills Lions Club News

"Famous" Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction

Saturday, May 3, 2014 @ Civic Center

5:30 Cocktails, 6:00 Supper, Auction to follow

Adults \$10, Students gr 6-12 \$6, 5yrs and under FREE

Tickets from any Lions Club member



NHL Playoff Draft

Thursday, April 17 7:30pm @ Curling Rink

\$80/team (3-4 members/team)

1st prize 25%, 2nd prize 15%, 3rd prize 10%

Become a member of the Birch Hills Lions Club.

Contact Bruce Tilford 749-7743 or Todd Devenis 749-3425

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

March 15- In with the Old Fiddlers @ Sr Hall

15/16 - Open Curling Bonspiel

15 - Soup for Seniors

16 - Skating Carnival & Steak Supper

17 - St Patty's Irish Potluck Stew

20 - SoftBall Registration

22 - TLC Daycare/Birchview Art Gala

23 - (Stangeland) Gitzel Benefit

29/30 - 2 Person Curling Bonspiel &

Dance with the Hot Tamales

29 - Clay Oven Grand Opening

30 - 'Veil of Tears' Asia documentary

April 5 - Elwin Stobbs Bday Celebration

BH Dance Center Showcase in PA

Sask Party Steak & Comedy Night

6 - Cowboy Church

7 - 11 - Participacion 'Sneak it in' Week

10 - Library Gala & Dinner

12 - Soup for Seniors

- Brancepeth Garage Sale

- Community Booster Trade Show

16 - Golf AGM & Supper

17 - Lions Club NHL Playoff Draft

22 - Earth Day

26 - Weldon Trade Show

28 - Skating Arena AGM

May 1- Optimist Playground Dinner Fundraiser

3 - Lions Spaghetti Supper

6 - Crystal Springs Bingo starts weekly

10 - Soup for Seniors

18-23 - Town Clean Up

CANDLELIGHT STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent

Mar 14-Apr 18 @ 7:30pm

@ St Anne's Roman Catholic

St.Mary's Anglican Church

All are welcome



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Clay Oven Café

GRAND OPENING

Saturday, March 29

4:00- 9:00pm

Free wings & dry ribs w/drinks.

Food & Drink Specials,

Door Prizes

All are invited to attend

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!



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