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Greetings Readers,
It has been a busy month of meetings and AGM's in town. There are a many ways that you can get involved in your community. Become a board member, join a committee, help out at an event. Share your ideas and talents. We are looking for ideas for summer activities, Canada Day, and open to any other ideas or activities you may have. The Easter Hunt was a great success with winners of the bikes: Jordan Olfert, Chase Bear, Nate Sampson. Thanks to the Co-op, Blackhawks Hockey team & the Golf Course for sponsoring these prizes. Happy Easter Everyone,
Laurie Berube, Recreation Director



Coming Soon to Birch Hills...

Food Safe Handling Course
May 6th \$75 /person
minimum 12 needed to register.
Contact Rec Office by April 25th

CPR First Aid Course
Dates to be announced
Contact Lyle Evans 306-930-8074

THE MEIER QUARTET

Will be at Glad Tidings Tabernacle
Sunday, April 30th 11:00am
Morning Program, Dinner to follow
7:00pm Evening Concert
Pie & Coffee to follow
A special offering will be received in support of the local Birch Hills Food grains growing project.
Everyone Welcome!

The Daae Family

In Concert at
LAKE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
Free-Will Offering
Fundraiser for Torch Trail Bible Camp
Saturday, April 22 @ 7:00 PM
Birch Hills SK

About the band: This family band is from the Saskatchewan prairies and is of Norwegian decent. Their surname "DAAE" is pronounced "DOE". Their family roots in singing and farming go back to the early 1900's, and sharing the Gospel is something that they love to do as a family. Sounds of bluegrass, country and Southern Gospel have filled their family's home as well as churches, fairs, stages, radio and television broadcasts from across the country; and they want to continue in music for years to come.
For more information please contact 1-306-428-2989



**Ladies Golf
Organizational Meeting**
Tuesday, April 25
Potluck 6:30pm

To be held at the common room of the condo. It is a supper with meeting to follow. Any ladies interested in joining the ladies golf club are very welcome to attend.

APRIL issues of the Birch Hills Community activity news letter was provided to you by:

BIRCH HILLS SENIORS CLUB

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 by 3 sponsors (\$300/mos) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for you & the community.

Seeking Newsletter Sponsors for Spring!!
Call 306-749-7451
Thank you for supporting your community with a free local paper.

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING of the BIRCH HILLS

Conservation and Development
Area # 58
Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Birch Hills Conservation and Development Area will be held In the Birch Hills Legion Club Rooms on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Secretary-Treasurer, Grant Getz

Congratulations to Kendall Shore and Megan Evans in earning a spot in the National Competition in Winnipeg (May 31-Jun 3). They showed their potential culinary skills at the Provincial Trade Skills Competition in Stoon in April. Good luck ladies!

Recently Renovated Senior and Family Housing units are available in Birch Hills. For more info on these units please call or text the Birch Hills Housing Authority at 306-749-7541.

Birch Hills Recreation AGM's

Skating Arena Board

Tues, April 25th
7:00pm @ Arena Lobby

Rec Board

Tues, May 9th, 2017
7:00pm @ Museum (back door)

Any Community members with a 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 ensure our 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 alive in Birch Hills.

May is Museum Month at the Birch Hills Memorial Museum

Special desserts with coffee served each Wednesday at 2pm in May.
Watch for more details...

Open Wednesday - Thrift Shop
9am to 4pm Museum 2 to 4 pm
Open Saturday - 1 to 4 pm

Thank You for your continued Support



MANE EVENT Salon & Dance Hall

Every Wednesday evening

Sack the Quarterback - Progressive Jackpot 20/30/50

5-7pm...Draw @ 7:15pm (must be in attendance to win).
Food & Drink Specials

The salon is still on a break until further notice, sorry for the inconvenience. We will continue to be open Wednesdays from 5 - 10pm as well as for Events and Rentals.

*Book the Hall for birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, etc .
Call / Text Kristy 306-749-7405*



St Louis Annual Quilt Show

Sunday, April 23rd
1:30 - 4:00 pm
St Louis Seniors Club (Bowling Alley)
Fabric for Sale (400 bolts to choose from)

Coffee and Cake
Silver Collection at the door. Anyone is Welcome

Adult Slow Pitch coming soon... Jul / Aug.

If you have a team or you would like to be on a team, contact the Rec Office. Games will be on Tuesday Evenings Out of town teams / players welcome to join



Drop In Slow Pitch starting soon.
(weather permitting)
Friday Nights 7pm. Contact the Rec Office if you would like to get notices

Weldon Country Villa

Mothers Day Tea & Bake Sale

May 13th
2:00-3:30pm All are welcome

Weldon Spring Trade Show and Sale

Saturday, May 6th 10:00 - 2:00pm
Weldon Auditorium
Lunch fundraiser for auditorium renos

CRYSTAL SPRINGS UPCOMING EVENTS

Bingo: Get your daubers ready! Bingo starts in Crystal Springs on Tuesday 7:30pm April 4 till Dec 12, 2017. Hope to see you there.

The hall is available for rent. Contact Lynn 306-864-8013

Coffee Row: The Crystal Springs Rec Co-op will be hosting a "coffee row" once monthly at their newly renovated facility at Crystal Springs Hall.
Next date 2:00 - 4:00 Wednesday May 3rd

Spring Brunch: Sunday, Apr 23rd, 10am-12:30pm
Crystal Hotel Street Dance: Saturday, July 15th
Crystal Hotel Mudfest: Saturday, Aug 12th

HELP WANTED:

Celebrate Canada's 150 birthday!

We would like to hear from you! Plans are in progress to host some Canada Day festivities, starting with fireworks on June 30th and a family fun day on July 1st. We need ideas and volunteers to help make this a successful and fun celebration.

Contact the Rec Office if you would like to get involved, the next planning meeting is Thursday, May 11th 7:00pm at the Museum.

birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or Text 306-749-7451



Birch Hills LIBRARY News

STORY TIME

Fridays w/ Ms Joanne.

For ages 3 & 4

Join us each Friday at
1:00pm

Thursday May 4th is the date of this year's

Dance Showcase 2017!

The main floor is SOLD OUT!!!! Do not miss out.



Call 306-765-1270 or go to
www.earawlinsoncentre.ca to get
you tickets today.

Congratulations to the dancers who took part in the recent Watrous Dance Festival competition. With 23 dance studios competing, Birch Hills Dance Centre dancers brought home 11 medals for marks of 90 and over, 4 medals for marks of 85 - 89 and 6 medals for marks of 80 - 84.

We wish all the dancers "Good Luck" as they go to Tisdale for the next competition on April 26 - 30

BIRCH HILLS MINOR BALL

Last Call for Youth

Ball Registration April 19th
6:00 - 8:00pm

At Mane Event during
Sack the Quarterback

Requesting all ball parents attend a
planning meeting at 8:00pm sharp!

The season of ball will need to be
discussed and we are looking for your
input before making decision. Parents/
Guardians are requested to attend if
your child has signed up for 2017 ball.

If you have any questions or missed
the registration date, please email
bhminorsports@outlook.com

If you are considering signing up your
child for ball, please let them know
asap. We want to keep ball in BH but
some age groups are short players

Two things are required to keep
these activities going. Kids to play
and people to help out. If you are
interested in becoming a Ball or
Hockey Coach, Manager, General
Helper, Umpire, Referee, or however
else you can help, contact any of the
board members or email as noted
above.

2017 SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Rec Office is now accepting applications for Play Leaders for this summer. Hours vary with positions. Must be available July 1st through Aug 25th, during Monday to Friday. Must be 14 yrs+, a current student returning to school in the fall.

DONATIONS REQUESTED: There are plans in place again for a playground program this summer. This program has been free to all kids ages 5-12yrs and we would like to continue the program at no charge. There are grants available but not all costs are covered. In the past businesses and individuals have donated towards this program that offers nutrition snacks, craft supplies, tons of fun Mon-Fri (Jul/Aug) and competitive wages for our leaders. If you are interested in assisting with budget requirements, please contact Rec Office for more info. Taxable deductions apply

Thanks to past donators, this program has been free to all kids!

Birchview Nursing Home April Activities

April 20th	Job Mates Band
24th	Volunteer Appreciation 2:00pm with Wilf and Al entertainment
27th	Ralph Galambos
28th	Step Ups Line Dancers



All are welcome to attend. 2:30pm start unless otherwise noted



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

The Birch Hills Senior Blackhawks held their 2016-17 windup on Saturday, April 8th at The Mane Event. This event acknowledges our volunteers and sponsors, players, staff, executive and fans.

Award winners are:

- Most Improved – **Adam Morrison**
 - Floyd Harper Memorial (Playoff MVP) – **Mike Markell**
 - Regular Season MVP – **Brandon Juravinski**
 - Rookie of the Year – **Brady Keller and Lucas Anseth**
 - Coaches Award – **Scott Swenson and Travis Elsaesser**
 - Most Sportsmanlike – **Kellen Harper and Carl Devost**
 - Top Defenseman – **Cody Folstad and Tyler Tilford**
 - Top Scorer – **Carl Devost**
 - Bill Lewis Memorial – **Greg Manson** (given to a person involved in senior hockey who also makes outstanding contributions to our community)
- The team's staff was also thanked by the players for their contributions to a successful season. These included:

Coaches – **Todd Becker and Bruce Tilford**

Assistant Coach – **Zach Becker**

Manager – **Jamie Tilford**

Trainer – **Neil Braaten**

Secretary / Treasurer – **Iris Fjeld**

Equipment Manager – **Bob McRury**



The Blackhawks recognized their volunteers with complimentary meal: Allen & Georgine Harper, Ethel Rutherford, Rochelle, Iris Fjeld, Linda Njaa, Murray & Ramona, Laura Swenson, Brittney, Kathy Becker, Rosalind Doderai, Ron Lyons, Carl Hanson, Wade Cochrane, Brayden Lyons, Kieran Shore, Iris Olchoway, Janelle Morrison, Brenda Harper, Bob McRury, Jamie Tilford, Rupert Bremner, Sarah Forsyth, Neil Braaten, Tracy Collison, Stewart Adams, Greg Manson, Trevor Elsaesser, Michelle Nemish

Thanks to everyone who attended the windup – our next event will be Garage Sale Days, Saturday, June 3rd, where we will be serving breakfast sandwiches

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

Garage sale/bake sale Sat, May 13 in Brancepeth from 10-2. To book a table to sell your wares, text or call Jan at (306)961-7401. Tables are \$20 each. Trades are welcome.

St Mary's Anglican Church presents **Saskatoon Magic City Chorus** with guest Gloria Stushnoff AKA Tania and Amy Dow on Sat, June 10 at 7:00 pm at Baptist Church. Advance tickets are \$20 available at Quayles Pharmacy, Sentiments Flowers, Birch Hills Golf Course or text/call (306) 961-7401 and \$25 at the door.

Community Lunches: Fri, Apr 21; Fri, May 19; Fri, Jun 16 – taking a break for July and Aug then resuming Fri, Sept 15; Fri, Oct 20; Nov 17

ST. LOUIS REC. BOARD TEXAS HOLDEM' POKER TOURNY

\$10,000 starting chips

SATURDAY, APRIL

29th

St. Louis Com-

CANCELLED



SASKATCHEWAN HUNTER EDUCATION AND FIREARM SAFETY

Required to Purchase Game Licenses in Sask

Course Dates: April 29, 30, May 6

Course Cost \$50

Ages 12 years and Up

Register by April 20th

To Register, please call

Bill @ 306-749-3394 or 306-749-7009

Members of the Saskatchewan International Karate College, many of which are from this area are attending the World Karate Championships in Barbados in 2018.

Bottle Drive in Birch Hills
Saturday, April 22nd
commencing at 10:00am

Funds will be used to help with some of the cost for airfare, hotel and tournament entry fees. Thank you in advance for your generosity from the members of the St.Louis Shotokan Karate Federation.



VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

Good luck to: Assistant Coach Roxanne Mitchell, players: Alexis Devenis, Jordyn Forsyth, Emma Mickelson and Nicole Mitchell of Birch Hills, and Kassia Richards from Kinistino who play for the U14 Prince Albert Toppers EnFuego volleyball team as they head to the Conexus Provincials in Saskatoon April 22 and 23rd.

This year they have won 4 silver medals out of 5 tournaments. For more information on the tournament see SaskVolleyball website.

There is live footage on SaskVolleyball Facebook page for various games throughout the tournament.

LIBRARY GALA THANK YOU

The Birch Hills Library Board would like to thank all of you who supported our annual Gala Dinner. Special thank you to our guest author, Deana Driver from Regina and to the Saskatchewan Writers Guild for paying a portion of Deana's expenses. We purchased 3 of Deana's books including *Cream Money and Fun on the Farm*. Watch for them in the library. Deana also donated 3 books for door prizes.

Thank you also to all the people who attended the gala, purchased tickets and donated door prizes. Thank you to Marie Braaten and her ladies who prepared a delicious turkey dinner, working around the planned power outage.

A very special thank you, to the 4 Affinity Credit Union ladies who purchased tickets, and then graciously volunteered to sell tickets and work the bar. Their community spirit is absolutely heart-warming. Thank you Rosalind Doderai, Joyce Cleavly, Jackie Manson and Kristin Gray. Thank you to the Credit Union board, who encourage their employees to be active in the community. With the financial cut which the libraries have experienced, it is critical that we do all we can at the local level to keep our library functioning.

Thank you to the following people who donated door prizes: Margo Opseth, Beau "Lac" Funeral Home (Marianne Turcotte), Tabitha Cooper, Jackie Mickelson, Joan Budnick, Sandra Barber, Maxine Cromartie, Deana Driver, and Affinity Credit Union. We would also like to thank Elk Ridge Resort, Waskesiu Marina, Waskesiu Golf Course and the Hawood Inn who donated prizes for our raffle.

The winners of the raffle were:

Rozlyn Gaudet- 1st prize - 4 rounds of golf with carts and 1 night in the lodge or 2 br. cabin.

2nd prize- **Kristin Gray**- 2 rounds of golf with cart at Waskesiu Golf Course, 2 half day paddle craft rentals, and 1 hour guided tour on Hanging Heart Lakes.

3rd prize- **Dwight Braaten**- 2 night stay at the Hawood Inn, during the low season and a \$50.00 gift certificate.

Shirley Lowe was the winner of our 50/50 draw. Shirley won \$275.00.

Congratulations to all our winners!! It was a great evening! Thanks again for supporting YOUR LIBRARY!!

Birch Hills School will be selling COOP CARDS from April 13 to April 27, 2017.

Here is how you can support our teams / activities.

1. Buy a coop card from the school or from one of our students. Example \$100
2. A percentage of the money from the cards goes to our teams
3. In a few weeks, you will get a card worth the amount you purchased from the school or student. You can use it towards food, gas or products from any of the co-ops (not bulk fuel). If you buy a \$100 card you get \$100 of products back from the co-op.
4. It's a Win Win for everyone and that's great in any activity.

If you want to pre-order, please contact Kevin Tait at Birch Hills School 749 3301. Our students will be canvassing the community from April 13th to April 27th. Thanks for supporting our extracurricular programs.

Birch Hills United Church News

Duane will be leading worship at Weldon Country Villa on Wednesday, April 19 at 2:30. All are welcome to join him. There will be a regular United Church service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 23.



Funding Assists Rec Activities in Birch Hills



TLC Daycare Inc

You're invited to our **Paint Nite** Fundraiser

Friday, June 2nd 7:00pm @ Mane Event Hall

\$15 from every ticket will go towards outdoor play equipment.

Tickets are available online: <https://www.paintnite.com/.../lust-in-the-wind-at-mane-event-...>

Buy your ticket soon, only 40 tickets will be sold!

Saturday Morning Coffee Row
at the Youth Centre

7:00am - 10:00am

Any early bird welcome!



St Mary's Anglican Church News

We are hosting a **Community Luncheon** at the Anglican Church on the 3rd Friday of each month from 11am-1:30pm.

Free will offering. Everyone Welcome

The next luncheon is **Friday April 21st**





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The golf course will be opening...soon. We are watching the weather forecast closely to determine the best date. Please call the clubhouse (306-749-2211) or check on Facebook (Birch Hills SK Golf Course) for dates. April hours will be 9 to 5.

We still have openings for golf tournaments and private bookings for the 2017 season. The Birch Hills Golf Course now has a great air-conditioned space with high speed internet and a fantastic view for your next meeting or gathering. Call or text Ethel at 306-749-7444 to reserve your date or for more information.

Sack the Quarterback Progressive 20/30/50 Jackpot

Join us Wednesdays at The Mane Event. Tickets on sale 5:00-7:00pm. Draw at 7:15pm. You must be in attendance to win. Tickets \$5 each, 3 for \$10, 8 for \$20



**Wednesday Evenings
Food & Drink Specials Weekly**



2017 Golf Board Members

The AGM was held April 4th

Continuing board members are

Larry Strand (Pres), Lionel Turgeon, Lorisa Ganes (Sec), Keith Matheson, Stewart Adams, Dale Pratt and welcome this year Brett Honish. Thank you to Jordan Carrier for your past 6 years on the board

Advertising Opportunity: There is one spot open on the BH Golf Course Score Cards, contact Lorisa at 306-749-7756 asap!



The Birch Hills graduating class of 2017 would like to firstly thank the community for all the support of bottles, cans and other recyclables during our recent bottle drive. We would also like to thank the parents and other family members that assisted in making this drive a huge success. In just over 2 hours bottles were collected, sorted and loaded for transport to Sarcan. With the many hands that helped out, this task was accomplished quickly and efficiently. Although there are too many people to thank individually the class would like to offer a special thank you to Orvin Opseth for providing a trailer for the transportation of the recyclables and Gordon Hood for helping organize, looking after the transport and using his home as a collection point. With all the support received, this bottle drive was able to collect a total of \$ 1835.80. This will truly help in making our graduation one to remember. THANK YOU EVERYONE

The Grade 12 Grads



Upcoming Events

- April 17-21 - Easter Monday, school break
19 - Final Registration for Minor Ball
21 - St Anglican hosted Community Luncheon
22 - Bottle Drive (St Louis Karate)
- The Daae Concert (pg 1)
23 - St Louis Quilt Show
- Crystal Springs Brunch
25 - BH Skating Arena AGM
- Ladies Golf Meeting
26 - AGM Conservation & Development BH
29 - St Louis Texas Hold 'em Tournament
30 - Meier Quartet Entertainment
- May Museum Month!! Treats each Wed 2-4pm
4 - BH Dance Centre Dance Showcase
6 - Weldon Spring Trade Show and Sale
- Food Safe Handling Course
9 - BH Rec & Area Board AGM
11 - Canada Day Planning Mtg
13 - Garage & Bake Sale - Brancepeth
19 - St Anglican hosted Community Luncheon
- June 2 - TLC Daycare Paint Night
3 - Birch Hills Annual Garage Sale Day
10 - Saskatoon Magic City Chorus concert
- July 1 - Birch Hills Celebrates Canada 150 Day
15 - Crystal Hotel Street Dance
- August 12 - Crystal Hotel MudFest
13 - Annual Threshing & Family Fun Day

Birch Hills Public School

PAA 20/30 Class constructed and is selling 8'x8' Garden Shed for sale. \$600. Contact Mark Rolfes at the school for more information 306-749-3301

BOUQUET OF THANKS

I wish to thank everyone who sent cards and words of condolences, food, attending the memorial service for my wife, Elnora. Thanks to my comrades of the Royal Canadian Legion for the use of the hall and preparing the lunch. To Pastor Duane Mohn and my sister Dolore Welsh Eulogist.

Everert Whelen Family