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Hi There, I hope you are keep well and dry. Congratulations to our Birch Hills graduates and a big thank you to our teachers that have dedicated another year to our children. Enjoy your summer break, you deserve it.

You may have noticed that our campgrounds are being renovated...no more flooding!! Cost has increased to \$20/night. Bookings are made through the clubhouse at 749-2211.

We are still looking for more volunteers for the July 12-19 week for concession and grounds workers. Contact me if you can help. Keep watch for the Summer Play-ground program July/August calendars. They will be posted at the Co-op shortly. Out of town visitors 5-12yrs are welcome. Starts July 2 in Weldon and 3rd in Birch Hills. Take care,

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director

R.M. of St. Louis #431 Centennial Celebration

Back to Batoche Site
June 21, 22, 23

Fri: Doors open 4pm, entertainment 8pm Freddie & Sheila Pelletier

Sat: 7:30-9:30 Pancake Breakfast, All day fun for kids, horse & wagon rides, pavilions, artisans fair, Magician 10:45 & 2pm, Dean Bernier & Jam Session 1-4pm Banquet & program \$20 Cultural Showcase 8pm, Marty Grambo Dance 9pm

Sun: 7:30-9:30 Pancake Breakfast, 9:30am Ecumenical Church Service For more info or banquet tickets call 306-422-6170

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If you would like to be a sponsor of the 'Heartbeat' newsletter, contact Laurie at 'birchhillsrec@sasktel.net' The cost is \$100 for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for the community. Individual sponsorships are welcome. Thank you for supporting your local paper.

STEAK SUPPER FUNDRAISER

Thank you from the Birch Hills Venom PeeWee Girls Softball Provincial Team. Proceeds towards equipment, uniforms and tournament expenses for the July 12-14 Provincial Girls Championships

FIGHT LIKE A GIRL:

Fundraiser for cancer fighter Colleen Burris (Heffernan)



BBQ & Silent auction, a dance with Marty Grambo and midnight bbq to follow.. Friday, June 21, 2013 6:00pm-2:00am

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Tickets \$10.00 /adult, \$5.00 / child, Children 5 and under free

If anyone would like to donate to the silent auction please let us know ASAP! Contact Kristy Nelson 749-7405

All donations and proceeds collected will go to the Burris family. Thanks so much and we hope to see you there!!

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, June 25 7pm

@ the Lions Club Ball Diamonds. Want to learn how to throw a ball, 'not like a girl'? Want to learn how to catch a ball, not in the face?



Come on out, for a fun night of ball for Ladies Only, Even if you don't have a glove or bat.



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Birch Hills Public Library

We are now getting prepared for our **Summer Reading Program**.



Kids from 6-12 years are invited to join. Register at the library. Read books, win great prizes, including gift certificates for the Galaxy Cinema. It's that simple!

BIRCH HILLS TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

For your Information

Fishing Licence is available at the Town Office to fish at the Town Reservoir. Town residents \$10.00, out of Town \$20.00, Open May 1st to October 31st.

Back yard fire pits, one time fee of \$5.00 per household, regulations as to size, where situated and construction available when purchasing permit, most important, what can and can not be burnt in them.

Animal Control Bylaw – Annual Registration fee for dogs and cats is \$10.00 each. Neither shall run at large and must be on a leash or harness and in direct and continuance charge by a person competent to control it when they are out and about.

Speed Limits - Maximum 40 Km. P.H. on all streets, 30 Km. P.H. in School zones and 20 Km. P.H. in all back alleys. No person shall park or drive a vehicle upon or across a playground or park.

The new tables in the Civic Centre were used for the Garage Sale pancake breakfast, served by the Town Council. \$670.00 was realized and put towards the purchase.

The Cemetery Committee met on Wed. May 5th, 2013. A committee of 3 was chosen to review policies and concerns, they will meet again in a month at which time a walk about at the Cemetery with the Caretaker is planned.

Mayor Shirley Ulvild

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

BIRCH HILLS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

GOLF COURSE GREENSKEEPER – Full Time Summer Employment

Competencies for this position include: A passion for the game of golf; basic understanding of golf course operating practices; strong communication skills; strong planning and organizational skills; ability to deal effectively with a variety of customers; mechanically inclined; problem solving skills; and the ability to work independently and in a team environment. Early mornings required and some weekends. Training will be provided.

Applications including references should be submitted in person or via e-mail to Laurie Berube at birchhillsrec@sasktel.net.

COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

Discussion & Plans for Communities in Bloom, Community Garden, Resident Surveys, Spring Clean up, Fenced Dog Run Park, Native Summer Games, and looking for other ideas as well....

ANYONE IS WELCOME

Next meeting at the Museum Basement

**Tuesday, June 18, 2013 @ 7:30pm
(ends 9pm sharp...we promise)**

Flyer Electric LP & Northern Lights Casino Sponsored Golf Tourney Clubhouse Fundraiser

Tues, July 16, 2013 \$600.00/team – 18 team limit
Includes – golf, cart rental, steak supper and prizes
Shotgun start at 5:00pm

Contact Ethel at 749-2211 to register
Proceeds going towards new clubhouse



SUMMER SPORT CLINICS Free to youth through Lakeland District for Sport, Culture and Recreation. Will take place end of July or August...Watch for details

Back: Allie Porter, Alexis Devenis, Jenna Amyotte, Kassia Richards, Nicole Mitchell, Jayden Njaa-Quaale, Kaitlyn Carrier.

Front: Lexi Gardipy, Emma Mickelson, Kaylee Porter, Danika Gariepy, Claudia Rask, Erika Dutchak, Carrissa Ward. Missing: Tyneal Lundquist.

Coaches: Anna Devenis, Jody Mickelson & Isla Doderai



2013 Birch Hills Thrashers Mite Girls are the Prince Albert City Champs. The year and tournament was held on June 8th weekend. They had a great season with 7 wins / 1 tie..

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sponsored By:

BIRCH HILLS ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

July 20th 1:00pm Tee Off

Best Ball, Shotgun Start

\$45 per person, teams welcome

Includes golf, steak supper, prizes

Registration required by July 12 (Space is Limited)

Contact John Herd 749-3384 or Lyle Mohn 749-7927

submit payment by mail to:

Birch Hills Legion Box 96 Birch Hills, SOJ 0G0



Dear Residents of the Birch Hills Area,

We've really enjoyed the last two and a half years that we've been living here in Birch Hills. This small town with a BIG HEART has become our home and it is so hard to leave! Thanks to all of you who have opened your hearts to our family and made our time here so wonderful. Our boys will miss the many friendly faces and the ability to wave at each car and face as we walk around town or jump into the lap of the person sitting next to them at the cafe. And a big thank you to the staff and residents at Birchview for taking such good care of our dog, Tobie Mae. We will be counting down the time when we are able to return to visit to our "home!"

Danny and Mandy, Zeke, Theo, and Jonah Bronson

SNEAKER DROP & BBQ

Thank You to all who supported our Sneaker Drop and BBQ! 860 numbered shoes were dropped from a helicopter by Transwest Air pilot Bob Derkson with 8 shoes finding their way into the winners basket. Congratulations to Deb Braaten, Harvey Boger, Randy Hanson, Randy Wojcichowski, Margaret Marsollier, and Connie Ulvild. A private donation was made to purchase shoes for local groups raising funds resulting in the BH Skating Club and TLC Daycare having winning shoes as well. In total, \$3,000 was "Netted" towards completing the Outdoor Basketball Court!



Huge thank you to Bob Derkson and his wife Elsie for setting up and piloting the Drop, Transwest Air for providing the helicopter and Value Village for the donation of single shoes --- this event could not have happened without their support!

40 participants raced for prizes in the Shoe Scramble held after the Drop. Winners for most shoes collected were Gage Braaten, Annika Budnick, Emma Mickelson and McKenzie Devenis.

We have worked hard towards the completion of the Skatepark and now towards the Outdoor Basketball Court and do not take for granted the support of individuals and businesses at our events. As we strive to continue raising funds to complete the project that we committed to we once again take this opportunity to THANK YOU for investing in your community!

RYSC and BH Skateboard Club

12th Annual Pelletier Guitar and Music Camp Held 8km east of Birch Hills just off Hwy #3



Week 1 July 15-18,
Week 2 July 22-25,
Week 3 July 29-Aug. 1

For music enthusiasts of all ages, beginner to advance on guitar, bass, fiddle, mandolin, voice and piano
Trailer rental and meals provided or camp free of charge. Bursary funding for youth. Family rates.

For more info or to register, go to

www.guitar-camp.com or call 749-2498.

Camp concerts are free to the public to attend and dates are:

July 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31 at 7:30pm. Indoors but bring a lawn chair.

FLUTE and FIDDLE EVENTS

50's, 60's, 70's

Sat, June 29 8:00-11:00pm

An evening of Grooving to the oldies with T.D. Christopher, Kaisa Thorlakson and Darrel Leblanc



Check out www.fluteandfiddle.ca for more info

Friday Nights Open Jam All ages Welcome 7pm

Birch Hills SLOW PITCH LEAGUE

Wednesdays in July/August. Starts July 3rd, 7pm
Individuals can register with the Rec Dept. Out of town teams welcome. No "A"-league teams please. Spectators welcome too! Cost is \$25/person

June 15th — SlowPitch Tourney rained out.
Re-scheduled for August 24th. Watch for details

Contact Laurie for more details.



Drop in Slow Pitch every Friday
All are welcome, no experience necessary \$2 to Play 7:00pm

A little note to say how awesome to see so many and new faces out already this year for ball. The mix of people is absolutely great to see. We even have spectators and kids that come to watch and visit. So C'mon out...Don't be shy!



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

BOUQUET OF THANKS



*The project coordinators for Bob McRury's house project would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped make the fundraiser garage sale an amazing success. Thank you to all who donated garage sale items and baking and to all who came out to setup, help with the sale and buy. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

Orvin Opseth; Kevin Hawreschuk; Vili Bati

*Thank you to Flute & Fiddle for their craftsmanship and donation of new sandwich board for the Rec Dept!

Laurie Berube

*The family of the late Elmer Opseth, would like to thank and express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for your many acts of kindness, thoughtful gestures and beautiful cards that have been bestowed upon us during our time of bereavement.

The Opseth Family

The Dreamland Optimist Club in Birch Hills needs support to bring this tradition to our community. For more information, contact Stewart Matice at 306-314-2378.

Have you seen what's happening at the sportsgrounds??



BOUQUET OF THANKS

To Leon Pratchler for organizing the ground upgrades and for his help in various parts of the project. To Brent Adams, Bruce Tilford, Rick Bompais for pumping out our wet spring mess. To the following, thank you for the use of equipment & for your help: Erik & Earl Mickelson, Sheldon Jensen, Lorne Ridgeway, Gordon Hood & Dale Engleson. To Anna Devenis & Karen Lemon for helping clean the concession booth.

You are all awesome!

HELP NEEDED: for various jobs at the sportsgrounds. Siding, painting, small carpentry jobs, tree pruning & planting, etc. Contact Laurie 749-7451 if you can help.

ATTENTION Anyone who works for a business or owns a business

There are many opportunities available at all our recreational facilities to advertise your business. The focus right now is to fill the ball diamonds with 30 signs. Money generated will be used to maintain the amazing Lions Club ball diamonds we already have. Each year we would like to order a diamond worth of shale on a rotating basis (Cost is \$4000+!!) We are half way there...please ask your business owner if they would like to participate by advertising in Birch Hills. If you are interested or would like more info, contact Laurie 749-7451

DID YOU K NOW? That the Longest Day to Play Outdoors is June 21! Plan to celebrate the day by playing outdoors!



EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

MONDAY

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 6:30pm @ Birchview Melissa 749-3482 next fall
Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500

TUESDAY

Karate 7:30pm St Louis Karate Club 422-8665
Ladies Golf 9:30am Men's Night Golf 5:30pm
Library Open 12-4pm and 5-8pm
Community Booster Mtg 3rd Tues of the month Civic Centre 7:30-9pm
Crystal Springs Bingo 7:30pm



WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am at the Sr Centre
Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 9-4:00pm Great Deals!
Coffee & Sweets at the Museum 3:00 pm
Ladies Golf 5:30pm
Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500



THURSDAY

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364
Library Open 12 - 4:30pm
Pathfinders **watch for Fall Start Up** Contact Audrey 749-2217
Salsa in Kinistino Mon/Thurs 7pm @ Anglican Church



FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St
Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm **Story time** resumes next fall
Flute and Fiddle Open Jam 7-12am All Welcome
Drop In SlowPitch 7pm \$2 to play 16yrs + All Welcome

SATURDAY / SUNDAY

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

Birch Hills Cowboy Church

@ Community Centre

1st Sunday of each month
Next July 7th 7:00pm
Featuring Country Gospel
Music with down home
bible message.

All Welcome. Refreshments to follow. Pastor Rick Martin 981-2235

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Senior Hall

Vel Bompais at 749-3364 Rentals
Birch Hills Royal Cdn Legion
Lyle Mohn 749-7927 Rentals
Marlene Lypchuk 749-2571 Member Info

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

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

will be July/August (Mon/Wed/Fri)
1-4pm in Birch Hills..starts July 3
(Tues/Thurs) 10-3pm in Weldon
..starts July 2

Play ground Leaders Brittany Larson,
Elise Cochet and Carlee Opseth. All
Kids 5-12yrs Welcome...Visitors too

'Like' our facebook
page to get activity



updates. Feel free to
add your own event or activity info
'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS



Birch Hills Community Church @ Civic Centre 11am
Birch Hills Lutheran Church @ 428 Bellamy Ave 9:30am
Birch Hills United Church @ 428 Bellamy Ave 11:30am
(2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)
Glad Tidings Tabernacle (Pentecostal) @ 101 4th St 11am
Lake Park Baptist Church @ Hwy 3 11am

Saron Lutheran Church near Hagen 9:30am
St Mary's Anglican Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 9am
St Anne's Roman Catholic Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 11:30am

Other Local pages:

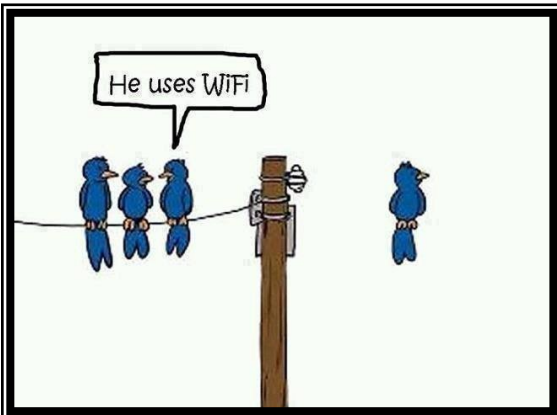
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Garden, Birch Hills Sno-Posse, Clay
Oven Café, Birch Hills Co-op, Partie
Perks Rental Studio, KG Bar & Grill

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these groups activities and events

Birch Hills & District Recreation

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Facebook Page: 'Birch Hills Recreation'

Communities that play together,
...grow together!



6th Annual Cory Braaten

Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 10 4 person Best Ball
pre-register by Aug 7

\$160 for 9 holes per Team of 4.

\$10 for lunch if not golfing.

*Proceeds go to the Scholarship fund for a
graduating student at BHHS going into a
technical trade.*

Call Naomi Braaten 306-763-1447 or 314-
2347 to register or to donate. Call Club-
house to reserve carts or clubs 749-2211

Control Burn phone # 1-866-404-4911

'Cinnamon Bun Classic'

Best Ball Golf Tournament

in Memory of Darlene Elsaesser

Saturday, July 27

Shotgun start 1pm

Turkey Supper at 5:00pm

\$60/golfer includes 9 holes

+ supper. (Carts extra)

Team or individual entries welcome.

Register at the Clubhouse 306-749-2211

Proceeds towards New Clubhouse



BIRCH HILLS GOLF COURSE CORNER

Mondays 2 for 1 (until 5pm)

Clubhouse is now serving fresh, homemade lunches.

Call to Pre-Order 306-749-2211

LADIES GOLFING CLUB Tues 9:30am & Wed 5:30pm

MENS NIGHT Tuesday 5:30pm

FREE GOLF LESSONS

Courtesy of the
Golf
Club and
Local
golf
enthusi-
asts
offering to
teach you how
to swing.



Meet 7:00pm
(weather
permitting) at
the driving range
(across from
clubhouse)
Clubs and balls
provided or
bring your own.

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

June 17 - Free Golf Lessons starts

18 - Community Booster Mtg

22 - Town vs Country Golf Tourney

- Boys Mosquito Ball Tourney

21 - Fight Like a Girl Fundraiser

21-23 - RM of St Louis Centennial Celebration

23 - Link Union Concert 7pm @ LPBC

25 - Summer Reading Program Starts

- Ladies Night - Slowpitch

29 - 50's, 60's, 70's at F&F

July 7 - Cowboy Church

12-14 Prov PeeWeeC Girls Championships

16-18 First Nations Summer Games (Ball)

16 - Flyer Electric LP & Northern Lights

Casino Golf Tourney Clubhouse Fundraiser

20 - 3rd Annual Veterans Mem Golf Tourney

27-Cinnamon Bun Classic (Darlene Golf Mem)

Aug 2-5 Wounded Warrior Weekend

10 - Cory Braaten Golf Memorial

11 - Threshing Day

17 - Show, Shine & Smoke Show at LPBC

19-23 - VBS at LPBC

20-22 - Birch Hills Dance Camp

24 - SlowPitch Tournament

Sep 27-29 Sask Culture Days

Birch Hills is participating in '**COMMUNITIES in BLOOM**'

Community Boosters is a group of people interested in making our Town more appealing, tidy and inviting to people who might want to make this their home or are just visiting, also for our Town Folks enjoyment as well. We have partnered with Communities in Bloom and are looking forward to their expertise and encouragement as we move forward.

There is going to be a lot of activity in Town this summer as we host the Provincial Pee Wee C Girl's Championships and the First Nations Summer Games Ball Tournaments, Threshing Days and other events. We have chosen to focus on the 2 blocks in the Business section on Bellamy Ave. We have planted flower pots and will be trimming and pruning as needed. We are looking for more ideas and help from businesses or residents to help beautify our community.

Anyone interested in attending our monthly meetings are welcome, we meet in the Museum Boardroom the third Tuesday of the month, with our next meeting on June 18th at 7:30pm. **Be A Booster!!**