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Hello Everyone,
Please be reminded to sign up for activities or purchase tickets for events ahead of time to avoid cancellations and to help encourage organizers. Everyone wants events in town but we are a team. If people don't sign up or show up, we can't keep Birch Hills active and growing. I'm always open to suggestions and welcome any new ideas you have for activities or scheduling times. I enjoy working with all of you and your help is needed to keep our town alive. I look forward to hearing from you. I hope you are enjoying your summer!

Laurie Berube, Rec Director



You are invited to join the family of
Ray Stangeland
on **Saturday, August 1st**
2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Birch Hills Civic Center
to celebrate Ray's 80th Birthday

Birch Hills Cowboy Church
@ Community Centre
1st Sun of each month
Next Service



August 2 7:00pm
Featuring Country Gospel Music with down home bible message.
All are Welcome
Pastor Rick Martin 981-2235

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Brancepeth Community Hall, Bill Hassler & Family, and Flyer Electric

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 September. ..reserve your spot today! Thank you for supporting your local paper.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOCKEY KIDS SPORT



If you apply through The Big Play ONLINE then the child is eligible for funding up to \$500 /child as opposed to the current max. of \$300/child. When completing applications to support children age 4-18 for the 2015/16 Hockey season registration please go online to 'The Big Play' application as there are supporting funds there for Parents who qualify for financial assistance.
jumpstart.canadiantire.ca
and click on THE BIG PLAY symbol.

NO PLAYGROUND PROGRAM Monday, August 3rd



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

19th ANNUAL THRESHING DAY Sunday August 9th, 2015

7:30am Pancake Breakfast
10:30am Church Service
12:00pm Street Parade



Optimist's hosting Parade. Entries call Stuart 314-2378 or 749-2500.

1:00pm Children's Activities
3:00pm Threshing Demonstration
Music Entertainment, BBQ stand, Pie, Ice Cream, Food Concessions, Draws, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle

GOLF LESSONS?
Are you interested in taking or teaching golf lessons - Adult or Junior? Please contact the clubhouse 749-2211.

If you have items you would like to donate for the silent auction, contact Shirley 749-2500



Sponsored by Sask Lotteries Community Funding

KEEPING KIDS ACTIVE

The Birch Hills Summer Playground Program



Monday thru to Friday 1:00 – 4:00pm

Meet at the Sportsgrounds. Unless other wise noted. Rain Days meet at Golf Tent Intended For ages 5 – 12yrs.

Older teens are welcome to join & assist with activities. Calendar of activities available online on Facebook. See 'Town of Birch Hills Community and Recreation' Page. Watch for updates of changes or cancels as well on FB Program is free however, Parents please make sure to register your kids. Contact Brittany Larson 981-5580
VISITORS ARE WELCOME

Birch Hills Library hosting...

Roger Boucher Magic Show

Wednesday, August 12

1:30pm @ the Flute and Fiddle

All Welcomoe - Donations Welcome



Supported by Sask
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CAMP DISCOVERY VACATIONS BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Where: Birch Hills Sportsgrounds

When: August 17 - 21st, 9:30-12:00

Contact: Clint (306) 220-5245

Brian (306) 981-0024

Join us for VBS and bring your friends

Birch Hills Public Library hosting

Summer Craft Nights

Tuesday evenings with Alicia Hood

August 4, 11, 18

6:30 - 7:30pm @ the Library

Free for kids ages 5-12yrs

Funding support from Sask Lotteries
Community Grant and Birch Hills Library



CONGRATULATIONS BOB!!



Flyer Electric was founded by Bob Cockwill over 30 years ago, and now after doing his time, has fully retired from the business. Please take the time to congratulate Bob on his retirement and wish him well as he steps away and enjoys life a little more. Thanks to Bob for his many years of support in the community and for keeping this thriving company local

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Started June 23rd...Ends August 28th

Sign up at Birch Hills Library

For ages 5yrs -12yrs.



For every 5 books read throughout the summer, kids get an entry for cool prizes. Draw date after Aug 28th

BUBBLE SOCCER (hosted by Youth Centre)

Thursdays, July 16, 23,

30 & Aug 6

Cancelled due to lack of registration.
Watch for future activity information

(Height restriction enforced)



Boredom Bustin'

with Taylor Mitchell

Wednesday Nights

Intended for kids Gr 6+ but all are welcome
Meet behind the school. Lower Level!

6:30pm (note time change)

August 5th Basketball

August 12th Football

August 19th Kids Choice



FLUTE and FIDDLE NEWS



We will be OPEN the following Fridays:

August 7th - Wendy Ozmun Birthday

Celebration starts 5pm

August 21st - Celebrate the Classes of the 80's

All graduates of the 80's welcome...Open to All
Supper (starts at 5pm)

Karaoke and fellowship at the Flute and Fiddle.

Pam Cochet is Open Mic host (music starts 7pm)

All other August dates are available for private bookings - Call 306-749-1222 for more info.

Open Mic resumes Friday, Sept 4th.

Thank you for your understanding and enjoy the rest of your summer.



The Birch Hills Golf Board would like to thank all of the private citizens as well as companies that have donated and continue to donate to the "New Clubhouse" fund. We now have roughly \$70,000 saved. We do however want to make a special mention about the Men's night tournament hosted over the past several years, by the Northern Lights Casino and Flyer Electric. This sponsorship has come about through the friendship of Bob Cockwill and Loren Sproat, and the continued support of their business managers (Flyer Electric, previously owned by Bob Cockwill, was sold a few years back).

Bob and Heather Cockwill in particular, have committed themselves personally to this "cause". They purchase all the steak for the supper and host the participants in their home (up to 72 golfers at times) prior to tee off. Bob is in the process of retiring this year, he has been a local business owner and a major employer in Birch Hills for many years. The Board wishes Bob and Heather well in retirement and wants to thank them, Flyer Electric and the Northern Lights Casino for their continued support.

Lorisa Ganes, Golf Board member



Flyer Electric would like to thank all the local support that participated in the annual golf tourney on July 14th. With this support, as well as our local suppliers, clients, network of construction industry partners and our co-host the Northern Lights Casino, we have had another very successful evening which raised proceeds in the amount of \$15,000+ that will go directly towards the construction of the future golf clubhouse for Birch Hills Golf Course.

As noted at the evening's reception, Flyer Electric will be matching this contribution as a donation towards the PA Salvation Army in appreciation for all their efforts and support provided for the Northern Saskatchewan forest fire evacuees. A special thanks to the staff at the BH Golf Course for their huge effort for that evening, once again showing everyone how great this small town course really is! A big thanks to Bob Cockwill for once again organizing this superior event.



Terry Tessier, CEO Flyer Electric

ATTENTION DRIVERS: Please note that speed limits have changed coming into town on Wilson St. Please watch for pedestrians, drive with safety and keep within the posted speed limits on all municipal streets.

Thank you for your cooperation



BIRCH HILLS DANCE CENTRE NEWS



Summer Dance Camp is set for

August 25, 26, 27.

Watch for fall registration information

STAY UPDATED



LIKE our Facebook page to get activity and news updates.

Feel free to add your own event

or activity info on the

'Birch Hills Community & Recreation' Facebook page

Also on Facebook

'Birch Hills SK Golf Course'



FARMERS MARKET ...?

The Winding River Colony has been setting up market downtown Birch Hills. The hope is to eventually have a weekly or bi-weekly market, under a shelter.

We are in trial stages and if you are interested in joining in with crafts, garden produce, baking, etc, please do so or contact the Rec Office for more information. Watch for updates in the paper or on facebook.

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

The Federal Government has awarded the Birch Hills Skating Arena matching grant funding of \$30,000 for repairs and maintenance needed in our rink. YAY for us!!

Thanks to those involved in the Farm Field Project, if all goes well, this will provide the matching funds. This is a two phase project that will happen by the year 2017 for when Canada will celebrate their 150th birthday. The 1st phase is to repair the south end corner of the rink, which is to be complete by this seasons start. The 2nd project will be to insulate the ice surface area next year. These projects will require volunteer help. Watch for details and ways that you can help to make sure our rink is run efficiently and kept safe for all users.

WINTER is coming.... (whether we like it or not!)

The Skating Arena and Curling Rink are now accepting applications for Concession Manager and Caretakers. To apply send resumes to the Rec Office (Box 280) or birchhillsrec@sasktel.net



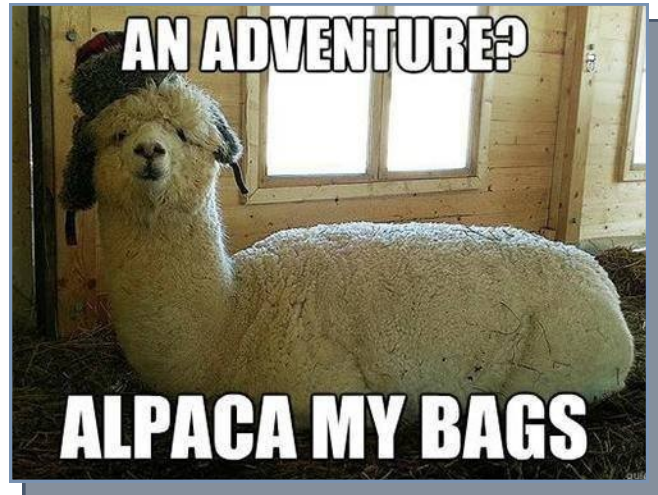
Minor Hockey and Skating Registration coming soon... Consider being a Hockey Ref & Make \$\$...Clinics in Nov

Questions to Ponder: Should Birch Hills have:

- A 5th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival in Feb?
- A visit from Santa Clause to have pictures with kids?
- Drop in Volleyball or Hockey? Which evenings?
- An afterschool Program...what kinds of activities?

Can you help plan and organize, even one day a week?

Just a few things to think about and watch for more details. If you have any other ideas, contact Rec Office



We would like to thank all the people who attended and supported our Farm Auction on July 22nd. Thank you also to the RM for cutting the grass and for spot gravelling the road. It was appreciated.

B & M Cromartie

BIRCHVIEW UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone Welcome 2:30-3:30pm

Wed, Aug 19th JobMates Band
Thurs, Aug 27th Cudworth Cowboys



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

Friday, August 14th 9:00pm

'LEFT BEHIND' Staring
Nicolas Cage, Chad Michael Murray

@ Lake Park \$10/ vehicle
EVERYONE WELCOME



AUGUST NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

FLYER ELECTRIC

Flyerelectric.com 1-888-749-3306
Terry Tessier, CEO Box 430 Birch Hills



Flyer Electric is a local electrical contracting company that specializes in the industrial mining and commercial construction industries throughout Saskatchewan and into Alberta.

Flyer has been in business for over 35 years, providing *Powerful Solutions* for so many projects. Flyer has majority ownership by the Athabasca Basin Development LP, Sakitawak Development Corp., as well as a local management partner. The head (and currently the only) office is proudly here in Birch Hills on Highway #3.

Brancepeth Community Hall 306-749-2280

The Community has worked very hard at many wonderful upgrades to the Brancepeth Community Hall. We have new flooring, new paint, new furnaces, an additional hot water heater, new lighting and new chairs. The hall has a full kitchen and is a beautiful space for entertaining or hosting a gathering. Rental for the hall is very reasonable! Please contact Marlene or Chris for bookings.



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
***NEW** 2 for 1 Golf FUN-Day Mondays

TUESDAYS

Ladies Golf starts 9am All Ladies Welcome
Moms & Tots @ Youth Centre 10am-12pm \$2 drop in fee
Library Open Weekly 12-4pm and 5-8pm
Crystal Springs Bingo 7:30pm @ Crystal Springs Hall
Men's Golf starts 6pm All Men Welcome meet at clubhouse



WEDNESDAYS

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
Ladies Golf starts 5:30 All Ladies Welcome
Town Council Meetings 2nd and 4th Wed of the month
***NEW** Adult Slo-Pitch Games start 7pm Spectators Welcome
Brancepeth Church Services 7:30pm Everyone Welcome

THURSDAYS

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Dolores Jones 749-2680
Moms & Tots @ Youth Centre 10am-12pm \$2 drop in fee
Library Open 12 - 4:30pm
***NEW** Thrifty Thursdays, 2 for 1 Golf
Legion Mtg 2nd Thurs ea month 7pm @ legion hall. New members welcome



FRIDAYS

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St
Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm/ ~~Story time 11-1:45pm~~ **Starts in Fall**
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 **TIME CHANGE**
St Mary's Anglican Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 11:00am
St Anne's Roman Catholic Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 9:00am

MOMS & TOTS GROUP

Tuesday and Thursdays from
10-12pm At the Youth Centre
\$2 drop in fee for centre hosting
All Moms welcome
Join the "Birch Hills Mamas"
Facebook Page to meet other moms
in Birch Hills

Wednesday Church Services

Holy Trinity Anglican Church
in Brancepeth Services 7:30pm
Come for worship & fellowship
1 mile south of Brancepeth Corner
Everyone Welcome till August 26th

'FORE' WHEEL DRIVE RAFFLE

Win a New Yamaha Gas Powered Cart
Value \$6000
Tickets sold at clubhouse
and by members
1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50
Draw Date July 1, 2016
Proceeds towards new Clubhouse



COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Senior Hall

Delores Jones 749-2680 Hall Rentals
Birch Hills Royal Cdn Legion
Lyle Mohn 749-7927 Hall 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

Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders

Audrey Matheson 749-2217

Fire Department

Kyle Jensen **749-7536**

Sno-Posse Snowmobile Club

Jodi or Sheldon Gordon

Birchview Ladies Auxillary &

Meals on Wheels (help wanted)

749-2288



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Community & Recreation'
Website: www.birchhills.ca

Welcome to Jamie Tilford, who will be
co-managing the clubhouse with the most
pleasant Ethel Rutherford

Golf Board Reps

NOTICE TO GOLF MEMBERS

You are encouraged to reserve tee
times on 2 for 1 days to avoid
disappointment.

Also please remember to sign in for
tee times at clubhouse. Thanks



GOLF COURSE NEWS

CLUBHOUSE LUNCH SPECIALS

Lunch Served Daily Homemade Buns,
Cinnamon Buns, Sweet Treats and Deli meats.

MONDAYS: Hot Meal Specials starting 11:30
until sold out. Call Ahead to Pre-Order 749-2211

TWO - 2 for 1 Days Mondays and Thursdays!!!
2 for 1 Thursdays continues in AUGUST...



Men's Night Tuesdays 6pm

Ladies Golf Tuesday 9:00am

Wed Nights 5:30pm

All Levels Welcome To Golf.

Meet at clubhouse 1/2 before



8th Annual Cory Braaten Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 8th starts 8:00 am - 1:00pm

\$160/ team of 4 Play 9 holes and lunch included

Raffle Table (donate prizes to Naomi)



The money raised will go to a graduate from BHS
going into a trade. For guests coming for lunch
and not golfing it's \$10. Please register by calling
Naomi at 306-314-2347. Open to All

If you would like to play in a Senior /Junior Golf Tournament,
please contact Jamie at the Clubhouse or Rec Office. Dates
being considered are August 25 or 26th.

More details to follow if there is enough interest

3rd Annual Cinnamon Bun Classic

Tournament in memory of Darlene Elsaesser

Best Ball Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 29th, 2015

Turkey Supper to follow @ 5:00pm

\$60/ golfer includes 9 holes and supper

(carts & club rentals are extra)

Team or individual entries welcome

Register at Clubhouse 749-2211



Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Aug 1 - Ray Stangland 80th Bday Celebration
- 2 - Cowboy Church
- 3 - ~~BH Golf Member Tournament~~
- 4 - Library Art Night
- 7 - Wendy Ozmun Bday Celebration
- 8 - Cory Braaten Memorial Golf Tourney
- 9 - Annual Threshing Day
- 10&11 - Jungle Explorer Dance
- 11 - Library Art Night
- 12 - Roger Boucher Magic Show
- 14 - Drive In Movie
- 15 - Super Hero Golf Tourney (Jan Goy)
- 17-21 - VBS Camp Discovery for Kids
- 17&18 - Oceana Dance
- 18 - Library Art Night
- 21 - Celebrate the 80's
- 22 - Shellbrook Street Fair
- 25-27 - Summer Dance Camp
- 25 or 26 - Sr / Jr Golf Tournament..?
- 29 - Cinnamon Bun Golf Classic
- 31 - PreSchool Registration
- Sep 2 - Ladies Harvest Fun Golf Tournament
- 20 - Cemetery Workbee and Open House
- Oct 5-9 - Fall Town Clean Up Week
- Nov 20 - RBC Sports Day in Canada - Jersey Day
- Jan 2 - Sr Hockey Comedy Night

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

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