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September 1st, 2015

Issue 101



Howdy Folks,
Well, I guess it's that time of year again...Back to School, Farmers Harvesting Crops, and Fall/Winter activity registrations...Check through the paper for ways that you can get involved and stay active and fit till next summer.

There will be a skating rink membership drive, same evening as the hockey/skating registrations. Members receive free public skating and show support of our rink. Fees are \$30 /individual or family of hockey or skating club or \$60 for families. Thank you for your patronage..
Take care! *Laurie Berube, Rec Director*

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

September 6 7:00pm

Featuring Country Gospel Music with down home bible message.

All are Welcome

Pastor Rick Martin 981-2235



Keep Healthcare Public BBQ
Thursday, September 3rd

11:30 - 2:00pm

South side of Co-op
Everybody welcome
for free burger
and drink



SEPTEMBER issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for you by:
Birch Hills Golf Course, 6th Ave Car Wash/ Uniglass Plus, Ziebert, and Evans 8 Excavating

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



COMMUNITY MEETING
regarding the closure of our CIBC branch.
Wednesday, September 9th
7:00 - 9:00pm at the Civic Centre
Learn more about the move and ask CIBC Reps your questions



COMING SOON TO BIRCH HILLS....
(END OF SEPT/BEGIN OF OCT)
Watch for more details

FARMERS MARKET



The Winding River Colony is selling goodies
Fridays 10:00 - 5:00pm
Beside the Post Office

NOTE: The hope is to eventually have a sheltered weekly or bi-weekly market if it's feasible.

We are in trial stages and if you are interested in joining in with your crafts, extra garden produce, baking, etc, please feel free to set up your own table or contact the Rec Office for more info.

BIRCHVIEW UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone Welcome 2:30-3:30pm
JOB MATES BAND Sept 16th
WES STUBBS Sept 23



BIRCHVIEW OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 24th @ 2:00pm

Our Birchview Home has had a big facelift over this past year! During Special Care Home Week we invite family and friends to come and celebrate! We extend our gratitude and thanks to all who have donated to these projects. From the bottoms of our hearts we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Gjesdal Family for their generous donation of new flooring! It has transformed our home!
We look forward to seeing everyone!



The Birch Hills Summer Playground Program

THANK YOU TO:

Those that helped to make our program free, fun and available to all kids by donating funds, their time to supervise and/or baking. We had 103 kids registered this year & an average of 25 attendees per day. This was our 5th and final year with Brittany Larson as a Playleader. Thank you Brittany for all your hard work & dedication to our kids. Once again, Carlee Opseth & Taylor Mitchel have shown great leadership skills and have been a tremendous asset to our program. We have been fortunate to have Dawna Larson baking delicious treats for the kids, helping to supervise and give golf lessons to the older kids. Ally Bzdel, has volunteered a majority of her last two summers assisting the play leaders and showing that she may one day be an excellent play leader. Aiden Yurkowski receives an honorable volunteer mention for his great help the last two years as well. Daniel Jefferson donated 150 water bottles for the kids, Shelley Carrier donated a box of jumbo freezes, and the BHHistorical Society served ice cream cones.

Reg Larson, Jordan Mitchel and Joanne Bzdel pitched in whenever we needed them. Thank you All!

Without the financial assistance of the following grant funders, we wouldn't even have a program at all: Canada Summer Jobs (Federal), Community Grant CIF (Regional) and SSW (student summer works /provincial) and the Sask Lotteries Community Grant Funding. I would like to express our sincere gratitude to our grant sponsors, as well as

our personal and business sponsors:

Eileen Hanson, Terry & Dawn Tessier, Ken & Edith Melby and Hubert Parent for donating drinking water all summer long. Kids visited the Birchview Nursing Home, the Fire Dept, Golf Course, Flute & Fiddle, Skating Arena and Library. This program brings businesses and residents closer together, fostering our community by helping kids to experience new places and meet new people. If I've missed anyone, my sincere apologies, and I thank you. If you have ideas, concerns, thank you's or you would like to make a financial contribution to the program, feel free to contact the Rec Office.

Laurie Berube



FLUTE and FIDDLE NEWS

Sept 19 - "Keeping Country Alive Dance"

\$10 advance/ \$15 at door Dance featuring classic, old-time country music from 50's & 60's. Food available for purchase. For tickets call Sherry 306-922-5690 /Lois 306-764-1595 or www.fluteandfiddle.ca

Oct 31 - Hallowe'en Howl (Details to follow)

Open Mic & Karaoke Friday Nights

resumes Sept 4th Doors Open 7pm

Hosts in September

Sept 4 - Mona Brittain

Sept 11 - Breanne Stubbs

Sept 18 - Open Mic

Sept 25 - The McConnells



TOWN NOTICE - Water & Sewer Bylaw

The Town of Birch Hills has implemented a new Water & Sewer Bylaw #04/15 and has now received the approval from the Saskatchewan Municipal Board. We will be implementing all changes effective September 1, 2015.

Utility Bills will be issued on the first business day of each month

All water meters will be read monthly

The monthly minimum bill will be \$75.00.

This includes: \$40.00 for up to 12 cubic meters of Water

\$33.00 for Sewer

\$2.00 Environmental Surcharge

All new utility account holders will be required to fill out an application for water and sewer utility services

All owners where there is a landlord/tenant situation must fill out and sign a Utilities Rental Agreement.

Utility accounts that remain outstanding more than 60 days will receive a Notice of Disconnection letter for non-payment.

A copy of the bylaw is available in the office or on the Town's Website

STILL SEEKING MEMBERS... 2015 Birch Hills Minor Sports

There are a couple positions available on the board.

Contact Karla @ 749-3204 if you are interested in becoming:

Director of Ball

Treasurer of Minor Sports

If you would like to see hockey and ball continue in Birch Hills for young kids, please consider getting involved.



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

UPCOMING REGISTRATIONS

SKATING CLUB Can-Skate & Star Skate Registration

Wed, September 9th @ Skating Arena 5:30 - 7:00pm

If your child can stand on skates, they can learn to skate!!

HELP WANTED: This program, as many others only happen when someone makes it happen. Helpers are needed to make sure we have a skating club in place to make decisions. The commitment is minimal but oh so necessary



If you can help, please contact Malissa Hall (Braaten) 306-961-0174

SPORT EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE

Wed, September 9th 5:00 - 7:00pm

During the Skating Arena during hockey and skating registration

Bring your used equipment and give an opportunity for others to try a sport or trade yours in for larger size.

For pre day drop offs contact Rec Office. You are welcome to sell your equipment if you manage it.



BIRCH HILLS DANCE CENTRE NEWS

Registration for fall classes is still open. Contact bhdc@sasktel.net for information on classes in **Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Lyrical, Hip Hop and Modern.**

Classes are available for ages 2 1/2 to Adult.



Adult tap classes beginning in October. Dancing is great for the mind, body and soul. Come join us for fun and exercise. Contact bhdc@sasktel.net if you are ready to join us at perform at this year's annual Showcase!



We don't just offer dance classes!!!

Drama Classes - This is our second season with our drama classes and last year we had so much fun! Classes are held weekly, Thursdays - Exact time to be determined.

Voice classes - New to Birch Hills Dance Centre - Monday nights 6:45-7:30.

Contact bhdc@sasktel.net for info or to register for classes!

Sparks, Brownie, Guides, Pathfinder and Ranger Information Night.

Tuesday, September 2nd

6:30 - 7:30pm

@ Birch Hills Lutheran Church
(4th & Main)



For Ages 5 - 17yrs

Leaders Natalie and Audrey Matheson.

More Leaders and girls Welcome

For more info call Audrey @ 749-2217

MINOR HOCKEY REGISTRATION

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

5:30 - 7:00pm

@ the Skating Arena Lobby



NOTE: We have lowered our fees for this upcoming season. Contact Tanya for more information (981-3538) or come to registration night

6th Annual Birchview Farmers Market

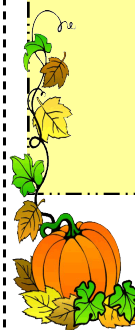
Thursday, September 17th

1:30 - 3:30pm in the Dining Room

@ Birchview Home

Fresh Cinnamon Buns & Coffee

If you have garden veggies, fruit, baking, crafts, canned goods etc that you would like to donate to the sale...Please bring them to the activity room morning of the sale. A huge thank you for your generosity!



SILENT AUCTION

Starts Sept 3 thru to the 17th
Last bid will be at 3:00pm

MARKETS AND TRADESHOWS

MELFORT STREET MARKET

Thurs, Sept 3rd
4:30-9:00pm
Main Street

Crystal Springs Trade Show

Saturday, Oct 31st
10:00 am to 3:00pm.

Tables available.

Call Lynn at 864-8013

Weldon Annual Trade Show and Sale

Saturday Nov 14th
from 10:00 until 2:00

Lunch available

For table booking call Brenda 887-2038 \$20.00

Birch Hills Community Boosters Fall Trade and Craft Show

Saturday November 21st, 2015

Birch Hills Civic Centre

10:00am to 2:00pm.

Phone 306 749 2500 to book a table. Tables \$20.00 each.

Lunch Concession by the Birch Hills Guides and Brownies.



WINTER is coming.... And so is Hockey Season!!

Consider being a Hockey Ref & Make \$\$\$...

On line registration on SHA website.

Clinics in Birch Hills November 15th



Men and Ladies hockey in Birch Hills. Whether you want to play recreational or more competitive, contact the following to join in or for more information.

Barracudas (ladies) various nights - Laurie 749-7451

Goosers (mens) Wed nights - Shannon 749-7908

Hawkeyes (mens) Thurs nights - Tyler 749-2228

Senior Hockey - **Blackhawks** Tyler 960-9744

Co-ed Drop in Monday Nights being considered. \$10/player, goalies free. We have tried this previous years, but we needed more participation. Contact Rec Office if you are interested.

BUSINESS ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

**** ICE LOGOS** on Curling or Skating Rinks

**** 4'x8' Signs** on **WALLS or RINK BOARDS**

**** SPONSORING A BLACKHAWKS** Sr Hockey Game or advertisement in there game programs.

Contact Rec Office for more details

HOSTED BY Lake Park Baptist Church

DRIVE IN MOVIE Friday, September 25th

Preview Picture: **Veggie Tales** Short Film

Feature Show: Pre-release of Disney's **INSIDE OUT**

At the Skating Rink Parking lot

in Birch Hills Admission \$10 /car



WANTED:

Birch Hills Heartbeat Newsletter sponsors.

Two spots available for Oct and Nov.

Sponsors can receive tax receipts...contact Laurie for more details. It's great opportunity for business's. Two dates to advertise; 1st and 15th of your month. You will reach to almost 1000 people, across Saskatchewan, Canada and even USA and Europe!

Email birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or

call/text 306-749-7451

Support from sponsors have helped keep this local newsletter and advertisements of surrounding area activities and businesses available free for 100 issues and over 4 years...THANK YOU!



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

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"I know the kids don't like you and pick on you, but you have to go to school...you're the teacher."

Welcome back Students, Teachers, & Staff



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

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The 2015 Golf Board asks you to join us in congratulating Arnold Ganes! Mr. Ganes has the distinction of being the only surviving **golf course founder/volunteer** of the Birch Hills Golf Course as it is today, who is **still an active member**. Arnold tells us stories of him and other volunteers, sifting the sand by hand (using a screen) for the sand greens and oiling it, as well as pulling the huge thistles out by hand. He reminisces about the other founders who helped to build the current golf course the way it is today, and we list as many names as he could remember below:

Alec Dunn, Bill Crawford, Bill Zelenski, Bob Stewart, Carl Hoknes, Charlie Adams, Chester Botham, Cliff Matheson, Dan Cook, Elwin Stobbs, Frank Foster, Gordon Grambo, Harold Rinholm, Harry Sutherland, Howard Pushie, Jack Johnson, Lester Franklin, Norman Stamnes, Pat Stewart, Percy Scott, Ray Gerbrandt, Vern Fairburn.

He asked that a special mention be made of Bert Quayle, who not only hands on helped to build the golf course with the other volunteers, but also provided hours of free golf lessons and gave individual instruction to so many new golfers.

He also wants to recognize all the board members who have served the golf course. Founders and board members who all volunteered their time and who have asked nothing in return.

Arnold Ganes was presented with a life membership card on August 18, 2015. In the letter that was given to him, he was asked to accept the membership on behalf of all the founding members. He said when he received the card, he immediately thought of all the names above.

We apologize if we have missed anyone in the listing. We would be interested to know those names as well if you care to share them.

Lorisa Ganes



THRESHING DAY REVIEW

The Birch Hills and District Historical Society met on Wednesday August 19th in the Museum Boardroom. 15 members were present to review Threshing Day 2015. The day started with a Pancake Breakfast served by The Town Council. The weather was very good, with many taking in the Church Service and watching the Parade. Activities and Food Services continued on the grounds with Ken Grambo providing the entertainment this year. Lots of bidding in the ever popular Silent Auction. Alex Hovdebo organized fun games for the children. Many people took advantage of the opportunity to visit the Museum. A Threshing Demonstration ended the afternoon's activities followed by the closing of the Silent Auction and the draws for the 50/50, quilts and Fireman's Raffle.

None of this could happen without a group of dedicated members and volunteers, we can't mention names as we could miss someone, just a big Thank You to all. Thank You to everyone for coming out to support our efforts each year.

2016 will be special as we Celebrate our 20th Annual Threshing and Family Fun Day. Our Theme will be "A Family Affair" We have already started to make plans, we need help, consider joining us. Come by for a visit any Wednesday, the Thrift Shop is open 9am to 4pm. The Museum is open 2 to 4pm and the coffee is on. See you soon. S.Ulvild

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR KEEPING OUR KIDS ACTIVE

Check out funding & programs available for your child!



Canadian Tire Jumpstart: kids Age 4-18, helps with registration and equipment. Check out www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca

KidSport™: Also assists with organized sport expenses. Check out www.kidsport.ca/sk

Creative Kids: up to \$750/child/year. Ages 4-19. Help your child experience the arts. Check out www.creativekidssask.ca

Dream Brokers: Assists with sport culture or recreation fees. Check out www.sasksport.sk.ca/dreambrokers

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

For every 5 books read through out the summer, kids won entries for a \$25 gift cert at Galaxy Cinemas. **WINNERS**

For most Books Read: **Jilliana Friesen!**
& Random Draw: **Tori Dutchak!!**

Congratulations!





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Community & Recreation'
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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 start time



GOLF COURSE NEWS

A visit to The Birch Hills Golf Course Is a delight for sure, you don't have to be a golfer to enjoy the surroundings and appreciate the work of Eddie Fusick, Carl Hanson and the grounds crew. The comments of visitors tell how much this course is appreciated. If you haven't stopped out for lunch or a coffee, do it soon, Jamie Tilford, Ethel Rutherford and the staff in the Canteen welcome you with delicious home made food and friendly service. A big bouquet and thank you from Mayor Shirley Ulvild, Council and Staff. Your efforts do not go unnoticed

TWO - TWO for ONE Days
Mondays and Thursdays!!!
\$19 / 2 golfers

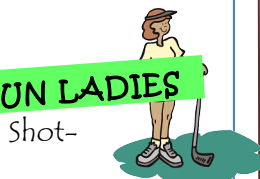


Birch Hills Ladies Annual Harvest Fun Golf Tournament

Wednesday, September 2,

FULL REGISTRATION!! HAVE FUN LADIES

gun Start 10:00am TEXAS SCRAMBLE
9:00-9:45 Registration, Coffee and Muffins



ATTN: GOLF MEMBERS If you would like to have a
Member and Guest Golf Tournament and/or supper, please
contact Jamie at the Clubhouse asap. Dates will be
considered for September.

More details to follow if there is enough interest

Emmanuel Anglican Church Presents:

Wine & Cheese Cabaret

October 3rd, 2015

7:30 - 11:00pm

@ the St Louis Lions Club
Featuring music by..

CONSTANT REMINDER

Tickets \$25/couple and \$15 for
single. Contact 306-314-7804.



All proceeds go towards Raise the Roof Campaign

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Sep 2 - Ladies Harvest Fun Golf Tournament
 - Spark/Brownie/Guide/Pathfinder/Ranger Reg
 - 3 - Melfort Street Market
 - PAPHD BBQ (@ Co-op)
 - 4 - Open Mic resumes F&F
 - 6 - Cowboy Church
 - 9 - Hockey & Skating Registration, Sport
Equipment Exchange & Arena Membership Drive
 - CIBC Community Meeting
 - 16 - Job Mates Entertainment (BV)
 - 17 - Birchview Farmers Market
 - 19 - Keeping Country Alive (F&F)
 - 23 - Wes Stubbs Entertainment (BV)
 - 25 - Drive In Movie (LPBC) *Inside Out*
- Oct 3 - Wine & Cheese Cabaret (St Louis)
- 5-9 - Fall Town Clean Up Week
 - 18 - Brancepeth Fall Supper
 - Crystal Spring Fall Brunch 10-12:30pm
 - 31 - Crystal Springs Trade Show
 - Halloween Howl (F&F)
- Nov 7 - Firemen's Roughriders Theme Fall Supper
- 14 - Weldon Trade Show
- 15 - Hockey Ref Clinic
- 20 - RBC Sports Day in Canada - Jersey Day
- 21 - Annual Fall Home & Bus Tradeshow
- Dec 6 - Brancepeth Family Christmas Party
- Jan 2 - Sr Hockey Comedy Night
- Feb 6 - Hockey Day in Saskatchewan

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