

TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS

HEARTBEAT

The 'Birch Hills Community Heartbeat' newsletter is printed bi-monthly and available at the following locations on the 1st and 15th of the month: Co-op Grocery, Brahma Insurance, Grumpy's Confectionary, Quayle Pharmacy, and various other businesses downtown. Pick up your free copy and share with a friend. Send your email address and request to be added to newsletter emailing list to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

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Greetings Readers,

It has been a tough start for our skating rink this season. Some times unexpected things happen but it looks like we will be ready and open for Monday! Yay

We are still awaiting that special someone who can offer great service and meals in the rink canteen. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact me asap. If you are willing to help until we find someone, that would be great too!

I have received funding (\$4000) thanks to Affinity Credit Union to start an after school program. A few questions I have are 1) How much of a need is there...1,2,5 days a week? and 2) what kinds of activities would your kids like to do? Your input would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and Have a great couple of weeks,

Laurie Berube, Rec Director



JOB OPPORTUNITY HOCKEY REFS WANTED for the 2014-15 season



Make \$20-70 /game
Must be 12yrs - adult

SHA hosting ref clinic in B.Hills
Sun, Nov 16th 9-3pm. Register
with Jaesen Dansereau 981-3539

HOCKEY DAY IN BIRCH HILLS

Skating Rink Fundraiser & Hosting
hockey games all day.

Games Times

10:00am Novice vs Kinistino
12:00pm Atom vs St Brieux
2:00pm PeeWees vs Naicam
4:30pm Bantams vs Hudson Bay
7:30pm Seniors Warm-Up
8:00pm Blackhawks vs Leoville

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

Nov 2nd 7:00pm

Featuring Country
Gospel Music with
down home bible message.
All are Welcome.

Pastor Rick Martin 981-2235



NOVEMBER issues of the
Birch Hills Community activity
newsletter was paid for you by:
**Birch Hills Canadian
Legion #122, Carol &
Ian Pryznik**

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 each sponsor (3/
month) for printing, advertising
and ensuring that the newsletter
stays free for you & the
community. Thank you
for supporting your local paper.

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEEHOUSE

Friday, November 7th
@ 7:30 pm

Featuring the First Friday
Band and
guests,

Amy & Tani
\$8 at the door



Birch Hills
Community Boosters Fall
Craft, Bake & Trade Fair
Saturday, November 1st

10 am to 2 pm
at the BH Civic Center
Tables are booked and a
great selection of goodies to
check out.

Lunch Counter
hosted by the
BH Ladies
Hockey Team



Thank You From Birch Hills School

to family, friends, and neighbors of Birch Hills Elementary School
students for your support of our Annual Turkey Trot Walk-a-thon.
Each dollar raised will be thoughtfully spent to directly enhance the
education and learning opportunities of our Kindergarten to Grade 6 students.
With Gratitude, Birch Hills Elementary Teachers

LUNCH FOR SENIORS

Saturday, November 22nd
11:00 - 1:00pm @
BH Sr Centre
Come and
enjoy a free Christmas Ham
Supper along with great
fellowship!
If you are unable to
attend, please call the
Senior Center on the 25th
for delivery.
Phone 306-749-3217



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Skating Arena CANTEEN LEASER or CANTEEN MANAGER

Salary Wages plus commission on sales
Inquire at Rec Office for more info.
or send resumes/ tender to
birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
or mail to
Box 280, Birch Hills Attn: Laurie



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

The Birch Hills COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

Next meeting
Tuesday November 18, 2014
@ 7:30pm in the Museum Boardroom.
Contact Stewart, Louise Adams
or Shirley Ulvild for more info
Boosters are looking for new ideas,
direction and people that are interested
in 'Boosting the Community'
Join the next meeting to share your
thoughts & ideas

RINK FARM PROJECT FUNDRAISER



This is the 5th year that local producers and companies have banded together as a group to raise funds for the Birch Hills Skating Arena. Rinks on average are not particularly profitable, however the extension of local revenue generated at our restaurants, gas stations, grocery & convenience stores, at our pharmacy, banks, etc allow a town as a whole opportunity for economic growth. There is great physical and mental development that comes from our town having skating clubs, minor hockey, rec hockey and Sr Hockey right here, at our back door. The sense of community grows each time people come together to watch and cheer for our teams.

Expenses at a rink are extremely costly...ie: this year one of our compressors needed to be replaced at a cost of \$17,000+. Our Sask Power budget is set for \$25,000/year!!!!... There are many projects that the rink volunteers have completed these past few years (new furnaces & water heaters, new toilets/sinks, & other general cosmetic upgrades) There are more projects that we are researching to do (ie: Fixing south east corner, insulating under pipes, replacing benches, exterior cosmetic improvements, zamboni upgrades) All of these projects cost tens of thousands of dollars, time and many volunteers. This project has brought in \$6-20,000/year. That is a tremendous break for our rink!! A great big thank you to the following who have helped with the farm project this year... Kelly Njaa & Stewart Adams (organizing this project & combining), The Town of Birch Hills (offering this land to be farmed), Kelly Braaten (Preburn spraying), Philip Mansiere @ Pioneer Seed (donation of seed), Kevin & Wayne Evans (tractor & cart use), Bruce Tilford (Harrowing & combining), Murray Swenson (combining), Brad Mitchell (trucking & combining), Brent Adams (spraying & combining), Dow Agro Sciences (donation of herbicide), FCC (donating lunch on harvest day), Trevor & Leyton Elsaesser ➡

FALL SUPPERS IN THE AREA

Weldon Country Villa Care Home
Beef Fall supper
Nov 1/2014 5:00- 7:00pm
@ the Weldon Auditorium

Wakaw - Nov 2nd
Meskenaw - Nov 2nd
Birch Hills - Nov 15th
Domremy - Nov 16th



COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM

Thursday, Nov 27th starts 7pm
@ the Birch Hills Civic Center.

This is a meeting to develop a community 5 year plan and to set priorities for action. An opportunity to talk together about the future of Birch Hills with your town council.

Thank you to those that shared their comments and suggestions in the community surveys.

COMING SOON.... BINGOS!!

The user groups of the Skating Rink will be hosting

Arena Christmas Bingos

on Wednesdays: Nov 26, Dec 3, 10, 17
More details in next paper

(seeding & fertilizing)
Your efforts have paid off over the years by helping the Skating Arena to be sustainable. Your time and energy is greatly appreciated!! Thank You!



Annual Remembrance Day Services

at the Civic Center on Nov. 11, 2014. Doors will open at 10am with Legion arrival at 10:40, opening prayer and music with the "last Post - Silence - Reveille" at 11am.

Program to follow.

For those intending to place a Wreath in memory of Loved ones during this service - Please contact our Poppy Chairman -Comrade Wayne Boyle @ 306-749-3219 as soon as possible to complete arrangements and insure you are registered.

The Annual "Poppy Campaign" is in full swing until November 11th, every penny of funds collected for poppy sales is used for programs and school bursaries right here in Birch Hills, *so please give generously when you buy your Remembrance Poppy"*



There will be a Legion Open House after the ceremony with a light lunch and beverages for anyone that would like to mingle with friends and members of Legion #122

REMINDER: To the membership of the Royal Canadian Legion #122 that your 2015 Membership cards have arrived and dues are now payable to the Branch.

Please contact Marlene Lypchuk, membership chair, 749-2571 and pass this info on to all out of town and Family members to arrange for mailing if required.

*Meetings every 2nd Thursday of each month @ 7:00pm
and new members are always welcome.*

Weldon Trade Show and Sale

Saturday, November 29

10:00am - 2:00pm

@ the Weldon Silver Tone Hall

Lunch available for purchase. For more info call Brenda at 749-2038

Registered:

Watkins, Avon, Epicure, Lia Sophia, South Hill Designs, Young Living Essential Oils, Tupperware, Norwex, Organo Gold Coffee, Mary Kay, Jockey, Scentsy, Color by Amber, Terry's Art, various arts and crafts

Birch Hills Fall Supper & Silent Auction

Roughrider Theme

Saturday, November 15th

Birch Hills Civic Center

Supper 6:00pm

Silent Auction 5:30 - 7:30pm



Tickets \$12.50ea

ADVANCE TICKETS will be entered into a draw for an autographed Darian Durant canvas print!

Sponsored by Scotia Bank and Birch Hills Co-op.

Brandon Parenteau was a big part of planning, fundraising and helping with the construction of the Skatepark. August 5th he passed away.

The majority of funds from this fundraiser will be put in a trust fund for his infant son Carter with the reminder used to complete the Skatepark project that Brandon was so proud to be a part of.

Just in Case

Hosted by the Prince Albert and Area Community Foundation

Harold Empey shares his common-sense approach to having important details in place in the event of your passing or that of a loved one.

Date: Friday, November 28, 2014

Time: 7:00pm (Doors open 6:30pm)

Place: Legion Hall in Birch Hills

RSVP 749.2286 or

m.sorsdahl@sasktel.net

Pre-registration is preferred but not required.

Admission is free.

Optional material is available for purchase. (Cash only, please)



Join Birch Hills Community Church & Saron Lutheran Church for

BARLEY LOAVES - John 6:9

A small meeting where Christ is the Abundance

Guest Speaker Pastor Danny Bronson

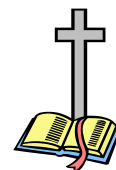
Sunday to Tuesday Nov 23, 24, 25

Sunday Banquet 6:00pm @ BHCC
devotional/catch up session to follow

Monday Night 7pm service at Saron

Tuesday Night 7pm service at BHCC

Monday and Tuesday
morning bible studies at
the Youth Center
9:30-11:30am



Dancing for the Health of It

Line Dance Seminar

Had to cancel but will be rescheduled.
Watch for details

at the Civic Center

Saturday, October 25

9:30 - 4:00pm



Curling Rink AGM review....

Thank you to all who came out to attend the meeting. It is clear that the curling rink is a place that many residents respect and feel comfortable coming to socialize and be active.



Thanks to Hugh Sampson for his time and efforts as past president for the last several years, (four that I am aware of)... it was a pleasure working with you, Hugh.

The past year brought many upgrades and changes to the curling rink. Revitalizing the lobby area with fresh and new color. Repair of the roof, chimney and outside pathway. Rink Fans were installed, TV's & cameras installed and donated by Barry's Transport, Brian Hesje and Braaten Construction. There is always more to do but the new board members are ready for the upcoming Curling Season.

Introducing our 2014-15 Curling Rink Board Members:

Leon Pratchler, President
Brad Mitchell, Vice President
Sandra Barber, returning Secretary
Sharon Rolfes, returning Treasurer
Graham Tweten, SCA Rep, returning
Wayne Thompson, returning Bar Rep
Jodie Gordon (Guse), Member at Large
Ian Pryzyk, Member at Large, returning
Dave Kilden, Member at Large, returning

Welcome back Robyn Ganes, Rink Caretaker and Verne Mathiason, Asst Caretaker. Watch for upcoming bonspiels and league info. Rink should be up and running first weeks of November.

Birch Hills Skating Rink



Sr Hockey Blackhawks play

Nov 1 Play in Beardy's @ 8pm
Nov 7 Home Game vs Leoville 8:30pm
Nov 8 Home Game vs Beardy's 8pm
Nov 15 Home Game vs Leoville 8pm
Nov 22 Home Game vs Big River 8pm
Nov 29 Home vs Meadow Lake 8pm

Hockey Day in Birch Hills all day Nov 15
See front page for complete schedule

Ref Clinic Nov 16th must be 12yrs+
Contact Jaesen 981-3539 to register

Minor Sports

Atoms Tournament Nov 21, 22
Atoms vs Nipawin white Nov 25 6:30pm
Bantam vs Carrot River Nov 30 4:15pm

Birch Hills Barracudas hosting **3rd Annual Ladies Hockey Tournament** Dec 5&6.
Contact Natalie Matheson / Laurie Berube

Men's & Ladies Rec Hockey Teams

Call 749-7451 for more info
Goosers play home Wednesday Nights
Hawkeyes play home Thursday Nights
Barracudas play home Fri Nights/Sundays

Public Skating

Tues/ Wed/ Fri 3:30-5pm
Saturday 2-4pm Hockey or Shinny
Sunday 2-4pm Family Skate - no sticks pls

A Warm Welcome to our
Skating Rink Caretaker, John Klyne.
Please feel free to introduce yourself to him. Jaesen Dansereau and John have been working hard to get our rink ready!

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

FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 22 **Dean Smith Concert** F&F 2nd yr anniversary party

Dec 31st **New Years Party TBA**

Dec 26 & Jan 2nd **Closed**

Purchase concert tickets at Clay Oven online

www.fluteandfiddle.ca



Open Stage & Karoke Friday Night Hosts in November

7th - Mona Brittan 14th - Barry Hodgson

21st - Hart Boys 28th - Pam Cochet

Friday BBQ Nights 6-9pm \$12.50 for Smoked BBQ Beef Brisket

Like us on Facebook,

Follow us on Twitter



Book a **Birthday Party** at the Skating rink.

\$150 for 10 kids.

1 hour Private Ice time &

burger/hotdog meal (fries/drink)

Extra fees apply for meals after 10 kids

Contact 749-7451 to book today

EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

MONDAY



Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364
NEW* Mon Line Dancing starts Nov 3rd 9:30-11:30 Sr Hall
 Thimbles & Threads Sewing Club 6:30pm @ Birchview Melissa 749-3482
 Fire Depart Meetings every 2nd Mon 7pm @ fire hall Peter 980-7674

TUESDAY

Knitting Grannies 1pm @ Sr Hall 2nd & 4th Tuesday of ea month
 Library Open Weekly 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
 Crystal Springs Bingo 7pm

Yoga Beginner & Multi Level times contact Rebecca 960-7736 Sep 30-Dec2

WEDNESDAY

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
 Randy Hoback Office 1st Wed of month @ Town Hall 1-3pm
 Town Council Meetings 2nd and 4th Wed of the month

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
*** NEW** Drama Club for Kids @ Dance Center 6:30pm \$25/mos
 Yoga for Beginners w/ Rebecca 960-7736 Oct 2 - Dec 4

FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St
 Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm **Story time** 1-1:45pm
 Flute & Fiddle Open Mic & BBQ Brisket Night Happy Hour 7-8pm All ages welcome
 Salsa Classes 6:30-7:30 @ Dance Centre (pending participation)

Call if you have changes or events to add to this list; Laurie at 749-7451

Returning....

Line Dancing on
 Mondays 9:30-11:30am
 @ the Senior Hall
 All are welcome to join
 in...no experience necessary.

Wednesday morning dancing as well
 9:30 - 11:30am
 Toonie donation for the Senior Hall

Salsa Workout Classes (similar to Zumba)

Friday

Due to family emergency, classes are on hold.
 Watch facebook page or paper for updates

Nights

6:30-7:30pm



BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY NEWS

Library Hours:

Tuesdays: 12-4 & 5-8 pm,
 Thursdays & Fridays:
 12 to 4:30 pm



StoryTime

Stories read to kids 3yrs+
 on Fridays 1:00-1:45pm

Tuesdays

Sparks/Brownies

6 - 7:30 Contact Audrey
 749-2217



Wednesdays

Guides/Pathfinders

Contact Natalie 749-2217

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS



Birch Hills Community Lutheran Brethren Church @ 11:00am

***Welcome* 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

St Mary's Anglican Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 11:00am

St Anne's Roman Catholic Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 9:00am

YOGA IN BIRCH HILLS

Tuesdays to Dec 2, 2014

*Beginner Yoga: 6:15-7:30

*Multi-Level Yoga: 7:45-9:00

Thursdays starting to Dec 4, 2014

*Beginner Yoga: 6:30-7:45

in the small gym at the Birch Hills
 School. Fee \$88 per 8 week session.
 intended for ages grade 9 to adult.

To register, please contact Rebecca at
 960-7736/rebecca_quaale@hotmail.com





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Fax: 306-749-2545

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Facebook Page:

'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

Website: www.birchhills.ca



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

Crystal Springs Fall Trade Show

Sat, November 22nd.

Call Brenda 749-7745

if you are interested in a
table



Cookie walk and Christmas Tea

Saturday, November 29
at St. Marys Church
from 2:00 - 4:00pm

BATTERY DRIVE:

Marauder Football team will
be collecting used car and
machine batteries again.

The proceeds will go towards
equipment. If you have any batteries
please bring them to the school or contact
Mr Tait 306-749-3301 for pick up.

Thank you for your support!



INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Sponsored by the Dreamland Optimist Club of Birch Hills

November 8th, 2014

10am - 3pm

@ the Flute and Fiddle



Tables to rent are \$20 ea. Reserve your table by November 4th

By paying at the Clay Oven Café

Donations to the Dreamland Optimist Club table would be
greatly appreciated by the members

Any questions, contact Toni Skoretz @ 306-314-1601

Please come out and support the garage sale and help the
Optimist Club help our youth of Birch Hills.

BIRCH HILLS WASTE TRANSFER SITE

winter hours: Open on Saturdays from 9 - 5 from November 1st
through April 1st Bring your household garbage, cardboard,
metal, brush or compost. Fees may apply. Inquire within.

FIRST RESPONDERS

are up and running
in Birch Hills.

Responders are
dispatched from
Parkland

Ambulance 911
medical or trauma
calls.

They provide 24/7
VOLUNTEER

patient care until
ambulance arrives.

They are equipped
with Oxygen &
Glucose monitoring
devices, the ability
to clear airways,
use back boards,
Eppy pens and
immobilize if
necessary.

Your first
responders are
Lyle Evans, Dana
Jones, Derek
MacFie, Candace
Cromartie, Lynn
Sandelyn, and Lead
First Responder,
Lorne Ridgway.

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

Oct 31 - Hallowe'en Howl @ F&F

- Hallowe'en Party @ KG Hotel

November 1 - BH Trade Show

- Weldon Fall Supper

2 - Cowboy Church

- Wakaw Fall Supper

- Meskenaw Fall Supper

7 - First Coffee House LPBC

Sr Hockey vs Leoville

8 - Indoor Garage Sale

- Sr Hockey vs Beards's

11 - Legion Remembrance Day Service

15 - Hockey Day in Birch Hills

- Sr Hockey vs Leoville

- BH Fall Supper & Silent Auction

16 - Hockey Ref Clinic

- Domremy Fall Supper

21&22 - Atom Minor hockey tourney

22 - Crystal Springs Trade Show

- Supper For Seniors (ham dinner)

- Sr Hockey vs Big River

- Dean Smith / 2nd Anniv F&F

23-25 - Barley Loaves BHCC

26 - Bingo @ F&F

27 - BH Community Open Forum

28 - Just in Case Seminar

29 - Weldon Trade Show

- St Mary's Annual Cookie Walk

- Sr Hockey vs Meadow Lake

December 3 - Bingo @ F&F

6 - Ladies Hockey Tourney

10 - Bingo @ F&F

17 - Bingo @ F&F

26 - Boxing Day Dance

31 - NYE Dance @ F&F

Lake Park Baptist Church News

AWANA For Kids

ages 5 to 12

Tuesday nights from 6:45 to 8:30

games, fun songs, bible memorization,
interesting teaching and amazing
awards!



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Evenings at 7 pm

YOUTH ACTIVITIES
on Friday evenings