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Hi Everyone,
This newsletter is so jam packed,
I have no room to brag about you
all or any room for a joke! Sorry,
you'll have to create your own fun.

Have a great couple of weeks.

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director

SaskEnergy

Hockey Day in Birch Hills

Saturday, November 17th

8:00-10:00am Community Breakfast
served by past & new Town Council.

10:30-9:30pm Minor Hockey Games
Skating Routines & Canteen Specials,

8:00-2:00am End the day with a Night
of Dancing hosted by the Blackhawks
Sr Hockey Team. Tickets available
from your favorite Sr Hockey Players

Silent Auction, Raffles and more... watch
for details. **Progressive 50/50** tickets
on sale now at the rink canteen and other
businesses in town

Let's celebrate skating and hockey in our
community!

Congratulations to the newly elected TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS COUNCIL

Shirley Ulvild, as **MAYOR**

TOWN COUNCILLORS:

Tyler Cochrane

Barry Evans

John Herd

Dale Pratt

Sharon Rolfes

Owen Stubbs

The new council will be sworn in on
November 13th, 2012

Thank you to the present council for
your time and dedication to our town

Birch Hills Community Boosters Fall
Handmade Crafts &
Home Baking Sale



Saturday November 3rd

10:00 - 3:00pm

Noon luncheon and coffee breaks.

At the Birch Hills Civic Centre

Tables \$20 Phone 749-2784 to
book your table

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the newsletter stays free for
the community. Individual
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supporting your local paper.



DROP IN Co-Ed Rec HOCKEY

Monday nights starting
Nov 12th

9:30-11:00pm

\$10 drop in Fee

Goalies play for free.

Contact Natalie for more
details 960-3408

THE FLUTE AND FIDDLE

GRAND OPENING!!

Friday, November 10

Family BBQ and Open Stage 5:30-8:30pm
(no tickets or reservation required)

SOLD OUT TICKETS for Grambo Bros 9:00pm - 2:00am

SUNDAY BRUNCHES Starts weekly November 11 10-2pm

TEEN DANCE November 16

Watch for Upcoming Events at www.fluteandfiddle.ca



HOCKEY OFFICIAL CLINIC

Sunday, November 18th In Birch Hills
Classroom 9am-1pm Ice 1:30-3:30



All potential officials must first complete an online
training session at www.sha.sk.ca. **Clinic fees are \$90
for ages 17 & under and \$135 for adults.** Registered
hockey players and coaches will receive a \$40 discount
as insurance only needs to be paid with one registra-
tion. To register or for more info, please call or text
Rob at 930-7635 or email robboulding@hotmail.com



Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Sunday Nov. 11th, 2012
at the Birch Hills Civic Center.

10:00am Doors open

10:45am Honor Guard and Membership parade

**11:00am Opening remarks and "Last Post",
program, Laying of the wreaths, closing remarks.**

The Poppy Campaign drive is to remind Canadians of the sacrifice of 117,000 Canadians who died in the Military, Merchant Navy and Ferry Command in two world wars, the Korean War. Conducted each year for about 2 weeks prior to November 11th in order to raise funds for needy Canadian veterans, ex-service members and their dependents, as well as Commonwealth veterans.

ALL LOCAL Donations received for Poppies and the laying of wreaths and sprays on November 11th **stay in this community.** Wear your Poppy with pride knowing your generous donation will assist some one local in need. Arrangements to book a wreath or spray for the November 11th Wreath Ceremony should be directed to our Poppy Chairman, Mr. Wayne Boyle 749-3219.

If you would like to become a member of the Royal Canadian Legion please contact Mrs. Marlene Lypchuk – Membership @ 749-2571 – Membership Matters!

SKATING RINK NEWS

We are in full swing at the skating rink.

The canteen will be open 3:30 - 9:00pm Mon-Fri.

Grilled & deep fried food will be available 5-8:30 Mon-Fri. Canteen hours will extend to weekends for games, tournaments and special events.

Public Skate Times(pending ice rentals) will generally be

Mondays & Wednesdays 3:30 - 5:00pm.

Sundays Brunch & Family Skate 10:00 - 2:00pm

There may be daytime public skating and Saturday Shiny times added to the schedule...Watch for details

Remember there is a **public skating fee** of \$3 each or you can purchase a Rink membership for **\$75 family rate** or **\$30** per individual or minor hockey/skating family rate.

Please pay at the canteen.

During the winter season we will be serving **Sunday Brunch Specials** from 10:00 - 2:00 pm and each **Monday Lunch** Homemade Meal Specials from 11:30 - 1:00pm

NEW - Birthday Party Special minimum 10 kids, 1 hour private ice time, hotdogs, fries & soda. \$150 /party

Contact Laurie 749-7451 for more info or for ice rentals. Hockey Schedules available on line at www.birchhills.ca

WHO'S WHO IN BIRCH HILLS ?

Congratulations to Harvey Gjesdal who recently received the Diamond Jubilee Medal. The medal recognizes exceptional Canadians for their contributions to their fellow citizens, communities and provinces and to our Country.

Harvey Gjesdal was born in the Lake Park District in 1922 and in 1950, he married Jennie Goplen. Together they raised 3 children. They are also blessed with 3 grandchildren.

Harvey has been farming well over 70 years. As well as farming, Harvey was also a Pedigreed Seed Grower for 47 years. Over the years, Harvey has also been on many community and political committees. He also wrote a column in the Grainews for 23 years.

In 1967, Harvey and Jennie's farm was recognized with the Master Farm Family Award for Northern Saskatchewan. In 1986, Harvey was inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame and later inducted into the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame. In 1992, Harvey was made a member of the Order of Canada. This was in recognition of his contributions to agriculture. He invented the Rotary Snow Blower and the Gjesdal 5 in 1 seed cleaner.

Lorna Gjedal

RYSC YOUTH Fall Supper and Silent Auction

Sunday November 18th

At The Civic Center Adults \$10

10 & under \$6 Preschool free

Featuring Autographed SK Roughrider Merchandise and a Trip for 2 anywhere Westjet flies. Proceeds going towards the Skatepark Basketball Court



Legion Membership Renewal Cards

have arrived and are ready for pickup.

2013 Membership dues have remained at last years rate of \$45.00 per member. The Early Bird Award Date closes November 30th so please re-new your membership today.

Membership Chairperson is
Marlene Lypchuk 749-2571

Birch Hills 2nd Annual Christmas Trade Show

Sat, Dec 1st at the Civic Centre 10am - 4 pm
Looking for home based business' interested in booking for this show. We would love to welcome new vendors this year!! This will be open to ANY business in Birch Hills & Area. \$25 to book a table
Susan Dutchak at 749-2772 or 981-1871 or email:
rstedutchak@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER



For three consecutive years now some community members of Birch Hills have successfully generated funds to use towards operating expenses at the Birch Hills Skating Arena. The "Farm Project" fundraiser begins with permission to use town land, along with big-hearted local producers and businesses who give generously of their time and supplies to produce grain to be sold for a profit. All the proceeds are then donated to our local arena.

The Recreation and Skating Rink Board in Birch Hills would like to thank the following businesses and persons for their contribution of time, money and products;

Firstly, without the land this project would not be possible; Thank you to the Town of Birch Hills Council for your support and use of these acres. Thank you to Bruce Tilford (harrowing land), Phil Mansiere (Pioneer Seed, donation of canola seed), Carter Braaten (seeding), Lorne Thone (donating Round Up), Kelly Njaa and Mathew Njaa (spraying field), Viterra (donating Roundup), Murray Swenson (Pre-burn spraying), Brent Adams (swathing), Stewart Adams and Wayne Evans (grain in cart).

On a beautiful combining day in October, special thanks goes to combiners: Kelly Njaa, Murray Swenson and Carter Braaten. Grain Haulers: Kyle and Sheldon Jensen, Kevin and Wayne Evans.

Thank you to the Advantage Credit Union (Dave McTaggart, Wyatt Evans, Kris Babbings and Jackie Manson) for providing lunch in the field. Trucking and fuel costs were donated from Birch Hills Co-op.

Without your help, this project would not be as successful: This years project has generated approximately \$20,000. Well done, Birch Hills!!

L.Berube

CHRISTMAS TRADE SHOW

Sat, Nov 24th

10-3pm

At Crystal Springs Hall.

Tables are \$15,
please call Brenda
749-1190 or

749-2632

Lunch available



Having a kids birthday party or small gathering??

The Seniors Hall rents out by donation *Hall, Kitchen, Tables, and Floor Bowling.*

Contact
Vel Bompais at
749-3364



BIKE BOB/BOB McRURY HOUSE PROJECT

As you may have heard around the community, we are planning to do a COMMUNITY PROJECT to replace Bob's house. We have done repairs over the past years but these have only been a band aid and the house really needs replacing instead. We are asking for your assistance in this project. If you are skilled in carpentry, painting, electrical, plumbing, etc. we need you. Also, if you are willing to donate building supplies or money towards this, we need you. Many individuals and businesses have already come forward offering their services and we are most grateful for the positive response.

A "Bob's House" account has been set up at the Birch Hills Credit Union where donations can be made for the project. We want this to be a community project. (One of perhaps many future ones like it.)

The blueprints have already been drawn up and we hope to get going on the building very soon. If you would like to help out on weekends, evenings or whenever OR if you have any questions please call the project coordinators: Orvin Opseth 749-2261 or Vili Bati 749-2760 or Kevin Hawreschuk 749-3193

WE ARE A SMALL TOWN
WITH A BIG HEART



It has been decided!

The **2013 Brrr Chills Winter Festival** will run

February 8 - 16th, 2013



Most activities will be similar to the 2012 festival.

ie: **Tobogganing & Bonfire, Sno-Posse Rally, Museum Supper, School Carnival, Curling, Sr Luncheon & Games, Sr Hockey Game, Library Breakfast.**

We are looking for organizers/helpers for the following:

Sno-Pitch,

Snow Stomp Family Dance,

'Wish I was in Hawaii' Valentines Dinner

We are looking for participation in the following:

Light Parade (light up your ride),

Birch Hills Talent Night (your time to shine)

Country Gospel (if you can sing it, sign up)

Snow Sculpting (let's hope & pray for snow)

Plans have begun but there is room for more. Call or email Laurie for more details. The next Winter Festival Planning Meeting is **Tuesday, December 4 7:00pm** in the museum basement.

All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate



Many Bouquets of Thanks!

On behalf of the Skating Rink Board, the Town of Birch Hills, the Recreation Board, the community of Birch Hills, Skating Rink users and myself, I would like to sincerely thank everyone that offered their time, services and supplies to help with all the rink upgrades this past month. As many of you know the skating arena was in major need of some TLC and cosmetic upgrades.

The Minor Sports board has generously donated \$10,000 to fund some of these upgrades and we are awaiting response on a grant application through the government with the Western Economic Diversification funding program that would assist with other repairs to the ice surface area and the building.

In August each of the main user groups, Minor Hockey, the Skating Club, the Blackhawks Senior Team, Goosers Rec and Hawkeye Rec Teams were responsible for recruiting and completing their 'projects' ie: painting, plumbing upgrades, renovating the men's bathroom, upgrading the kitchen and cleaning floor mats. Also, there was a long list of smaller projects made up that several individuals offered to volunteer to help clean or repair.

As mentioned in previous write ups, the Skating rink is an essential asset to our community and, it takes a community to run it. Each of these upgrades up for hire would not be feasible for our rink at this present time. There are still a few renovations in the works but soon they will be done and because of those who volunteered their time and energy we have a renewed, safer and cleaner place for many to enjoy.

The Goosers were in charge of installing new toilets, sinks, and taps in all the bathrooms. (no more pink sink for our Senior Hockey team!) Thanks to Mark Rolfes for heading this project and to his helpers Jordan Carrier, Mitch Soyland, Aaron Swaby, Bruce Tilford, Shannon Vey, and Bill Yeaman. Thank you to Rick Szypula with RamWest Mechanical for saving us costs on the plumbing supplies.

Thank you to Kyle Nelson for braving the heights to seal the leak from the old chimney on the rink roof. To Tyler Cochrane, Brock Tilford, and other Hawkeye Players who have spent hours on repairing walls and replacing toilets and the sink in the men's bathroom. Thank you to Econo Lumber for donating supplies to fix the bathroom.

Thank you to Vince Harper for completely renovating the Ref Room. To Rick Bompais for heading up the ice making process with the help of Chevy, Stewart and Brent Adams, Kevin Lacombe, Moritz Philipp and Chris Tanner. To Rick Bompais and Bruce Tilford for temporarily fixing the heaved ice board in the south end so we have safe ice to skate on, free of surfacing gravel. Please note, that in the spring we will be asking for help to attempt to permanently fix the south end of the rink surface.

Thank you to the Blackhawks for the heavy lifting of moving mats to sweep and mop in all the dressing rooms and hallway and for re-painting their dressing room. To Elston Macfie for cleaning and re-painting the Hawkeye dressing room. To Doug Rutherford for installing the canteen window display and locating us new chairs for the lobby. To Brad Halayka for electrical upgrades. To Bryan Waite for painting the lobby, stairways, three downstairs dressing rooms and hallway... What a difference a coat of paint makes!

Many hours of cleaning and painting were completed all thanks to Al Bzdel, Morris Bruce, Anna Devenis, Tanya Dansereau and little ones, Jennifer Evans, Iris Fjeld, Tara and Curtis Gariepy, Jan Goy, Karen Lemon, Kim Lemon, Karla Lyons, Greg Manson, Dean and Jackie Manson, Kenah Markowski, Jodie Mickelson, Mark, Lisa and Darren Peterson, Leon, Sarah and Shirley Pratchler, and Joanne Springinotic.

I am sure there were more from the Skating Club and Minor Hockey that I have missed and my sincerest apologies if I forgot your name in the long list of those that helped. There were so many of you that put out so much, I wanted to recognize your efforts and to inform the community just how much work has been done in our rink. The arena hosts a lot of traffic and if we all continue to help by cleaning up after ourselves and our kids, we can continue to shine.

I hope you can all come out to enjoy the many hockey games and tournaments scheduled as well as the Skating Carnival in 2013. Don't forget the Sunday Brunch and Family Skate each week and we are now serving homemade lunches on Mondays throughout the winter season. See you at the Rink!!

by Laurie Berube

Minor Hockey Games for November

Nov 1st	7:15-9:30	Atoms vs Carrot River
Nov 3rd	8:30-7:30pm	Novice Tournament
Nov 4th	2:00-4:00	Atoms vs Melfort
Nov 8th	7:15-9:30	Midgets vs Tisdale
Nov 17th	HOCKEY DAY IN BIRCH HILLS all day	
Nov 18th	Atoms vs Hudson Bay	
Nov 28th	Novices vs Melfort	
COME CHEER ON OUR KIDS!!		



WELCOME BACK SR HOCKEY SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Sat, Nov 10	Home Game vs Flying Dust	8:00 pm
Sat, Nov 24	Away Game @ Flying Dust	8:00 pm
Fri, Nov 30	Home Game vs Muskeg Lake	8:30 pm

GO BLACKHAWKS, GO!

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 at Birchview Melissa 749-3482
Curling Mixed League 7:30-9:30pm 749-2951



TUESDAY

Karate 7:30pm St Louis Karate Club 422-8665
Community Booster Mtg 3rd Tues of the month Civic Centre 7:30-9pm
Crystal Springs Bingo (Until Dec 4th) 7:30pm at the Crystal Springs Hall
Senior Curling League 1:30-3:30pm 749-2951

WEDNESDAY



Line Dancing CONTINUES 9:30-11am at the Sr Centre
Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 9:00-4:00pm Great Deals
Coffee & Sweets at the Museum 3:00 pm
Volleyball School Gym 8-9:30 \$2 Drop In All Welcome



THURSDAY

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364
ZUMBA 9-9:45pm at the Dance Centre \$10 drop in Starts Nov 1 Curling
Mixed League 7:30-9:30pm 749-2951

FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St
Storytime for 3 - 4 yr olds 1-1:45 at the Birch Hills Library
Senior Curling League 1:30-3:30pm 749-2951
TLC Bingo 3rd Friday of the month at the Civic Centre 7 - 9pm



SUNDAY

Brunch & Family Skate at the Rink 10-2pm (subject to change, pending rentals)
Volleyball School Gym 8-9:30 \$2 Drop In All Welcome

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

GIRL GUIDES in BIRCH HILLS

Girls ages 5-14 can join Sparks,
Brownies, Girl Guides & Pathfinders
Tuesdays Sparks 6-7pm,
Brownies 6-7:30pm
Wednesdays Guides 6:30-8pm
Thursdays Pathfinders 6:30-8pm
For more information contact
Audrey Matheson at 749-2217

At the recent Curling AGM all board
members have accepted another term
to serve our curling rink.

Hugh Sampson, President.
Ian Pryznyk, VP,
Sandra Barber, Secretary,
Sharon Rolfes, Treasurer,
Wayne Thompson, Bar Co-ordinator,
Anna Devenis, Junior Co-ordinator



KNITTING GRANNIES

2012 Meeting Dates:
Nov 13 & 27, Dec 11

Shawls now available for
anyone in need of comforting.

Donations of yarn or cash are
accepted at any time.

Contact: Florence 749-2795, Shirley
749-2416, Marilyn 749-2286



Birch Hills Dance Centre offering

Zumba Classes from 9-9:45pm on Thursday evenings
Starting Nov 1-Dec 20. (pending interest) Cert'd
Zumba Instructor, Jennifer Maczek is offering 8 wk classes. \$60 or \$10
drop in. Sign up by emailing Erica at bhrdc@live.com. If there is no
interest, no classes

Awana at Lake Park Baptist Church

Tuesday evenings 6:45 to 8:30 p.m.

SPARKS (Kindergarten to grade 2)

TRUTH & TRAINING (grade 3 to 6)

Fun, Prizes, Singing, Bible Lessons,
Games, Etc.

Cost is \$15 for the Fall (includes
book, uniform & prizes) Call 749-3185
or go to www.lakepark.ca

NEW local Facebook page

'Birch Hills Bargain Basement' buy, sell, trade your unused treasures

'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

'Like' our facebook page to get activity updates.

Feel free to add your own event or activity info



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



The Knitting Grannies will be offering knitting
classes at the Library Nov 8 & 9 after school at
no cost. Come down, see what tricks you can learn

Birch Hills Recreation

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E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
Text or call cell: 749-7451
Facebook Page: 'Birch Hills Recreation'

Communities that play together,
...grow together!

JOB OPPORTUNITY in Birch Hills CIVIC CENTRE JANITOR

Accepting tenders for the contract for Janitorial Services to the Birch Hills Civic Centre. The Town will supply all necessary janitorial supplies and equipment for the janitor to perform required duties as outlined in the Janitorial Agreement. Successful applicants will require a criminal record check, with the position beginning January 1st, 2013.

Please submit tenders by 4:00 pm on November 27th, 2012 to: Town of Birch Hills, Box 206 BIRCH HILL SK S0J 0G0



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

DROP IN RECREATION VOLLEYBALL

for 16yrs + in the School Gym
Wednesdays & Sundays
8 - 9:30pm \$2 to play
You don't have to play good to play, you just have to have fun!



Saron & Birch Hills Community Church Fall Meeting

Nov 23, 24, 25
At the Birch Hills Civic Centre
Banquet Saturday Night
Guest Speaker Pastor Harold Rust
Contact Kathy for more details 749-2478

The Birch Hills Historical Society will hold their Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper on Friday, December 7th.
Supper 5 pm Meeting to follow, Everyone Welcome.

CURL-A-DROME NEWS



The Curling rink board welcomes you back for another great season of curling. Mixed League Curling will begin Thurs Nov 1st & Senior League starts on the 2nd.

Mon & Thurs 7:30-9:30pm Mixed League

Tues & Fri 1:30-3:30 Senior League

Watch for more details on a possible Wed Night Super League
On Nov 23-25, we will host Northern Junior Mens Provincial Playdowns Bonsel. Another Great Opportunity for Birch Hills Volunteers needed to help at door, canteen & other areas

2012-2013 Membership Fees

Adult Rate \$225 for one night \$275 for two nights

Senior Rate \$225 for league 80yrs+ \$175

Family Rate \$475 Student Rate \$100 Spare \$125

Drop In Rate \$10

COFFEE ROW at Curl-A-Drome 7:00-10:00am All Welcome

Contact Robyn at 749-2951 for private ice rentals or other inquiries

Lutheran Ladies Christmas Program

7:30pm Dec 4th
Watch for details

Glad Tidings
Tabernacle (4th St)
hosting special

CANCELLED

guests
**KOUNTRY
SONSHINE'**
November 4, 11 am
Lunch to follow



Please Share Paper
with a Friend or
Email your request
to receive the
news letter online

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Nov 1 - Curling League Starts
- Weekly Zumba Classes start
- 3 - Novice Hockey Tournament in BH
- Bake & Craft Sale
- 4 - Glad Tidings Concerts 11 & 7pm
- 8 & 9 - Knitting Grannies teach kids
- 10 - Flute and Fiddle Grand Opening
- Sr Hockey's 1st Home Game
- 11 - Remembrance Day Ceremonies
- Sunday Brunch at Flute & Fiddle starts
- 12 - Co-ed Drop In Hockey starts
- 13 - Knitting Grannies meeting
- 16 - TLC Daycare Bingo
- Teen Dance at Flute & Fiddle
- 17 - Hockey Day in Birch Hills
- 18 - Referee Clinic
- Youth Fall Supper & Silent Auction
- 20 - Community Booster Mtg
- 24 - Women's Hockey Tournament
- Crystal Springs Trade Show
- 23-25 - Northern Junior Men's Provincial
Curling Playdowns
- 23-25 - Saron & Community Church Fall Mtg
- 30 - Blackhawks vs Muskeg Lake
- Dec 1 - Home Business Tradeshow
- 4 - Lutheran Ladies Christmas Program
- 7 - Historical Society AGM

FALL SUPPERS IN THE AREA

Sunday, November 4th - Wakaw

Sunday, November 18th - Domremy

(submitted by S Ulvild)

