

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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Well, it looks like Winter has arrived. I was very excited to finally see some snow, (yes, I'm one of those!) I do love winters and to cross country ski but I am with most others and don't care much for the -30 temperatures!



However the temperatures will rise and if you can't beat winter, then join it. If you dress for it, you *can*



play in it. There is a X-country ski club forming and if you would like to join or if anyone is interested in learning to ski, let me know. It's a great way to get some fresh air during these long Saskatchewan winters.

Happy Christmas Preparations All,

Laurie Berube, Rec Director

The BIRCH HILLS OPEN FORUM was held on Thursday, Nov 27th. Information was shared between Town Council and residents on the top 5 concerns that was gathered in the surveys that were sent out to the community in September.

A synopsis of the meeting is to follow and will be available online at www.birchhills.ca

Watch for more details.



Birch Hills Cowboy Church

@ Community Centre
1st Sun of each month

Next Service **Dec 7th 7:00pm**

Featuring Country Gospel Music with down home bible message.

All are Welcome Pastor Rick Martin
981-2235

Brancepeth Old Time Family

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14th

Starts 3:00pm



Hayrides, Games, Hot Chocolate

Hotdogs & Chili/Bun

And SANTA!!

Everyone Welcome



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

When Christmas Shopping, think



Local! There are many stores & services in town that offer gift certificates. From golf course, curling club, hair/nails, repairs, groceries, restaurants, movie rentals, clothing, massage, gift stores and many folks who sell home business products. Get creative, look around & keep money here in Birch Hills.

The user groups of the Skating Rink hosting....

ARENA CHRISTMAS BINGOS

Come out to the Flute and Fiddle on Wednesdays,

November 26,

December 3rd, 10th, and

Tuesday, Dec 16th.

Doors open 6:30, games start 7:30

Food and beverages for sale

Growing **Bonanza Jackpot**

is at \$42 as of Nov 26th

Proceeds going to arena



DECEMBER issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for you by:

Krush Salon, Beth Rude, Homestead Auto

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Adult Christmas Craft

Wednesday, December 10th

6:30-8:30 pm

Come learn how to make chocolate turtles, and take home



the mold to make your own.

\$20/person. Limited space,

you must preregister by

Dec 2, by calling the library @ 749-3281

Children Christmas Craft

with Courtney (Arnestad)

Tuesday, December 9th

6:30 - 7:15pm

@ the Library

For children 5-12yrs. You

must pre-register your

child by calling the library

749-3281 by Dec 2nd.



Birch Hills Skating Rink

Public Skating – subject to change pending rentals

Tues/ Wed/ Fri 3:30–5:00pm
 Saturdays 2–4pm Hockey or Shinny
 Sundays 2–4pm Family Skate – no sticks pls
 Public Skating is \$3 per person or \$10 for Family Skate on
 Sundays. Please pay at canteen when open

Rink Memberships

\$30/yr Single membership or for families registered with
 Minor Hockey or Skating Club
 \$75/yr for Families
 Members skate for free and show their support for the skating
 arena.

Skating Rink Caretaker – John

Canteen Leasor – Mike

Ice Rentals or for other info, call 749-7451 Laurie



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

Sr Hockey Blackhawks

Games



Dec 6	Away game @ Leoville	8pm
Dec 20	Away game @ Big River	8pm
Dec 27	Home Game vs Beady's	8pm
<i>Flute & Fiddle guaranteeing a \$500 50/50 jackpot. Don't forget to buy your tickets!</i>		
Dec 28	Away game @ Beady's	8pm

Minor Sports Home Games

Atoms vs Tisdale	Tues, Dec 2	6:30pm
Novice vs Melfort	Wed, Dec 3	6:30pm
Atoms vs Nipawin	Wed, Dec 9	6:30pm
Novice vs Tisdale	Wed, Dec 10	6:30pm
Novice vs Carrot River	Sun, Dec 14	12:00pm
Atom vs Nipawin	Dec 14	2:15pm
PeeWee vs Melfort	Dec 14	4:15pm
PeeWee vs Star City	Thur, Dec 18	7:00pm



Birch Hills Barracudas hosting
3rd Annual Ladies Hockey Tourney

Dec 5th 7:15pm Barracudas vs PA Cougars

Dec 6th Games start 9am - 5:30pm

Come out for raffles, silent auction, to visit
 the canteen and watch some female hockey.

Home Game Dec 12 @ 7:30pm vs PA Tundra

BLACKHAWKS COMEDY FUNDRAISER

Kelly Taylor, described in 'Just for Laughs'
 biographies as the comedian 'With the physical
 attributes of a high school quarterback and the
 comedic commitment of Jerry Lewis, Kelly
 Taylor is taking the comedy world by storm'
 and 'Kelly Taylor – Saskatchewan's second best export after
 wheat!' Mark your calendars for **January 3rd** as Kelly will be
 in Birch Hills for a comedy night hosted by the Blackhawks.
 Tickets are \$25/ea & includes a dance after the show & silent
 auction, contact Tyler Tilford or other Sr players.



Gooser Boxing Day Dance

Hosted by the Goosers Rec Hockey
 Team featuring DDT (Prince Albert)

Friday, December 26th

@ the Birch Hills Civic Centre

Tickets \$15 in advance / \$20 @ door

Avail at Brahma Insurance or Gooser members

Doors open 8pm

No minors pls



Christmas Food Collections
 Bring non-perishables food items
 to share with less fortunate for
 the holidays at the Birch Hills
 Co-op and the Skating Arena

Hagens' outdoor skating rink is all ready to go. Anyone using
 our rink please remember this is a community rink and
 everyone needs to pitch in keeping it shovelled!!! There is a
 heated warm up shack and lights for evening skates. Take
 advantage of this beautiful outdoor facility, just please
 respect it. Special thanks to Morris Bruce, Jake Sand and
 Bryan Poole for getting it all ready to go!!!
 Let's utilize this FREE outdoor rink

Jan Goy

Men's & Ladies Rec Hockey Teams

Goosers play home Wednesday Nights

Hawkeyes play home Thursday Nights

Barracudas play mostly Fri Nites/Sundays

Call 749-7451 for more info



"I would like to send out a HUGE bouquet and Thank You to all the current and past Golf Course Staff and Board Members for their dedication and hard work. I have served on (and off very briefly) the Golf Board for close to 10 years, in most of that time Ed Fusik has been there as our Head Greenskeeper (or he was right next to one) – he (and all his staff, past and present) have brought the shape of this course to where it is today, which is superb! One of the best in our province! We have had many, many compliments on it over the years! So kudos Ed and crew!



Our Clubhouse staff has also been tremendous, thank you to Ethel Rutherford for being able to step in when we had the misfortune of losing Darlene Elsaesser. Those were big Cinnamon Buns to fill but you did it, so thank you for that. To all my fellow board members both past and present, it has been a pleasure to work alongside and get to know each and every one of you. Last but not least – our Rec Directors – past – Rob Boulding and currently Laurie Berube, thanks for all your continued hard work in the background that nobody sees (budgeting, balance sheets for every meeting, grant applications, etc., etc.). I appreciated it all! Best wishes as you all continue to move forward with our 9 Hole Gem in Paradise! As I resign from the Board, I do however, look forward to continuing to help raise funds and work towards a new clubhouse, to compliment the beautiful course we already have." Sincerely, Iris Fjeld

BIRCH HILLS BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

SALON KRUSH, Kristy Nelson
Bellamy Avenue 306-749 7405



'I would like to say thank you for all of the support I have received from the community. I feel we often take for granted what an amazing town we have, so I'm taking this opportunity to thank you all. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Call today to book hair or nail appointments for the holidays.

Gift Certificates available

HOMESTEAD AUTO,

Marty Howe, Owner/ Journeyman Technician
Phone 306-749-7329



Marty and Joanne Howe have now opened Homestead Auto. This is an automotive repair business operated out of a heated shop on our farm near Brancepeth and we are located 8kms East of Birch Hills off Highway 3 (look for our new sign) Marty has been a licensed automotive technician (mechanic for the last 23 years and welcomes all new business.



Closing of the Clay Oven Cafe

It's with sad hearts that Rosa our staff and I announce that we will be closing the doors of The Clay Oven Café our last day will be December 5/14.

We would like to thank our loyal customers from the last two years for their support and friendship

We will be closed Thursday at 3 pm for a private Christmas party but on our last day join us for our "Farwell Party" we will be opened later so all our friends can join us to say good bye

We all enjoyed serving and visiting with you in the morning for breakfast, lunch, and supper or just for a cold beverage. Also in your homes when you took your meals home.

Stuart Matice

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #122 Annual General Membership and Elections on November 13th, 2014

Re-elected by acclamation:

Don Lypchuk	- President/Chairman
Lyle Mohn	- 2 nd Vice President/House
Marlene Lypchuk	- Membership
Wayne Boyle	- Poppy Chairman/Bursaries
Ian Pryznyk	- Secretary
Tanya Wojcichowsky	- Treasurer
Pastor Rod Grabriel	- Branch #122 Ministerial Services

Newly Elected Positions 2014/15

Dennis Lypchuk	- Bar/House Services
	Chairman
Pastor Duane Mohn	- Branch #122 Service
	Officer

Thank you, Don L. Lypchuk

NOTE: ANY SUBMISSIONS FOR THE DEC 15TH NEWSLETTER WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY DEC 8TH.

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

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



CURLING RINK NEWS

We are open and leagues are starting!

Tuesday & Fridays	Senior League	1:30pm
	coffee & dessert after	
Wednesday Nights	Brahma Ins 2 Person Curling	
	First Draw @ 7pm	
Thursday Nights	Super League	
	(Cervus Equip sponsored)	
	First Draw @ 7:00pm	

Merry Christmas from the Birch Hills Curling Club
The Birch Hills Curling Club will host a free family curling afternoon on **Sunday December 7, 2014** at 2:00pm.

Everyone is welcome!

Please join us for Coffee and Dainties and smokies on a bun afterwards (donated by Wayne & Karon Thompson).

Upcoming Bonspiels

Senior Cash Spiel	TBA
Firemens Bonspiel	TBA
Ladies Bonspiel	Feb 7-8
Winter Festival 4 person 4 end bonspiel	February 25th
Seniors Bonspiel Week	Mar 2-6
Open Bonspiel	Mar 14-15
Two Person Tuff Spiel	Mar 28-29



A big thanks to everyone who attended the Hallowe'en Howl at The Flute and Fiddle. Such a fun evening – Constant Reminder gave a great performance!

Best 3 Costume Prizes were awarded to Lloyd Robertson (aka Kyle Nelson), Grandma (aka Diana Smith), and King Lenny Gaudet and Queen Darrellynn Gaudet.

There were so many great costumes to choose from – and it was so busy, we're sure we didn't get a chance to appreciate all of them. Some memorable costumes included: Katy Perry, Amy Winehouse, Cap'n Thomas Bear, Sister Carol Hadland, Princess Joanne Howe, Cap'n Leyton Elsaesser, Constant Reminder (aka Bruce and Iris Fjeld), Fairy Charity Cochet and Bud.

Thanks to everyone who attended in costume – it always makes a Hallowe'en party more fun when everyone is caught up in the spirits! Jamie Tilford



BOYS WITH TOYS... Thank you to Pete Arnestad and Chris Braaten for spreading the shale out on the diamonds. Thank you to Muskoday First Nations for their grant support towards purchase of shale.

FYI: Two loads of shale costs \$9500!!

FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 11th *"On a Winter's Night"* – a three course meal prepared by Chef Jenni and a performance by Jeffery Straker



Dec 13th **Dreamland Optimist Club Christmas Party and Social**
5:00-10:00pm All Welcome

Grandma B's *"Soup on Sundays"* Serving 10:30 – 2:00pm

Dec 31st **New Years Eve Karaoke House Party & Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest**, free Admission

Purchase concert tickets at Bunny Hug Inn or online
www.fluteandfiddle.ca

Open Stage & Karoke Friday Night Hosts in December

5th – Sarah & Casey Pratchler Dec 12 – Breanne Stubbs
Dec 19th TD Christopher (Tim Dyck) Dec 26 & Jan 2 –Closed

Friday Nights 6-9pm Chili Stuffed Potatoes with Toppings
Like us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter

LAKE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

'The Christmas Cross', Sunday School Christmas Musical at Lake Park Baptist, Sunday Dec. 14th at 11:00 am

*Christmas Eve Service,
Wednesday, December 24th 7:00 pm

Looking to see if there is interest in Adult Volleyball (Sundays), Drop in Hockey (Mon Nights), after school Street Hockey or Broomball. Contact the Rec Office for more info/feedback

BIRCH HILLS HISTORICAL PHOTOS

Enter the website address or for those receiving newsletter on line...click on the following link for a look at Birch Hills a century ago!

<http://www.prairie-towns.com/birchhills-images.html>

EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS



MONDAY

Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364
 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 Done for the season...see you in spring

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

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 & 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



SOUP FOR SENIORS

On average about 65 seniors receive a meal each month that this program is offered.

Some seniors come to the Senior Centre and some ask for delivery. The food is funded partially by monetary donations and partially by the Lake Park Baptist Church. People involved in providing this service are:

Wes and Marlene Borsheim
 Jordie and Shelley Carrier
 Norm and Heather Dyck
 Kathy Evans
 Bruce and Lynn Hunter
 Derek and Erica Letwinetz
 Marv and Grace Penner
 Don and Marlene Reid

Thank you all for being such a blessing to the seniors in our community

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

Lake Park Baptist Church

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AWANA For Kids

ages 5 to 12

Tuesday nights from 6:45 to 8:30

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Evenings at 7 pm



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

on Friday evenings



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Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills



Title: COOK

(Part-time,
approximately

25hrs per week) – TLC
Daycare Inc.

Reports to: Director, TLC Daycare Inc.

Location: Birch Hills, SK

Job Summary:

The TLC Daycare Inc. is looking for a cook that will responsible for menu planning, purchasing of groceries and supplies and daily preparation of nutritious meals and snacks served to approximately 40 children (ages 6 weeks to 10 years) enrolled in the centre. The kitchen is to be managed and the work of the Cook is to be conducted in strict compliance with Ministry of Health regulations, and all other applicable legislation. The Cook works in consultation with the Centre Director to ensure the smooth operation of the kitchen and its coordination with the other programs of the centre.

Interested applicants should possess basic food handling and preparation skills. A current Food Safe course would be preferred; however we are willing to train. Applicants will also need to have or be willing to obtain First Aid/APR Level "C", and a Criminal Record Check. Wage starting at \$11.00 per hour.

Thanks to the generosity of contributors a total of \$8,058.00 was raised this year for 26 charities. Many ladies gave of their time to receive the donations and issue receipts, and the Credit Union once again allowed us to use their facilities. We thank you all, The Birch Hills & District Combined Appeal committee. Thanks, Marilyn

The 4th Annual BRRR CHILLS WINTER FESTIVAL Feb 20-28, 2015

Thank you to Barry, Kevin Evans, RM of BH, McIntyre Const, Winding River Colony for support of the Bonfire & Tobogganing Night.



*To the Flute and Fiddle for sponsoring the Skate w/ Brrrt.

*To Carl and Sandra Barber for offering to do XCcountry Sking

*To Pat/Amanda Murphy for offering to organize the Human Dog Sled Race.

*To the Co-op for sponsoring the Snow Stomp Dance Lunch

Sponsor Opportunity:
Sno-Pitch Bonfire/
Hotdog

Cash or prizes for:
Snow Sculpting, Game Night, Febru-hairy, Human Dog Sled Race, Color Contest, SnoPitch Tourney

Progressive 50/50 on now. Watch for Bud or John Herd for tickets. (last yrs winner won \$750!) Proceeds go towards expenses of the festival

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

December 3 - Bingo @ F&F

5& 6 - Ladies Hockey Tourney

- Sr away game @ Leoville

7 - Free Family Curling

9 - Library Children Crafts

10 - Bingo @ F&F

- Library Adult Christmas Craft

11 - Chef Jenni & Jeffrey Straker F&F

12 - Ladies Hockey Game

12/13 - Sr Girls Basketball

13 - Optimists Christmas Party

14 - Brancepeth Christmas Party

- LPBC Christmas Musical

16 - Bingo @ F&F

17 - School Christmas Concert

18/19 - Christmas Classic Basketball

20 - Sr away game @ Big River

24 - LPBC Christmas Eve Service

26 - Boxing Day Dance

27 - Sr Home game vs Beardy's

28 - Sr away game @ Beardy's

31 - NYE Dance @ F&F

Jan 3- Kelly Taylor Comedy Fundraiser

Participants Needed for:

the Human Dog Sled Race. 3 Boys, 3 Girls, 3 Generations (30 yrs between oldest & youngest) . Human Dog Sled Teams will pull a sled down main street in a race to the finish. Register with Pat/Amanda Murphy or the Rec Office. Check out our Facebook page for last years videos!!

Sno-Pitch Teams of 8 can register with the Rec Office

Light Parade - Pick a festival theme, get creative and make a float.

Entertainers for the **Talent Night** (contact Lyle Mohn) and **Country Gospel** (contact Inez Shilling)

Contests: Snow Sculpting, Febru-Hairy

Want to get involved with the Winter Festival?? Help still needed:

* With organizing Sno-Pitch Tournament
* Supplying soup, desserts or sandwiches for the Senior Hall Lunch

* With the Snow Stomp Family Dance and contests (door, posters, luncheon, bar, etc)
Contact Laurie 749-7451