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Greetings Everyone,
Tis the season to be jolly!
...Right? But what if you're away from family or you've just moved to town and you don't know anyone yet. It can be a very lonely time. That was me just a few years ago. Fortunately, for me I was invited to meet new people, who became my BH family. May I suggest that you invite that new neighbour and try to remember that new friend over the next few weeks... Christmas is a time for sharing & giving, and what better gift than an evening of your time, creating fun memories. Be a blessing to someone today!

Laurie Berube, Rec Director



Town Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 6th 7:00pm
Main Street (& 2nd Ave)



Join us around the Tree to Celebrate the Christmas Season. Hot Chocolate to follow at Youth Centre

DREAMLAND OPTIMISTS Present...

Take Home Pictures WITH SANTA

December 13, 2015

1:00 - 4:00pm

\$5.00

At the Royal Canadian Legion on Bellamy Ave in Birch Hills

Treat bags for Kids,
Baked Goods for Sale,
Donation box for Birch Hills Splash Park

Photography w/ *Memories by Susan*



Winter Festival Planning Meeting

Thurs, December
3rd 7:00pm @ Museum Basement

All ages, local committees, businesses, residents are invited to make the 5th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival happen! There will be consideration of when, how long and which activities to have. Feel free to email rec office w/ ideas

NOMINATIONS being accepted at the Rec Office for those you would like to recommend as Outstanding Volunteers in our Community. Send information of who and why you would like to recognize them for their Volunteerism. Big or small it all counts!!

Email: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

DECEMBER issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for you by:
PA Co-op - Birch Hills Branch, TLC Daycare, Steen Agencies,

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 March. ..reserve your spot today!

Thank you for supporting your local paper.



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

Girl Guiding Association will be selling

Poinsettias

for Christmas

Call Audrey 306-749-2217 to order or for info.

Deadline to order is November 30 for December 12th delivery. \$20.00 each



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec 9 - Christmas Concert 7:00 pm
11-14 Sr Girls Basketball Tourney

15 – Community Pancake Breakfast
Please come and join us for breakfast from 8-9 am and help us celebrate our continued development as a school community. Pancakes, sausage, and coffee will be served. \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for kids. We look forward to celebrating our school

17-20 Sr Boys Christmas Classic
Basketball Tourney

Dec 22 - Jan 2 Christmas Break

LIBRARY NEWS

STORY TIME Fridays
for 3 – 5yrs old
1:00-1:45pm



KIDS CRAFT

Tues Dec 8 at
6:30-7:30. at civic centre. ages 5-12.
No cost. limited spots so you **must register**
by Dec 1. by calling library 749-3281

Come Visit your Local Library Today



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

ST LOUIS COMMUNITY

TURKEY BINGO Dec 6th
@ Community Hall 2:00pm

NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORKS SHOW

Thursday, December 31, 2015
(come early)

Bonfire starts 5:00pm
Fireworks 8:00pm Sharp
At Lions Club Park
(in ST. LOUIS)
Sliding, free hotdogs & hot chocolate



CURLING CLUB NEWS

The season has begun. Stop in for a visit!!



Tuesdays & Fridays

Senior League start 1:30pm Coffee and Treats to follow

Wednesday Brahma Insurance 2 Person League first draw 7:00pm

Thursday Red Head Equipment Super League Teams of 4
7:00 and 9:00pm draws

Junior Curlers: There will be afterschool curling program for youth starting in the new year. Tuesdays, 3:45-5:00pm Watch for more details or contact the Rec Office or Hugh Sampson at the Curling Club



Upcoming Bonspiels – To Register Call 749-2951 leave message
Jan 11-15th Senior Bonspiel Wk Jan 23rd Legion Provincials
Feb 5-7th Ladies 70's Bonspiel Mar 5-6th Open Bonspiel



A huge thank you to everyone who came out on Sunday November 15 to help with the cabin clean up. It's people like you who help maintain our shacks and make it possible to enjoy the three cabins we have in the winter. Everyone is welcome to use the cabins we as a club we just ask that they are respected in return. Once again the Birch Hills Sno-Posse will be hosting their annual Rally on **Saturday February 13, 2016**. This will be the 20th Annual Rally for the Birch Hills Sno-Posse. We will also be hosting a meeting on **Monday December 7, 2015** at 7:00 at the Birch Hills Curling rink, anyone who is interesting in joining the club is more than welcome to attend. Any questions or concerns please call Jodie Gordon 306-930-7306, Sheldon Gordon 306-749-7645 or Matthew Njaa 306-749-7010. Happy Sledding.

HAPPY RETIREMENT GAYLEN TORGUNRUD!!



Family, friends, current & former staff and current & former Council gathered on Sunday, November 22, 2015 to celebrate Gaylen Torgunrud's recent retirement from the RM of Birch Hills No. 460.

Gaylen started with the RM in April 1984 and his last day was September 30, 2015 – 31 1/2 years – what an accomplishment!

Gaylen built, graded and snow plowed many miles of roads and can be proud of the contribution he made to the RM.
Thank you Gaylen.

COMPUTER LESSONS



We have almost completed the 6 week session of beginner computer classes. There were 15 students who registered and we were fortunate enough to have a few high school students that joined to help out. Thank you to students Allicia Hood, Tessa Obertas, Sarah Pratchler, Ally Bzdel and Jayde Jones. This was an added bonus as watching youth and seniors working together was absolutely marvelous to see. I was personally impressed with the enthusiasm of the senior students ...even when they received homework! Good on you for taking on new challenges. Keep working on it, you'll be whizzing your way through the internet in no time. We do hope to have more classes, if our fabulous teachers Tiffany Olson, Mackenzie Ackerman, Joanne Bzdel, Lisa Larson, Nadia Stevenson and/or Monica Gray can return.

Thanks to these partners for making this possible
Birch Hills Library, the BH School and Recreation Dept.
Funding from the Birch Hills CIBC Bank

Christmas Pageant
At St Mary's Anglican Church
Saturday, December 6th
11:00am
All are Welcome



SARON LUTHERAN & BIRCH HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCHES CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

"When Christmas Isn't Merry and Bright"
Blue Christmas Service.

A service of comfort for those suffering with pain, loss, isolation and grief during the Christmas season.

Friday, December 18th 7:30pm
 @ Birch Hills Lutheran Church

Bethania Christmas Service

Sunday, December 20th
 7:30pm @ Bethania Country Church
 7 miles south on Northern Light Road,
 1/4 mile west.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2015
 7:00pm @ BH Lutheran Church
 Everyone Welcome!



BIRCHVIEW NEWS DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone Welcome

Dec 1st 2:00 Memorial Service,
 Dec 10th 2:30 The Sinclairs
 Dec 14th 2:30 The Gramps
 Dec 16th 2:30 Christmas Party Job Mates band
 Dec 17th 10:30 Christmas with The Klassens
 Dec 23rd 2:30 Carroll Birkland Piano Students Recital,
 Dec 24th Christmas Eve Service with United Church,
 Dec 30th New Years Party with Wilf and AL !



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

December 6th 7:00pm
There will be a Potluck Meal at 6:00pm
with program to follow...

Everyone welcome
 Featuring Country Gospel Music with down home bible message w/ Pastor Rick Martin (981-2235)



Brancepeth Old Time Family Christmas Party

Saturday, December 6th

Hayrides start at 3:00pm
 Games, Fish Pond, Music, Friends, Hot Dogs &
 Chili and a visit from Santa
 At the Brancepeth Hall. No admission fee,
 Nominal fee for food & fish pond



Learn to Make Lefse from the Best!

Saturday, December 5th
 1:00pm at BH Lutheran Church
12 Spots Available \$5 per person
 Seasoned Norwegians will teach you how to mix, roll,
 cook and eat lefse!

To Register Call Kathy or Pastor
 Clint at the Youth Centre
 749-2478



MULTIUSE BUILDING Update:

This multi-use facility will house the seniors' hall, the town library, and a meeting room for the Lions' Club. The Multi-use Building Committee have met again to discuss plans for the old Coop building. A tour was arranged for the committee members that had not been in the building since closure. This was helpful for getting a sense of the space and to see what was salvageable.

The plan is now well into development. The floor plan is being finalized, and exterior choices are soon to be presented. Thanks again to Duane Lowe and his son Jason for all their work.

Arrow Engineering Inc. has been chosen for the Mechanical and Engineering Design and consulting services.

Demolition of the interior will start in Jan. The includes removal of the old flooring and demolition of the interior walls. If you would like to volunteer your skills or time, please contact the committee.

Shirley Ulvild has agreed to head up the Fundraising committee. This will include grants, donations, and fundraising events. We are well on our way with some major donations that will be announced in the near future, but have a long way to yet to go. Please let us know if you have ideas, can help out, or would like to donate.

The committee will meet again in Jan.

The committee members are as follows;

Shirley Ulvild Town Council

Barry Evans Town Council

Owen Stubbs Town Council

Tara Garipey Secretary

Joanne Bzdel Library

Millie Rowluck Seniors Club

Lorna Gjesdal Member at large

Todd Devenis Lions Club

Duane Lowe Member at Large

REMINDER: 2016 LICENCES

As outlined in the Town of Birch Hills Bylaw #04/12 residents are required to annually register their dogs and cats. Failure to do so could result in fines.

Annual Registration Fee \$10

Failure to Register \$20

Subsequent offences \$40

Impoundment:

First Offence \$75 plus \$5 per day

Subsequent Offences \$150 plus \$5 per day

Stop by the Town Office to register your pets and view all of the bylaw



Birch Hills United Church Women thank everyone who gave to the Fellowship of the Least Coin. They are now accepting donations for the women's shelter in PA. **Items can be dropped off at the back door of the Lutheran Church on Thursdays from 9 to noon from now to December 15.** For now there are requests for children's toys, coloring books and crayons for stocking stuffers, new ladies' & children's pajamas and socks as well as any new toiletry items. Any items would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Mary

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STEEN AGENCIES

Weldon Sask. S0J3A0

PH: 306-887-2020

Fax: 306-887-4211

Call for all your Insurance Needs

Prince Albert Co-op, Birch Hills Branch

Food Store Hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat - 8 am to 7 pm

Thurs - 8 am to 9 pm

Sun - 10 am to 5 pm

You're at home here.



C-Store Hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat - 7 am to 7pm

Thurs - 7 am to 9 pm

Sun - 10 am to 7 pm

Come check out our specials & new look

Hello from TLC daycare!!

Just to let you all know there are some exciting things happening at TLC daycare!! Some things that are new is the donation drop box for all clothing items and a portion of the donations goes to our daycare. The drop box is located beside the daycare in the parking lot. You can't miss it!! More exciting news is that we have a new face book page you can check out our activities and news.

You can find this page under TLC daycare Inc.

Christmas Daycare Hours

December 24 - Closing at 4pm

December 25 - Closed

December 31 - Closing at 4pm

January 1 - Closed





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E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
Facebook Page: 'Town of Birch Hills
Community & Recreation'
Website: www.birchhills.ca

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Dec 3 - 5th Annual Winter Festival Planning Mtg
4 - RM & Town Christmas Party
5 - Learn to Make Lefse
- Fire Dept Christmas Party
6 - Brancepeth Family Christmas Party
- St Mary's Christmas Pageant
- Midget Hockey vs Carrot River
- Turkey Bingo (St Louis)
- Town Christmas Tree Lighting
- Cowboy Church & Potluck
7 - SnoPosse Meeting
8 - Kids Craft (Library)
9 - School Christmas Concert
12 & 13 - Female Midget AAA Hockey
13 - Pictures with Santa
11-14 - Sr Girls Basketball
15 - School Community Pancake Breakfast
17-20 - Sr Boys Basketball
18 - Blue Christmas Service
20 - Bethania Christmas Service
24 - United Christmas Eve Service (BV)
- Candlelight Service Lutheran Church
31 - NYE Fireworks & Bonfire (St Louis)
Jan 2 - Sr Hockey Comedy Night
8-9 - Barracuda's Ladies Hockey Tourney
11-15 - Seniors Curling Bonspiel
16 - Atom Hockey Tourney
22 - Sr Hockey Home Game
23 - IP Hockey Tourney
23 - Provincial Legion Open Curling
29 - Sr Hockey Home Game
30 - Sr Hockey Home Game
- Novice Hockey Tourney
Feb 5-7 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel
5&6 - SHA Midget Hockey Camp
- Curling Open Bonspiel
13 - SnoPosse Snowmobile Rally

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

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



GOLF COURSE NEWS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS IDEAS

GIFT CERTIFICATES & GOLF PASSES available
Purchase memberships or rounds of golf for yourself,
friends or family at this year rates up to January 15.

RAFFLE TICKETS make great stocking stuffers
FORE' WHEEL DRIVE RAFFLE

Win a New Yamaha Gas Powered Cart

1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50

Draw Date July 1, 2016

Value \$6000



CONTACT THE REC OFFICE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE



BOUQUET OF THANKS

We are so thankful for family and friends
who helped us celebrate our 60th Wedding
Anniversary. We have been blessed.

Love Myrtle and Archie



Thank you to everyone who came out and supported
our 5th Annual Roughrider Theme Fall Supper and
Silent Auction. A huge thank you to Dane & Karen
Tessier, Larry & Darlene Evans, Ron, Shirley, Jordyn &
Meagan Duval, Vili & Judy Bati and the rest of the donators
and volunteers who worked so hard to make this community
event such a success!

Winners of the Roughrider Merchandise Raffle were as follows:

1st: Roughrider Mini Fridge - Terilyne Deck

2nd: Roughrider Fire Pit - Delphine Poole

3rd: 13th Man Jersey - Brian Gordon

Winner of the 50/50 - Gerry McCann

Winner of the Re-cycle Electronics Draw of Autographed Rob
Bagg Jersey - Harold Manson

Door Prize Winners of roughrider Gravity Chairs -
Travis Evans & Marlene Manson

Proceeds from this year's event (approx. \$11,000) will be
donated to the Birch Hills Volunteer Firefighters to go toward
the purchase of a new Command Unit.

THANK YOU to Scotiabank (especially Shae) & to PA Co-op,
Birch Hills Branch for their ongoing sponsorship of our supper.