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Seasons Greetings
Such wonderful events coming up for all ages to spend time together. Thank you to those hosting and organizing.

The Birch Tree Café is now open on Saturdays!! 11-7pm New menu items coming soon.
Have a great couple of weeks
. *Laurie Berube, Rec Director*

7th Annual Winter Fest Meeting

Monday, December 4th
@ the museum 7:00pm
Any community member or group is welcome to bring their ideas or ask how they can get involved..
Some fundraising opportunities.
Contact Rec office for more info



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GOSPEL AND INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC

Old and New with *Ralph Galambos*
Come join us for an afternoon of
Sunday, Dec 3rd 2:00pm
At St Mary & St Ann Church (McCallum)
Lunch to follow, good will offering
Community Welcome



"The Light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it" John 1:5

BH Community Church hosts...

TOWN CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

7:00pm Sunday, December 3rd
Join us in sharing the meaning of Christmas with our community.
Hot chocolate at Youth Center to follow



Community Arts In Birch Hills

Monday, December 4th, 2017 7:00pm

LEARN TO PAINT

at the BH School Art Room



Join *Mr Alan Ruder* at the BH Public School Art Room as he teaches participants to use either Acrylic or Water color mediums. He will present an idea and put it into context using artists and examples and provide assistance as students work on their paintings.

Ages 8-17yrs \$5 and 18 & up \$10.

Please register in advance so we can make sure we have enough supplies, etc

Follow updates, activities and photos on our Facebook Page

NOTE: we are looking for experienced artists to instruct participants in mediums of choice.

Contact Amy if you are interested 941-0788

FREEDOM SINGERS

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 3rd 7:00pm

Lake Park Baptist Church

In Birch Hills



Free Will offering Concert info call 749-3185

The Freedom Singers from Kelowna, BC began their music ministry when two young men, Simon and Wesley arrived in Canada as stowaways from Romania escaping in a shipping container. After singing at local churches and telling their story, it was suggested to actually give our group a name. The *FREEDOM SINGERS* share their music and testimony in the hope that those who listen will be spiritually enriched and blessed. They give praise to God for his guidance and abundant Grace.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS COMMUNITY EVENTS



Ladies Christmas Party

Crystal Springs Hall
Friday, December 8th
@ 7:00 pm



Bring an appetizer, a \$10 present for a gift exchange, BYOB
Interested in a cookie exchange? Call Lynn @ 864-8013 for more information

Meskenaw Community invites you
December 10th 1:00-4:00pm
Sleighrides(1-2pm), Bingo, Bake table
Non perishable food item collection

Birch Hills Cowboy Church

@ Community Centre
1st Sun of each month
Next Service



Sunday, Dec 3rd 7:00pm
Featuring Country Gospel Music with
Pastor Rick Martin (981-2235)
Potluck Cookies & Cake to follow
All are Welcome

Bingo: Bingo in Crystal Springs Tuesdays

7:30pm

Watch for info on upcoming Christmas Bingo info



Coffee Row: Crystal Springs Rec Co-op Once a Month Coffee Row 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Crystal Springs Hall Everyone is Welcome!
Next Date is: **Wednesday December 6th**

Birchview Nursing Home Dec Activities

All are welcome to attend. 2:30pm start, unless otherwise noted

Dec 2nd	Annual Memorial Service	2:00pm
15th	Step Out Dancers	
20th	Job Mates Band "Santa visit"	
21st	Piano Recital	3:30pm
24th	Christmas Eve Service	6:30pm
29th	New Years Party w/ Salt Water Joy Band	



If you have a talent to entertain, contact Shelley to set a date

BIRCH HILLS SCHOOL NEWS

Dec 6th	Gr 4-6 classes attend "Alice in Wonderland Jr" @ E.A. Rawlinson Centre in PA
7th	Gr K-3 classes attend "Alice in Wonderland Jr"
8th	Sr Girls Basketball Tournament
15th	Sr Boys Basketball Tournament
19th	Christmas Concert

December 23-Jan 7th
Christmas Break!!



Bethania Christmas Candle Light Service

Sunday, December 23rd, 2017 7:30pm
Bethania Church Northern Light

Birch Hills Community Church Christmas Eve Service

7:30pm (Corner of 4th & Bellamy)
Everyone Welcome



If you find yourself away from family on Christmas day, we invite you to come celebrate with us at the BH Community Church. We will be hosting a

Christmas Day turkey & ham dinner.

Beginning at noon, with visiting and games to follow until 3:00pm.

Dinner will be provided, but please feel free to bring games & potluck snacks. No registration necessary, we will see you Christmas Day!



Birch Hills Public School Fundraiser

"Food For Thought" Cookbook

The cookbook consists of 110 pages with 186 recipes submitted from our Kindergarten to Grade 12 families and Birch Hills community members. We are expecting the books to arrive the week of December 18th and will send home with your child.

If you do not have a child attending school, we will call you and you can pick the books up at the office. If you would like to purchase a cookbook (\$15/book), please contact Angie Laroche at alaroche@srsd119.ca or (306) 749-3301.



BIRCH HILLS & AREA BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS and NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

TURQUOISE TREE COUNSELLING & WELLNESS INC

Erin McLeod and Tiffany Olson are registered clinical Social Workers who share a vision of working with people that seek to improve themselves and lives.

Turquoise Tree Counselling and Wellness Inc. offers a wide variety of counselling and coaching services in all areas of relationships, grief & loss, self esteem/confidence, stress management, anxiety, depression and overall mental health wellness using a variety of types of therapy that are tailored to our clients needs.

Each individual is on their own unique journey in life. We believe that education and self-determination are key elements of the journey.

Counselling services may be covered through the client's employee insurance plans.

Two offices you can find us at:

2040- 2387 10th Ave W
Prince Albert, SK 306-922-2777

OR

#6-102 McKendry Ave
Melfort, SK 306-752-1020

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Kaiser, Crib and Game Night

Friday Nights

at 7:30pm at the Youth Center

Potluck Snacks



Anyone Welcome!

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS



Community Lunches: 11:30-1:00pm

All community residents are welcome to join us for soup & bun
Friday, December 1st, 2017

FAMILY SERVICES continues on the 4th Sunday of the month. Next Date **December 24th**, 10:30 am
All are welcome for an interactive service at the Hovdebo Family Farm. Contact Father Chris 306-930-0748 for more information.



COME AND GO TEA

90th Birthday Celebration for
Jewel Cochrane

Sunday December 17th 2-4pm

at the Birch Hills Lutheran Church 48 Bellamy Ave
Please join us in celebrating our Mom on her special day. All are welcome for birthday cake, coffee and visiting time!



Crop Production Services (CPS)
Grand Opening & Tours (#2 Wilson Street)
Wednesday, December 6th 1:30 - 3:30pm
Coffee & Doughnuts Community welcome

Ginger and Shortbread' Music of the Season

Come join us **Friday, December 8**
to ring in the Christmas message
with seasonal music (including some
special solos!), a silent auction,
gourmet hot choc/cafe bar and
dainties. The silent auction will be
on display from 6:30pm. Admission
is \$10 per person. Children under 12 Free.



ADVENT

At St Mary's Anglican Church in Birch Hills

Sunday Dec 3rd	Holy Communion	11:00am
Sunday Dec 10th	Christmas Pageant	11:00am
Sunday Dec 17th	Lessons & Carols w/ Potluck Supper	5:00pm
Sunday Dec 24th	Children's Service @ Hovdebo Farm	10:30am

EVERYONE WELCOME

MANE EVENT

cancelled



Small
Business Christmas Party
December 9th, 2017 6:00pm



BOUQUET OF THANKS

A huge thank you to our caring community for your response to the can tab project held this summer. Over one million tabs were collected province wide. Would you please consider saving your tabs for Kids With Cancer Research as an ongoing commitment until next fall? Drop off sites will be announced at that time. With heartfelt thanks,
Shirley Graupe

Saturday Morning Coffee

7:00 am to 10:00 am

At the Youth Center

Any early bird welcome



News from the Birch Hills Sno-Posse

Local snowmobile club hosts

Annual Rally

February 10th, 2018

The Birch Hills Sno-Posse Club is seeking out an organization/club that is willing to look after the kitchen at the 2018 Rally. The commitment will entail providing breakfast, lunch and supper starting at 8 am and ending at approx. 8/9 pm, located at the Birch Hills Civic Centre.

From past rallies we have from 125-325 riders registered plus several town folk/families come throughout the day. This is an opportunity to make \$\$ for your club by working one full day (set up day prior). *This is not a first come first serve basis,*

Please email, message or text me why your club wishes to commit to this. Those that show interest will be selected by December 31, 2017.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Email g.forsyth@sasktel.net or text/call 960.9246. Please submit by December 22nd, 2017.

The executive members are: President, Markel Evans, VP, Matthew Njaa, Secretary, Tammy Forsyth, Directors, Sheldon Gordon, Cathy Gordon, Chris Braaten, Robert Fossen.

The snowmobile club would like to welcome anyone willing to join a great organization. Money raised by the club is donated back to the community and also used to maintain 3 cabins strategically located along the river. These cabins are stocked to make your winter snowmobile ride more enjoyable for you and your family. In 2017 the club donated money to both Birch Hills Skating and Curling Rinks.

Without the hard work of volunteers, none of this is possible. We would like to thank those that make the time to attend meetings and lend a helping hand. If you have an interest in snowmobiling or meeting folks for the love of the outdoors, this is the club for you.

Follow us on Facebook "Birch Hills Sno-posse" for the latest information, or feel free to contact Pres, Markel 960-2569, Matthew 749-7010 or Tammy at g.forsyth@sasktel.net.

Thank you, BH Sno-Posse Club

Annual Christmas Hamper Appeal



Every year at this time, the Ministerial gives Christmas hampers to local families in need. In recent years, we have seen an increased demand for these hampers.

This program depends on the generosity of the local congregations and the entire community. We are most grateful for your support in years past.

The churches and the Co-op will soon begin to receive donations of non-perishable food items. Cheques can be made payable to the 'Birch Hills & District Ministerial Association.' You may give them to any of the local pastors.

Thank you very much for your support. We wish you and your families a blessed Advent and Christmas.

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich." (2 Cor. 8:9)

Birch Hills & District Ministerial Association



Cross Country Skiers

Trails are being set at the golf course. If you would like to try x-country skiing, there are some skis available at the Rec Office. Contact Laurie 306-749-7451 for more info. Follow updates on Facebook "Birch Hills Cross Country Ski Club" Feel free to share ski trail information and partner up and try new trails around Sask.

OBSESSION
Visit our Gift Shop
GREENHOUSES

Our hours for the gift store are

Thursday & Fridays 4-8 and
Saturdays & Sundays 10-6, until Dec 10th, then Monday- Friday 10-8
Sat & Sun 10-6 Until Christmas!



Christmas shop with us in St Louis, SK



RECYCLE

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

BIRCH HILLS SKATING ARENA NEWS

Blackhawks Comedy Night

with Comedian, Jody Peters

Saturday, January 6th, 2018

Tickets available from Birch Hills

Senior Hockey Team Players

\$25 each @ BH Civic Centre

Dance to follow. No Minors Allowed



BLACKHAWKS SENIOR HOCKEY



Dec 8th Away vs Rosthern

9th Away vs Warman

Dec 15th Home Game vs Clavet

Collecting for Community Food Hamper
(1 draw ticket for ea food donation)

Dec 16th Away vs Clavet

Dec 29th Away vs St Louis

Dec 30th Home Game vs St Louis

Guaranteed \$500 50/50 courtesy of Carter's
Custom Ag PLUS Calcutta Shot-out after the game

Wins/Losses - 4/1 GO




MINOR HOCKEY Home Games

Dec 1 PeeWee vs St Brieux 7:00pm

9 PeeWee vs Kinistino 4:15pm

12 Bantam vs Tisdale 6:45pm

19 Bantam vs Red Earth 6:45pm

 A BOUQUET of THANKS to the BH Dance Centre and helpers for their donation of \$815 from the proceeds of the Haunted House that was held in October. Your support towards the arena expenses is appreciated

Public Skating is FREE this season. Thanks to funding from the Community Sask Lotteries grant funding

Public Skate times are

Tuesdays and Fridays 3:30 - 5:30pm.

Saturday and Sunday 2:00 - 4:00pm

Membership Fees are \$30 for individuals or families of Minor Hockey/Skate Club. Family membership \$60.

Thank you for supporting your local skating arena

Pls pay at the canteen. Kitchen will be open Monday-Friday 4pm and until the last period of the last game of the evening.

If you are interested in joining a rec hockey team, contact:

Men's Rec Hockey: Hawkeyes Thurs Elston 961-2842

Goosers Wed Mitch 749-7978

Ladies Rec hockey: Barracudas Carole 749-7446

Book Private Ice for extra practice for you or with friends,
for family gatherings, birthday parties or teams.
Ice Rentals call/text Justine 749-7989



Everyone is invited to come out for
CANADA 150 Skating Day

at the BH Skating Arena

2:00 - 4:00pm



Funded by Canada Heritage

Canada

Skating challenges, games, cake, and more
an afternoon of fun for everyone.



Community Funding Assists our Rec Activities in Birch Hills

Birch Hills Barracudas hosting

5th Ladies Hockey Tournament

Saturday, January 6th

Contact Rec Office

for more info 749-7451



The BH Skate Club will be running a **Progressive 50/50** from Nov 10 - Jan 10 2018.

Draw date Jan 11/18 @ 6pm at the Skating Arena. Tickets are \$3 each, 2 for \$5.00

JACKPOT at \$50

Proceeds will go towards the purchase of fabric to go around the rink boards for the carnival to use for years to come. Any left over funds will be used to off set the cost of the carnival. ie decorations, costumes, etc. You can purchase tickets from our local businesses in town or from one of the skating families.

The BH Skating Club would like to thank your in advance for your support



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Facebook Page: 'Town of Birch Hills
Community & Recreation'
Town Website: www.birchhills.ca



A BOUQUET OF THANKS

to you, our caring community for
your response to the can tab
project held this summer. Over one
million tabs were collected province
wide. Would you please consider
saving your tabs for Kids With Cancer
Research as an ongoing commitment until
next fall? Drop off sites will be announced
at that time. With heartfelt thanks,
Shirley Graupe



Christmas Idea! Purchase a 2018 Golf
membership (or gift certificate) for your
loved one at 2017 prices. We also offer

INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OF ANNUAL GREEN FEES POLICY

Take advantage of our gradual purchase of the annual green fees
memberships (adult, Junior, family memberships) through
installment payments! Start as soon as possible with final payment
due May 1st, 2018.

EARLY PAYMENT OF ANNUAL GREEN FEES MEMBERSHIPS

To avoid a possible increase in green fees for the 2018 season our
early payment policy allows for the early purchase of the annual
green fees membership at current (2017) rates. The purchase must
be made by April 15, 2018.

2017 prices: Adult: \$575.00

Junior (18 years and under): \$125.00 - includes a driving range pass

Family membership (2 adults 2 juniors): \$1275.00

For gift certificates, installment payments or early purchase of green
fees, Contact Laurie Berube in the Recreation Office
Or call Lorisa Ganes at 749 7756



Birch Hills Curling News



Weekly league curling has started
Tues/Fri afternoons 12:30pm
Wed night 2 Person Sponsored by Cervus Equipment
Thurs Night Super League Sponsored by Cornerstone Insurance

Upcoming Bonspiels

Jan 22 - 26th Seniors Bonspiel Open
Jan 27, 2018 Cattleman's Bonspiel (invitational)
Feb 9/10 Ladies 80's Theme Bonspiel Open
Mar 2 & 3 Open 4 Person Bonspiel
Mar 23/24 2 Person Bonspiel & Season Wind Up

STOCKING GIFT IDEA....

Annual Weekend Getaway Raffle tickets on sale now.
Christmas Spirit Basket Raffle tickets also available.
Thx for your support with these curling fundraisers!

Upcoming Events

December 1 - St Mary's Community Luncheon
2&3 - Atom MH tourney
3 - Lighting of Town Christmas Tree
- Gospel & Inspirational Entertainment
- Cowboy Church
- Freedom Singers
4 - Painting Art Night
- Winter Festival Planning Meeting
6 - CPS Grand Opening & Tour
8 - Ginger & Shortbread Music Special
- Crystal Springs Ladies Christmas
- Sr Girls Basketball Tourney
10 - Canada 150 Skating Day
- Meskenaw Bingo
- Anglican Christmas Pageant
15 - St Mary's Community Luncheon
- Sr Boys Basketball Tourney
- Sr Hockey Home Game (vs Clavet)
17 - Tea for Jewel Cochrane 90th bday
18 - Place cookbook orders
19 - School Christmas Concert
23 - Bethania Candle Light Service
24 - Community Church Christmas Eve Service
- Anglican Family Services
- Birchview Christmas Eve
25 - BHCC Christmas Supper (pg 2)
30 - Sr Hockey Home Game (vs St Louis)
January 6 - Ladies Hockey Tourney
- Sr Hockey Comedy Night
22-26th - Seniors Open Bonspiel
27/28 - Cattleman's Bonspiel
February 3 - Crystal Springs Poker Rally
9/10 - Ladies 80's theme Bonspiel

Birch Hills Ladies Curling Bonspiel

80's Theme
February 9 & 10, 2018



Join us Friday Night for our wing night from 6-8pm
Everyone welcome.
Register your team of 4 with Jackie Mickelson 306-961-1550