

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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Seasons Greetings to All
On behalf of all that is
Recreation in Birch Hills, I
would like to wish you and
yours a very Merry Christmas. May
you be blessed with plenty of family,
friends and all that is good around the
Christmas Season.

Laurie Berube, Rec Director

RM Office Holiday Hours

December 24,25,26 - Closed
December 29,28,31 Open Regular hrs
January 1st - Closed
January 2nd - Open Regular hrs

Quayle Pharmacy Holiday Hours

December 24 - Close @ 4:00pm
December 25 & 26 Closed
December 31 - Close @ 5:00p,
January 1st - Closed

Country Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec 21st
7:30pm @ Bethania Church
Northern Lights (west
from Birch Hills towards
Hagen to Northern Light
Road, 1/4 mile west of
Northern Light village
All are Welcome



Birch Hills Community Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
7:00pm At Lutheran
Church (corner of 4th St &
Bellamy
Everyone Welcome



Birch Hills United Church News

We invite you to join us for a special
Christmas Eve service
6:30 at Birchview.

Family and friends of the residents are
most welcome.

Thank you to everyone in the
community who has donated food
items for the ministerial Christmas
hampers which are delivered to those
in need here in the Birch Hills area.

Also thank you to anyone who has
given to the United Church Women's
Christmas project of collecting
toiletries and gently used women's
and children's clothing for the
women's shelter in P.A.

Peace and Joy to you this Christmas
season and always.

Duane Mohn

LAKE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service,
Wednesday, December 24th
7:00 pm All Welcome



Birch Hills Community Church

BLUE CHRISTMAS

A Service of Comfort
for those suffering with
pain, loss, isolation and
grief during the
Christmas Season



Friday Dec 19th 7pm
@ Lutheran Church (4th St/Bellamy)
Everyone is Welcome

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

**Salon Krush,
Beth Rude,
Homestead Auto**

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, advertis-
ing and ensuring that the news-
letter stays free for you & the
community.

Thank you for supporting your
local paper.

**NOTE: Sponsors are booked
till March, if you would like a
spring sponsor reserve today!**

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

ARENA CHRISTMAS BINGOS

Come out to the Flute &
Fiddle on ~~Nov 26,~~
~~Dec 3rd,~~
~~Dec 10th,~~



Last Chance

Tuesday, Dec 16th.

Doors open 6:30, games
start 7:30

Food and beverages for
sale

Growing **Bonanza Jackpot**
is **over \$150** as of
Dec 10th

Proceeds going to arena



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 960-0427

Canteen Leaser - Mike

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

CHRISTMAS PUBLIC SKATING

December 20 - January 4th

Hours of Public Skate are 2:00 - 4:00pm

(Closed Christmas Day)

Shared ice with skaters and hockey

Sundays Family Skate - NO Sticks Allowed

A food donation in lieu of public skating is
being collected in lobby for local food banks

Sr Hockey Blackhawks Games



Dec 20 Away game @ Big River

Dec 27 Home Game vs Beady's 8pm

*Flute & Fiddle guaranteeing a \$500
50/50 jackpot. Don't forget to buy your tickets!*

Dec 28 Away game @ Beady's 8pm

Minor Sports Home Games

PeeWee vs Star City Thur, Dec 18 7:00pm

Novice vs Melfort Sun, Dec 21 10:00am



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



COMEDY NIGHT in Birch Hills

BLACKHAWKS hosting

'Just for Laughs' Comedian, Kelly Taylor.

Followed by DJ Dance

Saturday, January 3rd

At the Birch Hills Civic Center

Tickets are \$25/ea & includes a dance after the show & silent
auction, contact Tyler Tilford or other Sr players.

Thank you to everyone who came out to watch
and support the Birch Hills Barracudas Women's
Hockey Tournament. Teams from Saskatoon,



Canwood, Prince Albert (2) and
our very own Barracudas.

A huge thank you to Natalie
Matheson for organizing the
weekend. Thank you to our prize
sponsor Barry's Rock and Dirt. Thank you to
businesses and individuals who donated prizes
for our raffle table. And to the Birch Hills Co-
op for the oranges. Thank you to our volunteers
Wendy Braaten, Barry Evans, Wayne Evans and
Harvey Boger. Thank you to the organizing
committee Anna Boger, Carole Stewart, Laurie
Berube, Naomi Braaten, and Vicki Eldstrom.

Next Home Game Jan 4 @ 4:00pm vs Tisdale

Blackhawks Sr Hockey **Calcutta**

Hockey Shoot Out

Saturday, December 27th (vs Beady's)

Fans can bid on their favorite players or goalies

The highest bidder on each player "owns" that participant
for the shoot out. The "owner" of the winning participant
wins 50% of the total Jackpot

Bidding takes place during the game, shoot out following end
of game. **Two Mystery Shooters for bids**

Proceeds towards the Sr team



Gooser Boxing Day Dance

Hosted by the Goosers Rec Hockey Team

Featuring band from Prince Albert

DDT



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

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.



Christmas Tree Drop Off

After the season is done, you can drop off your trees on the corner lot of 3rd Ave and Bellamy. Kiddy corner to the Post Office. (Thanks Shannon Simpso)



NOTE OF THANKS

The Scholastic Book Fair was a success! We made \$2000 in sales which returns \$1000 to our school library for new books. Thank you to everyone who purchased books, we really appreciate it. Our family draw winner was Nova Shore in Grade 2/3. Nova and Mrs. Lawrence each were able to spend \$25 on new books. Congratulations!

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 & let's try to keep money here in Birch Hills.



JOINT CONCERT at **Lake Park Baptist**

Sunday, January 18th
@ 3:00 pm

Cost is \$8 at the door

Featuring the First Friday Band and the Prince Albert Symphony Orchestra



FIREHOUSE NEWS:

The Birch Hills Fire Department wishes everyone a SAFE holiday season. We would like to thank all the firefighters who gave their time towards callouts, fundraising, open houses and hall maintenance this past year.

Elections were held at our recent AGM. Many thanks to outgoing Executive members Dean Braaten and Judi Bati. Congratulations to Kyle Jensen, who stepped up from 3rd Captain to become our new Fire Chief. Also, congratulations to Travis Evans who was voted into the 3rd Captain position.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the firefighters of Birch Hills!



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

Caretaker/ Ice Rentals 749-2951

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

Sunday Fun Day 2:00-4:00pm Drop In Fee
Starting in the New Year, pending interest

Upcoming Bonspiels

Senior Cash Spiel TBA

Firemens Bonspiel Jan 23/24

Ladies Bonspiel Feb 7-8

Winter Festival 4 person 4 end bonspiel February 25th

Seniors Bonspiel Week Mar 2-6

Open Bonspiel TBA March

Legion Dominion TBA March

Two Person Tuff Spiel Mar 28-29



Firemen's Bonspiel

January 23 & 24, 2015
Entry Fee \$60/4 person team
Call/leave message at Fire Hall to
Register 306-749-2900



More information to follow in next paper
No experience needed, but having fun is mandatory!



COFFEE ROW at the Curling Rink
Opening Dec 8 - 23rd for trial period
of mornings 7:00 - 10:00 am.
Coffee & toast available
All are welcome



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

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Thanks to the Advantage Credit Union,
the Rec Board has been awarded \$4000
to start an after school program in
Birch Hills. The intention is to start in
the new year on Mondays, Wednesdays,
and Fridays, with the potential to be a 5
day a week program.

We have facilities, we have some kids
to lead, we have some kids ready to play,
we have the funding....But we still need
adults to help supervise the kids and
make sure our programs are run
efficiently and safely for the leaders
and kids..

If you are available and can help for one
day a week, or for a special activity (ie:
soccer in spring, hockey shinny in winter,
crafts on Monday, etc. Please contact
Laurie at Rec Office asap.

Sunday Dec 7, was the first "Sunday Fun day" at the Curl A Drome.
Thank you to all that came out for the afternoon.



We will be hosting Sunday afternoon curling
starting at 2:00 pm on Dec 14. We will resume in
2015 depending on attendance. If you are interested
in curling, but haven't tried since high school,
Sunday Fun day is for you!! A nominal drop in fee
will apply to non-members.

Hope to see you there!

FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS

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
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

DROP in GYM NIGHTS

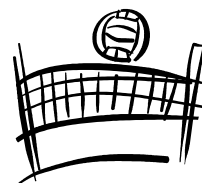
starting again

Tuesday Nights at the school
7:00pm

Volleyball to start.
Other activities by
request

\$2 drop in fee

Sitters may be arranged, if there's
interest. More info, call Rec Ofc



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 Mtgs every 2nd Mon 7pm @ fire hall Kyle Jensen 749-7536

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

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Senior Hall

Vel Bompais 749-3364 Hall Rentals
(Birch Hills) Royal Cdn Legion
 Lyle Mohn 749-7927 Hall Rentals
 Marlene Lypchuk 749-2571 Member Info



Birch Hills Lions Club

Bruce Tilford 749-7743
 Todd Devenis 749-3425

Birch Hills Historical Society

Shirley Ulvild 749-2500

Community Boosters

Stewart & Louise Adams 749-3521

Dreamland Optimist Club

Stuart Matice 306-314-2378

Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders

Audrey Matheson 749-2217

Fire Department

Kyle Jensen **749-7536**

Sno-Posse Snowmobile Club

Jodi or Sheldon Gordon

Birchview Ladies Auxillary & Meals on Wheels (help wanted)

749-2288

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

Sparks/Brownies 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 News

AWANA For Kids

ages 5 to 12

Tuesday nights

Will Resume Again in New Year
 from
 6:45 to 8:30



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Evenings at 7
 pm



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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.

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.

Thank you for your donations

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

Sponsor Opportunity:

Sno-Pitch Bonfire/
Hotdog

Cash or prizes for:

Snow

Sculpting,

Game Night,

Febru-hairy,

Human Dog Sled

Race, Color Contest,

SnoPitch Tournay



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

Want to get involved

with the Winter

Festival?? Help still

needed:

* With organizing

Sno-Pitch Tournay

* Supplying soup,

desserts or sandwiches

for the Senior Hall

Lunch

* With the Snow

Stomp Family Dance

and contests (door,

posters, luncheon,

bar, etc)

**NEXT MEETING is
January 7th 7:30pm**

For More Info

Contact Laurie

749-7451

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

December 16 - Bingo @ F&F

17 - School Christmas Concert

18/19 - Christmas Classic Basketball

19 - Blue Christmas Svc Lutheran

20 - Sr away game @ Big River

21 - Christmas Light Svc @ Bethania

24 - Christmas Eve Services

LPBC Christmas Eve

BH United Church @ Birchview

Lutheran Community Church

26 - Goosers Boxing Day Dance

27 - Sr Home game vs Beady's
& Calcutta Shoot Out

28 - Sr away game @ Beady's

31 - NYE Dance @ F&F

Jan 3- Kelly Taylor Comedy Fundraiser

7 - Winter Festival Meeting

18 - Joint Concert @ LBPC

Senior Cash Spiel TBA



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