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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Hello All,

Both curling and skating rinks are now up and running. Check out page 2 & 4 for more details

and upcoming events.

Unfortunately, there seems to be some delinquent activity happening lately around town. It would be suggested to keep your vehicles and doors locked, and your eyes open. Report to Rosa (749-2998) or Amanda (960-3100) of any suspicious behaviour or if immediate professional assistance is necessary contact RCMP (749-2200). A reminder to report any incidents to the RCMP, no matter how big or small the occurrences may be. Records are kept of calls from Birch Hills, which may result in more police presence.

Take care of yourselves and each other Laurie Berube, Rec Director

COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM

Thursday, Nov 27th
Doors open 6:30pm for coffee & cake
Meeting starts 7pm sharp! Ends 9pm
@ the Birch Hills Civic Center.

This is a meeting to develop a community 5 year plan and to set priorities for action. It will be an opportunity to talk together about the future of Birch Hills with your town council.

Thank you to those that shared their comments and suggestions in the community surveys.

Birch Hills High School Drama Club

Presents: Common Ground

By Brendon Votipka

The play is set at "Common Ground", a coffee shop and local hangout for young people. The audience gets an opportunity to eavesdrop on five different social exchanges among the patrons of the shop

WHEN: Sunday, November 30

@ 3:00pm

WHERE: BH Highschool Auditorium

ADMISSION: \$8/person

The afternoon will feature the play, dessert and coffee

PLEASE NOTE:

Rush seating with limited space



Cookie walk and Christmas Tea

Saturday, November 29 at St. Marys Church from 2:00 - 4:00pm

COMING SOON.... BINGO in BIRCH HILLS!!

The user groups of the Skating Rink will be hosting

ARENA CHRISTMAS BINGOS

on Wednesday Nights
Cards are \$10ea or 3/\$25
Come out to the Flute and Fiddle
7:00pm

on November 26, Dec 3rd,10th, and 17th.



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

Birch Hills Canadian Legion #122, Carol & Ian Pryznyk

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The Birch Hills Preschool committee is fundraising for a school playground and are selling gift certificates, at places you already shop. (Groceries, Gas, Clothing Stores etc) Order forms available with parents or on the Town facebook page

LUNCH FOR SENIORS

Saturday, November 22nd
11:00 - 1:00pm @
BH Sr Centre
Come and
enjoy a free Christmas Ham
Supper along with great
fellowship!
If you are unable to
attend, please call the
Senior Center on the 25th
for home delivery.
Phone 306-749-3217

Birch Hills Skating Rink

Public Skating - subject to change

Tues/Wed/Fri 3:30-5pm

Saturdays 2-4pm Hockey or Shinny

Sundays 2-4pm Family Skate - no sticks pls

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. Public Skating is \$3 per person or \$10 for Family Skate on Sundays. Please pay at canteen when open

Minor Sports

Atoms Tournament Nov 21 Games start 6 & 8pm

Nov 22 Games @ 8, 10am, 12, 2, 4, 6pm

Nov 25 Atoms vs Nipawin white :30pm

Nov 30 Novice Game @ 11:00 Bantam Game @ 4:15pm

Canteen Update

Welcome to Anna (Boger) Devenis and Mike Nakonechny who will be leasing the rink canteen.

Skating Rink Caretaker, John Klyne
Ice Rentals call 749-7451 Laurie Berube

COACHES CORNER

The Birch Hills Blackhawks Senior Hockey team have started their season and would like to invite fans to come out and watch. There are five teams in the league this year, Meadow Lake, Beardy's, Leoville, Big River and Birch Hills. The next action is Saturday, November 22nd, where Birch Hills will play Big River, the top team in the league so far this year.

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. If you would like tickets and/or are interested in donating a prize for the auction, or if you are able to help with collecting money at the door or with 50/50's at the games, contact Tyler Tilford or other Sr players.

Game Results so far: BH 3 Beardys 1: BH 9 Leoville 3: BH 7 Beardy's 6 in O.T. See you at Saturdays Game!

Воо

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



Nov 22	Home Game vs Big River	8pm
Nov 29	Home vs Meadow Lake	8pm
Dec 6	Away game @ Leoville	8pm
Dec 20	Away game @ Big River	8pm
Dec 27	Home Game vs Beardy's	8pm
Dec 28	Away game @ Beardy's	8pm

Birch Hills Barracudas hosting

3rd Annual Ladies Hockey Tournament

- Amedia

Games on Dec 5th & 6th
Teams from Nipawin, Canwood,
Prince Albert, Saskatoon and the
Birch Hills Barracudas.

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

First Home Game Nov 28 @ 7pm vs PA Tundra

Boxing Day Dance

Hosted by the Goosers Rec Hockey Team

Dance the night away with DTT (Prince Albert)

Doors open 8pm

No minors

HOCKEY DAY IN BIRCH HILLS

Kudos to all minor hockey coaches, managers, parents, score keepers, refs, and others who volunteered with the games. Congratulations to the Atom team for their win.

We were hoppin in the kitchen all day and I want to thank those that supported the canteen and send a thank you to Ethel Rutherford, Kenah Markowski, Anna Devenis and Aiden Yurkowski for their time and for making a day super fun!!! It turned out to be a great fundraiser for the skating arena.

A special thanks to Bruce and Tyler Tilford for helping out with a repair job at the rink. Laurie

Membership Fee <u>REMINDER</u>:

To the membership of the Royal Canadian Legion #122 that your 2015 Membership cards have arrived and dues are now payable to the Branch. Early bird fees paid by Nov 30th Please contact Marlene Lypchuk, membership chair, 749-2571

and pass this info on to all out of town and Family members to arrange for mailing if required.

Meetings every 2nd Thursday of each month @ 7:00pm and new members are always welcome.

BOUQUET OF THANKS

The BFL program is very well received by hungry students twice a week at Birch Hills Public School.

I would like to thank the community, staff and student volunteers who make the program run so efficiently. A very special thank-you to Ruby Ulrich, the ACW ladies & Lexi Thompson who have been baking muffins and bringing them in to fill our deep freeze. We also have had several "unnamed" contributions of cheese, napkins, cups and muffins. This program could not continue without the help and support of this community.

Thank-you to everyone who continues to help in any way they can.

Bev Hunter

Weldon Trade Show and Sale

Saturday, November 29

10:00am - 2:00pm

@ the Weldon Silver Tone Hall

Lunch available for purchase. For more info call Brenda at 749-2038 **Registered**:

Watkins, Avon, Epicure, Lia Sophia, South Hill Designs, Young Living Essential Oils, Tupperware, Norwex, Organo Gold Coffee, Mary Kay, Jockey, Scentsy, Color by Amber, Terry's Art, various arts and crafts



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

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

birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or call 306-749-7451

Just in Case

Hosted by the Prince Albert and Area Community Foundation

Harold Empey shares his common sense approach to having important details in place in the event of your

passing or that of a loved one.

Date: Friday, November 28, 2014

Time: 7:00pm

(Doors open 6:30pm)

Place: Legion Hall in Birch Hills RSVP 749.2286 or email

m.sorsdahl@sasktel.net Pre-registration is preferred but not

required.

Admission is free.
Optional material is available for purchase.
(Cash only, please)



Join Birch Hills Community Church & Saron Lutheran Church for

BARLEY LOAVES - John 6:9

A small meeting where Christ is the Abundance

Guest Speaker **Pastor Danny Bronson**Sunday to Tuesday **Nov 23, 24, 25**Sunday Banquet 6:00pm @ BHCC
devotional/catch up session to follow
Monday Night 7pm service at Saron
Tuesday Night 7pm service at BHCC

Monday and Tuesday morning bible studies at the Youth Center 9:30-11:30am



Crystal Springs Fall Trade Show

Sat, November 22nd. 10:00am - 3:00pm

@ the Crystal Springs Hall Lunch is available - Lots of tables



such as Jewellery, Clothes, Crafts, Candles, Baking, Personal Care, and many more!!

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

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 donated by Wayne Thompson afterwards.

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



The Birch Hills COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

Next meeting will be in conjunction with planning the 4th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival Join us **Tuesday November 18, 2014**

7:30pm in the Museum Boardroom.
 Contact Stewart, Louise Adams
 or Shirley Ulvild for more info

Boosters are looking for new ideas, direction and people that are interested in 'Boosting the Community'

Join the next meeting to share your thoughts & ideas

Dancing for the Health of It

Line Dance Seminar at the Civic Center Has been rescheduled to

Saturday, November 22nd

9:30 - 4:00pm

Cost \$10 (includes coffee and lunch)

Register with Carol (749–3173), Gaylene (749–2514),

Sandra (749–3216), Lorisa (749–3504) Everyone Welcome,

No Previous Dancing Experience Required



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

FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 22 "Dean Smith Concert" F&F 2nd year anniversary party

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

Starting Nov 16th, Grandma B's "Soup on Sundays"

Serving 10:30 - 2:00pm

Dec 31st New Years Party TBA
Dec 26 & Jan 2nd Closed

Purchase concert tickets at Clay Oven online www.fluteandfiddle.ca

Open Stage & Karoke Friday Night Hosts in November

21st - Hart Boys 28th - Pam Cochet

<u>Friday Nights 6-9pm</u> Beginning Nov 14th, Friday Night supper will be Chili Stuffed Potatoes with Toppings

Like us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter

Men's & Ladies Rec Hockey Teams

Goosers play home Wednesday Nights Hawkeyes play home Thursday Nights Barracudas play home Fri Nights/Sundays Call 749-7451 for more info

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 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

EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

MONDAY

Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364 NEW* 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

Yoga Beginner & Multi Level times contact Rebecca 960-7736 Sep 30-Dec2

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 Yoga for Beginners w/ Rebecca 960-7736 Oct 2 - Dec 4

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 Salsa Classes 6:30-7:30 @ Dance Centre (pending participation)

Call if you have changes or events to add to this list; Laurie at 749-7451

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 Returning....



____ Line Dancing on Mondays 9:30-11:30am @ the Senior Hall All are welcome to join

in...no experience necessary.

Wednesday morning dancing as well 9:30 - 11:30am Toonie donation for the Senior Hall

Salsa Workout Classes

(similar to Zumba)

Due to family emergency, classes are on hold. Watch facebook page or paper for updates

Nights 6:30-7:30pm



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

Lake Park Baptist Church

News

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



Laurie Berube, Recreation Director Box 280, Birch Hills, SK SOJ 0G0

Cell: 306-749-7451 text or call

Fax: 306-749-2545

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Facebook Page:

'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

Website: www.birchhills.ca



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

PHONE BOOK RECYCLING

The SaskTel Pioneers are recycling old phone books again. Please bring in your old phonebooks for recycling to the school. This program benefits both the environment and our school. Salvaging one ton of paper saves about 12 trees. Last year, this program helped to recycle over 50 tons of paper. Old phonebooks are used to make things like new phonebooks, egg cartons, ceiling tiles, cereal boxes, and toilet paper.

BATTERY DRIVE:

Marauder Football team will be collecting used car and machine batteries again.

The proceeds will go towards equipment. If you have any batteries please bring them to the school or contact Mr Tait 306-749-3301 for pick up.

Thank you for your support!

SCHOOL BOOK SALE

Nov 26 - Students will be invited by class to purchase books.

Nov 27—Open after school until 8:30pm



50% to 60% of the money raised through book sales will be returned to our school for the purchase of new books

Don't forget to enter the family draw – One family will win \$25 in free books and their classroom teacher will also win \$25 in free books

IT'S HAPPENING..

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

Your favorite events returning: Light Parade, Tobogganing & Bonfire, Museum Tours & Potato Supper, Skate with Brrrt. Birchview Festival King & Queen/ Carnival, Family Curling, Street Hockey, School Carnival, Talent Night, Senior Luncheon, Library Pancake Breakfast, Snow Stomp Family Dance.

Get your teams ready for: the Human Dog Sled Race & Sno-Pitch

New this Year: Joint Church Service, & Dinner Theatre.

Contests:

Snow
Sculpting, Brrrt
Color Contest,
Febru-hairy,
Progressive 50/50
and Game Night
Photos

Volunteers needed.

All are welcome to Planning Meeting Tues, Nov 18th @ the museum

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

November 16 - Hockey Ref Clinic

- Domremy Fall Supper

21&22 - Atom Minor hockey tourney

22 - Crystal Springs Trade Show

- Supper For Seniors (ham dinner)

- Line Dance Seminar

- Sr Hockey vs Big River

- Dean Smith / 2nd Anniv F&F

23-25 - Barley Loaves BHCC

25 - Atom home game

26 - Bingo @ F&F

26/27 - School Book Sale

27 - BH Community Open Forum

28 - Just in Case Seminar

- Ladies Hockey Game BH vs PA

29 - Weldon Trade Show

- St Mary's Annual Cookie Walk

- Sr Hockey vs Meadow Lake

30 - Drama Club Presentation

- Novice & Bantam Home game

December 3 - Bingo @ F&F

5& 6 - Ladies Hockey Tourney

- Sr away game @ Leoville

7 - Free Family Curling

10 - Bingo @ F&F

11 - Chef Jenni & Jeffrey Straker F&F

12/13 - Sr Girls Basketball

17 - Bingo @ F&F\

- School Christmas Concert

18/19 - Christmas Classic Basketball

20 - Sr away game @ Big River

26 - Boxing Day Dance

27 - Sr Home game vs Beardy's

28 - Sr away game @ Beardy's

31 - NYE Dance @ F&F

3- Kelly Taylor Blackhawk Fundraiser Senior Cash Spiel TBA Firemans Bonspiel TBA

February 7/8 - Ladies Bonspiel

Jan

