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**January 1st, 2018**

**Issue 157**



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

It is with mixed feelings that I am announcing that I am moving away in January. I have accepted a new position in Northern Ontario, near where I grew up. I am excited yet torn as I say farewell to many fine people. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with many of you over the last 6 and half years. We have worked together to ensure programs and our rec facilities were being well maintained and utilized in Birch Hills. The events and activities that we have planned together have created many memories, for young and old(er) to cherish. My hope and prayer is that you have been inspired to carry on making new memories through activity and community events. Thank you to those that give of

their time and efforts, for without you, these events would not happen. Blessings and peace to you all in 2018 and beyond. Cheers to a New year, new beginnings, and new adventures,

With much luv, goodbye for now

*Laurie Berube*  
06 2011 - 01 2018

**IF YOU HAVE  
THE POWER TO  
MAKE SOMEONE  
HAPPY, DO IT.  
THE WORLD  
NEEDS MORE  
OF THAT.**

**Farewell Evening  
for Laurie Berube**



Tuesday, January 2  
At the Birch Hills Civic Center  
Doors Open 5:30 pm  
POTLUCK SUPPER 6:00 pm

Program and Social to Follow

Need More Information?

Call or Text Jamie 306-980-8687,

Lorisa 306-749-7756 Or Dale 306-960-4171

**JANUARY** issues of this Birch Hills activity news letter was sponsored by:

**BIRCH HILLS SNO-POSSE SNOWMOBILE CLUB**

If you would like to be a sponsor of the 'Heartbeat' newsletter, contact Laurie at 306-749-7451/[birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net). The cost is \$100 by 3 sponsors (\$300/mos) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for everyone.



**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

Local club Birch Hills Sno-Posse hosts..  
**23rd Annual Snowmobile Rally**  
February 10th, 2018

Registration starts 8-1pm at Civic Centre  
Pancake Breakfast, BBQ lunch, Prizes



*The Sno Posse would like to  
send out a special*

*THANK YOU to the Birch Hills Pre School for their numerous years of hard work and dedication to running the kitchen at our rallies. This was a fundraiser for their organization and will no longer be able to host our event. Your kitchen was always a success and no one went home hungry from the rally!*

*Birch Hill SnoPosse is excited to announce we have a new organization to join us and the food will be fantastic! Follow us on Facebook for more information!!*

## Special Assessment Notice

Notice of Local Improvement Special Assessments and Board of Revision Sitting to be  
Published Pursuant to Subsection 33(2) of *The Local Improvements Act, 1993*

Notice is given that: The council of the Town of Birch Hills has prepared a special assessment roll for the following local improvement(s):

### Local Improvement

Number	Description of Work	Location	From	To
Area 1A	Road Construction	Poplar Drive	Town Yard	Maple Place
Area 1B	Base Shaping and Asphalt Paving	Poplar Drive	Maple Place	Second Street
Area 2	Road Construction – Curb	Poplar Drive	Second Street	Fourth Street
Area 3	Road Construction – Curb	Poplar Place	Poplar Drive	Poplar Drive
Area 4	Road Construction – Curb	Poplar Bay	Poplar Drive	Poplar Drive
Area 5	Road Construction – Curb	Fourth Street	Poplar Drive	Hillview Avenue
Area 6	Road Construction – Curb	Second Street	Poplar Drive	Poplar Crescent
Area 7	Road Construction – Curb	Poplar Crescent	Poplar Drive	Second Street

and proposes to levy a part of the cost of this local improvement against the lands which benefited.

The special assessment roll is open for inspection at the office of the assessor of the municipality during regular hours until four (4) o'clock p.m., on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2018, at 126 McCallum Avenue.

Any person who desires to appeal a proposed special assessment must submit an appeal in writing, stating the grounds of the appeal, at the office of the assessor during regular office hours not later than four (4) o'clock p.m., on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2018, at 126 McCallum Avenue.

The Board of Revision will sit to hear any appeals of proposed special assessments received by the time and date indicated above at seven (7) o'clock p.m., on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, at 126 McCallum Avenue.

Dated at Birch Hills, Saskatchewan, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2018.

Tara Gariepy, Chief Administrative Officer

### **Annual Christmas Hamper Appeal**

The Birch Hills & District Ministerial Association would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the management, staff and patrons of the King George Hotel & Bar for their remarkable contribution of \$550.00 to our Christmas Hamper program. The KG also collected toys and non-perishable food items for local families. Special thanks to the manager Carol Lariviere for organizing the effort and to Ian Pryznyk and Sharon Stefanski for their assistance. We deeply appreciate your generosity, love and cheerful obedience to Our Lord's command to feed the hungry.

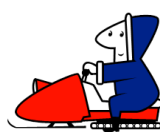


Birch Hills & District Ministerial Association

### CRYSTAL SPRINGS COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### **Crystal Springs Poker Snowmobile Rally:**

**Saturday, Feb 3rd (2018)**



Registration @ Crystal Springs Hall 10am-1pm  
Hands 1/\$10 or 3/\$20 Cash Prizes 1st, 2nd, 3rd  
Cash Bar, Hot Lunch, Fuel available.

Hosted by the Crystal Springs Rec Co-op

For more info call Lynn 864-8013

**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 January 3rd**

Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with friends and neighbours! Coffee, tea and goodies are provided



Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the community, the Birch Hills & District Ministerial Association was able to provide Christmas hampers to over 20 local families. Special thanks to our major community donors including the BH Dance Studio and the BH Sr. Blackhawks. We wish you and your families a blessed New Year

## NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Nominations will be accepted  
January 16 - 22, 2018  
for Delegates of Lake Country Co-operative Association.

Delegate Positions are available at the following locations:

- Domremy (one 3 year term)
- La Ronge (one 3 year term)
- Paddockwood (one 3 year term)
- Shellbrook (one 3 year term)
- Smeaton (one 3 year term)
- Wakaw (one 3 year term)
- Big River (one 3 year term)
- Kinistino (one 3 year term)
- Marcelin (one 3 year term)
- Canwood (one 3 year term)
- Birch Hills (one 3 year term)
- Spiritwood (one 3 year term)
- Prince Albert (five 3 year term)

*You're at home here.*



Nomination forms are available at the Food Store at each location, except Shellbrook where they can be picked up at the Agro Center and in Spiritwood at the Service Center.

- Nominees must do the majority of their Co-op purchases at the location for which they are nominated, or be a resident of the district.
- Nominees must hold a Co-op membership in their name. Nominee purchases must be equivalent to those of the average Co-op member.

## 7th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival

February 1 to 4th, 2018

So far, we have planned..

Thursday School Carnival, Birchview Home Carnival  
Friday St Anne's Luncheon, Sr Hockey Home Game  
Saturday Community Art Class & Showcase  
Sliding Hill, Weiner Roast and Fireworks  
Sunday *Open for fundraisers or activities*

There is still room for more activities if your group is wanting to join in. Contact the Town Office for more info.

Thanks to the businesses that have already expressed interest in donations or financial support and to those that are helping to plan for another fun festival.

BHPSchool	RM of BH	BH Fire Dept
Birchview Home	Town of BH	Quayles Pharmacy
Artist, Jodi Miller (Zelinski),		Cornerstone Insurance
Community Arts Initiative (ADow)		BH Lions Club
Evans 8 Contracting	BH Golf Course	
Sask Lotteries Community Grant		



## ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWS

**Community Lunches:** 11:30-1:00pm  
All community residents are welcome to join us for soup & bun Join us for lunch 1st and 3rd Friday of ea month.

**Next Lunch** January 5th & 19th

Free will offerings accepted but not necessary



### RECYCLE

Please Share Newsletter with a friend Send request to  
[birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)  
to receive the news letter online

## BIRCH HILLS SCHOOL NEWS

### JANUARY 2018

Jan. 8 - First day of classes 2018  
25 - Math 30W Departmental PM  
29 - Semester 2 starts  
30 - Math 30 PC Departmental AM

### FEBRUARY 2018

Feb. 1 - Term 2 Report Card  
- Cap & Gown Pictures  
1 or 2nd - School Winter Carnival  
Feb. 17 to 25 February Break



Christmas Tree Drop off  
Will be beside the Post Office downtown, at the back alley... These will be used for the Winter Festival Bonfire & Tobogganing Night on February 3rd

## Downtown Birch Hills

### PASH PROJECTS YOGA

January 8th-February 15th



	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:30-10:30am	*Yin	Vinyasa Flow	*Yin
5:30-6:30pm	Introduction to Yoga		Vinyasa Flow
7:00-8:00pm	Vinyasa Flow		*Yin

\*I would like to offer two Yin classes a week, please email to confirm which day or time works with your schedule



Birch Hills Dreamland Optimists Club presents....

## DREAMLAND FEBRUARY CRAFT & TRADE SHOW

Saturday, February 24th, 2018  
@ Birch Hills Civic Centre

10:00am - 3:00 pm

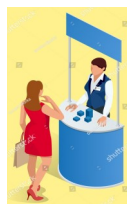
Many vendors will be in attendance, many different business to shop from all under one roof!

Lunch will be served starting at 11:00am

Door Prizes, FREE ADMISSION, 50/50 tickets will be available

To book a table contact Susan 306-941-0400 or

Rosa 306-930-1040 Email: dreamlandoptimist@gmail.com



## Youth Centre NEWS

### Saturday Morning Coffee

7:00 to 10:00 am

Any early bird welcome



### Moms & Tots

Tues & Thurs 10-12pm

\$2 drop in fee. Open to All moms

### Family Game Night

Friday Nights Kaiser, Crib

Now new games available to play:

*Pool, Foosball, Dominoes, Chinese Checkers, Chess, Dutch Blitz, etc*

Kids 10yrs < are welcome if accompanied by an adult

Fun starts 7:30pm @ Youth Center...

Potluck Snacks

Anyone Welcome!



### DREAMLAND OPTIMIST CLUB 50/50 CASH DRAW

DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT 9:00PM  
@ OUR STEAK NIGHT SOCIAL, FEB 24TH AT BIRCH HILLS CIVIC CENTRE

**TICKETS \$5.00 EACH**

OR

**3 TICKETS / \$10.00**

DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

**LOTTERY LICENCE #SR17-2701**



### DON'T MISS OUT

TICKETS AVAILABLE UNTIL FEB 24, 2018

Your chance to win some money & support your local optimist club!

All proceeds from our fundraiser will stay within the community and put towards the many ongoing projects of Dreamland Optimist Club of Birch Hills

Thank you for supporting our club during 2017, we look forward to your continued support in 2018.

## Birch Hills PUBLIC LIBRARY News

### STORY TIME with Mrs Joanne

Thursdays @ 1:30pm

Join us for Story Time for pre-schoolers

### Library Hours

Tues 11-4, 5-8 ; and

Thurs 9-12, 1-6pm



### Cross Country Skiers

Trails are being set at the golf course.

Follow updates on Facebook "Birch Hills Cross Country Ski Club"



Feel free to share ski trail info and partner up and try new trails around Sask.



### BOUQUET OF THANKS

From the Birch Hills

Volunteer Fire Fighters to everyone that toughed the cold and came out for the

Boxing Day Dance. Overall it was a good fundraiser for the department.

Thanks for your support, we hope you had fun



## Community Arts In Birch Hills

Tentative dates for upcoming Art Events. For ages 8yrs to adult, unless otherwise stated.

Jan 15, 2018 7:00-9:00pm Bob Ross Paint Night 'The Joy of Painting'



Feb 3 2-4:30pm Everyone welcome to the Art Show and Sale of Jodi Miller, North Battleford. Informal Meet and greet at 3:00pm at the Birch Tree Café  
7:00-9:00pm Acrylic Painting w/ Jodi Miller (jodimillerartworkanddesign.com)

Feb 5 5:30-7:30pm Drawing with Lana Lorensen (PA Art Educator) for ages 8-12yrs only

March 5 7:00-9:00pm Playing with Plasticine with Alan Ruder.



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

The Community Arts Initiative would like to thank you all for your support! We have had a successful fall and hope for the same for the Winter. We welcome donations that would go towards rentals, art instructor fees and supplies. I also just wanted to say I'd like it to continue organizing these events and to do that, I will need help. I'm hoping to form a volunteer group which would consist of people who could do delegated tasks. Age doesn't matter. If interested, please contact me at (306) 941-0788. Thank you for all of your support!

Amy Dow

# BIRCH HILLS SKATING ARENA NEWS



## BH Minor Sports Elimination Draw and Dance \$10,000 Grand Prize

**Friday February 9, 2018**  
**Doors open at 8pm**  
**Birch Hills Civic Center**  
**126 McCallum Avenue**  
**Birch Hills, SK**

**\$100 per ticket or \$10 at the door for non elimination holders**  
**Only 233 tickets sold**

Tickets may only be purchased or sold in Saskatchewan  
1st Prize: \$10,000 2nd Prize: \$1,000  
\$100 prizes awarded every 40th ticket pulled from elimination draw  
Prizes totalling \$11,500  
To Purchase tickets contact any minor sports member  
or email bhminorsports@outlook.com

**Featuring TJay the DJ**  
**Midnight Lunch Provided**

**Must be 18 years to play No Minors allowed**

## BLACKHAWKS SENIOR HOCKEY

Jan 5th Home Game vs Cudworth 8:30pm  
Jan 13 Away Game vs Cudworth 8pm  
Jan 19 Home Game vs Warman 8:30pm  
*Free Admission courtesy of  
Great West Brewing Company*  
Jan 20 Home Game vs Hague 8pm  
*Free admission courtesy of  
Mackenzie's Funeral Chapel & Crematorium*  
Jan 26 Away Game vs Aberdeen 8:30pm  
Jan 27 Home Game vs Aberdeen 8pm  
*Free Admission courtesy of  
Advantage Real Estate, PA*

## BOUQUET OF THANKS

The Blackhawks would like to thank Carter's Custom Ag for not only sponsoring the \$500 50/50, but starting the pot at \$500 for the December 30<sup>th</sup> game. Winner of the 50/50 was *Erik Mickelson and Ryan Shore!*  
Also thanks to Cornerstone Insurance for sponsoring the Calcutta Shoot-out that followed the December 30<sup>th</sup> game.  
The winning player was Matt Laturnus, BH goalie; who was purchased by Dale and Lea Swenson



## Upcoming Events:

Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Blackhawks 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Comedy Night sponsored by Crop Production Services featuring comedian, Jody Peters. \$25



## MINOR HOCKEY Home Games

Jan 9 PeeWee vs Tisdale White 7:00pm  
10 Midget vs Shoal Lake 6:45pm  
12 Atom vs Carrot River 6:30pm  
21 PeeWee vs Red Earth 4:15pm

## BH Skate Club Progressive 50/50

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

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*



Community Funding Assists our Rec Activities in Birch Hills

Cans, Bottles & Milk Jugs Piling Up?

Youth Center Always Appreciated Donations of the following **BEVERAGE CONTAINERS**

Aluminum/Tin Cans  
Plastic Bottles & Jugs INCLUDING MILK (please rinse milk containers)  
Glass Bottles, Clear & Colored (Wine, Juice)  
Juice Boxes and Cartons  
Refillable Beer Bottles

We are not able to accept Non Beverage Containers or Plastic Household Containers Such as Soap, Javex, Glass Jars from Jam, Pickles, etc or Soup Cans.

Donations can be dropped off at back of Youth Ctr anytime or call 749-2478





Laurie Berube,  
Recreation Director  
Box 280, Birch Hills, Sk  
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Office Located at: 146 Bellamy Ave  
Office Hours Mon, Wed, Thurs 9am-12pm  
General Hours M-F 9am-4pm text or call  
Cell: 306-749-7451 or  
E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net  
Facebook Page: 'Town of Birch Hills  
Community & Recreation'  
Town Website: www.birchhills.ca

#### LADIES CURLING PROVINCIALS IN MELFORT:

Tuesday Jan 2 2pm & 7:30pm  
Wed Jan 3 10am & 3pm  
Thurs Jan 4 2pm & 7:30pm  
Friday Jan 5 2pm & 7:30pm

Good luck Kara (Kilden)  
Thevenolt & team Silvernagle



**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The council of the RM of Invergordon honored its long serving employees on December 15th in the hamlet of Crystal Springs at their annual Christmas Party. Receiving the Recognition & Appreciation Award from SARM was Reeve Bruce Hunter, Deputy Reeve Edwin Rundbraaten and Councillor Wayne



Bacon for their 20, 35 and 10 year respective contributions. Councillors (Kelly) Dutka and (Kirk) Olchowy each celebrated 5 years on Council and received Public Service Awards.

The RM also had Equipment Operators, Dennis Drapak and Glen Wick, who achieved 5 years and also received Public Service Awards

#### Upcoming Events

January 2 - Farewell Potluck for Laurie  
5 - Sr Hockey Home Game  
- Anglican Church Community Luncheon  
2-7th Prov Women's Curling (Melfort)  
6 - Sr Hockey Comedy Night  
13 - Anglican Church Community Luncheon  
15 - CAI - Paint Nite (Bob Ross)  
19 - Sr Hockey Home Game  
20 - Sr Hockey Home Game  
22-26th - Seniors Open Bonspiel  
27/28 - Cattleman's Bonspiel  
27 - Sr Hockey Home Game  
February 1st wkend Brrr Chills Winter Festival  
- CAI Acrylic Painting & show  
3 - Crystal Springs Poker Rally  
5 - CAI - Drawing Arts  
9/10 - Ladies 80's theme Curling Bonspiel  
9 - Wing Night @ Curling Rink  
- Minor Sports Elimination Draw & Dance  
10 - Sno Posse Annual Sno-Rally  
24 - Optimists Craft & Trade Show  
26 - Golf Board Meeting  
March 2/3 - Open 4 Person Bonspiel  
5 - CAI - Plasticine Art w/ Mr Ruder  
23/24 - 2 Person Bonspiel & Season Wind Up  
24 - Skating Club Carnival  
April 10 - Golf Club AGM & Supper

#### Birch Hills Curling News



Weekly league curling

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

Annual Weekend Getaway Raffle tickets on sale now.

*Christmas Spirit* Basket Raffle was won by PA resident

Thx for your support with these curling fundraisers!

#### Birch Hills Ladies Curling Bonspiel

80's Theme

February 9 & 10, 2018



Join us Friday Night for our wing night  
from 6-8pm Non Curlers welcome

Register your team of 4 with

Jackie Mickelson 306-961-1550

#### Birchview Nursing Home Jan Activities

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

Jan 17th Job Mates Band  
21st Glad Tidings  
24th Cudworth Cowboys Entertainment  
29th Joyful Hearts

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