



HEARTBEAT

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February 1st, 2018

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Hello Everyone,

The Brrr Chills Winter Festival is upon us again. Share in the community spirit and enjoy the many events happening this weekend.

Rev up your snowmobile and join in the Sno-Posse rally next weekend. Dust off your dancing shoes for the Minor Sports Elimination Draw and Dance.

Get out and cheer on your favorite curling and hockey teams at the upcoming bonspiels and playoffs.

*Until next time,
Natalie Matheson*

SHAVE IT OR SAVE IT!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Pastor Clint has put his head on the line to help raise funds for the operations of the Youth Center.

You decide whether he will...

SHAVE IT OR SAVE IT!

Pledges will be collected by the Youth Center from now until April 7th. Whichever fund has more pledges will determine his fate. **SAVE IT** means his hair AND beard will remain as is, but **SHAVE IT** and they BOTH come off!

Tax Receipts Available Upon Request



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**BIRCH HILLS BLACKHAWKS SENIOR HOCKEY CLUB,
PASH PROJECTS, AND EDNA HERD**

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**BIRCH HILLS
SNO-POSSE**

**23rd ANNUAL
SNOWMOBILE RALLY
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

Registration At
BIRCH HILLS CIVIC CENTRE

Hands Sold From
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Last hand in By 4:00 PM

**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**
Starting @ 8:00 AM

FREE TRAIL LUNCH PROVIDED
Warm Up Shacks Along Trail
BBQ Burgers Served @ Civic Centre
PRIZES TO FOLLOW!

**BIRCH HILLS
SNO POSSE**

For more information call:
Mark Evans @ 306 960-2569 or Mathew Njaa @ 306 749-7010
Find us on Facebook: Birch Hills Sno Posse

BIRCH HILLS SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 2018

- Feb. 1 - Term 2 Report Card
- Cap & Gown Pictures
- Feb. 12 - 16 - Spirit Week
- Feb. 14 - 15 - SLC Bake Sale
- Feb. 17 to 25 - February Break
- Feb. 26 - First day of classes



BIRCH HILLS & AREA BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS and NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

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: **February 7th**

Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with friends and neighbours! Coffee, tea and goodies are provided
The hall is available for rent. Contact Lynn 306-864-8013



BLACKHAWKS SENIOR HOCKEY



Thanks to Great Western Brewing Company and Mackenzie Funeral Chapel & Crematorium for sponsoring free admission to games in January.

Friday Feb 2 Home Game vs Rosthern 8:30pm
Guaranteed \$500 50/50 sponsored by
MacFie Safety Consulting Inc.

The Blackhawks will have home-ice advantage for the first round of the playoffs.

The Blackhawks team consists of several local, as well as long-time players:

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| 31 Matthew Laturnas | 16 Brandon Juravinski |
| 35 Chase McEwan | 17 Brady Keller |
| 2 Stephane Gaudet | 18 Riley Lajeunesse |
| 3 Kellen Harper | 19 Mike Markell |
| 4 Jesse Heit | 21 Chad Grambo |
| 5 Adam Olchoway | 22 Bryce Nemish |
| 6 Colby Peifer | 27 Travis Elsaesser |
| 8 Andrew Slind | 44 Tyler Tilford |
| 9 Scott Swenson | 55 Cody Folstad |
| 11 Jordan Swenson | 74 Adam Morrison |
| 12 Derek Becker | 90 Cole Jones |
| 13 Tristyn Stevenson | |

The team is coached by Todd Becker, Bruce Tilford and Zach Becker. The manager is Jamie Tilford, and the trainer is Neil Braaten. Executive members at large are Laura Swenson and Greg Manson.

W/L/OL - 12/2/1

GO HAWKS!

PASH PROJECTS YOGA

Pash Projects began from a dream to pursue my passions of teaching yoga, growing vegetables and building wood crafts. To support this local business, follow along on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on yoga classes, workshops, energy healing, trade shows, and purchasing local Vegetables come Summer! Thank you Birch Hills for your warm welcome and continuing support.

For questions email pashprojects@outlook.com

January 8th - February 15th

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

In memory of family members Sam & Marie Hanson, Colby & Pauline McClure and Sven & Mae Bergh.

Edna Herd



Community Funding Assists our Rec Activities in Birch Hills



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

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 each month.

Next Lunch February 2nd

Free will offerings accepted but
not necessary



EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

Open to Community

MONDAYS

Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Dolores Jones 749-2680
Line Dancing (beginners) all welcome 9:30-11am @ Civic Centre
Fire Dept Mtgs every 2nd Mon 7pm @ fire hall Lyle Evans 930-8074
Dreamland Optimists Group - Call Stuart Matice 306-314-2378 for
info

TUESDAYS

Moms & Tots @ Youth Centre 10am-12pm \$2 drop in fee
Library Open Weekly 11-4pm and 5-8pm
Rec Volleyball 8:00-9:30pm @ school gym \$2 to play
Knitting Grannies meet 2nd & 4th Tues @ museum 1:00pm
Birchview Ladies Auxiliary 11:00am 1st Tues ea month

WEDNESDAYS

Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am @ Civic Centre
Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 9am-4:00pm Coffee & Sweets 2 pm
Museum Open 2pm - 4pm
Town Council Meetings 2nd and 4th Wed of the month

THURSDAYS

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Dolores Jones 749-2680
Moms & Tots @ Youth Centre 9am-12pm \$2 drop in fee
Library Open 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 6pm
Story Time 1:30 - 2:15 4&5yrs
Legion Mtg 2nd Thurs ea month 7pm @ Legion hall.

FRIDAYS

Kaiser, Crib & Games Nite @ Youth Ctr 7:30pm every Friday

SATURDAY

Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 1:00-4:00pm Coffee on at 2:00pm
Contact Rec Office if you have changes or events to add to this list at
749-7451.



RECYCLE

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

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.



Birch Hills Senior Club AGM

Monday February 12th 1:00PM

Birch Hills Senior's Hall

Bowling to Follow



Join us in celebrating
Marlene Manson's 19 years of
service in our community with cake
and coffee! Retirement come and go
on February 2nd 12pm - 4pm
at the Agro.

Birch Hills Dreamland Optimists Club presents....

DREAMLAND FEBRUARY CRAFT & TRADE SHOW

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

10:00am - 3:00 pm

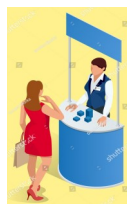
Many vendors will be in attendance, many different business to shop from all under one roof!

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

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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.

DREAMLAND OPTIMIST CLUB OF BIRCH HILLS EVENT



DREAMLAND STEAK NIGHT SOCIAL

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH, 2018

Birch Hills Civic Centre, 126 McCallum Ave

5:30 pm



TICKETS \$25 EACH

TICKET INCLUDES: STEAK, POTATO, SALAD, BUN, DESSERT & 1 DRINK TICKET

ONLY 150 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Come out & support your local Optimist club as they raise funds to help the children of the community. Our steak night social will help programs within the community like Birch Hills Playground program, Breakfast for Learning (offered at the Birch Hills School) plus much more.

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



Steak Night Tickets available by contacting 306-941-0400, from members & at the KG Bar.

Community Arts In Birch Hills

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)
sponsored by Saskatchewan Lotteries



Feb 5 5:30-7:30pm **Drawing** with Lana Lorensen (PA Art Educator)

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.

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 totaling \$11,500
To Purchase tickets contact any minor sports member
or email blminorsports@outlook.com

Featuring TJay the DJ
Midnight Lunch Provided

Must be 18 years to play No Minors allowed



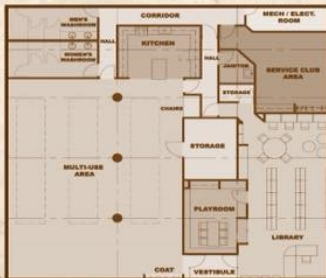
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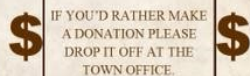
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KICK-OFF FUNDRAISER



Finally ready to begin construction

The committee has been working hard to reach their goal of \$500,000 to remodel the old Co-op into a facility that will house the Public Library, the Senior Hall, and the Lions Club Meeting Room. However this building is for all the community to enjoy. The library will be bigger and better, and the hall will be available to rent for private or community functions.



Supper & Raffle planned

Birch Hills Multiuse Facility kicks off its fundraising efforts with a supper and the opportunity to win great prizes. You can't go wrong with hot food and cold drinks.

Pork Cutlet Supper

Sat. Feb. 17, 2018

Cash Bar

Doors open: 5:30pm

Supper: 6:30pm

Place: BH Civic Centre

Cost: \$30/ticket

Get tickets at the town office or call 749-2232

A year membership for the Birch Hills Golf Course.

RAFFLE PRIZES:

Exercise equipment from Flaman Fitness

And much more!

BRRR CHILLS WINTER FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 1, 2, 3 2018

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1

* BIRCHVIEW HOME WINTER CARNIVAL 2:30PM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2

* ST MARY'S LUNCHEON 11:30AM

* SR HOCKEY GAME VS ROSTHERN 8:30PM

GUARANTEED \$500 50/50

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

* BIRCH HILLS MUSEUM COFFEE & STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE
2:00PM

* COMMUNITY ART'S INITIATIVE ART SHOW & SALE
@ BIRCH TREE CAFÉ 2:00PM

* COMMUNITY ART'S INITIATIVE ACRYLIC PAINTING
W/ JODI MILLER 7:00PM

* MAC'S CREEK TOBOGANNING 4:00PM

WEST ON GOLF COURSE ROAD - WATCH FOR SIGNS

WEINER ROAST, HOT CHOCOLATE, BONFIRE & FIREWORKS AT
8:00PM - NO CHARGE

SPONSORED BY BARRY'S ROCK & DIRT, EVANS 8 EXCAVATING, RM
OF BIRCH HILLS, WINDING RIVER COLONY

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON POSTERS,

TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS FACEBOOK PAGE,

FEBRUARY 1ST HEARTBEAT



After many volunteered years as treasurer for Combined Appeal, Marilyn has resigned as treasurer.

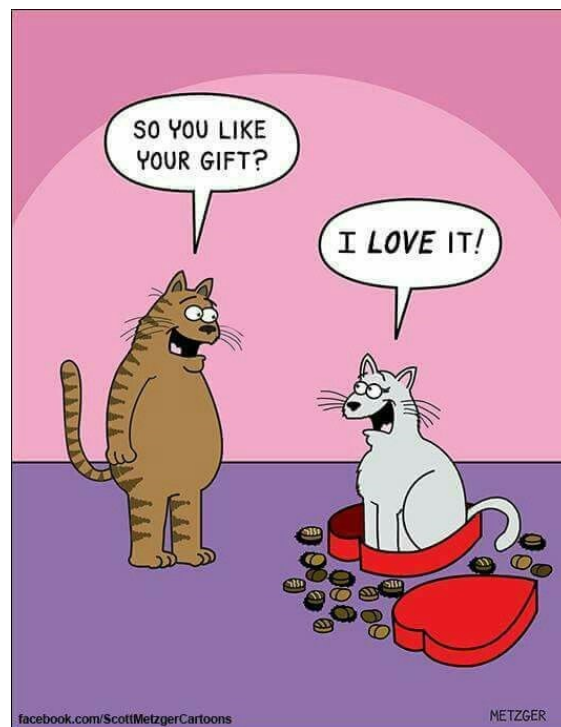
If anyone is willing to accept the position, please call Shirley Lyons at 749-3233.

If the position isn't filled by February 28, 2018, Combined Appeal will be forced to fold.



STAY UPDATED

'LIKE' our Facebook page to get activity and news updates. Feel free to add your own event or activity info on the 'Birch Hills Community & Recreation' Facebook page.



The Birch Hills & Area Health Care Foundation is a non-profit foundation that was formed in 1994 when our hospital was closed and the Birchview care home was amalgamated into the newly formed Prince Albert Health Care Region. The Birch Hills & Area Health Care Foundation was formed to keep the funds raised in our area for use in promoting health care in the Birch Hills area.

The foundation's role is to provide support for health related activities and the health facilities in Birch Hills & area, this includes the Birchview Nursing Home and the Health Center attached to it.

Our foundation is funded by tax deductible donations and bequests from local residents and supporters of our health facilities. Since our inception we have used these donations to support large and small projects, from the \$50,000.00 bed replacement project to supplying Broda chairs for the residents and education bursaries to grade twelve graduates. Currently we are replacing two air beds for the comfort of bed ridden residents to help prevent bed sores.

We have also supported the Rec board "Bridging the Gap" summer playground program, the Birchview facelift committee, the Birch Hills Fire Department, the Birch Hills First Responders and several other local health related organizations.

In the last ten years the foundation has donated \$125,809.00 to support health care and healthy living in the Birch Hills Area.

As the Foundation continues to receive funding requests from our local health providers and other local groups we need to continue raising funds to support these very deserving projects.

Donations can be made to Birch Hills and Area Health Care Foundation, P.O. Box 578, Birch Hills, Sk. S0J 0G0



Birch Hills Recreation
Box 280, Birch Hills, Sk
S0J 0G0

text or call 306-749-7451 or
E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
Facebook Page: 'Town of Birch Hills
Community & Recreation'
Town **Website:** www.birchhills.ca

Birch Hills Historical Society

Annual Meeting Friday February 23rd

Museum Basement

Pot Luck Supper 5:00pm

Annual Meeting to follow

Everyone Welcome

BIRCH HILLS UNITED CHURCH NEWS

Birch Hills United Church continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday's at 9:30am at the Lutheran Church (4th St and Bellamy Ave) All are welcome!

Birch Hills United Church Women are hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday March 2nd at 3:00pm at the Lutheran Church. This is a special ecumenical service for everyone in the community. It is provided by the Women's Inter-church Council of Canada.

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

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.

Thx for your support with these curling fundraisers!

Upcoming Events



February 1st weekend Brrr Chills Winter Festival

2 - Retirement Come & Go for Marlene Manson

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

23 - BH Historical Society AGM

24 - Optimists Craft & Trade Show

26 - Golf Board Meeting

March 2/3 - Open 4 Person Bonspiel

2 - World Day of Prayer

3 - Tway Poker Rally

4 - Janice Walker @ Glad Tidings 11:00am

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 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 Feb Activities

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

Feb 1 - Winter Festival

6 - Ladies Auxiliary 11:00am

14 - Valentine's Social with Cudworth Cowboys

18 - Glattidings

21- Job Mates Band

26 - Joyful Hearts Chorus

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

Town of Birch Hills seeks Recreation Director

The Town of Birch Hills invites application for the position of Recreation Director.

We are seeking a professional, outgoing individual for a variety of duties including:

- o arts, culture & recreation programming and special events
- o recreational planning, development and operations
- o support to the Town facilities that include a skating rink, curling rink, golf course, ball diamonds and campground.

The Recreation Director will also be responsible for developing long range plans, overseeing maintenance, operating and capital budget preparations, fostering volunteerism and ensuring policies and procedures of the Town of Birch Hills and Recreation Board are carried out.

Qualifications include:

- o Ability and experience working with the public
- o Strong written, verbal and interpersonal skills
- o Strong management skills
- o Strong marketing and organizational skills
- o Experience with financial management and control
- o Experience working with youth
- o Experience working with a Board of Directors
- o Post-secondary education in recreation, community development, leisure studies or related field is an asset

This full-time permanent position begins as soon as possible. We offer a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits package. Salary will be based on level of education and experience.

A detailed resume and cover letter outlining experience, qualifications, education, and references must be received no later than 4:00 pm on February 23, 2018. Please submit by mail, fax or email to:

Tara Garipey, CAO

Town of Birch Hills

Box 206

BIRCH HILLS SK S0J 0G0

Phone: (306) 749-2232

Fax: (306) 749-2545 Email: birchhills.town@sasktel.net

A job description is available at the Town office by contacting the above. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted.