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**November 15th, 2017**

**Issue 154**



Hi there,  
The newsletter is jam packed with family activities. Send in your Christmas events and ideas for our 7th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival. I am seeking those interested in helping with children activities.  
Have a great couple weeks  
Laurie Berube, Rec Director

## ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

St Anne's / St Mary's Church  
Saturday, November 25th  
Join us for our annual Cookie Walk.

2:00-4:00pm  
A wide variety of Christmas baking will be available.

Turkey pies also for sale.  
Stay for Christmas tea and pudding



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**CAROL & IAN PRYZNYK**

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## CORRECTION (of Nov 1st Heartbeat newsletter)

The recycle & garbage bins must be removed the SAME DAY of pick up;  
For more info, visit the [www.birchhills.ca](http://www.birchhills.ca) website to review bylaw(s).  
<http://www.birchhills.ca/.../12/Bylaw-08-16-Waste-Collection.pdf> (click here)

My apologies for any inconvenience. LBerube

## Christmas Time Karaoke Night

Saturday, November 25th  
@ Mane Event (downtown BH)

**Starts 7pm**

\$5 cover charge  
(proceeds towards the Skating Arena)

Appy's available for purchase

Thank you to those that came out on the Oct 6th karaoke evening.

Jamie Tilford



## Attention Sewers! THIMBLE AND THREADS

The Birch Hills Thimble and Threads are always looking for new members. It would be great to have new comers with new ideas and beginners. Help is always available. We meet every Monday night at 6:30pm in the activity room at Birchview Home. We also meet one Saturday a month. The group works individually as well as occasionally on group projects. It's \$2 per night to join. Come check us out. Contact Faye Erikson 749-2952



## Birch Hills Community Fall Trade Show

Saturday, November 18, 2017

10:00am - 2:00 pm

Birch Hills Civic Centre



Lunch provided by the BH Guiding Association.



## VENDORS ATTENDING TRADE SHOW

Young Living Essential Oils, Hand made jewelry, bath bombs & wood signs, Arbonne, Schneiders Popcorn, Lipsense, Handcrafts, Handmade blankets, Woodcrafts and preserves, Norwex, Jamberry, Home made gifts, Tocara Jewelry, Parson's Honey, Aromatherapy, Avon, Birch Hills Historical Society, 31 Gifts, Infinite Water Parkland Health Region, Scentsy, Cornerstone Insurance, Knitting goods

## Weldon Community Events

### **Fall Trade Show and Sale**

Saturday, Nov 25 10 am-2pm

Table rent \$20. Contact Brenda 887-2038  
Lunch available.

*Raising funds for Weldon Auditorium Renos*

## **GOSPEL AND INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC**

Old and New with *Ralph Galambos*

Come join us for an afternoon of

Sunday, December 3rd

2:00pm

At St Mary & St Ann Church (McCallum)

Lunch to follow, good will offering

Community Welcome



### **RECYCLE**

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

## **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!



## CRYSTAL SPRINGS COMMUNITY EVENTS

**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**



It is a wonderful opportunity for friends, neighbours and acquaintances to get together!

## **Celebration of 110 years of Ministry Birch Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church**



3:00 p.m

at Birch Hills Lutheran Church

Sunday, Nov 26/17

Cold potluck to follow.

Bishop- Sid Haugen speaking

Everyone is welcome to join us to celebrate with thanksgiving to God for the ministry of our congregation that is closing and merging with Messiah Lutheran Church in Prince Albert

## **Birchview Nursing Home Nov Activities**

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

Nov 15th	Job Mates Band	
19th	Glad Tidings Gospel Group	
22nd	Ralph Galambos	
23rd	Step Outs Linedancers	
30th	Light Up A Seniors Life	6:00pm
	Caroling & Dainties	Kick off to Christmas



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

## **Line dancing the 'Step Outs'**

**WEDNESDAYS.** Civic Centre 9:30-11:00am

All Skill Levels welcome.

Great exercise and laughs to start your day

**MONDAYS** for Beginners 9:30-11am



## **BIRCH HILLS SCHOOL NEWS**

Nov	17th	Mid Term Report Cards
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

## Community Arts Initiative for Birch Hills

Monday, December 4th, 2017 7:00pm

### ART NIGHT IN DECEMBER



at the BH School Contact Amy @ 941-0788  
Join Mr Alan Ruder at the BH Public School Art Room as he teaches participants to use either Acrylic or Watercolor 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



Dance Centre would like to send out a bouquet of thanks to the 37 volunteers who came out to work at this year's Haunted Arena with the BH Dance Centre. Dancers, parents, siblings and friends all were involved in the set up, take down and acting for our Haunted Arena. Thank You also to Halloween Alley in Prince Albert and Tanya Dansereau from K-Bro Linen Systems, PA for donating items to help with decorating.

Due to their efforts we were able to raise over \$1000 in the three hours we were open for the BH Skating Arena!!!

We had so much fun scaring people and raising money for the rink. It feels good to give back to the community!

E.Cochrane

THANK YOU from the Birch Hills United Church to all who attended, entertainers Ralph Galambos and Bernadette Greuel, auctioneer Kevin Hawreschuk, and contributors to our silent and live auctions at the "Western Night" on Nov 5th in Brancepeth.

We had a wonderful time!

## MANE EVENT



### Small Business Christmas Party

Join us to toast the holidays!

December 9th, 2017 6:00pm

Fully catered Christmas Supper, Entertainment, games, prizes & Christmas photo booth

\$30 tickets in advance @ Mane Event in Birch Hills

Call 306-749-7405 Downtown Birch Hills

*Book the Hall for birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, etc Call or Text Kristy 306-749-7405*

## 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, November 17th

Free will offerings accepted but not necessary.



Join us for lunch 1st and 3rd

Friday of ea month. Next Lunch Dec 1st

### 'Ginger and Shortbread' Music of the Season

Come join us Friday, December 8 7pm to ring in the Christmas message with seasonal music (including some special solos!), a silent auction, hot beverages and dainties.

The silent auction will be on display from 6:30pm. Admission is \$10 per person. Children under 12 Free.

FAMILY SERVICES continues on the 4th Sunday of the month. Next Date November 26th, 11am Come for an interactive church service geared for kids, music, dance, stories, lessons... All welcome



Community Funding Assists our Rec Activities in Birch Hills

## Kaiser, Crib and Game Night

Friday Nights

at 7:30pm at the Youth Center

Potluck Snacks



Everyone 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







Dreamland Optimist Club Presents  
**3RD ANNUAL SANTA PICTURES  
 & BAKE SALE**

Sunday November 19th  
 12:00 - 4:00pm @ the Royal Canadian  
 Legion Hall on Bellamy Avenue

Come and get your picture taken with Santa,  
 \$5 - 5x7 image! Every child gets a treat bag!

Before you leave, make sure to check out  
 the yummy baking that will be available!  
 Proceeds from our events stay in our  
 community and are used towards many ongoing projects  
 and club needs for our children! Support your local club



### News from the Birch Hills Sno-Posse

The BH Sno-Posse is a local snowmobile club that hosts  
 an annual rally, rally date for 2018 will be February 10th.

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



The club is looking for volunteers to  
 help out in stocking wood and cleaning of the 3 cabins on  
 Saturday, November 18th at approx. 10am, starting at the  
 North Point Cabin. The Sno-Posse Club is prepared to sign  
 off volunteer hours for high school students. If students are  
 interested in volunteering this date, please RSVP to Tammy  
 by text 306-960-9246 or email g.forsyth@sasktel.net

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 enjoy  
 able 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 President, Markel 960-  
 2569, Matthew 749-7010 or Tammy at  
 g.forsyth@sasktel.net.

### OBSESSION GREENHOUSES in St Louis, SK

Gift Shop open for the Christmas Season  
 every Thurs & Fri 4-8pm, Sat & Sun 10-6pm  
 .....Right up to Christmas

### Wine & Wishes

Thursday, Nov 16th 6-9pm  
 Everyone welcome



### MULTI USE FACILITY update

Greetings all from the multi use committee!!!  
 We have now finalized, and received back all of our  
 mechanical and drawings, including electrical and  
 plumbing plans, for the project. Some minor changes  
 were required and those are now complete and ready  
 for the next stage of construction. There'll be  
 Invitational tenders sent out to local  
 contractors to visit the site, and have an  
 opportunity, to see the scope of work that  
 will be required to complete the project.



We continue with our fundraising efforts  
 to reach our goals to complete the  
 project. The multi-use committee has been  
 meeting regularly as of late to discuss  
 just what these further fundraising opportunities  
 might consist of. We are very excited about up  
 coming events which will be announced in the very  
 near future.

This project will be funded entirely on support from  
 not only from the Town and RM, but surrounding  
 communities including Prince Albert. The Multi use  
 Committee is very dedicated to completing this  
 project and are working to reach our goals!!

Watch for signs at the service road entrances to  
 Birch Hills showing our fundraising progress as we  
 move forward in the project!! We will continue to  
 update residents on a regular basis on the progress of  
 project!

If you would like to get involved or if you have  
 any question's regarding this very exciting project  
 please call one of the multi use board members. Or  
 contact the town office (306) 749-2232

**Owen Stubs** (Town Rep), **Barry Evans** (Town  
 Rep), **Graham Tweten** (town Rep), **Shirley Ulvild**  
 (museum Rep), **Joanne Bzdel** (Library Rep), **Todd**  
**Devenis** (Lions Club Rep), **Jeff Pratt** (Lions Club  
 Rep), **Millie Rowluck** (Seniors Club Rep), **Lorna**  
**Gjesdal**, **Duane Lowe**, **Tara Gariepy** (Sec/Treas)

### Co-ed Rec VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday nights  
 in the BH School Gym  
 at 7:30 - 9:00pm  
 \$2 drop in fee



Intended for ages 16yrs+

If there is interest there could be a volleyball  
 tournament. Talk to Chase or Laurie

## BIRCH HILLS & AREA BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS and NEWSLETTER SPONSOR



### BIRCH HILLS ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 122

#### History in "Brief"

On February 13, 1929, Birch Hills Legion received their charter with thirteen signatures, and became Branch #122. Money was scarce during the next decade. To keep the Branch solvent, some comrades contributed to pay delinquent members' per-capita tax.

During WWII, members of Branch 122 were active in helping the war effort in various ways and supporting men and women who had enlisted in the military services.

As Branch membership increased, the Ladies' Auxiliary received their charter on Nov 5, 1947, with six signatures. The addition of female members strengthened the Branch, and their co-operation made activities more social and successful. The members showed great ingenuity in raising money and earned the respect and support of the community. Branch 122 held public dances, some of the first pancake breakfasts with live radio broadcasting, carnivals with parades, queen contests, and ice shows. Beginning in 1949, '49ers Days,' using the old miner theme, became an annual event with beard contests and costumes, which made Birch Hills widely known and often copied.

Membership in the Royal Canadian Legion is always open for all citizens of Canada and is simply a phone call away.

When Veteran's need assistance – our membership and our community will always be there for them – as they were there for us. Now, in 2017, and for seventy one years so far, the Branch has held public annual Remembrance Day Services and we appreciate all who attended the service this year.

## BIRCH HILLS SKATING ARENA NEWS

The Arena is now open for the season.

**Public Skating Fees** are \$5 drop in. Memberships give skaters and families free public skating for the season and unlimited member coffee cards (buy 9 get one free).  
Membership Fees are \$30 for individuals or families of Minor Hockey/Skate Club. Family membership \$60.

#### Public Skate times are

Tuesdays and Fridays 3:30–5:30pm. Sat/Sun 2:00–4:00pm  
Pls pay at the canteen.

Canteen 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**

### Dec 10th Canada 150 Skate Day

Birch Hills has been awarded \$1000 to host a Canada 150 Skating Day. The Rec Dept and the Skating Club will be hosting fun games for the entire family on ice Dec 10th 2-4pm. Everyone is welcome to come out for free public skating, thanks to the federal grant funding.

**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**

The BH Skate Club will be running a **Progressive 50/50** from Nov 10-Jan 10 2018. **Draw date will be Jan 11/18 @ 6pm at the Skating Arena. Tickets are \$3 each, 2 for \$5.00**  
There will be weekly updates on what the Jackpot is. 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. I.e 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

### BLACKHAWKS SENIOR HOCKEY



#### First Home Game

#### November 18th vs Dalmeny Sabres

*You're at home here.*



Home opener is sponsored by  
LakeCountry Coop.  
Free Admission for all fans  
Puck drops at 8:00pm

#### November 24th vs Waldheim

To kick off our Hockey Day in Birch Hills,  
All minor hockey players who wear their  
jersey will receive an entry into a draw.  
Puck drops at 8:00pm

**Wins/Losses - 2/1 GO HAWKS!**

### HOCKEY DAYS IN BIRCH HILLS

At the BH Skating Arena

Friday, Nov 24 – Sr Home Game 8:00pm

Minor Hockey Games all day Sat, Nov 25th

9:00am IP Game

10:15am Novice Game

12:00pm Atom Game

2:30pm PeeWee Game

4:45pm Bantam Game

7:30pm Midget Game

Mr Wray Morrison will be on site, filming for  
a Kraft Hockeyville town featured submission

Hey Golfers:

If anyone is interested in going on the indoor golf cart storage waiting list, please contact Laurie at Rec Office. or discuss with Jamie in the spring.



Christmas Idea! Purchase a 2018 Golf membership 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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, please see Laurie Berube in the Recreation Office (Between Grumpy's and Wong's on Bellamy Street Birch Hills) from **Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 or call 749-7451**.  
Or call Lorisa Ganes at 749 7756

### Birch Hills Curling News



Weekly league curling starts soon.

Tues/Fri afternoon starts 12:30pm

Wed night 2 Person Sponsored by Cervus Equipment

Thurs Night Super League Sponsored by Cornerstone Insurance

#### Upcoming Bonspiels

Nov 24/25	Town vs Country Municipal Cup (invitational)
Jan 22 – 26th	Seniors Bonspiel Open
Jan 27, 2018	Cattleman's Bonspiel (invitational)
Feb 9/10	Ladies 80's Theme Bonspiel Open
	to register contact Jodie 306-961-1550
Mar 2 & 3	Open 4 Person Bonspiel
Mar 23/24	2 Person Bonspiel

For fees, to register or for more info, call 306-749-2951.  
Pls leave message if there is no answer.

**STOCKING GIFT IDEA....**

Tickets for annual Weekend Getaway on sale now.  
Christmas Raffle tickets available too. Thx for your Support!



Laurie Berube,  
Recreation Director  
Box 280, Birch Hills, Sk  
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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

### Birch Hills Museum Thrift Store

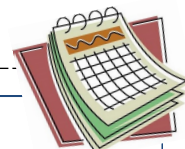
*Come see what's available  
in our Christmas Room*

Open **Wednesdays** 9 - 4 pm and  
**Saturdays** 1 - 4 pm

Great Variety of goods

coffee is always on!

and most of the time  
there is dessert!!



### Upcoming Events

November	17 - St Mary's Community Luncheon
	18 - Birch Hills Fall Trade Show - Sr Hockey Home Game
	19 - Pictures w/ Santa & Bake Sale (pg4)
	24 - Sr Hockey Home Game
	24/25 - Town vs Country Bonspiel
	25 - Hockey Day in Birch Hills (pg 5) - Weldon Trade Show & Sale - Christmas Karaoke Night (Mane Event) - Annual Cookie Walk
	26 - Anglican Family Church - Lutheran Ministry Celebration (pg2)
	30 - Carolling & Danties @ Birchview (pg2)
December	3 - Lighting of Town Christmas Tree - Gospel & Inspirational Entertainment
	4 - Painting Art Night
	8 - Ginger & Shortbread Music Special - Sr Girls Basketball Tourney
	9 - Small Business Christmas Party (Mane Event)
	10 - Canada 150 Skating Day
	15 - St Mary's Community Luncheon - Sr Boys Basketball Tourney
	23 - Bethania Candle Light Service
	24 - BH Community Church Christmas Eve Service
	25 - BHCC Christmas Supper (pg 2)
January	6 - 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
	10 - Sno Posse Annual Sno-Rally
March	2/3 - Open 4 Person Bonspiel