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**Issue 131**

Hello Readers,  
Christmas lights are beginning to shine around town. The festive season is upon us. Take the opportunity to spend time with friends and family near and far. Take in the many events and activities going on around the community.

Until next time,  
**Natalie Matheson**



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Call 306-749-7451  
Thank you for supporting your community with a free local paper.

## Birch Hills LIBRARY News

**STORY TIME** - Fridays w/ Ms Joanne.  
For ages 3 & 4  
Join us each Friday at 1:00pm



Funding Assists Rec Activities in Birch Hills

## Town Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday December 4th 7:00pm  
Join us in sharing the Meaning of Christmas and carolling around the tree. Hot chocolate and treats at the Youth Centre to follow.



## COMMUNITY KAISER NIGHT



Every second Thursday,  
beginning November 3  
7:30pm at the Youth Centre  
(Main St)  
Everyone Welcome!

The Museum Thrift Shop is a very busy place. Open Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm and Saturday 1:00pm - 4:00pm. We are in need of Christmas items. If you have extra items when you finish decorating, please bring them to the Museum.

**Prince Albert Parkland Health  
Region Volunteer Service  
Opportunities**

The Prince Albert Parkland Health Region is in need of caring, compassionate and committed volunteers to fill service positions.

If you are in any volunteer service positions, or if you have a particular skill or talent you would like to share with patients, residents, or clients in the Health Region, please call your local health care facility to apply. You can also reach the PAPHR Volunteer Services Department at (306)765-6010, by email at [volunteers@paphr.sk.ca](mailto:volunteers@paphr.sk.ca) or find us on the web at [www.paphr.ca](http://www.paphr.ca). We look forward to matching your talents and interests with the right position for you.



**MANE EVENT Salon & Dance Hall**

**Sack the Quarterback - Progressive Jackpot**

Every Wednesday evening 5-7pm...Draw @ 7:15pm (must be in attendance to win) Food & Drink Specials

December 9th **Mens Beer, Shopping & Wing/Rib Night**  
we will have booths set up so you can get all your shopping done for Christmas with out stepping into a mall! Vendors contact Kristy

Book your Family, Friends or Staff Christmas Party with us!!  
We do all the work, you come and have a great time  
contact Kristy @ 749-7405 or email [kristynelson@hotmail.ca](mailto:kristynelson@hotmail.ca)

**Sack the Quarterback Progressive Jackpot**

**Congratulations to the November 23rd winner, Chris Braaten who won \$103 by drawing the 3 of Clubs, and the November 30th winner Greg Manson who drew the King of Diamonds and won \$138.**



Join us Wednesdays at The Mane Event. Tickets on sale 5:00-7:00pm Draw at 7:15pm You must be in attendance to win. Tickets \$5 ea, 3 for \$10, 8 for \$20

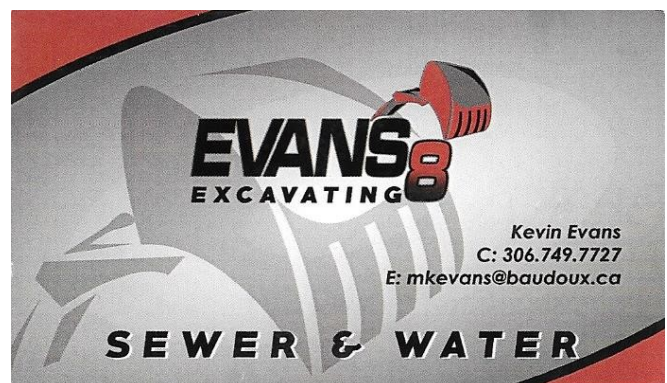
**Next week's Progressive Jackpot starts at \$1059.**  
Join the 'SACK THE QUARTERBACK' Facebook page for updates, winners and Weekly Specials.

**BIRCH HILLS BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS  
and NEWSLETTER SPONSOR**



Barry's Rock and Dirt  
Owner Barry Evans  
Business started in 2012

Do landscaping, gravel hauling, excavating, and snow removal with skid steer, compact loader, mini excavator, and gravel truck.  
Call 749-7655



**Birch Hills & District Historical Society**

Our organization came into being in 1996 when the old Birch Hills Historical Society, The Vintage Machinery Club, The Birch Hills History Book, and Homecoming '90 joined together. The local Birch Hills governing bodies made the Memorial Hospital building and its surrounding areas available to us.

A volunteer executive and board of directors established bylaws and mandate, "Striving to Preserve our Heritage". Our efforts since then have been directed entirely towards this goal.

The Birch Hills and District Historical Society is a member of the Museums Association of Saskatchewan.

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

If you are alone (definition=single or a couple w/no siblings, children or other relatives ) to spend Christmas Day with, then please come and join our family (Bruce and Iris Fjeld and several other family members) at the Mane Event on December 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas.



We will have the coffee on at noon, and you can come spend the day visiting, playing cards, board games, etc., finishing off with a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. There is no cost, I just don't want to see anyone alone on Christmas day cause that SUCKS!!!

If at all possible (for planning purposes) please let me know if will be joining us, thank you. 306-749-7377

### Winter Festival 2017 Planning Meeting

Wednesday December 7th, 2016

7:30pm at the Museum Boardroom

St. Mary's ACW

### Annual Cookie Walk & Christmas Tea



Cookies, Baking  
& Meat Pies for Sale

Saturday, December 3rd

2:00pm to 4:00pm

255 McCallum Ave

### BIRCH HILLS SCHOOL NEWS

Sr. Girls Basketball Tournament December 9 - 10

K - 6 Christmas Concert December 13  
Afternoon Show - 1:30pm, Evening Show - 7:00pm

Sr. Boys Christmas Classic Basketball Tournament  
December 16 - 17

K - 12 Christmas Dinner December 21

Christmas Break December 22 - Jan 2, 2017

Come and join us for an evening of socializing with fun and games at St Mary's Anglican Church every Friday until December 16th starting at 7:00pm.



### SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sat. Dec. 3rd, 2016 11am-1 pm @ the Senior's Hall

Come enjoy a free dinner and fellowship.

For deliveries contact Judy or Vili Bati

306-263-3581 or 306-263-3571

Hope to see you there. All welcome



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Museum will be having a Meatball Supper on Friday January 20th. Stay tuned for more information.

The Birch Hills & District Combined Appeal Committee would like to express their sincere appreciation to all who so generously contributed to another successful campaign. Thank you to those who sat at the Birch Hills Credit Union, and thank you to the Birch Hills Credit Union for allowing us to have our table set up there and for all the services they provide to us each year.

**The Birch Hills & District Combined Appeal  
donations totalled \$8,638.00.**

### CRYSTAL SPRINGS NEWS

Bingo: Each Tuesday 7:30pm until December 13th...  
(Christmas Bingo)

The hall is available for rent.  
Contact Lynn 306-864-8013



Coffee Row: The Crystal Springs Rec Co-op will be hosting a "coffee row" once monthly at their newly renovated facility at Crystal Springs Hall. Next date  
Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00 P.M. to 4:00





## 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 Kyle Jensen 749-7536  
 Dreamland Optimists Group meet 1st and 3rd Mon 7:30pm Sr Ctr

### TUESDAYS

Moms & Tots @ Youth Centre 10am-12pm \$2 drop in fee  
 Library Open Weekly 12-4pm and 5-8pm  
 Bingo in Crystal Springs 7:30 @ Crystal Springs Hall (till Dec 13)  
 Rec Volleyball 8:00-9:30pm @ school gym \$2 to play  
 Knitting Grannies meet 2nd & 4th Tues @ museum 1:00pm

### WEDNESDAYS

Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am @ Civic Centre  
 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  
 Town Council Meetings 2nd and 4th Wed of the month  
 Sack the Quarterback Draw 5-7 @ Mane Event

### 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 12 - 4:30pm  
 Kaiser Nite @ Youth Ctr 7:30pm every 2nd Thurs (starts Nov 3)  
 Legion Mtg 2nd Thurs ea month 7pm @ legion hall.

### FRIDAYS

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th  
 Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm/ Story time 1-1:45pm 4&5yrs



### SATURDAY

Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 1:00-4:00pm

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

### Birch Hills Cowboy Church

@ Community Centre

1st Sun of each month

Next Service

**Sunday, Dec 4th 7:00pm**

Featuring Country Gospel Music  
 with down home bible message with  
 Pastor Rick Martin (981-2235)

**Potluck Cookies & Cake to follow**

All are Welcome



A huge Thank You to the Glad Tidings  
 Pentecostal Church in Birch Hills for  
 sponsoring an evening of music with  
 Stanley and Pat Windels from Rosthern.

A special offering was taken for the  
 Multiuse Facility amounting to  
 \$1751.00. Pie and coffee was served.

The Multiuse Facility Committee greatly  
 appreciates the generosity.

### Birch Hills Community

**Lutheran Brethren Church,**

**Saron & Bethania Lutheran**

**Churches Christmas Services**

Bethania Candlelight Service  
 Sunday December 18th 7:30pm

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"When Christmas Isn't Merry or  
 Bright..."

### Blue Christmas Service

A service of remembrance, comfort  
 and hope for those suffering with  
 pain, loss, isolation, miscarriage and  
 grief during the Christmas Season.  
 Monday December 19th 7:30pm  
 Birch Hills Lutheran Church

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Christmas Eve  
 Candlelight Service  
 December 24th 7:30pm  
 Birch Hills Lutheran Church

The Birch Hills Ministerial is  
 accepting donations of food, toys,  
 and cash at the Birch Hills Co-op to  
 make up hampers to be distributed  
 to local families in need at  
 Christmas.

Please drop off donations  
 before December 14th.



## Blackhawks Senior Hockey News

December 9 8:30pm vs Clavet  
 11 2:00pm vs Vonda  
 28 8:00pm vs St. Louis



### SAVE THE DATES

Comedy Night w/ Sterling Scott December 31  
 Blackhawk Shootout Calcutta December 28

Please contact Jamie at 306-980-8687 if you are interested in helping with games

## CURLING CLUB BONSPIELS



Open Jan 20/21  
 Ladies Feb 10/11  
 Masters Mar 8-12  
 2 Person Mar 24/25  
 Seniors bonspiels to be determined.  
 Afternoon, Rec and Competitive leagues starting mid November.

## Season's Greetings from the 2016 Golf Board and Staff!

Are you interested in purchasing a **Gift Certificate** for someone special for Christmas (or anytime) that can be used for merchandise, food, green fees, or cart/club rentals at the Birch Hills Golf Course?

**OR** our **Installment Payments** for your 2017 golf membership?

**OR** our **Early Payment** of your 2017 golf membership (at 2016 rates to avoid a possible increase in fees in 2017)?

Please contact Lorisa Ganes at 749-7756.



Community Rink Affordability Grant  
 .... Reaches Five Year Milestone  
 The CRAG (grant) provides funding to Saskatchewan's community-owned indoor skating and curling rinks. Communities, schools, non-profits and First Nations are eligible to apply to the program.  
 Successful applicants receive an annual grant of \$2,500 per indoor ice surface. The grant may be used to offset the cost of rink operations and minor capital upgrades.

Thank you Government of Saskatchewan!

## FREE LITTLE LIBRARY

Take a book, Leave a book

@ 5 McCallum Avenue  
 and TLC Daycare

Brought to Birch Hills by Kids  
 First out of Prince Albert

### MINOR HOCKEY GAMES

Dec 6	Bantam vs Tisdale	6:45pm
Dec 7	Atoms vs St.Brieux	6:30pm
Dec 10	Pee Wee Tournament	
Dec 17	Pee Wee vs Wadena	11:00am
	Novice vs Red Earth	4:15pm
Dec 18	Novice vs Tisdale Black	4:15pm



## Birch Hills Blackhawks 3rd Annual Comedy Night

Featuring Sterling Scott

Saturday December 31st 8:00pm @ BH Civic Centre

Tickets: \$25 at Blackhawks home games or online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

Enjoy and evening of comedy, draws, silent auction and midnight lunch.





Laurie Berube,  
Recreation Director

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Facebook Page: 'Town of Birch Hills  
Community & Recreation'  
Town Website: [www.birchhills.ca](http://www.birchhills.ca)

In Laurie's absence, please send  
your events and information to  
[natalie.matheson@outlook.com](mailto:natalie.matheson@outlook.com)  
or leave a message at  
306-749-7451.



## Birch Hills United Church News

Third Sunday of Advent Service on  
Sunday December 11th at 9:30am at the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church. All are  
welcome.



Thank you to all who gave to the Fellowship of the Last  
Coin on November 4th. A total of \$257.27 was collected  
and has been sent to the Women's Inter-Church Council  
of Canada.

The United Church Women are again collecting new and  
gently used clothing for the Women's Shelter in Prince  
Albert. Please phone the church at 749-2488 if you have  
items to drop off after December 1st, or they can be  
brought to the back door of the church from 9:15am to  
11:15am on December 14th. Toiletries, crayons, coloring  
books, small calendars, and note pads are greatly  
appreciated.

Dreamland Optimist Club of Birch Hills Presents

**CUPIDS FEBRUARY TRADESHOW** Sat Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2017

We are now accepting vendor registrations.

Contact Susan @ 306-941-0400 or [sdutchak3@gmail.com](mailto:sdutchak3@gmail.com)

Or Rosa @ 306-930-1040

Table Fees: \$40/table. Book early so you do not miss out!



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friend or Send request to  
[birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net) to  
receive the news letter online

## Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Dec 3 - Anglican Church Annual Cookie Walk
  - Seniors Community Christmas Dinner
- 4 - Town Christmas Tree Lighting
- 7 - Winter Festival Planning Meeting
- 9 - Men's Beer, Appys & Shopping Night
- 9/10 - Sr. Girls Basketball Tournament
- 10/11 - PeeWee MH Tourney
- 13 - Crystal Springs Christmas Bingo
  - BH School Christmas Concert
- 16/17 - Sr. Boys Christmas Classic Basketball  
Tournament
- 22-Jan 2 - School Christmas Break
- 28 - Blackhawks Shootout Calcutta
- 31 - Blackhawks 3rd Annual Comedy Night
- Jan 20 - Open Curling Bonspiel
  - BH Historical Society Meatball Supper
- 21 - Birch Hills Barracudas Ladies Hockey  
Tournament
- 28 - Novice MH Tourney
- Feb 4 - Dreamland Optimist Trade Show
- 4/5 - Atom MH Tourney
- 10/11 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel
- 20-24 - School Break
- Mar 4 - IP MH Tourney
- 8-12 - Masters Curling Bonspiel
- 10/11 - Gooser Tourney
- 24/25 - 2 Person Curling Bonspiel

## 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.

Also on Facebook 'Birch Hills SK Golf  
Course'



Follow the Birch Hills Water Treatment Plant on Twitter

Follow the Birch Hills Water Treatment Plant @bhwaterplant on Twitter. Our goal is to try to inform,  
educate and update our community on water issues in general. There is also a blog that expands on the  
water plant's twitter account at: [bhwaterplant.wordpress.com](http://bhwaterplant.wordpress.com). This blog explains the water treatment process more  
in depth and can also be accessed through our twitter account. Please follow us on Twitter and read our blog!