



HEARTBEAT

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Hello Readers,

The festive season has arrived. As we take the time to gather with friends and family near and dear, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! May you be blessed with love and happiness in the coming year!

Until next time,
Natalie Matheson

Spaces available at the TLC Daycare!!

We accommodate children from 6 weeks to 12 years.

Hours of operation - Monday thru Friday
7:00am - 6:00pm.

TLC has trained ECE educators that are also trained in CPR and First Aid.

We offer daily programming, follow the Canada Food Guide for meals, and have an environment that promoted learning and no screen time.

TLC daycare involved our children in our community with our senior citizens and other community groups.

TLC daycare offers all of this and more!! A safe, child loving environment with staff who genuinely care!!

Check out our beautiful daycare facility!! We have spaces available today for your child/children. If you have questions please call or drop by.



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BIRCH HILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**EVANS 8 EXCAVATING
BARRY'S ROCK AND DIRT**

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

Seeking Newsletter Sponsors for the New Year!!

Call 306-749-7451

Thank you for supporting your community with a free local paper.



**COMMUNITY
KAISER NIGHT**

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

The Birch Hills Memorial Museum and Thrift Shop will be closed on December 24th, 28th and 31st 2016.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support!

**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 or find us on the web at 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

Ugly Sweater Party - Wednesday December 28th starting at 5:00pm. Prize for Best Dressed!

We would like to thank everyone for your continued support of our little business! As of January we will be taking a break from the salon for a couple months. We will continue to be open Wednesdays from 5 - 10pm as well as for Events and Rentals.

Our Christmas Season has been amazing, between all the different get togethers we've had along with hosting your Christmas party's, we have enjoyed being a part of all of it! We hope to see you soon.

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

Lutheran Church Fri am Coffee
Cancelled from December
16th to the end of January.

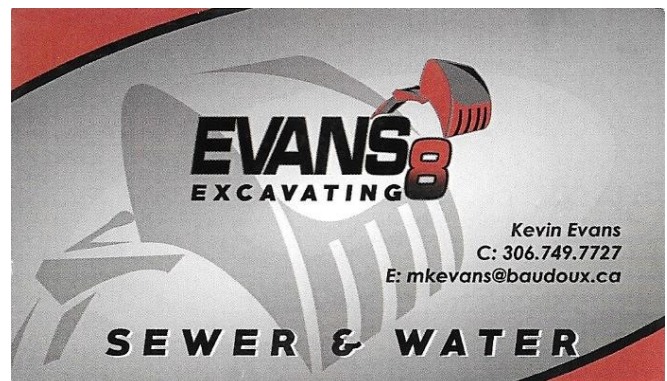


**BIRCH HILLS BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS
and NEWSLETTER SPONSOR**



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.

Sack the Quarterback Progressive Jackpot

Congratulations to the December 7th winner Don Lypchuk who drew the 3 of Hearts and won \$127, and to the December 14th winner Darlene Evans who drew the Queen of Hearts and won \$115.

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 each, 3 for \$10, 8 for \$20



Next week's Progressive Jackpot starts at \$1422.

Join the 'SACK THE QUARTERBACK' Facebook page for updates, winners and Weekly Specials.



What in the World is SACK THE QUARTERBACK?

It is a Progressive "CHASE THE ACE" Type Lottery.

How Does It Work?

Tickets are sold every Wednesday from 5 – 7 pm at the Mane Event Hall in Birch Hills. One ticket is drawn at 7:15 pm & will receive 20% of daily sales (30% goes into the Progressive Jackpot) plus a chance to draw the 4 of Hearts to win the Progressive Jackpot. If the 4 of Hearts is not drawn the Jackpot carries on to the next week. The drawn card does not go back into the deck, increasing the chance of drawing the 4 of Hearts in the following weeks.

Do I Have to Be There to Win?

YES....AND NO..... Draw will be made at 7:15 pm and posted on our FACEBOOK SACK THE QUARTERBACK PAGE. You can purchase your tickets anytime between 5 and 7 pm and leave -- and at 7:15 pm check the FACEBOOK page to see if you have won. If you are the winner, you have 15 minutes to return to the MANE EVENT Hall to claim your prize and try to draw the 4 of Hearts! If the winner is at the Mane Event Hall it will also be posted so you know that you do not have to return to the Mane Event Hall until the next week to purchase your new tickets!

OR....send your money with a friend who is going! They can mark your name on your tickets using one of our colorful markers and check your tickets for you!

OR....Buy your tickets early, go home, relax and come back with a friend or your family (kids are welcome) to enjoy one of the weekly MANE EVENT SPECIALS and to get your name in on a draw for a Roughrider cooler with stereo! It's surprising how fast time flies when you are visiting!

OR.....Buy your tickets, go home and at 7:15 pm phone a Friend who stayed at the Mane Event Hall to get the winning number and to let tell them know to "Hold the phone, I won! I'll be right down!"

OR.....Start a staff pool and take turns attending each week!

Where Do the Proceeds Go?

This is a joint fundraising initiative which will benefit the BH Legion, TLC Daycare, BH Volunteer Fire Department and the Skatepark.

We thank Kristy at the MANE EVENT HALL for hosting this community event each Wednesday!

BE SURE TO JOIN "SACK THE QUARTERBACK' FACEBOOK PAGE for weekly updates and winners!

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 25th 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

If you live in Birch Hills and need a ride down on Christmas Day, please call Iris at the above number.

BIRCH HILLS SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone that attended our annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday night. Our students and staff were so excited to show off what they had been working so hard to put together. Birch Hills did not disappoint as we had a full house for our evening show. Thank you!

Sr. Boys Christmas Classic Basketball Tournament
December 16 - 17

Pancake Breakfast - \$3/plate December 19th
K - 12 Christmas Dinner December 21
(prepared by the Commercial Cooking 10 Class)
Christmas Break December 22 - Jan 2, 2017

From Birch Hills Public School, we wish you all the best during the Christmas Season. School starts back on January 3rd.

A special thank you to Vicki Eldstrom and Roxanne Mitchell for coaching the girls grade 8/9 volleyball team this past season. Your coaching, skills and abilities have brought us to a new level and our senior years are just beginning. You have gone out of your way to ensure each player does their best in a professional respectable manner; we have displayed this through teamwork and sportsmanship. You have made our parents very proud to have us on your team. Once again, thank you very much and wishing you a great holiday season.

-Alayna, Tayha, Jordyn, Alex, Ciana, Alexis, Nicole, Katelyn, Emma, Casey, Jessica & Mackenzie.



Come and celebrate

Jennie Gjesdal's 90th Birthday

with her family on

Tuesday December 27th from

2:00pm - 4:00pm at the

Lake Park Lutheran Church

(5 miles east on Lake Park Road).

No gifts please.



The 2017 Graduating Class is planning on holding a bottle drive during the last 2 weeks of February to help support their big day. The funds will be used for the ceremony (Grand March) and banquet, not the safe grad.

Individuals wishing to rid themselves of bottles prior to the final drive in February can drop them off at 25 Birch Drive at anytime.



CRYSTAL SPRINGS NEWS

Bingo: Thank you for all the support at Bingo 2016. Bingo resumes in Crystal Springs on Tuesday April 4, 2017.

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 January 11th 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.



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, Jan 1st 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



The Birch Hills Guiding Association would like to say "Thank You" for the community's support of our Mint Cookie sales, the lunch counter at the Community Boosters Trade Show, and for our Poinsettia fundraiser.



Birch Hills Community Lutheran Brethren Church, Saron & Bethania Lutheran Churches Christmas Services

Bethania Candlelight Service
Sunday December 18th 7:30pm

"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

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

St Mary's Anglican Church News

We are hosting a **Community Luncheon** at the Anglican Church on
the 3rd Friday of each month from 11am-1:30pm.

Free will offering. Everyone Welcome

The next luncheon is Friday December 16th.



Christmas Eve Services:

Kinistino - 7:00pm

Birch Hills - 9:00pm

Muskoday - 11:00pm

The Saskatchewan International Karate College recently held their Provincial Championships in Tisdale. It was another great success with a huge attendance from all clubs in the province. The weekend of events consisted of training clinics for all levels, a belt grading conducted by provincial chief instructor Marcel Lussier, where in addition to over 60 students getting promoted in colored ranks, 2 students from the Prince Albert club were promoted to 1st degree black belt. This was the 35th provincial championships for the Karate organization where Marcel was a part of each and every one of them. The St. Louis club is hosting the final event of the year on December 17th, and then all clubs in the province will resume training in the New Year. You can check out our website at www.saskshotokankarate.ca for all upcoming events and results.



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.

St. Louis Lions Club Annual New Years Eve Fireworks Show and Weiner Roast at the Lions Park.

Saturday December 31st

Free Hot Chocolate and Hot Dogs starting at 5:00pm, Sliding for the kids and Bonfires.

8:00pm Sharp and Incredible Fireworks Show for all to enjoy and ring in the New Year!



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.

Gospel & Inspirational Music with Ralph Galambos



At St. Mary's and St. Anne's Church

Sunday January 8th 7:00pm

Free will offering proceeds to St. Anne's Church and the Birch Hills Ministerial

Coffee and Treats to follow.

MINOR HOCKEY GAMES

Dec 17	Pee Wee vs Wadena	11:00am
	Novice vs Red Earth	4:15pm
Dec 18	Novice vs Tisdale Black	4:15pm

BRR CHILLS WINTER FESTIVAL

February 16, 17, 18, 2017

Thursday Feb 16 - Birchview Winter Carnival
 - Museum Meatball and Gravy Supper

Friday Feb 17 - Senior Soup and Sandwich Luncheon
 - Mac's Creek Tobogganing

Saturday Feb 18 - Library Pancake Breakfast
 - Windup Family Dance

A full schedule of times, venues and particulars will be posted in the January 1st Heartbeat.

Volunteers needed. Add your event and join in the fun.

Next meeting Monday January 9th, 2017 in the Museum Boardroom.

Blackhawks Senior Hockey News

December 28 8:00pm vs St. Louis
30 8:00pm @ St. Louis

January 13 8:30pm vs Rosthern
20 8:30pm vs Dalmeny



SAVE THE DATES

Blackhawk Shootout Calcutta December 28
* Guaranteed \$500 50/50 sponsored by Investor's Group
Rupert Bremner, Senior Consultant
*Mackenzie Funeral Chapel & Crematorium Calcutta Shoot
Out will take place following the Dec 28 game. Buy your
favorite player for a chance to win 50% of the proceeds.
Comedy Night w/ Sterling Scott December 31

Thank you to Elsaesser Brothers for sponsoring free
admission for all fans at the December 11th game.

Please contact Jamie at 306-980-8687 if you are
interested in helping with games
League website: www.trhl.ca
Like us on Facebook - Birch Hills Sr. Blackhawks

TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS NEWS

The town's new website is up and running. You can
obtain information on bylaws/policies, minutes,
financial statements, forms/permits, taxes/
assessments, utilities, and much more.

The Town Office will be closed on December 26th
and 27th, 2016 and January 2nd, 2017.

The Birch Hills Town Council and Staff would like to
wish everyone a festive holiday season.

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a safe and
healthy New Year blessed with laughter, peace and
love.



2016 - 2017 Birch Hills Blackhawks

2 Josh Dueck	19 Jeff Whitfield
3 Kellen Harper	21 Stephane Gaudet
4 Brendon Tash	22 Bryce Nemish
5 Adam Olchoway	27 Travis Elsaesser
6 Aaron Springinotic	29 Cody Folstad
8 Carl Devost	44 Tyler Tilford
9 Scott Swenson	52 Darren Christianson
11 Brock Tilford	90 Brent Bremner
12 Derek Becker	94 Adam Morrison
16 Brandon Juravinski	30 Mark Peterson
17 Brady Keller	31 Matthew Laturnas
18 Riley Lajeunesse	

Mackenzie Funeral Chapel & Crematorium Calcutta Shoot Out

All players including the goalies are up for bid
throughout the December 28th Blackhawks game. The
top bidder for each player "purchases" that player for
the Calcutta. A shoot out takes place until either no
one scores in a round, then the goalie wins, or when
only one person scores in a round. Whoever bid on the
winning player takes home 50% of the Calcutta
proceeds.

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.

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

Sponsored by Crop Production Services and Cornerstone Insurance.





Laurie Berube,
Recreation Director

Box 280, Birch Hills, Sk S0J 0G0

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

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



Birch Hills United Church News

Thank you to all who donated items for
the Women's Shelter in Prince Albert
and for the local food hampers.



The Birch Hills United Church will be holding it's annual
Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 6:30pm at
the Birchview Nursing Home. All are welcome!

St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service - 4:30pm

December 25th - No Service

December 31st - 4:30pm Service

January 1st - No Service



Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Dec 16 - Anglican Church Community Luncheon
16/17 - Sr. Boys Christmas Classic Basketball
Tournament
22-Jan 2 - School Christmas Break
28 - Blackhawks Shootout Calcutta
- Ugly Sweater Party @ Mane Event
31 - Blackhawks 3rd Annual Comedy Night
- St. Louis Lions Clun New Years Eve
Fireworks Show
Jan 9 - Winter Festival Meeting at Museum
20 - Open Curling Bonspiel
- Anglican Church Community Luncheon
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
16 - 18 - BRRR Chills Winter Festival
20-24 - School Break
Mar 4 - IP MH Tourney
8-12 - Masters Curling Bonspiel
10/11 - Gooser Hockey Tournament
24/25 - 2 Person Curling Bonspiel

Dreamland Optimist Club of Birch Hills Presents

CUPIDS FEBRUARY TRADESHOW Sat Feb 4th 2017

We are now accepting vendor registrations.

Contact Susan @ 306-941-0400 or sdutchak3@gmail.com

Or Rosa @ 306-930-1040

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



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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. 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!