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#### February 1st, 2022

Issue 275

The Walking Club is back! Tuesdays and Thursday morning (9:00-12:00) at the

Civic Centre. Come in out of the cold and get some exercise!

All COVID procedures will be followed to attend:

Proof of Vaccine/Negative Test

Masking

Must check in at the rec office before being admitted.

If you have questions contact the Rec Office @ 306-749-7451 or birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

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**Health Authority** 

Thanks to all our Knitting friends over the last few years.

Everyone is working on their own item at their own speed.

We have sent many bundles to different places in Prince Albert that are very much needed.

If there is anyone in the Birch Hills & area please contact us if you need anything.

Yarn donations are still very much appreciated

Thanks so very much

From the

**Knitting Grannies** 

Contacts:

Shirley Lyons 306-960-4493

Faye Erickson 306-749-2952

## **February Heartbeat Newsletter**



#### **JOHN HERD**

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a safe and wonderful New Year

#### IT'S INCOME TAX TIME

DEADLINE for contributing to your 2020 RRSP is MARCH 01, 2022.

I have my own spreadsheet which can calculate the TAX savings for different RRSP contributions INSTANTLY. This is a FREE service for my clients.

Please contact me before February 24 to give you time to make an additional contribution.

FREE FOR SENIORS: If you live in Birch Hills and you have a SIMPLE TAX RETURN (Old Age Slip, Canada Pension Slip, 1 Bank Slip and/or 1 Pension from work Slip)

I WILL DO YOUR TAXES FOR FREE.

I will pick them up, prepare them, give you a copy, get you to sign the page I need for my files and e-file them for you. (Covid distancing included)

THERE IS NO CATCH - COMPLETELY FREE

In addition to all sorts of PERSONAL TAX RETURNS, I do SMALL CORPORATIONS and FARMS.

Give me a call at 306-749-7337 to set up an appointment.

#### Birch Hills Blackhawks

As of January 27<sup>th</sup>, the Birch Hills Blackhawks are in 1<sup>st</sup> place heading into their final 2 weekends of league play. The Blackhawks will have played the Rosthern Wheatkings on January 28<sup>th</sup> in a battle for first place. They journey to Hague on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> to take on the Royals and the postponed game with the Waldheim Warriors has yet to be rescheduled.

| TEAM        | GP | W  | L  | Т | OL | TP |
|-------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|
| Birch Hills | 15 | 12 | 2  | 0 | 1  | 25 |
| Rosthern    | 15 | 11 | 2  | 0 | 2  | 24 |
| Warman      | 16 | 9  | 4  | 0 | 3  | 21 |
| Waldheim    | 13 | 9  | 3  | 0 | 1  | 19 |
| Shellbrook  | 15 | 9  | 5  | 0 | 1  | 19 |
| Allan       | 16 | 8  | 8  | 0 | 0  | 16 |
| Dalmeny     | 14 | 7  | 7  | 0 | 0  | 14 |
| Cudworth    | 17 | 4  | 11 | 0 | 2  | 10 |
| Clavet      | 13 | 3  | 8  | 0 | 2  | 8  |
| Hague       | 14 | 2  | 12 | 0 | 0  | 4  |

Provincial playoffs for the Blackhawks started on Sunday, January 30th when they travelled to Hafford to take on the Hawks. The second game of the best of three series will be on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Hesje Centre in Birch Hills. The third game, if necessary, is in Birch Hills on Sunday, February 6th<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.

Thank you to everyone who has attended our games this season...there is still a lot of great hockey to watch!

Please watch for posters around town and follow the Blackhawks on Facebook (Birch Hills Sr. Blackhawks) to find out game results and to see who and when we are playing. Go Hawks!

#### Thanks to:

Neil Braaten - Braaten Construction Rupert Bremner – IG Wealth Management

For Sponsoring the Blackhawks January 22<sup>nd</sup> \$500.00 50/50

### St. Mary's Anglican Church, 279 McCallum Avenue, Birch Hills, SK

## St. Mary's service time changes to 9AM in February!

Please wear a mask to church, sanitize and practice social distancing!

Our Wardens for St Mary's, along with Father Jordan, are currently contemplating closing the Church to in-person meetings other that worship services. If the decision is made to only hold in-person worship services, then meetings and bible studies will be conducted via Zoom. You may also attend church via Zoom. Please contact Father Jordan (306) 749-2229 or jordan draper@hotmail.com for the Zoom link.

All events at **St. Mary's, Birch Hills** unless otherwise indicated.

Wednesday, February 2nd 7PM (Location TBD) – **Bible Study** on the Epistle to the Hebrews. To receive a copy of the study guide, email Fr. Jordan Draper at Jordan\_draper@hotmail.com

Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 9AM – Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM – **AGM** (Location TBD)

Wednesday, February 9th 7PM (Location TBD) – **Bible Study** on the Epistle to the Hebrews. To receive a copy of the study guide, email Fr. Jordan Draper at Jordan draper@hotmail.com

Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 9AM – **Septuagesima** 

**Sunday School** at 11AM – contact Karen Pratt @ 306-749-7240 for more information.

Reach Out - Anyone who has clothing donations to supply to homeless and needy folks in Prince albert can leave them outside St Mary's Church, or leave them inside the door if you have a key. They will be taken to an organization in Prince Albert which serves the homeless called Reach Out. Contact Fr Jordan to arrange for Holy Communion at home. Private Confession is by appointment. Contact Fr Jordan. Reach Fr Jordan by phone: (306) 749-2229 or email: jordan draper@hotmail.com

Follow us on Facebook Parish of Birch Hills, Kinistino & Muskoday | Facebook

#### Birch Hills Public Library Report

The Library is now fully opened. Stop by to see what we have to offer.

Open Tues: 11-5 and 6-8; Thurs 1 - 7 Fridays 9 -1.

Check out our new location at 135 Bellamy Avenue.

**Masks Mandatory** 

Book, Puzzle, and Game Sale, We are currently having a sale until February 4th. Stop by during library hours to see what we have to offer

Sheena's Pick. The Forgotten Wife by Lorna Cook

A timeless story of love and sacrifice, offering mystery and murder that will keep you wanting to read more!

Jan is on leave until April 5, 2022. Sheena Mulligan is filling in for Jan. Be sure to stop by and say hi to Sheena!

Join us for Story Time on Fridays at 10:00 am. All ages welcome.

Book and / or Author Recommendation Program

Found a book you love? Why not share with others!! Contact the library at (306) 749-3281 to share your pick!

We have Grab and Go books. It's a selection of common themed books that patrons can pick up without having to search for them.

Watch our Facebook Group for upcoming events.

Join us for a story and craft every Tuesday after school.

Rotating Art Display. Stop by and check out our featured artist of the month! This month featuring Marv Penner, on display Feb 1st through Feb 25th. Join us Tuesday evening, Feb 1st to meet Marv and have coffee.

Royal Canadian Legion, Birch Hills branch #122

**HEARTBEAT SUBMISSION-JAN 31,2022** 

-donations

Poppy Fund Financial Report

Balance as of Sept 30, 2020 \$5,481.26

Revenue-poppy trays 1,373.80

Total \$8,590.06

1,735.00

Expenses-Bursaries \$600.00

-Campaign 200.00

-Poppy supply 278.13 -N. Sk. Regiment 832.48 -10%poppy levy 224.71 -Literary Contest 270.00 -Affinity CU fees 63.64

Total -2,468.96 Balance as of Sept 30, 2021 \$ 6,121.10

Art and Literary Contest 2021

Primary-Grades 1-3

Art-Color Art-Black and White
1st O. Whitson 1st K K Bird
2nd I. Knutsen 2nd K. Phillips
3rd L. Evans 3rd S. Meadows

Junior-Grades 4-6

Art-Color Art-Black and White

1st K. Swales 1st B. Carrier 2nd C. Johnstone 2nd T. Boutin

3rd E. Mickelson 3rd M. Thompson

Intermediate - Grades 7-9

Art-Color Art-Black and White
1st P. Thompson 1st K. Mohninger

Senior Art- Color 1st M. Munro

There were no entries in any of the Literary -poem or Essay sections. Thankyou to all those who participated and all the 1st place winners were entered in District competion.

November, 2021 Memorial Donations to the Poppy Fund

Thank you for all your generous contributions.

Business/Local Government/Private

Quayles Pharmacy Nutrien R.M. of

Invergordon #430

Cornerstone Insurance Lake Country Co-op R.M. of Birch Hills

#460

Affinity Credit Union Baptist Church R.M. of St. Louis

#431

Town of Birch Hills Birchview Home Aux Carlee Braaten

DONATIONS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:

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**BURTON AYLES** 



The Birch Hills Sno Posse is hosting an "Outdoor only event" for Sat. Feb 12, 2022. We will not have a venue for food, drink or gathering due to the ongoing concerns of the pandemic. The poster and our Facebook page "Birch Hills Sno Posse" will provide further details and subject to change in the coming weeks.

Online Registration to get in on the cash and prizes starts Feb 1. Draws will be made Feb 13th.

The Birch Hills Sno Posse extends our deepest gratitude to our supporters throughout the years. If you wish to donate a prize to our rally, contact us through Facebook or any Sno Posse member. Your donation/business card will be posted to our Facebook page.

This Rally is for RIDERS!! Going to be a great trail!

If you want to ride, reach out to me at 306-864-8013. Everyone can buy tickets for the draws – let me know & I'll fix you up! There won't be a "gathering" at the Hall – no food or drinks. On the day of the Rally, we will be there, signing up riders & selling tickets for those who haven't already bought theirs.



# Happy 87thBirthday Floyd Sorensen

Kinistino Skating Club Carnival-March 12

#### RECYCLE

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



#### **CHURCH SERVICES:**

<u>Glad Tidings Tabernacle</u> -Sunday services at 11:00 am.

St Anne Roman Catholic



#### 11:00 am Sunday

Christ Alone Lutheran Brethren Church

(Formerly called Birch Hills Community Church)

Sunday Service 11:00 am

Corner and 4th of Bellamy

Bible Study Thursday Evenings 7:30 pm

Saron Lutheran Church

Hagen, Sk

Sunday Service 9:20 am

**Lake Park Baptist Church** 

Lake Park Baptist Church

Sunday Prayer Time: 8:30-9:30 AM

Morning Cafe 9:30 AM

Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM

Sunday Morning Service: 11:00 AM

Tuesday Evening: Club DJ: 6:45-8:15 PM

Youth Bible Study: 7:00 PM

- Live Streaming will occur during the Sunday Morning Service and later

uploaded to Youtube for viewing.

visit our website @ www.lakepark.ca

If anyone is interested in starting a Pickleball club or Tennis club in Birch Hills please contact me at birch-hillsrec@sasktel.net or by phone at 306-749-7451 or stop in at the rec office and see me.

Thanks to:

Murray & Ramona Swenson -

Twin Groves Farm Ltd.

For Sponsoring the

Blackhawks January 28<sup>th</sup> \$500 50/50

## **Curling News**

**Upcoming Events** 

11th & 12th
2 Person Bonspiel MARCH
18th, 19th & 20th
Call the Rink @ 749 - 2951

## February Birchview Calendar





Thanks to Ron for grooming the cross-country and snowshoe trails.

To ensure our greens and tee boxes survive the winter, we ask that you please stay on the groomed trails. If you ski or showshoe on the greens and tee boxes, the snow compacts and we could have winter kill. If we notice a trail that needs a detour, we will post a notification on Facebook.

Walkers (people & dogs) and snowshoers may use the showshoe trails, but not the ski trails as it ruins the trails. Hopefully, we have nice weather in the forecast so that we can enjoy our hidden gem!

## Blackhawks vs. Waldheim



#### Tentative – watch Facebook for more information

Proof of COVID-19 Double Vaccination (14 or more days since 2nd shot) or a negative COVID\_19 test required to attend

Properly Worn Masks are required (Bandanas or gaiter masks are not appropriate face coverings)

Wed

Time | 8:00pm Canteen & 50/50 Available

Feb 2022

Wakaw Arena Wakaw SK

facebook

### BlackHawks vs. **Hafford**

**Birch Hills** leads the best of 3 series 1-0



Guaranteed \$500 50/50 courtesy:



#### OZMUN FARMS

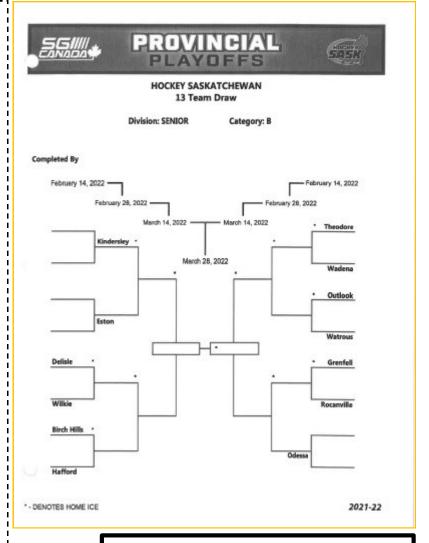
Sat

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Feb 2022 Time | 7:00pm Beverage Garden, Canteen **& 50/50 Available** 

facebook.

The Birch Hills Blackhawks have teamed up with the Kinistino Tigers this year and have entered SGI Canada's Hockey Saskatchewan Senior B Playoffs. Information will be posted and shared on the following Facebook pages (as well as the Heartbeat if possible): Birch Hills Sr. Blackhawks, Kinistino Tigers, Hesje Centre -Birch Hills Skating Arena and Town of Birch Hills Community & Recreation. The first team we will face is the Hafford Hawks, GO BLACKHAWKS! Due to Covid-19, games may be rescheduled or postponed with little notice. Information will be posted and shared on the following Facebook pages (as well as the Heartbeat if possible): Birch Hills Sr. Blackhawks, Hesje Centre - Birch Hills Skating Arena and Town of Birch Hills Community & Recreation and if time permits, on posters, the rink sign and the Main Street



#### Thanks to:

sandwich board



Built on trust.

For sponsoring the Blackhawks' January 28<sup>th</sup> Calcutta Shoot-out Go Hawks!

## Provincial Hockey BlackHawks Vs. Hafford



#### Game 1

Sun, Jan 30 4:00pm @ Hafford Game 2

Sat, Feb 5 7:00pm @ Birch Hills **Game 3** (if needed)

Sun, Feb 6 2:30pm @ Birch Hills

negative Covid test required to

Sat/Sun **5/6** 

2022

Licensed Beverage Garden; Canteen; 50/50

**Feb** Proof of Covid Vaccination or

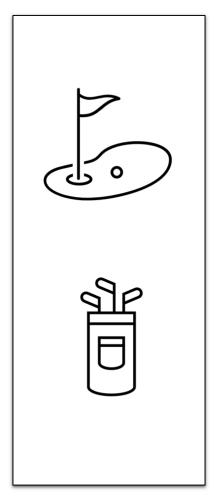
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facebook.

The Birch Hills Golf Course has seasonal employment opportunities for 2022. We are seeking Clubhouse reception/sales and kitchen staff (full & part time) - must have Food Safe and Serve it Right (for full-time positions) certifications (or be willing to take course/s; online is available) and provide proof of certification, prior to employment.

Computer skills, golf experience, and customer service skills would be considered an asset. Must be 19 years of age to apply for full-time positions. These positions involve customer service (phone, in-person and on-line), food and beverage preparation and serving, cleaning (inside and outside) and golf course marshalling as well as other miscellaneous duties.

Please submit resumes to email address: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or birchhills-golfcourse@gmail.com no later than March 15, 2022 or drop off at Birch Hills Recreation Office at 126 McCallum Avenue by March 15th, 2022.



## Thinking of getting a golf membership this year?

- For the 2022 season, we are offering half-price memberships (\$300) for new adult members (haven't been a member in the previous 5 seasons 2017-2021; purchase deadline is June  $1^{\rm st}$ , 2022)
- Golf Canada / Golf Saskatchewan membership not included; Installment payments are not available for this offer
- Gift certificates and passes are also available
- Contact birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or 306-749-7451 for more information

