



HEARTBEAT

The 'Birch Hills Heartbeat' newsletter is printed bi-monthly 1st and 15th of the month. It is available at the following locations: **Birch Hills Recreation Office**, Lake Country Co-op, Grumpy's Confectionary, Quayle's Pharmacy, and other businesses downtown. Pick up your free copy and share with a friend. Send your email address and request to be added to newsletter emailing list to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

April 15th, 2022

Issue 280

2022 SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Help Support your Playground Program: There are plans in place again for a playground program this summer. This program has been free to all kids ages 5-12yrs and we would like to continue the program at no charge. There are grants available but not all costs are covered. In the past businesses and individuals have donated towards this program for nutrition snacks, craft supplies, tons of fun Mon-Fri (Jul/Aug) and competitive wages for our leaders. If you are interested in assisting with budget requirements, please contact Rec Office for more info.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Applications are being accepted at the Rec Office for Play Leaders and assistants this summer. Hours vary with positions. Must be available June 20th through Aug 21st, Monday to Friday. Must be 14 yrs+, a current full time student returning to school in the fall.. Please submit your application to the rec office by April 30th.

Scrap Metal Drive fundraiser for the rink is still ongoing. There is a collection bin located at the lift station on Ward Road. Anything with metal on it can be donated. There will be an account under "Birch Hills Skating Rink" at McDonald's Metal in Prince Albert for those who wish to drop stuff off there.

April issues of this Birch Hills activity newsletter are sponsored by:

**KLEEN BEE
BIRCH HILLS CONSERVATION AND
DEVELOPMENT AREA ASSOCIATION
CMT SIGN SHOP**

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

Mom's Morning Coffee

Tuesday mornings at the
Birch Hills Library
starting March 1 2022

10:30 am - 12:00pm

**ALL MOMMAS AND
CHILDREN WELCOME**

This group was created because all Moms need a place to talk, support each other, do crafts, go for walks, and socialize.

For more information contact Jessica @ 306-930-7171

April Heartbeat Sponsors

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

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BIRCH HILLS CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AREA ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

IN PERSON

DUANE LOWE COMMUNITY CENTRE

BELLAMY AVENUE
BIRCH HILLS, SK.

APRIL 27TH, 2022

9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Any rate payers in the Birch Hills Conservation and Development water shed are invited to attend.

Please direct questions to: Ashley 306-921-3707 or ashleyheavin1@gmail.com

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*jackets

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including Jerseys

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*bags

*blankets

*lawnchairs

ALL THINGS PROMO & ALL THINGS CUSTOM!

Thank you for shopping local!



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

All events at **St. Mary's, Birch Hills** unless otherwise indicated. Contact Father Jordan to attend an event via **Zoom**. If anyone is interested in **Baptism this Easter**, please contact the Rector immediately.

Given the current rise in Covid cases and hospitalizations across the country and in our region, the wearing of masks, while not mandated, is encouraged.

Friday, April 15th – **Good Friday**: 7:00AM Morning Prayer; 7:15AM Holy Communion; 10:00AM Veneration of the Cross; Address – Mr. Will Barton

Saturday, April 16th 11:00PM – **The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter**; Address Mr. Will Barton

Sunday, April 17th 9:00AM – **Easter Sunday Holy Communion**

Sunday, April 17th 9:00AM – **Easter**

Tuesday, April 19th 3:00PM – 5:00PM – **St. Mary's Metaversity** (After School Program, for Youth ages 8-14). This program includes a snack, activity / game, Bible lesson / Catechism, and prayer / song. Contact Father Jordan (306-749-2229) for more information.

Wednesday, April 20th 7:30PM – **Bible Study** on the Epistle to the Hebrews at the Rectory (210 Taylor Avenue) or over Zoom [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86706368238?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86706368238?pwd=RXcrNkpEMkJUZkdZQWRhdVFqd1dMUT09)

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Sunday, April 24th 9:00AM – **Sunday After Easter**

Tuesday, April 26th 3:00PM – 5:00PM – **St. Mary's Metaversity** (see April 19th)

Wednesday, April 27th – Bible Study (see April 20th)

Sunday School at 9AM – contact Karen Pratt @ 306-749-7240 for more information.

The **Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby** and the **National Indigenous Archbishop, Mark Macdonald** will visit the Diocese of Saskatchewan this spring from April 29th - May 3rd, 2022.

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 the Prince Albert organization, Reach Out, which serves the homeless.

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



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Birch Hills Library Report

135 Bellamy Ave
(306)749-3281

bircirc@wapitilibrary.ca

Open Tues: 11-5 and 6-8;

Thurs 12:30 – 2:30 and 3 – 7 new times

Fridays 9 -1.

Masks are encouraged.

Join our Facebook group at: [https://](https://www.facebook.com/groups/289306315777789/)

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Weekly events:

Mom's group Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Story and craft after school on Tuesdays

Story time with craft and snack on Fridays at 10:00 am. All ages welcome.

Contact the library if you have a book you would like to recommend for others to read

Check out our artist of the month! This month features Blaine Mulligan and his photography as well as Natalie Matheson and her crocheted critters.

Special events:

May 3, 7:00 pm – Small Space Gardening with Angie from Wright's Greenhouse. Cost is \$5.00. Please preregister with the library.

May 13, 1:30 – Kokedama class with An-nelle Johnstone. Cost is \$5.00. Please preregister at the library.

May 24, 1:30 pm – Perennial swap. Bring five or so of your perennials and swap with others.

May 31, Time to be determined; Build a Pot with Angie from Wright's Greenhouse. Angie will be bringing annuals and help you to fill your flower pots. Cost is the plants.

Our Easter colouring contest winners will be posted in the library and next month's Heartbeat.

Mother's Day Colouring contest sheets are now available at the library!

Kid's bored during Easter break? Send them down to the library!

Nadine's Pick

Touch and Go by Lisa Gardner

A team of hard-nosed professionals interrupts a troubled couple's tentative reunion by kidnapping them both, along with their teenage daughter.

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 online), food and beverage preparation and serving, cleaning (inside and outside) and golf course marshalling as well as other miscellaneous duties.

If you aren't 19 years of age, we may have part-time positions to assist in and around the clubhouse (duties are similar to above.)

Please submit resumes to email address: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or birchhillsgolfcourse@gmail.com or drop off at Birch Hills Recreation Office at 126 McCallum Avenue.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Glad Tidings Tabernacle -
Sunday services at 11:00 am.

St Anne Roman Catholic

11 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



Sportsground AGM

April 19th 7:00 Pm

@DLCC

(Duane Lowe Community Centre)

RECYCLE

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



Crystal Springs Rec Co-op BINGO IS BACK!!

BINGO

Starting Pots

Lucky 7 - \$50 in 20#'s
Bonanza - \$150 in 55#'s
Jackpot - \$300 in 54#'s

**NEW
START
TIME**

Starts Tuesday, April 5th
Crystal Springs Hall
Doors open @ 6:15 pm
Bingo starts @ 7:00 pm

50/50 Draw ~ Free Coffee & Treats
Queen/King for the Night
Weekly Door Prize ~ Monthly Loyalty Draw

Girl Guide Chocolate and Vanilla Sandwich Cookies are available at Quayle's Pharmacy. \$5 per box.
Thank you for supporting the Birch Hills Guiding Association!

April Birchview Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2022</h1>					Katie 1	2
					10:30 April Fool's Day Trivia Fun 2:30 Bingo Canteen is open	
 Happy Birthday Ann Palm Sunday	3 Sabrina Haircare 11:00 Manicures 2:30 Horseracing Game 5:00 Pizza Supper	4 Sabrina 10:45 Sing a long 2:30 Anglican Church Canteen is open	5 10:30 Tonechimes 2:15 Painting Corner	6 8:00 Breakfast Club ~Group 1 Haircare 2:30 Olive and Friends	7 10:30 Exercises & Trivia 2:30 Bingo Canteen is open	8 9
	10 10:30 One on Ones 2:30 Decorating Easter Eggs	11 11:00 Ladies Aux Meeting 2:30 Bingo Canteen is open	12 10:30 Tonechimes 2:30 Easter Trivia and Hot Cross Buns	13 Haircare 11:00 Brunch Club ~ Group 2 2:30 Community Church	14 	15 16
	17 HAPPY EASTER Easter Sunday	18 11:00 Making Puppy Treats 2:30 Baptist Church Canteen is open	19 Recreation Shopping Morning 2:30 Tonechimes 5:00 KFC Supper	20 Haircare 12:00 Lunch Club ~ Group 3 2:30 Show and Tell	21 10:30 Bible Study with Friends 2:30- Bingo Canteen is open	22 23
24 	25 Haircare 11:00 Country Drive to Kaylan's Farm & DQ Ice Cream	26 Happy Birthday Eric 11:00 Resident Council 2:30 Roman Catholic Church Canteen is open	27 10:30 Tonechimes 2:30 Ice Cream Sundaes	28 8:00 Breakfast Club ~ Group 4 Haircare 2:30 Drumming & Popcorn Snack	29 Portia 10:30 Reminiscing Game 2:30 Bingo Canteen is open	30 

Birch Hills Dance Centre News

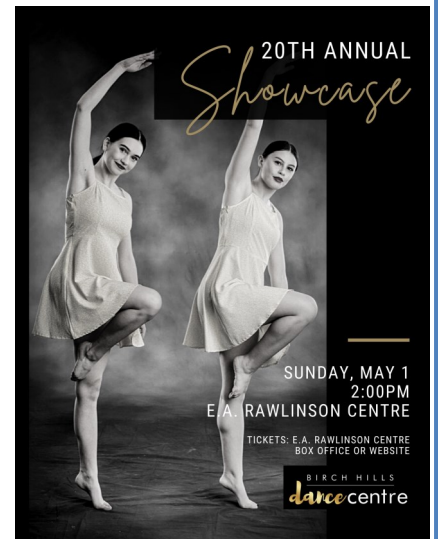
Tickets are now on sale for the year-end "20th Annual Dance Showcase" Recital taking place at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre in Prince Albert on Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m. They may be purchased on-line or at the E.A. Rawlinson box office.

Congratulations to all of our dancers who performed at the Dance Experience competition in Tisdale on March 31 - April 3 and last week-end at the Dance City Competition in Saskatoon.

At Tisdale Hunter Stubbs was awarded 3 Platinum medals as well as special adjudicator awards for her solo performances in Jazz, Modern/Contemporary, and Lyrical as well as an End of Festival Awards for Excellence in Choreography for her Jazz solo and Artistry & Choreography for her Modern/Contemporary solo. Other special adjudicator awards went to Brynlee Carrier and Madelyn Ranford for their Modern Duet, Brynlee Carrier for her Jazz Solo, Callie Braaten for her Musical Theatre Solo, Brynlee Carrier and Elin Cochrane for their Musical Theatre Duet, Burning House (Lyrical Group), Carry You (Senior Modern Group), Supers! (Junior Character Ballet), Heroes Come in All Shapes & Sizes (Senior Musical Theatre Group), Olivia Harvey and Hadley Gariepy for their Hip Hop Duet and Y2K Flashback (Senior Hip Hop Group). End of Festival awards also went to Burning House (Senior Lyrical) for Artistry and Choreography, Brynlee and James Carrier for Best Costume for Duet and Brynlee was awarded a Summer Camp Dance Scholarship to Just for Kix Summer Camp. Birch Hills dancers came home with 9 Gold, 18 Silver and 2 Bronze medals.

In Saskatoon, 22 First Place Gold medals, 4 Second Place Silver medals and 2 Third Place Bronze medals were awarded to Birch Hills dancers. Adjudicator Stand Out Awards went to Callie Braaten for her Musical Theatre solo, The Lotto (Tap Group), Brynlee Carrier and Madelyn Ranford for their Contemporary duet and Jaelynn Fjeld and Callie Braaten for their Lyrical duet. A special Choreography award went to Kayla Doderai for choreographing Hunter Stubbs' Lyrical Solo.

Come and support our local talented dancers on Sunday, May 1st at 2 p.m. at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre in Prince Albert. Dancers, ages 3 to teen will be performing. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.



Weldon Trade Show

Saturday, April 30, 2022

10 am to 2 pm

Weldon Auditorium

Lunch available

Vendors featured: Avon, Watkins, Partylite, Plunder Jewelry, RLM Custom Designs, Epicure, Norwex, Color Street Nails, Twisted Creek Apparel, Iris' Blankets, Chalk Couture, The Make Bank, Brenda's Handmade Treasures, Modere, Jasta Creations, Living Sky Farms, Care Home baking, She's Got Leggz.

Call or text Brenda at 960-8335 for more information

*Proceeds to Weldon Auditorium

STRUTHERS LAKE REGIONAL PARK

Campsite/Cabin
bookings by phone
April 1st
Call (306) 864-3240

REGIONAL PARKS OF SASKATCHEWAN

f i t l n You Tube

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Reunions
Birthday Parties
RESERVATIONS
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GAZEBO RENTAL

STRUTHERS LAKE REGIONAL PARK
Available May 20, 2022 to September 4, 2022

Rental : Daily \$200.00 Half Day \$100.00 (stove, bbq, fridges)
strutherslakerp@gmail.com for more info.

SASKATCHEWAN REGIONAL PARKS

CAMPING 2022

Struthers Lake Regional Park

Campsite
Electrical: \$30.00 /night
Non Electrical: \$15.00/night

Cabin Rental
\$65.00-\$75.00 /night
Group Camping/tenting available

Day Pass
\$5.00/day
\$50.00 per season

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Want a campsite? Book a cabin? Call us April 1st.
CONTACT US AT (306) 864 3240

STRUTHERS LAKE REGIONAL PARK

2022 JOB VACANCY

WE ARE HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

Part-time Campground Attendant
and
Concession Manager

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OR EMAIL @
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Birch Hills & District Historical Society
"Striving to Preserve our Heritage"

Box 693, BIRCH HILLS
SASKATCHEWAN S0J 0G0
Phone: 306-749-2262



MUSEUM THRIFT STORE

OPEN

WEDNESDAY – 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

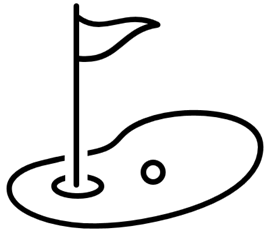
SATURDAY – 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Birch Hills Safe Grad Committee Fundraiser

Please drop off your bottles at any Sarcas in Saskatchewan from now until June 1 and tag them with "Birch Hills Grad" The boys will be coming around April 23rd in person as well!!

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

For more information call/text Jan @ 306-961-2212



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 1st, 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



Crystal Springs Rec Co-op

Mother's Day

BRUNCH

Let's Make Every Mom Special!!

Sunday, May 8th

10 am to 1 pm

Adults \$13

6-12 years \$7

Thank you to the 2021-2022 volunteer staff at the Skating Rink Canteen – Ethel, Iris, Shannon, Greg and John and also to the employees – Nova, Alayna, Mallie, Sarah and Kendall.

And thank you to all the volunteer staff that helped out with the Ice this season. Jaesen Stewart Greg Adam Carl Neil also the employees Chevy and Hubert

Your help this Season was greatly appreciated.
–The Birch Hills Arena Board

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL

Rural Municipality of Birch Hills No. 460

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the RM of Birch Hills No. 460 for the year of 2022 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the following days: Monday to Friday inclusive April 14th to May 17th, 2022, with the exception of public holidays as per the regulation below.

A bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against their assessment is required to file the notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$50.00 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful. All appeals are to be submitted to:

Kelly Sandelin, Board of Revision Secretary
c/o RM of Invergordon No. 430
Box 40
Crystal Springs, SK, S0K 1A0

By the 17th day of May, 2022

Dated this 14th day of April, 2022

Cherie Opseth, Assessor
RM of Birch Hills No. 460
Box 369
279 Bellamy Avenue
Birch Hills, SK, S0J 0G0

Birch Hills & Area Health Foundation Inc. Tuesday, April 26, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m. Birch Hills Health Centre Meeting Room. Please use Health Centre outside doors. Masks are required. Everyone Welcome. Contact Shirley Graupe @ 306-749-2438. Hope to see you there.

Rec Board AGM
April 25th @ DLCC
(Duane Lowe Community Centre)
7:00PM

Birch Hills Senior Recreation Club News

The BH Senior Rec Club is happy to say “ We are back up and running and ready for fun!!!

We have held a few executive meetings to get reorganized and are enjoying our new “home” at the DLCC (Duane Lowe Community Centre).

We are a club that is open to anyone that is 50 years of age and older and are welcoming new members. Our objective is to provide a safe place for seniors to gather for exercise games, fun, and entertainment. At the time of writing we have well over 50 members and membership is just \$15/ person/annually.

To check us out, you are welcome to join us as a guest for 3 visits and then will be required to purchase a membership to continue to attend any functions we host.

Currently we have regular game times on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 2-4pm. Games consist of a real variety and I'm sure will continue to expand: cards, Crokinole, board games, and carpet bowling. There is always coffee/tea and cookies available and you don't have to participate in games , you can come just to socialize too!!! Each day is a \$2 Drop-in fee for everyone.

We are planning to have some Special events on Fridays – our first one is Friday April 8 at 2pm as our local Monday group of Line Dancers will be coming to perform for us and we'll have a socializing time afterwards.. A cost of \$2 drop in fee is the admission. In the future we are aiming to get guest speakers on a variety of subjects, crafts, entertainment. These will be open to all over the age of 50! Also if you have suggestions please let us know what may interest you.

Our Facebook page is: Birch Hills Senior Recreation Club watch there and the Heartbeat for updates !

If you need a ride to come down to the DLCC CONTACT Iris Fjeld, Joanne Howes or Shirley Ulvild, we'll get you there!!!!

For more info contact any of our board of directors:

Iris Fjeld- 306-749-7377 – Richard Epp- 306-961-0653- Joanne Howes- 306-749-3435- John Herd- 306-749-7337- Val Quayle-306-749-3190-Maxine Cromartie-306-749-2564-Del Braaten-306-749-2726 -Shirley Ulvild-206-749-2500-Grace Penner-306-749-7102- Lyle Evans-306-930-8074- Stewart Adams- 306-749-7439..

WELDON CARE HOME ANNUAL MEETING WED. APRIL 27 7:00 pm AT THE WELDON SILVERTON

Kinistino Metis Local @43 AGM
Saturday, May 7 at 11 am
Weldon Auditorium Meeting Room
Potluck lunch and regular meeting to follow.

COVID-19 

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Deliver nutritious meals and share a smile with those in need.

Sign up today!

Contact your local Volunteer Coordinator for further information :

Email: VOLUNTEERS@paphr.sk.ca Phone: (306) 765-6119 | (306) 940-7490 or (306) 941-8365

We are currently recruiting Volunteers in Birch Hills, Duck Lake, Cudworth, Kinistino,

Prince Albert, Rosthern and Wakaw.

We're taking necessary precautions to ensure deliveries continue safely during this time.



saskatchewan.ca/COVID19
February 2022

Blackhawks Hold 7th Annual Comedy Night

The Birch Hills Blackhawks would like to thank everyone who attended their 7th Annual Comedy Night, sponsored by Nutrien Ag Solutions. We hope you enjoyed attending as much as we enjoyed hosting you. Lots of people work hard to make this event a success, including: Iris Fjeld (emcee), Bike Bob (5050), Weldon 4H Beef Club, Quayles's Pharmacy (ticket sales), Ramona Swenson (lunch), and Jamie Tilford & Laura Swenson (for doing whatever else needs to be done), the players, our silent auction donors (listed below), our main sponsor, Nutrien Ag Solutions and our comedian, Kathleen McGee. Our 8th Annual Comedy Night is booked for Saturday, January 7th, 2023.

Thanks to our 2022 Comedy Night Silent Auction Sponsors:

Anderson Pump House/Aquifer, Prince Albert - Trevor Ernst

BA Robinson, Prince Albert

BASF - Rush Warale

Birch Hills Golf Course

Broda Group, Prince Albert - Todd Becker

Carter's Custom Ag, Birch Hills

Catz'n'Jammers, Melfort

Cervus Equipment, Prince Albert

CMT Signshop, Birch Hills

Econo Lumber, Prince Albert - Lionel Turgeon

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Nutrien Ag Solutions, Birch Hills

Peak Electric, Birch Hills

Rosy's KG Bar, Birch Hills

Seams 2 Be, Birch Hills - Karen Lemon

Source for Sports, Prince Albert - Kyle Boettcher

Starlite Glass, Melfort

Thomas Motors, Melfort

Twin Groves Farm & Carter's Custom Ag, Birch Hills

Tyler Tilford

Waskesiu Golf Course

Worley Hoppers, Melfort

Our annual golf tournament and steak supper is scheduled for Saturday, August 13th. This will also be our year-end windup. Please watch Facebook, the Heartbeat and for posters regarding future Blackhawks events.

Legion News

Monday night darts is suspended until after harvest.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Legion golf tournament is scheduled for July 23rd.

Further details in future Heartbeats

Town and RM Battle Field Scabious

For a number of years the Town and RM of Birch Hills have been waging war on the weed Field Scabious.

The weed has been found growing in and around the cemetery. Infestations have also been found west of the cemetery and in the ditches adjacent to highways 3 & 25.

Field Scabious is a very invasive weed and has earned a spot on the 'prohibited' weed list under the provincial Weed Control Act. A single plant can produce 1,000's of seeds over one summer. The seeds drop to the ground and are spread by wind, water and birds. The intention of the control project is to eliminate the weed using a combination of timely mowing and/or chemical application.

Local residents may have noticed the cemetery looking a bit ragged in the spring as mowing is delayed.

Delayed mowing allows time for the Field Scabious to grow and stick its head up above the grass.

Once the weed can be easily seen, control measures can take place. Unfortunately, this may take until the end of June. The weed can grow to a height of 1 m with many stems and flower heads. It is thought that someone may have unknowingly planted an imported wild flower mix, containing Field Scabious seed, around a grave site.

Field Scabious is actually a common yard flower in many parts of Europe. It is known for its colorful violet/blue flower, similar to a Bachelor Button, and is very attractive to bees.

The area in and around the cemetery is monitored over the summer by Weed Inspector Barry Swanson.

Local residents will note a multitude of colored flags in the area over the summer – each marking a Field Scabious plant. Infestations, both old and new, are flagged and control measures taken. The location of the weed varies from year to year as both new and old seed can germinate. The long term goal is to keep the plants from setting seed and spreading to adjacent farm land.

Cooperators on this ongoing project are the Town of Birch Hills, RM of Birch Hills, Lake Country Co-op and the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

