



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

December 15th, 2022

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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. **DO NOT DUMP IF BIN IS FULL, also DO NOT DUMP METAL ITEMS ON THE GROUND.** This project is 100% on donation if we abuse this project we may lose it. Sometimes it has taken a while for the bin to be picked up so please check before you haul your metal. Thank you to all that have donated and continue to do so!

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

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. LOUIS NO. 431

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HAVE YOU PLAYED ON A
BIRCH HILLS HOCKEY TEAM?

HOMETOWN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

OPEN TO ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 19 THAT
HAS PLAYED ON A BIRCH HILLS HOCKEY TEAM

DECEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 31

FRIDAY WING NIGHT AND PLAYER DRAFT
SATURDAY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

\$50 PER PLAYER

**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**.

The wearing of masks and social distancing, while not mandated, is encouraged.

Friday, December 16th – **Youth Event:** Movie Night "Saint May-be" (contact Father Jordan for details)

Sunday, December 18th 11:00AM – **Holy Communion; Fourth Sunday in Advent;** Coffee to follow

Wednesday, December 21st – **Bible Study** (location TBD)

Saturday, December 24th (Time TBD) - **Christmas Eve**

Sunday, December 25th 11:00AM – **Christmas Day**

TBD – Sunday School **Christmas Concert**

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 Ethel Rutherford (306-749-7444) regarding Sunday School.

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_draپر@hotmail.com

For more information about youth activities and other events:



Follow us on Facebook [Parish of Birch Hills, Kinistino & Muskoday](#) | [Facebook](#)

Birch Hills Library Report

135 Bellamy Ave
(306)749-3281

bircirc@wapitilibrary.ca

Open Tues: 11-5 and 6-8;

Thurs 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Fridays 9 -1.

Masks are encouraged.

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

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groups/289306315777789/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/289306315777789/)

Weekly events:

Tuesdays – afterschool crafts.

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 Community Artists.

Special events:

Christmas Coloring Contest

Stop by the library for your coloring sheet today! Due back on December 20th, prizes to be awarded on December 22nd.

Maxine's Pick:

Don't They KICK When You Do That?

by Dr. Gary Hoium

Dr. Gary Hoium was a veterinarian in Weyburn for 36 years. This book is a collection of his memories, while in his mixed animal practice – both in the clinic and out on farms in the late winter and early spring, often during calving season. One of the 41 chapters involves an escaped 1800-pound bull, right in the city of Weyburn. There are stories of dogs, cats, squirrels, pigs, horse and cattle, which makes a very interesting collection.

In 2003, Gary received the prestigious "Veterinarian of the Year" award. He almost missed the presentation!!!

*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
7:00 pm*

*Christ Alone Church
Birch Hills
Corner of 4th Street and Bellamy*

CHRIST



Ho-Ho-Hole In One



Shop from home and shop local – contact
 birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or 306-749-7451 for the perfect
 gift for the golfer in your life – gift certificates, memberships
 and passes are available.

For the 2023 season, we are offering half-price
 memberships (\$317.50) for new adult members (haven't
 been a member in the previous 5 seasons 2018-2022;
 purchase deadline TBD when we open in the Spring)

*Golf Canada / Golf Saskatchewan membership not included;
 Installment payments are not available for this offer*



Library News

Beginning January 2023

BHPL will be open an addi-
 tional 8 hours per week!

New hours: Tuesday 11-5 &
 6-8

Wednesday 12-5

Thursday: 1-7

Friday: 9-1

Saturday: 10-1

Watch for **NEW** children
 programs

Lake Park Baptist Church

Sunday school for all ages at
 10 AM starting January 8

Sunday Morning Service 11
 AM

live stream and weekly
 viewing available
 at lakepark.ca.

Ladies Bible Study - Monday
 mornings from 9:45-12. All
 ladies welcome.

Contact Billie-Jean Thomp-
 son 306-981-4574

Club DJ for ages K-Gr
 6. Tuesdays from 6:45-
 8:15. \$45.00 for crafts and
 book. Contact Rachelle Git-
 zel to register - 306-314-
 1234.

Tuesday evening Youth Bi-
 ble Study

Friday night Youth Events.

Sunday, December 18

No Morning Cafe or Sunday
 School

Worship Service - 11 AM

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight
 Service - 7 PM

Sunday, December 25

No Worship Service

Sunday, January 1

Worship Service - 11 AM

Contact James Banman
 at lakeparkyouth@gmail.co
 m for more information.

CHURCH

SERVICES:



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

St Anne Roman Catholic

9 AM Sunday

Christ Alone Lutheran Breth-
 ren Church

(Formerly called Birch Hills
 Community Church)

Sunday Service 11:00 am

Corner and 4th of Bellamy

Bible Study Thursday Eve-
 nings 7:30 pm

Saron Lutheran Church

Hagen, Sk

Sunday Service 9:20 am

November 13,27

Dec 11, 18

Candle light service Decem-
 ber 23rd 7:30 Pm @ Betha-
 nia

Sunday, January 8

Morning Cafe - 9:30 AM

Sunday School for all ages -
 10 AM

Worship Service - 11 AM

Weekly Volleyball to run Mondays evenings contact the
 rec office for more information.

306-749-7451 or

birchhillrec@sasktel.net

RECYCLE

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



The Birch Hills Curling Club

Save Our Rink Fundraising Campaign

Our Birch Hills Curling Club has been the hub of activity for years. Recently, the much-needed upgrade to our ice plant, has insured that it will be the hub of activities for many more years to come. We, as a club, are proud of our rink both with regards to the facility and the active membership. We have unfortunately seen other clubs in the rural areas close their doors due to low membership and that is not the case for our rink. We are thriving and our board is proud to say that our membership continues to exceed our expectations and our bonspiels are events that our curlers and community members look forward to every year. For this reason, we did not hesitate to move forward and upgrade the ice plant even though the financial obligation is of considerable size.

Our club is looking for financial support from the community to assist with the \$86,000 owing for the curling club's share of the upgrade. (ice plant is shared with the skating rink) This support can take place through attending fundraisers this season, and we look forward to bringing activities to the community that will be fun and profitable for our club. This support can also be received by donation. If anyone in the community and surrounding area would like to contribute with a donation, we would greatly appreciate your support. You can send your donation to The Town of Birch Hills and in return receive a taxable receipt for your generosity. A minimum of \$25 to receive a receipt, make cheques payable to Town of Birch Hills with a note that the money is to go towards the curling rink.

Stay tuned for upcoming fundraising events....

The Open Bonspiel January 13th & 14th, The Seniors Bonspiel January 23rd – 26th, The Ladies Bonspiel Feb 10 & 11 and [The](#) 2 Person Bonspiel March 17th 18th and 19th

Any questions concerns can be directed to the club president: Shelly Carriere 306-961-8810

Date	Home	Away	Location	Time
11/05/2022	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Rosthern Wheatkings	Hesje Centre	7:00 PM
11/12/2022	Allan Flames	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Allan Arena	8:00 PM
11/18/2022	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Cudworth Tricky Maroons	Hesje Centre	8:30 PM
11/20/2022	Shellbrook Silvertips	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Shellbrook Skating Rink	3:00 PM
11/26/2022	Clavet Cougars	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Clavet Arena	8:30 PM
12/02/2022	Beardy's	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Beardy's Memorial Arena	8:00 PM
12/03/2022	Hanley Huskies	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Hanley Arena	8:30 PM
12/09/2022	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Allan Flames	Hesje Centre	8:30 PM
12/11/2022	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Hanley Huskies	Hesje Centre	3:00 PM
01/06/2023	Cudworth Tricky Maroons	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Cudworth Arena	8:00 PM
01/13/2023	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Clavet Cougars	Hesje Centre	8:30 PM
01/14/2023	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Hague Royals	Hesje Centre	8:00 PM
01/20/2023	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Kinistino Tigers	Hesje Centre	8:30 PM
01/21/2023	Kinistino Tigers	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Kinistino Sports Complex	7:30 PM
01/27/2023	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Dalmeny Sabres	Hesje Centre	8:30 PM
01/28/2023	Waldheim Warriors	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Waldheim Rec Centre	7:30 PM



LIGHT UP THE TOWN
IN BIRCH HILLS

**CONTINUOUS
CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE**

FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO
TOWARDS NEW LIGHT POST
DECORATIONS ON MAIN STREET
FOR THE 2023 SEASON

DROP & GO @ SARCAN CAN BE
DONATED TO RYSC YOUTH GROUP

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED
OFF @ 51 POPLAR
DRIVE, CORNER OF 4TH STREET
& BELLAMY OR CALL FOR PICK
UP @ 306-314-9967




**Blackhawks
SWAG**




Can Coozie - \$40

Driver Cover (black) - \$40

Club Cover (tan) - \$20

Perfect for Christmas

Etsf to blackhawkssrhockey@gmail.com
Pick up at games or call 306-749-7542

**2023 Membership
Payment Plan**



As of October 1, 2022, we are required to collect PST on golf memberships; therefore the amount payable will be \$635.00 (price is valid until 2023 AGM held in April)

How to Pay:

- Leave post-dated cheques payable to the Birch Hills Golf Course at the Recreation Office (125 McCallum Avenue)
- E-transfer to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net (include golfer's name and what you are purchasing so we can track it properly)
- Stop at the Recreation Office and pay with cash or a cheque (open 9 to 5 M-F)
- Pay at the Golf Course until October 10, 2022



**BIRCHVIEW
BIG BUCKS**

Get your Ticket Now
You Don't Miss Out
On the Chance to Win

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TICKETS \$100.00 EACH

Prizes

- 11 - \$1,500 Cash Prize
- 1 - \$2,500 Cash Prize
- 12 Chances to Win

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Contact for Tickets:
Krista- 306-749-7468
Pam- 306-960 0771
Birchview Home- 306-749-2288

GO FOR IT !
GOOD LUCK !



TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS COMMUNITY WELL BEING SURVEY.

WE ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY AS PART OF COUNCILS STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVES.

PLEASE NOTE THE OTHER METHODS OF COMPLETING THIS SURVEY:

TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS DECEMBER NEWSLETTER - QR CODE

TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS WEBSITE - POP UP ON HOME PAGE

HEARTBEAT NEWSLETTER - QR CODE

PAPER COPIES AVAILABLE IN OFFICE AND UPON REQUEST, INCLUDING VIA EMAIL

SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY,
PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE 306-749-2232.