



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**

January 1st, 2023

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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!

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

CRYSTAL SPRINGS REC CO-OP

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.

2023 Memberships



If you had a membership in the previous 5 years, the amount payable is \$635.00

For new adult members (haven't had a membership in the previous 5 years 2018-2022), the amount payable in full is \$317.50 (Deadline to be determined)

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)
- (Price valid until 2023 AGM held in April)

January Heartbeat Sponsor

CRYSTAL SPRINGS Rec Co-op
2023 POKER RALLY
Saturday, February 4, 2023
Crystal Springs Hall
Registration: 10 am – 1 pm

Last Rider Out by 1 pm
Riders Back by 5 pm
DRAWS AT 5 PM

Hands 1/\$10 or 3/\$20
1st 25% + 2nd 15% + 3rd 10%
Raffle & 50/50 Tickets
1/\$10 or 3/\$20

Cash Bar • Hot Lunch
Fuel Available

Snow or no Snow, this Event is a Go!
For more info, call Lynn 306-864-8013

2023 CRYSTAL SPRINGS COFFEE ROW

Jan 4th	Feb 1st	Mar 1st
Apr 5th	May 3rd	Jun 7th
Jul 5th	Aug 2nd	Sep 6th
Oct 4th	Nov 1st	Dec 6th

Please join us at Crystal Springs Hall
Bring a friend -- it's a wonderful
opportunity for friends & neighbours
to get together!!

For more information,
call Donna 306-314-5672

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**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.

Sunday, January 1st 11:00AM – **Octave Day of Christmas**; no Sunday School

Thursday, January 5th 6:00PM – **Epiphany Potluck** @ the Rectory

Sunday, January 8th 11:00AM – **Epiphany I**; no Sunday School

Sunday, January 15th 11:00AM – **Epiphany II**; no Sunday School

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 or private confession is by appointment.

Reach Fr Jordan by phone: (306) 749-2229 or email: jordan.draper@hotmail.com

For more information about youth activities and other events:



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

I'm going to try a new thing for 2023. On the next page is a community calendar. For the moment I will just post it in the Heartbeat, but will work on getting an online version. If you have events going on in town please pass it along so I can add it to the calendar (birchhillsrec@sasktel.net.)

Birch Hills Library Report

135 Bellamy Ave
(306)749-3281

bircirc@wapitilibrary.ca

NEW HOURS!!!

Open Tuesday: 11-5 and 6-8

Wednesday: 12 - 5

Thursday: 1 - 7

Friday: 9 - 1

Saturday: 10 - 1

Masks are encouraged.

Join our Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/289306315777789/>

Weekly events:

Tuesdays – afterschool crafts.

Fridays at 10:00 am Story time with craft and snack. 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 Beverly Redman and her daughter Tamara.

Special events:

Tuesday, January 3rd, from 6 – 8. Meet and Greet the Artist of the Month.

Join us for coffee and meet our Artists Beverly Redman and her daughter Tamara, while checking out their artwork and beautiful crocheted sets!

Tuesday, January 3rd, from 2 – 4. Bring your child in for a 2023 New Year Celebration! Enjoy a story, themed craft, games, and snacks. All ages welcome!

Katelyn's Pick:

Llama Destroys the World & Llama Unleashes the Apocalypse

by Jonathan Stutzman

On Friday, Llama will DESTROY the World.

By Dinner, Llama will unleash an ALPACALYPSE upon the World.

Both of these books are incredibly fun books that promote reading in young children!

"Llama is so funny! He makes really big funny mistakes that make me laugh, but in the end everything is good." "I just love these books!!" "I want to read them again and again!"

January 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Stories and Crafts @ Library 2PM-4PM Meet the Artist @ Library 6PM 8PM	4	5	6	7
8	9 Rec Volleyball 7PM	10	11	12	13 Seniors Bonspiel Blackhawks Game 8:30PM	14 Seniors Bonspiel Blackhawks game 8:00PM
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Adult Drop in Volleyball
@ Birch Hills Public School
Mondays 7PM - 9 PM
Begins January 9th
\$5 drop in fee

Contact the rec office for more info
birchhillrec@sasktel.net or 306-749-7451

Library News

Beginning January 2023

BHPL will be open an additional 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

**CHURCH
SERVICES:**

Glad Tidings Tab-
ernacle - Sunday
services at 11:00
am.



St Anne Roman Catholic

9 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

November 13,27

Dec 11, 18

Candle light service December 23rd
7:30 Pm @ Bethania

Sunday, January 8

Morning Cafe - 9:30 AM

Sunday School for all ages - 10 AM

Worship Service - 11 AM

Lake Park Baptist Church

Sunday

Sunday School for all ages 10 AM

Worship Service 11 AM

Tuesday

Youth Bible Study 7 PM - Grades 7-12

Club DJ 6:45 PM - Grades K-6. Contact
Rachelle Gitzel for information at 306-
314-1234

Friday

Youth Events 7 PM

Contact James Banman for information
at lakeparkyouth@gmail.com

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

Blackhawks vs. Clavet



Go Hawks Go!

Fri
13
Jan
2023

Time | 8:30pm
Beverage Garden, Canteen & 50/50 Available

Hesje Centre
2nd Street, Birch Hills



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Foodgrains Final Report

The Birch Hills and Community Foodgrains Grow Project has wrapped up for it's final year. We forwarded a cheque for \$ 72,029.00 to the head office as our final contribution.

The project stated in 2005 and has been active for the past 18 years. In this time span we have contributed a total of \$ 548,487.00. This money goes to help feed many people in third world countries. The Canadian Government matches our contribution 4 to 1 so the total is actually \$ 2,742,435.00

In third world countries cost of food is about \$2.00 per day. So we have impacted the lives of thousands of people and saved many lives.

The committee would like to thank all the people and business that have contributed to the project over the past eighteen years.

These include local farmers who have donated their time and equipment to farm the land, machine dealerships who have donated equipment for seeding and harvest, chemical companies that had donated chemicals and seed, elevator companies that have donated fertilizer and chemical and individuals that donated cash to meet some of our input costs.

This has been a well supported endeavor and as a community we can be proud of our success.

We wish everyone a Christ filled Christmas and a profitable New Year!



A huge Shout out and Thank you to
Robert Bompais at Market Tire
in Prince Albert



for Donating 6 new winter tires to the
Birch Hills Handy van. We really appreciate your
kindness and generosity Robert!





TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS COMMUNITY WELL BEING SURVEY.

WE ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY AS PART OF COUNCIL'S 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

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