

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](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)

January 15th, 2023

Issue 298

The walking club is back!  
We're just doing Thursday Mornings 9AM-12PM at the civic centre for now and will have a second day in the coming weeks.



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](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net). The cost is \$100 by 3 sponsors (\$300/month) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for everyone.



St. Mary's  
Soup Luncheon

(Donations welcome)

279 McCallum Avenue

Friday,  
January  
20<sup>th</sup>

11:30AM –  
1:00PM

## 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](mailto: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

1<sup>st</sup> 25% + 2<sup>nd</sup> 15% + 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM – **Epiphany II**; no Sunday School; Potluck after church

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM – **Interpreting the Scriptures** "Sex, Marriage and Friendship" (contact Father Jordan for reading materials)

Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30AM to 1:00PM – Soup Luncheon (donations appreciated)

Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Annual meeting reports due to Father Jordan (

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:00AM – **Epiphany III; Sunday School resumes**; Potluck after church

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM – **Interpreting the Scriptures** "A Christian Response to Suffering" (contact Father Jordan for reading materials)

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM – **Epiphany IV; Sunday School**

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 12:00PM – **Annual General Meeting & Potluck**

Wednesday, February 1st 7:00PM – **Interpreting the Scriptures** "Reflection on Suicide & Euthanasia" (contact Father Jordan for reading materials)

**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 by appointment.

Reach Fr Jordan by phone: (306) 749-2229 or email: [jordan\\_draper@hotmail.com](mailto:jordan_draper@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](mailto: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.

Saturday at 10:30 am Story Sack Interactive Reading 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 17<sup>th</sup>, Crack the Code Family Event. The library is partnering with Prince Albert Literacy Network to bring you this amazing and fun event. Come as a family, read and do themed activities together to complete the puzzles and see if you can "Crack the Code"! Here for a week!

Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 4 pm, Bead Art Class with Delores Fjeld. Learn how to create a beautiful beaded picture on canvas.

Register at the library to save your spot!

Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, Dessert Night with Chad Mierau.

### Blaine's Pick:

#### The Hobbit

by J.R.R. Tolkien

This is a beloved classic that tells the story of Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit who is unexpectedly swept into an adventure to reclaim a treasure stolen by the dragon Smaug.

The novel is full of action, humor, and memorable characters, including Gandalf the wizard and the dwarves Thorin, Fili, and Kili.

This book also serves as a prequel to The Lord of the Rings Trilogy. Overall, The Hobbit is a must – read for fans of fantasy literature

# 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	10	11	12	13	14
	Line Dancing 1PM-3PM Rec Volleyball 7PM		Line Dancing 9AM-12PM	7 PM R. C. Legion #122 Meeting	Open Bonspiel Blackhawks Game 8:30PM	Open Bonspiel Blackhawks game 8:00PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Line Dancing 1PM-3PM Rec Volleyball 7PM		Line Dancing 9AM-12PM	Walking Club 9AM-12PM	11:30 AM-1PM St. Mary's Soup and Luncheon Blackhawks Game 8:30 PM	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31				
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Adult Drop in Volleyball  
@ Birch Hills Public School  
Mondays 7PM - 9 PM

\$5 drop in fee

Contact the rec office for more  
info [birchhillrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillrec@sasktel.net)  
or 306-749-7451

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!

**CHURCH  
SERVICES:**

Glad Tidings Tabernacle  
- 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

January: 8,22

February: 5,19 AGM

March: 5,19

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](mailto:lakeparkyouth@gmail.com)

**RECYCLE**

Please Share your Newsletter with a  
friend. Send request to [birch-hillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birch-hillsrec@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 Seniors Bonspiel January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, The Ladies Bonspiel Feb 10 & 11 and [The](#) 2 Person Bonspiel March 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

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



Help us celebrate  
Dad / Grampa / Allen's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday at  
St. Mary's / St. Anne's on  
Sunday, January 29 from 3:00 to 4:30pm

No gifts please



**SAT. FEBRUARY 11, 2023**  
**BIRCH HILLS SNO POSSE**  
**SNOWMOBILE RALLY**

**CASH & PRIZES**  
WIN-\$500-\$250-\$100  
HANDS 1-\$10 or 3-\$20  
50/50 1-\$10 or 3-\$20

**FOOD ON TRAIL**

**RIDER ONLY PRIZE**  
etranfer or more info  
bhsnospo@hotmail.com  
Winners announced Feb 12

Selling Burgers-\$5.00  
Hotdogs-\$3.00

Thank you for your continued support to the Birch Hills Sno Posse

HANDS & 50/50 sales open online Jan 15th

Follow us on Facebook for more details

*“Hustle Hard ... Success is earned, not given”*

Our 2022 / 2023 4-H year has started! This year we have 29 members and 5 leaders from the surrounding areas.

We held our first meeting of the year on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Weldon Lutheran Church. Members took part in a Minute to Win it game to get to know everyone, as well as learning about the executive positions and their roles of the club. We then elected our club executive as the following:

- President – Alex Manson
- Vice president – Allie Porter
- Treasurer – Courtney Hansen
- Secretary – Rebecca Porter
- District Representatives – Quaid Robertson and Tegan Hovdebo

Club Reporter – Ava Timm

We held a project meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> where we received and worked on our record books. We learned about the cows four stomachs, nutrition, and digestion.

On December 27<sup>th</sup> our club held its annual weigh day for the members to register and weigh their animals. Thank you also to the Timm Family for once again hosting everyone at their farm. The members animals look great!

Our club would like to give a huge THANK YOU to the Affinity Credit Union (Community Spirit Fund) c/o Jackie Manson for their generous donation.

We are looking forward to another great year!

Come and enjoy an evening of dessert with Guest Speaker

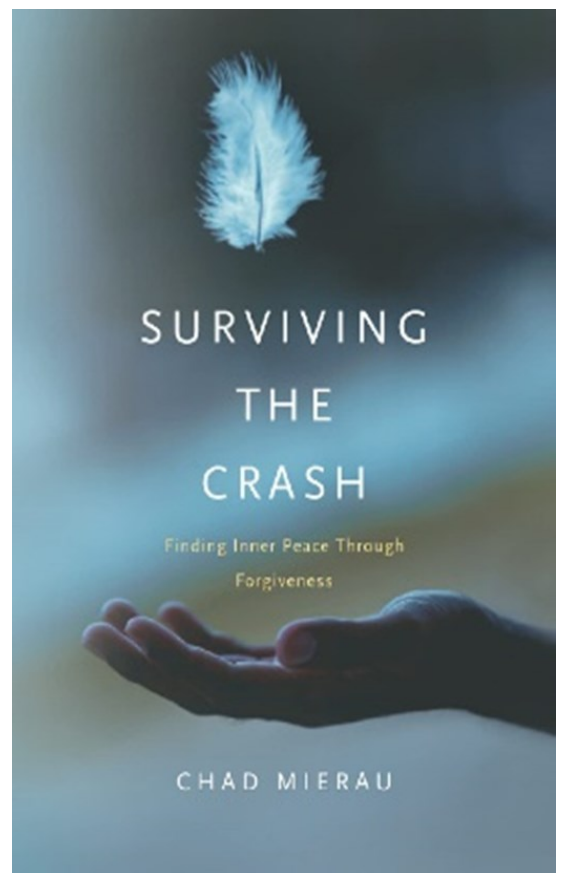
Chad Mierau, author of *Surviving The Crash*

In 2016, Chad received THE phone call that no one wants to receive. The police officer on the other end of the line shared the heart – shattering news, he had just lost his most precious family in a tragic car accident.

Chad shares his journey through grief, losing four family members to a drunk driver and the effect it took on everyone in his life.

Remarkably, he was able to find inner peace and strength after first doing the work to truly forgive the driver of the other car.

As he started to share his thoughts and feelings with others, changes started happening and he felt an overwhelming sense that people worldwide needed to hear his story and understand his journey.





PROCEEDS GO TO




Soup  
Buns - Sandwiches  
Dessert

# HOMEMADE TELEMIRACLE

## SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2023 11AM-1:00 PM  
@ DUANE LOWE COMMUNITY CENTER

**Cost by donation**  
Donations over \$20.00 will be issued a receipt



Birch Hills Dance Centre will be performing at TeleMiracle 47

**Sponsored by:**  
Birch Hills Dance Centre  
Birch Hills Senior Rec Club

*We invite you to be part of making miracles*

"Telemiracle Soup and Sandwich Luncheon sponsored by BH Seniors Rec Club and BH Dance Centre

Friday, February 17/23- 11am-2pm at DLCC in Birch Hills"

This is in support of Telemiracle as well as our local dancers that will be performing there!!





Thanks to Adam and Logan for grooming the cross-country ski trails. No snowshoe trails have been groomed so far this year.

If you don't know where the greens and tee boxes are, we ask that you please snowshoe beside the ski trails or on the existing trails. If you ski or snowshoe on the greens and tee boxes, the snow compacts and we could have winter kill, which may result in being unable to use the course in future winters.

If we notice a trail that needs a detour, we will post signs at the golf course. People have already been snowshoeing / tobogganing on the practice green, the nursery green, and holes 6 & 8 tee boxes. (We haven't checked all of them yet.)

Walkers (people & dogs) and snowshoers may use the snowshoe trails, but not the ski trails as it ruins the trails.

Thanks for your cooperation



## BlackHawks vs. Kinistino



Guaranteed \$500 50/50 courtesy:



After the game:  
Nutrien Ag Solutions Calcutta Shoot-out:



Fri  
**20**  
Jan  
2023

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

Home & Home Series vs. Kinistino  
Blackhawks @ Kinistino  
Sat, Jan 21 7:30pm



## Blackhawks vs. Dalmeny



# Go Hawks Go!

Fri  
**27**  
Jan  
2023

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

Hesje Centre  
2nd Street, Birch Hills



**Birch Hills Blackhawks**



Thanks to our fans, sponsors and volunteers for the great support they have provided this season. As of January 12<sup>th</sup>, we are currently in 2nd place in the East Division, trailing 1<sup>st</sup> place by 2 points, with 1 game in hand over 1<sup>st</sup> place Kinistino. We have 6 regular season games to play (4 home and 2 away) and all the games will be key to securing a good position for league playoffs. Check out the league website at [www.trhl.ca](http://www.trhl.ca) for the West Division standings and other results.

Team	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS
Kinistino	11	8	3	0	0	16
Birch Hills	10	7	3	0	0	14
Allan	11	6	5	0	0	12
Hanley	12	5	6	0	1	11
Clavet	11	3	7	0	1	7
Cudworth	12	3	9	0	0	6

**SGI Canada Provincial Playoffs** - The Blackhawks have entered Provincials in Senior C this year and will be playing Rosetown in the first round of playoffs.



League and Provincial playoffs will be starting in February; please watch Facebook ([Birch Hills Sr. Blackhawks](#) | [Birch Hills SK](#) | [Facebook](#)) the Heartbeat, and for posters, and the sandwich board for game information. Go Hawks!