Birch 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

March 1st, 2023

Issue 301

Please have all your heartbeat items in by Noon the day before the heartbeat is published. If your submission is not in by that time, I will no longer include it in the Heartbeat. Please make submissions by email, phone or in person, don't use Facebook or Facebook Messenger.

> Free Curling Lessons Grade 5 and up Wednesday March 1st after school For info contact Hugh Sampson 306-551-8921



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

BIRCH HILLS BLACKHAWKS 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)

March Heartbeat Sponsor

Birch Hills Blackhawks

Twin Rivers Hockey League playoffs – Birch Hills has a 2 to 0 lead over the Kinistino Tigers in their Twin Rivers Hockey League semi-final series. The 1st game was a close match in Birch Hills, with the Blackhawks winning 4 to 3 in overtime. Game 2 in Kinistino was tied at 2 after the 2nd period; Birch Hills scored 3 goals in the 3rd period to post a 5 to 2 win. Game 3 will be @ the Hesje Centre in Birch Hills at 8:30pm on Friday, March 3rd. Game 4 (if needed) is at the Kinistino Sports Complex at 7:30pm on Saturday, March 4th. Game 5 (if needed) is in Birch Hills at 3:00pm on Sunday, March 5th. In the other semi-final series, Willow Cree leads Dalmeny 2 to 1.

The Birch Hills Twin Rivers Hockey League team roster includes:

30 Kody Kushniruk	19	Kyle Njaa
31 Kyle Boettcher	21	Chad Grambo
2 Kieran Shore	22	Tyson Novakoski
3 Kellen Harper	27	Cody Folstad
Adam Hergott	29	Trent Swenson
5 Carter Sawatzky	44	Tyler Tilford
6 Austin Ravndahl	52	Reed Gunville
8 Kaleb Charko	55	Hunter Schnell
9 Scott Swenson	74	Adam Morrison
11 Reed Whitrow	90	Cole Jones
12 Jakob Tournier	94	Bryton Sayers
13 Morgan Miller		

- 16 Brandon Juravinski
- 18 Riley Lajeunesse

SGI Canada Provincial Playoffs – Birch Hills faced the Eston Ramblers in their 2nd provincial series. They traveled to Eston on Saturday, February 18th and played a back-and-forth battle against the Ramblers, coming up short by a 6 to 5 score. These teams faced off in Birch Hills on Saturday, February 25th. A late 3rd period goal by the Blackhawks forced the game into overtime. Despite having a couple of good scoring opportunities early in the overtime period, the Ramblers were the first to capitalize on their chances and they will advance to the next series vs Porcupine Plain.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Blackhawks at their provincial games!

Comedy Night - The Blackhawks' 8th Annual Comedy Night sponsored by Ag World Equipment featuring Danny Martinello is on Saturday, April 1st. Tickets are available from players, Quayle's Pharmacy and on Eventbrite.

Danny Martinello is no stranger to the stage; he started out as a performer in Edmonton and now makes his home in Toronto, doing stand-up comedy across Canada. He is a high-energy act with machine gun-like delivery. His no off-limits and high-octane style of comedy makes him one of Canada's freshest acts to watch. Danny has performed at the Melbourne Comedy Festival, headlined shows in Australia and has made several appearances at the world-famous Comedy Store in LA. He recently won the 2021 Seattle International Comedy Competition. Danny can be heard on SiriusXM Radio Canada Laughs or his EP, Covid Operations.

Please watch Facebook (Birch Hills Sr. Blackhawks | Birch Hills SK | Facebook) the Heartbeat, and for posters, and the rink and sandwich boards for event information. Go Hawks!

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**.

Wednesday, March 1st - **PA Youth Group** (ages 13-16; over the season of Lent, youth from our Parish will be teaming up with the Anglican Youth Group in PA each Wednesday evening. If you / your youth need transportation from Kinistino, Birch Hills, or Muskoday, contact Fr Jordan, to arrange a ride (306) 749-2229)

Saturday, March 4^{th} 10:00AM @ the Rectory – The Meaning of Holy Week

Saturday, March $4^{\rm th}$ 1:00PM @ St. Alban's Cathedral – Ordination of Perry Siddons to the Diaconate

Sunday, March $\mathbf{5}^{\text{th}}$ 9:00AM – Second Sunday in Lent

Tuesday, March $7^{\text{th}}\text{-}\textbf{Parish}$ Meeting to be rescheduled

Wednesday, March 8th - PA Youth Group (see March 1st for details)

Friday, March 10th 2:00PM – **World Day of Prayer** (contact Ethel 306-749-7444 or Jamie 306-980-8687 to assist with the service)

Friday, March 10th to Sunday, March 12th – **Lenten Youth Retreat** @ Camp Quest, Christopher Lake; \$50 for youth aged 13 to 18. Register at <u>https:// tithe.ly/event-registration/#/6612878</u>

Saturday, March ${\rm 11}^{\rm th}$ 10:00AM @ the Rectory – The Meaning of Holy Week

Sunday, March ${\rm 12}^{\rm th}$ 9:00AM – Third Sunday in Lent

Tuesday, March 14th 7:30PM – Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, March 15^{th} – **PA Youth Group** (see March 1^{st} for more information)

Friday March 17th 11:30AM to 1:00PM – St. Patrick's Day Stew Luncheon

Friday, March 17th to Saturday, March 18th – **Prayer Conference** @ Waskesiu; \$100 per person / limited to 70 people; Contact Barb Wirsta to register (306)763-2455 or synod@sasktel.net

Sunday, March 26th – **Passion Sunday**; Bishop Michael will be coming to our Parish for Confirmations

Friday, March 31st – Order of Saskatchewan award nomination deadline.

Anyone seeking **Baptism** into the Church this Easter, please contact Father Jordan.

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: <u>jor-dan_draper@hotmail.com</u>

For more information about youth activities and other events:



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

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CHURCH SERVICES:

<u>Glad Tidings Tabernacle</u> -

Sunday services at 11:00 am.

<u>St. Anne's Roman Catholic</u> Parish



"A Small Congregation With A Big Heart" Parish Priest: Father Phong Tran Mass: 11:00 A.M. Sundays Sunday March 5th: Potluck lunch after mass Children's Liturgy and Sacrament preparation available Contact Person: Donna 306 314 5672 **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

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

RECYCLE

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



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The walking club is back! Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Mornings 9AM-12PM at the civic centre. Please remember to bring inside shoes.



Birch Hills Senior Rec Club Update

The BHSRC held their AGM on Feb 18/23. Four individuals let their name stand for the board. We are pleased to welcome Sandra Barber (VP), Connie Hunter, Louise Adams (Secretary) and Lance Nelson. The rest of our board consists of President- Iris Fjeld; Treasurer- John Herd; Shirley Ulvild; Grace Penner, Val Quayle, Maxine Cromartie along with town rep Stewart Adams.

It was decided by the members present that fees for 2023 will be \$20/ person and payable ASAP.

We reviewed our activities over the past year which included: regular game days of Tuesdays and Thursdays-as well as the following events: pancake breakfast, multicultural potluck lunch, Step Out line dancers, Ralph Galambos, some informational speakers and most recently a very successful Telemiracle 47 Luncheon. We would like you know that even if you don't or don't want to play games on game days you are more than welcome to pop down for coffee and treats (sometimes homemade ones) and a visit for a toonie! Coffee is always on!!

There has been a fitness program for older adults started and is called Forever In Motion. It is a program developed and part of Saskatchewan Health Authority and Sask. Parks and Recreation. It is held every Tuesday morning from 10-11am doors open at 9:30am and it is a \$2 drop in fee, held at the DLCX. This program is for anyone 50+ years old. For more information call Iris Fjeld at 306-749-7377.

It was brought forward that unfortunately the piano we brought from the old building is not quite up to par., so we are in search of a "new" to us piano!!! If you or someone you know is looking to rehome one that is in good condition please call Alice McIntyre at 306-961-3103.

I would also like to take this time to thank Lyle Evans, Del Braaten, Richard Epp and Joanne Howes for their service on our board. Thanks also going out to Bev Cromartie for building a beautiful podium as well as coffee urn stands for use at the DLCC, much needed additions.

Mark your calendars and keep and eye out for posters and info on our Facebook page as we are hosting a Spring Ham and Scalloped Potato meal on Thursday March 23 from 5-7pm. Pricing will be decided shortly, it will be by advance tickets only (limited seating) and held at the DLCC.

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

March

3—BH Blackhawks Vs Kinistino @ 8:30 PM

3—Card Making with Sara @ Library

5—BH Blackhawks Vs Kinistino @ 3:00 PM (if needed)

17—11:30AM-1PM St Mary's St Patrick Day Luncheon

18,19,20–2 Person Bonspiel @ Curling Rink

21—BH Health Care Foundation AGM

EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

Open to Community

Monday

9am-12pm Walking Club @ Civic Centre

Line Dancing @ Civic Centre 1PM

Fire Dept Meeting (every 2nd Mon) 7:00 pm @ Fire Hall

Adult Rec Volleyball 7PM @ Birch Hills Public School

Tuesday

9am-12pm Walking Club @ Civic Centre

10am-11am Forever In Motion Fitness @ DLCC

Wednesday

Thrift Shop/Museum Open and Coffee 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Line Dancing 9 am @ Civic Centre

Thursday

9am-12pm Walking Club @ Civic Centre

7 PM R. C. Legion #122 Meeting (second Thursday of the Month)

Friday

Saturday

Thrift Shop/Museum Open and Coffee 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Weldon Auditorium Spring Trade Show

Saturday, April 29, 2023 10 am to 2 pm Weldon Auditorium

Lunch will be available

Always a great variety of vendors for your shopping ease

Vendors contact: Brenda 960-8335

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 or 306-749-7451 Birch Hills Health Care Foundation AGM

Tuesday March 21st @ 7PM

Birch Hills Health Centre

Everyone Welcome!

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!

The Birch Hills Historical Society held their Annual Meeting on Friday February 17th starting at 5 pm with an appreciation supper prepared and served by Shirley Olson. The beef for the meal was donated by Brenda Kernaleguen of Brenda's Blue Ribbon Beef. A special thanks to these ladies.

President Duane Mohn called the Annual Meeting to order, offering a heartfelt Thank You to everyone for the special efforts they all showed in getting the Society back on track after the Pandemic.

Duane thanked retiring members Don and Del Braaten, Richard and Mabel Epp and Connie and Kevin Ulvild. A very special mention of Marilyn Sorsdahl for all her years of Service

A new board of directors was elected.

President - Duane Mohn

Vice President - Darlene Cochrane

Secretary - Kim Nelson

Treasurer - Michelle Davidson

Outside Committee - Peter Nordli, Elmer Olson and Weldon Demmings.

Inside and Museum - Shirley Ulvild, Myrdena and Jane Mohn.

Thrift Store and Coffee Shop - Coordinator - Leanne Baily with

Clerks, Kim Nelson, Jane Mohn, Rosalind Doderai, Melodie Gjesdal, Darlene Cochrane, Karen Jordan, Helen Fossen Michelle Davidson, Melody Manson and Annelle Johnstone. Mayor Stewart Adams, expressed the Towns Appreciation

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.... <u>The</u> 2 Person Bonspiel March 17th 18th and 19th

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



FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL

strutherslakerp@gmail.com

Birch Hills Dance Centre News

February was very busy for the dancers and teachers at Birch Hills Dance Centre!

On February 17th , dance families provided all of the desserts for the Telemiracle Luncheon held at the Duane Lowe Community Centre. They also helped at the luncheon. On February 22nd, a kids workshop was held where teachers donated their time and the registration fees were given to Telemiracle. Throughout the month there was also a gift basket raffle and a bottle drive. On February 26th, Olivia Harvey, Hadley Gariepy, Jaelynne Fjeld and Callie Braaten performed at Telemiracle and presented a total of \$5,011.00. This total will be matched by Nutrien. A special thank you to the Senior's Club and Birch Hills Dance Centre families, the Senior Lyrical class, and the community and surrounding area for supporting this year's Telemiracle events.

In addition, on February 19th three groups from the Birch Hills Dance Centre performed at the Youth Extravaganza at E.A. Rawlinson Centre as part of the P.A. Winter Festival.

Competition season begins the second weekend in March with the Senior classes, Solos and Duets participating in P.A. Dance Blast.



DON'T HESITATE, VACCINATE

PFIZER (5 yrs+), Bivalent COVID (12 yrs+) and INFLUENZA (6 months +) Vaccines available

Birch Hills Primary Care Clinic

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Friday, April 21, 2023

*For children aged 6 months to 4 yrs of age, please contact public health at 306-765-6510 for clinic options for COVID

Call 1-306-749-3331 To book an appointment

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Birch Hills Library Report	Bircl
135 Bellamy Ave (306)749-3281 <u>bircirc@wapitilibrary.ca</u> 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/	<u>Card M</u> Fridav Focus will Using
Weekly events: Tuesdays – afterschool crafts. Fridays at 10:00 am Story time with craft and snack.	Regis
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 fea- tures Jocelyn Walsh.	Birch Hill Would like is the new as a sub-l Congratula

Co-op Gift Card Fundraiser – March 6 – 15th Saturday, March 25th, 1 – 4 pm. Bead Art with Delores Fjeld. Come and create your own

bead art canvas. Registration \$30. Contact the library to reserve your spot!

Birch Hills Public

Library

<mark>ard Making with Sara</mark> Friday March 3rd at

9:30 pcus will be on stamping and

Using die cuts.. \$20.00

Register at the library

Birch Hills Public Library hosts:

Bead Art with Delores Fjeld Saturday March 25th at 10:00 – 1:00 pm Enjoy an afternoon out while you create

- your very own bead art canvas using
- glitter and bright beads.

Registration cost: \$30

Contact the library to register today!

Limited spots available.

Birch Hills Public Library

Would like to announce that Sheena Mulligan

is the new Branch Librarian. Sheena has worked

as a sub-librarian for over 2 years. Stop in and

Congratulate Sheena on her new position.

Thank you to Jan Bliss for her years of service to the library. You will be missed.

Birch Hills Public Library is happy to announce:

Mom's Group is returning Friday March 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Bring your little ones into the library for lot of fun!

Maxine's Pick:

Surviving the Crash

by Chad Mierau

Chad shares his journey through shock, loss and grief after a drunk driver takes the life of Chad's sister Chandra Van der Vorst, and her family on January 3rd, 2016, just north of Saskatoon. Chad shares the effect this tragic accident had on everyone's life, including the children of the drunk driver. He realized that they too were victims of the accident.

After Chad started sharing his grief with others he was able to begin his healing journey, find inner peace and even forgive the driver.

This is a book that you will never forget!

The **Birch Hills Public Library** is selling **Co-op gift cards** to help with any expenses we have.

It's a win-win! You buy a \$100 Co-op gift card from the library, you get the \$100 gift card to buy whatever you like at any Co-op and the library gets a percentage of the amount sold.

Great way to purchase your fuel for your farm too!

Cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100. Payment is due when cards are ordered. We accept cash or cheques made out to the Birch Hills Public Library.

Last day to order is Wednesday, March 15th.

Contact the library at (306)749-3281 to order yours today!

Help support your local library!



• 0-5 years

Story Time

March 10th
April 14th

• May 12th

June 9th

Songs, Activities & more...

All workshops Start

at 10-11:30

CONTACT CHANTELLE 1 (306) 922-3247

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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 showshoe 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 showshoe trails, but not the ski trails as it ruins the trails.

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Thanks for your cooperation



Friday, March 10/23 2:00pm St. Mary's / St. Anne's

For more info or to assist contact: Ethel 306-749-7444 or Jamie 306-980-8687

World Day of Prayer





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The Birch Hills Golf Course has seasonal employment opportunities for 2023. 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 will-ing 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.

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.

Third Party Administrator – Emergency Services

Date Posted: March 1, 2023

The Rural Municipality of Birch Hills No. 460 and the Town of Birch Hills invite applications for a qualified candidate to fill the position of Third Party Administrator for Emergency Services for the municipalities.

Main duties & responsibilities will include (but are not limited to):

The Third Party Administrator will report directly to the Administrators for the Rural Municipality of Birch Hills No. 460 and the Town of Birch Hills jointly:

- Provide information for the preparation of the annual budget;
- Document emergency call-outs;
- Process accounts payable;
- Process accounts receivable, which includes invoicing and receipt of payments;
- Prepare bank reconciliation;
- Process payroll, including T4's; and
- Prepare monthly and annual financial statements of revenue and expenditures, including capital expenditures.

Qualifications

- Accounting experience is essential;
- Software experience working in quickbooks, sage or munisoft is an asset;
- Efficiency in computer skills, including the applications of Microsoft Word and Excel;
- Must be detail oriented;
- Strong communication skills;
- Strong organizational skills; and
- · Ability to work independently and in a team environment.

This position is anticipated to be 1 day per month but may be more if required.

Please submit your cover letter and resume, outlining related experience, qualifications, and wages expected prior to noon on April 10, 2023 to:

RM of Birch Hills No. 460	- OR -	Town of Birch Hills
Box 369 Birch Hills, SK S0J 0G0		Box 206 Birch Hills, SK S0J 0G0
Email: rm460@sasktel.net		Email: birchhills.town@sasktel.net

For further information please call the RM Office at 306-749-2233.

We thank all applicants, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.