

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, 2018

Issue 180

The Birch Hills Town Council would like to announce that we have hired a new Recreation Director, his name is Zackary Pitzel.

Zackary comes to us from Wynyard, and will start his new position December 27th.

Please feel free to stop by the office and say welcome.



Wanted Welder/Fabricator

The Birch Hills Ball Diamonds are going to a new style of base that is more user friendly and is looking for someone that would be willing to build some metal ground anchors for us. In total we will require 14 single base anchors and 4 double base anchors. Samples of both of these styles are available. The hope is to have these built in time for the 2019 minor ball season.

If you have the tools and willingness to take this project on or would like further information, please contact Gordon at 306-940-8922.

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

Birchview Auxiliary
Birch Hills Legion #122
Njaa Farms

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/mos) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for everyone.



Birch Hills Volunteer Fire Department

Fundraising Calendars \$25 each

Available from any Volunteer
Firefighter

All proceeds to purchase needed equipment.

The rec office will be open from 11am to 3 pm on Wednesday's for the month of December.

All submissions for the Heartbeat should still be submitted to the Rec Board email. The rec board email and cell phone messages will be monitored and messages will be answered during office hours.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER SPONSORED BY:

Birchview Auxiliary is a group of volunteers who support the nursing home in efforts to make it more comfortable, physically & emotionally for our Residents. We belong to the Association of Saskatchewan Care Home Auxiliaries. We gratefully receive financial support from memorial donations and fundraisers. Our most recent purchases include a Yamaha electric piano and a Bose Sound System for the dining room. We meet monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 11am in the activity room at Birchview. We always welcome new volunteers who can share their talents with our residents in many ways and there are various time commitments, for example hair care is scheduled for 1-2hrs every two weeks or on an "on call" basis. There are opportunities to help with outings, parties/dancing, friendly visiting, recreation programming, reading or sharing musical talents!

The Birch Hills Legion #122 meets the second Thursday of each month at the Legion Hall on Bellamy Avenue. New members are always welcome!

The Annual Legion Curling Bonspiel is being held in Moose Jaw on January 18 - 20, 2019. There are three categories: open, masters, and mixed.

The Birch Hills Legion will be hosting the zone cribbage tournament in April.



The Birch Hills Golf Board wants to thank all who have contributed in any way to our "New Clubhouse Fund", whether through fundraising efforts, direct contributions or volunteering in some way. We want to thank our most recent contributor, Marshall Johnston, who donated \$5,000.00!

The Golf Course Board and staff want to wish you health and happiness over the Xmas season and into the 2019 New Year!

Gift certificates will be available for that perfect Xmas gift! Message us for details, or contact the Rec Office (Wednesday's from 11-3) 306 749-7451 texting included.....or text/call Lorisa @ 306 749-7756. E-TRANSFERS ACCEPTED @ email address birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

Just a reminder about our installment payment program for the payment towards your 2019 player membership! Start now....and pay the final payment by May 1st to ensure your player membership at the #1 - 9 hole Course in the province! (Our rating of course - but shared by many others!).

And - our Early Payment of player green fees at 2018 rates applies also! Pay your full player fee by April 15, 2019 and avoid any increase to 2019 player fees.

The Birch Hills Guiding Association would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Poinsettia sale.

Have a Merry Christmas!

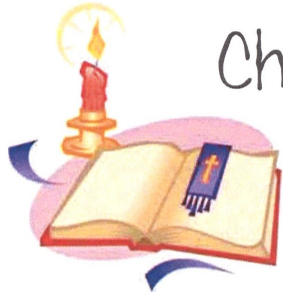


Birch Hills United Church News

After serving the community for over 110 years, the United Church in Birch Hills is disbanding at the end of this year. You are invited to the last regular service on December 23rd at 9:30am at the Lutheran Church, corner of 4th and Bellamy. We also welcome you to the Christmas Eve Service at Birchview on December 24th at 6:30pm.

Over \$2000 is being donated to the local fire department from our Under the Sea event in November. We are also proud of leaving the Quiet Room at Birchview as part of our legacy.

Thank you to Birch Hills and Community for supporting the local and wider missions of our local United Church over the years.



Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Service
7:30 pm
At Birch Hills LB
Community Church



Bethania Candlelight
Service
Pastor Clint Knutson
Sunday, Dec. 23
7:30 pm
Bethania Church
(Northern Light Road)

KEEPING YOU GROWING
Farm World
YOUTH CURLING CAMP

KINISTINO SPORTS COMPLEX

PROGRAM TIMES:
Ages 6 - 10 > 9:00 - 11:30am
Helmets Are Required
Ages 11 - 15 > 1:00 - 3:30pm

\$20/CHILD INCLUDES

- > Meet and Learn from Champion Kirk Muyres
- > Introduction To Curling
- > On-ice basics & games
- > Curling Camp t-shirt

REGISTER EARLY!
Space is Limited
Phone Judy at (306) 864-7955 or
Diane at (306) 864-7551 with child's age and
contact information.

CONCESSION AVAILABLE

ROCK ON! Sunday, January 20, 2019

100% of Proceeds will go back to Kinistino Sports Complex Thanks to these SPONSORS:

Farm World **GURLSASK** **FAST CENTRAL TRADER** **107.5 Bolt FM** **northeast NOW** **HUMBOLDT JOURNAL**

Birch Hills Public Library

Children's Christmas Craft
Tues Dec 18th
6:30pm
Ages 5-12
Birch Hills Library



thank you

Thank you to everyone for everything you have done for me recently. A huge thank you to those who helped me out when I needed money for groceries.

Bob McRury

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Lunches:

All community members are welcome to join us for lunch

Friday, Dec 21st

Free will offerings accepted (donations)

Lunches will be the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month until June

Next Lunch : Jan 4th



Birch Hills & Community
Wedding Shower
for
Brad Tomtene and Jessica Hill
on
January 13, 2019 at 2:00 pm

Birch Hills Community Lutheran Church

Please join us as we celebrate
with this **"couple-to-be."**

Short program at 2:00 with lunch to follow.

The Birch Tree Café

Christmas Dinner Buffet

Dec. 21st

****RSVP****

306-749-2223

Appetizers

Shrimp Canape / Chicken & Veggie Dumplings/ Spring Rolls

Salad

Garden Salad / Rice Noodle Salad

Main Dishes

Hickory Smoked Ham / California Rolls / Deep Fried Fish Sticks

Homemade Teriyaki Meatballs / Baked Potato Wedges

Korean BBQ Pork Ribs / Crispy Chicken Drumsticks

Dinner Buns

Dessert Platter

Adult : \$19.95

Age 10 & Under : \$11.95 (Free for Baby)

Age 70 & over : \$17.95

Applicable Taxes will be added

Church Services



St. Mary's Anglican Church @ 11am – First Sunday in Feb switches to 9am

St. Anne Roman Catholic Church - Sunday Oct 7th/18—Jan 27/18 @ 9:00am

Community Church @ 11am

Lake Park Baptist Church @ 11am

Saron Lutheran Church by Hagen @ 9:30am

United Church @ 9:30am

Glad Tidings Tabernacle @ 11:00am

The Birch Hills Sno Posse Club is seeking a club or organization who is willing to look after the food service for our rally dated for Saturday Feb 9, 2019. This is a one day event.

Those that are interested please submit your name to me by January 10, 2019. You can call, or email for more information to: Tammy @ g.forsyth@sasktel.net or text/call 960-9246.



Grad Bottle Drive

The 2019 Graduating class would like to wish everyone a festive holiday season and would like to assist you in cleaning up by removing your empty bottles and cans after all the celebrations. As such the class will be holding a Bottle drive in Birch Hills on Saturday Jan 5. Starting around 10 am. We hope that everyone will enjoy the holidays and save up all those recyclables accepted by SARCAN to assist us with our big day in June. If you need them gone before the drive date feel free to drop them off at 25 Birch Drive and if you would prefer not to be disturbed on the date of the bottle drive you can leave your packaged containers on your front step for pickup. We thank everyone in the community for their support in making our big day special.

Seeking Community Arts Initiative facilitator for The Birch Hills Community Arts Initiative as I'm moving at the end of the year. We are hoping to find someone who is willing to organize monthly art events, collaborate with the Birch Hills Rec Board and the School/Anglican Church for funding and a venue, provide supplies, instructors, and advertising as needed. Those interested are encouraged to contact Amy at 306-941-0788 or by email at amy.elizabeth.dow@gmail.com.

EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS Open to Community

MONDAYS

Line Dancing 9:30am - 11:00am
Bowling 2:00 pm @ Seniors Hall
Dreamland Optimists Group
Fire Dept Meeting (every 2nd Mon) 7:00 pm @ Fire Hall

TUESDAYS

Moms & Tots 10:00 am-12:00 pm @ Youth Centre
\$2 drop in fee
Library Open 11:00 am-4:00 pm and 5:00 pm-8:00 pm
Knitting Grannies (2nd & 4th Tues) 1:00pm @ museum
Birchview Ladies Auxiliary (1st Tues) 11:00am
Craft Night 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (5-12yrs) @ Library

WEDNESDAYS

Thrift Shop Open 9:00 am-4:00 pm @ Museum
Coffee 2:00pm @ Museum
Line Dancing 9:30-11:00 am @ Civic Centre
Museum Open 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Town Council Meetings 2nd and 4th Wed of the month

THURSDAYS

Moms & Tots 10:00 am-12:00 pm @ Youth Centre
\$2 drop in fee
Library Open 9:00 am -12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Legion Meeting 2nd Thurs of each month 7:00 pm @ Legion (No meeting in July and August)

FRIDAY

Friday Night Youth at Youth Centre 7:30pm

SATURDAY

Thrift Shop Open 1:00 am-4:00 pm @ Museum
Coffee 2:00pm @ Museum

Senior Centre Contact: Delores Jones 749-2680

Birch Hills Public Library

Birch Hills Library hours:




Tues 11-4 5-9

Thurs 9-12 1-6

Storytime Friday 1:30 - 2:15

Storytime for 3-yr olds starts Oct. 4.



BlackHawks Hockey Vs. St. Louis		Blackhawks 5th Annual Comedy Night Sponsored by Nutrien Ag Solutions Featuring Kelly Taylor	
Guaranteed \$500 50/50 courtesy: CARTERS CUSTOM AG Jackpot starts at \$500		  	
After the game: Cornerstone Insurance Calculta Shoot-out:  Built on trust.		Tickets available at: Quayle's Pharmacy, KG Hotel Cornerstone Insurance, Blackhawks players www.eventbrite.ca	
Fri 28 Dec 2018	Time 8:30pm Licensed Beverage Garden	Sat 5 Jan 2019	Doors Open 7:00pm Comedian 8:00pm Silent Auction, Lunch & Dance to follow
2 nd Street, Birch Hills 		Birch Hills Civic Centre No Minors 	

Upcoming Events

December

- 18 - Children's Craft @ BH Library
- 23 - Bethania Candlelight Service
- 24 - Candlelight Service @ BH Lutheran Brethren Church
- 28 - BH Blackhawks vs St LouisBlues

January

- 4 - BH Blackhawks vs Cudworth Tricky Maroons
- 5 - Grad Bottle Drive
 - Blackhawks Comedy Night
- 18 - BH Blackhawks vs Warman Wildcats
- 19 - BH Minor Sports Elimination Draw and Dance
- 20 - Youth Curling Camp
- 25 - BH Blackhawks vs Dalmeny Sabres
- 26 - BH Blackhawks vs Clavet Cougars

February

- 2 - BH Blackhawks vs Aberdeen Knights

March

- 16 - Shamrock Shaker 2 @ BH Civic Centre



*Birch Hills Minor Sports
Elimination Draw and Dance
\$10,000 Grand Prize*

1st Prize: \$10,000 2nd Prize: \$1,000
9 Additional Prizes of \$100 awarded at every 25th ticket
pulled 1st ticket out of the draw barrel \$500
Prizes totalling \$12,400
Proceeds going to Birch Hills Minor Sports &
The Birch Hills Skating Rink

Saturday January 19, 2019
Doors open at 7:00 pm
Birch Hills Civic Centre
126 McCallum Avenue
Birch Hills, SK

Featuring



\$10.00 Cover Charge at the door without ticket
No Minors Allowed
Midnight Lunch Provided

\$100 per ticket
Only 251 tickets sold
Lottery License #RR18-0167

Contact Tanya @ 306-930-1892 to purchase a ticket
or
birchhillsminorsports@outlook.com

CRYSTAL SPRINGS EVENTS

Coffee Row at the Hall

Everyone is welcome. It is a wonderful opportunity for friends, neighbors & acquaintances to get together!

Bingo: Bingo will restart in 2019 - watch for an announcement

Hall is available for rent, Contact Lynn 306-864-8013

Birch Hills Community Lutheran Brethren Church Invites you to:

Sunday Morning Worship

11:00am at the corner of 4th and Bellamy

Tuesday & Friday Morning Moms and Tots

10:00am - Noon at the Youth Centre
\$2 Drop In

Thursday Evening Kaiser, Crib and Game Night

7:00pm at the Youth Centre

Friday Night Youth

Age 12 and up
7:30pm at the Youth Centre

Saturday Morning Coffee Row

7:00am - 10:00am at the Youth Centre



RECYCLE

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

Join Us - We'll Keep You In Stitches!

You are welcome to join us, the Knitting Grannies. Everything we make is given to others free of charge. Donations of yarn in lieu of payment are appreciated. We give to people who are in hospital, in nursing homes, or in their own home.



At this time of year our focus is on mitts and toques for children and adults. These will be given to the Birch Hills Ministerial Association, schools, safe homes, nursing homes, and other places where needed.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm in the museum basement. Yarn is supplied and knitting needles or crochet hooks are available for use by our members. If you prefer to work at home, arrangements will be made.

For more information contact: Shirley Lyons at 749-3233, Marilyn Sorsdahl at 749-2286, or Faye Erikson at 749-2951

Cans, Bottles & Milk Jugs Piling Up?

Youth Center

Always Appreciates

Donations of the following



BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

- * Aluminum /Tin Cans
- * Plastic Bottles and Jugs INCLUDING MILK
- * Glass Bottles, Clear and Colored (Wine, Juice)
- * Juice & Milk Boxes and Cartons
- * Refillable Beer Bottles

WE NOW ACCEPT MILK JUGS AND CARTONS

(please rinse)



We Are Not Able to Accept Non Beverage Containers



Plastic Household Containers such as Soap, Javex Glass Jars from Jam, Pickles, etc. or Soup Cans

DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF

AT BACK DOOR OF YOUTH CENTER!

FRIDAY

Every Friday @ Youth Center!

AGE 12 +

7:30 - 10:00 pm

Questions?

Call Clint or Tim 306-749-2478

If you could bring \$2.00 each time to off set the costs it would be appreciated



PARK MANAGER

The Board of Directors for the Struthers Lake Regional Park Authority are accepting applications for a Park Manager. This position reports directly to the Board and is responsible for overseeing all operations of the park. Management and knowledge in the field of parks and recreation would be an asset. The Manager must possess strong public relation, promotional skills, communication and interpersonal skills. The manager must have the ability to work independently while adhering to board policies and bylaws. Duties will include supervision of student/s, general yard/cleaning maintenance pertaining to the park, and campground, beach and boat launch areas. General office and technology knowledge for entry gate is necessary to organize and book campsites, cabin rentals and gazebo.

The manager must live at the park during the employment period of 1-May- 2019 to 30-Sep-2019.

Accommodations are provided.

Please submit resume including references. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Deadline for applications is January 15, 2019.

For further information please email Administrator: strutherslakerp@gmail.com or call Cory @ 864-7637 or mail resume to Box 857 Kinistino, Sask. SOJ 1H0

CONCESSION MANAGER

Struthers Lake Regional Park is seeking a Full Time Seasonal Concession Operator for the 2019 season.

This is an excellent income opportunity for a full time Concession Manager who will be responsible for food operations for the Struthers Lake Regional Park. Food Safe Certificate is a requirement. We provide a generous leasing opportunity from May to September 2019.

Concession is located in the heart of the park and just uphill from the main beach.

Concession Manager will also be responsible for the general cleaning of the laundry/shower house facility and will profit from its proceeds.

Accommodations to reside at the park will be discussed during the interview.

For further information please email: strutherslakerp@gmail.com or call Cory @ 864-7637.

Applications can be mailed to Box 857 Kinistino, Sask. SOJ 1H0.

Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Deadline for applications is January 15, 2019

The following are Volunteer Service Opportunities in Kinistino and Birch Hills for the week of December 10, 2018.

The Volunteer Service Department is in need of caring, compassionate and committed volunteers to fill the following service positions:

Pet Therapy – Jubilee Lodge – Kinistino (306) 864-2851

Volunteers with well-trained, friendly pets may visit the residents at the Nursing Homes. The pets must meet the necessary requirements prior to visiting.

Shifts: Once or twice per week: Flexible hours.

Friendly Visiting – Birchview Home – Birch Hills (306) 749-3488

Duties include visiting residents on a one-to-one basis or in small groups, chatting, playing cards, reading, sitting outside with residents, portering residents, taking residents to functions, shopping trips, walking residents and Elders.

Shifts: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Monday – Sunday: Flexible: Once or twice per week.

If you are interested in this or any other Volunteer service position, or if you have a particular skill or talent you would like to share with the patients, residents or clients, please call your local health care facility to apply. You can also reach the Volunteer Services Department at (306) 765-6010, by email at volunteers@paphr.sk.ca or find us on the web at www.paphr.ca . We look forward to matching your talents and interests with the right position for you.