



# 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](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)

**December 15, 2019**

**Issue 224**

### " SILVER FOR GOLD"

TABS FUNDRAISER FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH

" SILVER FOR GOLD" is the charitable fundraising arm of EcoGenX , an agricultural business in Canora, Sk which started in 2017 and has been collecting tabs to help raise money and awareness for pediatric cancer since then. One million tabs were collected that year and has now grown to four million tabs collected from around the province. The total weight was about 3,300 pounds. JK Metals in Broadview paid 60 cents per pound which worked out to \$2,000.00. Birch Hills and Area collections were included in that amount.

Each year "Silver for Gold " is part of the "Gold Walk" in Saskatoon, held in September and was attended by 500 people last year. The event raised a total of \$31,000 with tab receipts and Saskatchewan business sponsors.

Gale Granrude Garipey said "she and her family were collecting tabs in memory of her son Mason, who passed away from leukemia in 2017. This program is important as these tabs represent the many families like ours that have been affected by cancer ."

A challenge for Saskatchewan was issued to bump up the total collections to six million for 2020.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this worthy cause.

Community Collection Sites to be announced prior to August 30<sup>th</sup> at which time I will pick up tabs. For further info please call Shirley Graupe at 306-749-2438

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

**STEEN AGENCYS  
RM OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460  
FARM CREDIT CANADA**

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**BIRCH HILLS/HARPERVIEW  
COOLIDGE – HEATHERDELL  
HISTORY BOOK**

**" SALE "**

**\$15.00 each**

**Or**

**2 for \$25.00**

**Birch Hills Historical Society Phone 306-749-2262 or Marilyn at 306-749-2286**



Looking for a Christmas present for your favourite golfer? Golf memberships, passes and gift certificates are available at the Birch Hills Recreation Office. Please contact Zac at 306-749-7451 or [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER SPONSORED BY:



(306)887-2020

Steen Agencies is pleased to announce and welcome Cindy Jensen to our team. Along with being a licensed broker, Cindy is very knowledgeable and experienced having worked for many years in the insurance industry.

Remember that Steen Agencies is still your locally owned & operated Insurance Brokerage that is proud to continue serving & supporting our community for all its insurance needs!

Wishing everyone a safe and Merry Christmas Season!



## 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!

## BlackHawks Hockey vs. Aberdeen



Free  
Admission  
Courtesy:

**CARTERS**  
CUSTOM AG

Fri  
**3**  
Jan  
2020

Time | 8:30pm  
Licensed Beverage Garden

Hesje Centre  
2nd Street, Birch Hills



The family of the late Marjorie Archibald would like to express a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped mom in the past; offering rides for coffee, shopping and appointments. Also a special thank you to Joanne, Connie and Jocelyn at the Birch Hills Health Facility for your kindness and always being so accommodating, the first responders for providing care, to everyone who sent food, flowers, cards, calls, messages and donations made in her memory. Your comforting assistance in our recent loss is gratefully appreciated.

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# Here's to a holiday season full of joy

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And best wishes in the new year from your  
**Prince Albert FCC office.**



## ST MARY'S ANGLICAN UPCOMING EVENTS

### Community Lunches:

All community members are welcome to join us for lunch

Friday, December 20th

Next Lunch : January 3rd



Sunday, December 22nd

5:00pm - Advent IV Potluck followed by Service of Lessons and Carols St. Mary's, Birch Hills

Tuesday, December 24th 10:00am - Christmas Eve Service at Hovdebo's (north of Brancepeth); Coffee/hot chocolate and cookies to follow (Dress warm)

Tuesday, December 24th 9:00pm - Christmas Eve Holy Communion St. Mary's, Birch Hills

Sunday, December 29th 11:00am - Sunday After Christmas Day St. Mary's, Birch Hills

Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bhkmparish](http://www.facebook.com/bhkmparish)



## Birch Hills Public Library

### Birch Hills Library hours:

Tues 11-4 5-8  
Thurs 9-12 1-6

Storytime began Thurs Oct 24th at 1:30-2:15  
Ages 3 & 4

Also stay tuned for an upcoming Home School Program for kids 5yrs+.



Another year has passed us by. We have had a very fun year. We have distributed many items to those who are able to use them. Big thank you to everyone who has donated yarn and also the very busy hands. It's a fun time, lots of laughs, lots of mistakes, anything goes. Everyone is welcome to join

Marry Christmas & Happy New years

From: The Knitting Grannies

Thanks to Affinity Credit Union

# Affinity

Credit Union

For sponsoring admission to the  
December 7<sup>th</sup> Blackhawks game

## Church Services

Welcome  
to our Church

St. Mary's Anglican Church @ 11am

St. Anne Roman Catholic Church -Sunday at 9:00am from October to the end of January

Community Church @ 11am

Lake Park Baptist Church @ 11am

Saron Lutheran Church by Hagen @ 9:30am

Glad Tiding s Tabernacle @ 11:00am

Thanks to  
Great Western Brewing Company for  
providing the  
Comedy Night & Windup Tickets  
& Game Passes for the  
Community Food Hamper draws  
at the Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Blackhawks game



Birch Hills Cowboy Church @  
Community Centre 1st Sun of each  
month

Next Service

**Sunday, 7:00pm**

Featuring Country Gospel Music with

Pastor Rick Martin (981-2235)

Potluck Cookies & Cake to follow

All are Welcome



### Bethania Lutheran Church

#### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday December 22nd @7:30 PM

Coffee and Potluck Dainties to Follow Service

Birch Hills Volunteer Fire Department

Fundraising Calendars \$25 each

Available from any Volunteer Firefighter

All proceeds to purchase needed equipment.



## EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

### Open to Community

#### MONDAYS

**Beginner line dance** 9:30 AM @ Civic Centre

**Bowling** 2:00 pm @ Seniors Hall

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

#### TUESDAY

**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

#### WEDNESDAYS

**Thrift Shop Open** 9:00 am-4:00 pm @ Mu-  
seum

**Moms & Tots** Birch Hills Community Church  
from 10-12.

**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

**Library Open** 9:00 am -12:00 pm and 1:00  
pm -6:00 pm

**Games at the Senior Hall** 2pm.

**Legion Meeting** 2nd Thurs of each month  
7:00 pm @ Legion (No meeting in July and  
August)

**Kaiser and Crib Night** 7:30 at BHCC

#### FRIDAY

**Moms & Tots** Birch Hills Community Church  
from 10-12.

**Friday Night Youth** at BHCC 7:30pm

#### SATURDAY

**Thrift Shop Open** 1:00 am-4:00 pm @ Mu-  
seum

**Coffee** 2:00pm @ Museum

**Senior Centre Contact:** Delores Jones 749-  
2680

## RECYCLE

Please Share your Newsletter with a friend.

Send request to birch-

hillsrec@sasktel.net to receive the  
news letter online.



## Upcoming Events

### December

22 Pop up Christmas Shop

24 Christmas Eve Service @ Birchview Nursing Home

### January

3 Aberdeen @ Birch Hills 8:30pm

4 Blackhawks Comedy Night Sponsored by Nutrien Ag Services

5 Safe Grad Bottle Drive

10-11 Open bonspiel

13-16 Seniors Bonspiel

**BIRCH HILLS SNO-POSSE**  
25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
**SNOWMOBILE RALLY**  
**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2020**  
Registration At  
**BIRCH HILLS CIVIC CENTRE**  
Hands Sold From  
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Last hand in By 4:00 PM

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
Starting @ 8:00 AM

**FREE TRAIL LUNCH PROVIDED**  
\*Warm Up Shacks Along Trail\*  
\*Hot Meal Served @ Civic Center\*  
**PRIZES TO FOLLOW!**

**BIRCH HILLS SNO POSSE**

For more information call:  
Mark Evans @ 306 960-2569 or Mathew Njaa @ 306 749-7010  
Find us on Facebook: Birch Hills Sno Posse



Priority Computers  
146 Bellamy Ave  
Birch Hills, SK SojoGo  
306-764-4406

### Windows 10 Upgrade

Windows 7 is coming to the end.  
Are you receiving this message?

I have received alot of calls about this..

We can upgrade your windows from Windows 7 to Windows 10.

**Special \$50.00 (REG \$130.00)**

No Longer Supported As of Jan 20, 2020

Computer clean up special (inside blow out) and virus scan and tune up **Special \$50.00 (Reg \$125.00)**

Surprise discount with promo code:

**CBDDDYLC**  
Apply at checkout & valid for new user only



Wish Local Partner— Order from Wish and Use our Special Promo Code **CBDDDYLC**

## Birch Hills Community Lutheran Brethren Church Invites you to:

### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Wednesday & Friday Morning Moms and Tots

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

### Thursday Kaiser and Crib Night

7:30 at BHCC

### Friday Night Youth Age 12 and up

7:30pm at the BHCC

### Saturday Morning Coffee Row

7:00am - 10:00am at the BHCC

# December Birchview Calendar

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 1   | 2<br>10:30- Stretcherize  | 3<br><br>2:30-<br><b>Memorial Service</b> | 4<br>AM- Lunch Club<br>2:30- Sing Along w Olive & Friends  | 5<br>10:30- Christmas Dinner @ Army & Navy   | 6<br>10:30 Prep Fruit Salad<br>2:30 Bingo                   | 7<br><b>Christmas Gala</b><br>Cocktails 5:30<br>Supper 6 |
| 8<br>2:30- Glad Tidings   | 9<br>( Annelle )<br><br><b>LEFSA DAY</b> | 10<br>10:30 Stretcherize<br>Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon<br>2:30- Baptist Church(communion)                                   | 11<br>10:30- Bingo with Grade 4's<br>2:00- PA Brew Pub   | 12<br>Shopping & Wrapping Day<br><br>Santa says...<br><b>NO PEEKING!</b> | 13<br>( Annelle )   | 14   |
| 15<br>Christmas Day Noon Meal<br>2 guests per resident, \$6 Turkey Feast.<br>Let Kitchen know if you are plan on joining! | 16<br>2:30- Bottling<br>5:30- Christmas Lights Tour   | 17<br>10:30- Community Church Service<br>12:30- School Christmas Concert   | 18<br><br>Jennie Minduk '31<br>2:30- JOB Mates w a special guest! | 19<br>10:00- Walmart Shopping Trip<br>2:30- The Klassens Christmas Special   | 20<br>2:30 Bingo<br>3:30- Carroll Birkland's piano Students | 21   |
| 22<br>(Annelle)   | 23<br>(Annelle)<br>10:30- Santa's Helpers pay a visit!<br>2:30 Karaoke Party<br><small>First Day of Hanukkah</small>      | 24<br>(Annelle)<br>2:30- Stretcherize<br>6:30- Christmas Eve Service w Duane Mohn  | 25<br><br>MERRY CHRISTMAS   | 26<br>Boxing Day!<br>  | 27<br>(Annelle)   | 28<br><small>Winter Begins</small>                       |
| 29<br>AM- Sugar Cookie Bake Off<br>2:30- NYE Bash w Wilf, Irene & Donny Parenteau   | 30  | 31<br>10:30- 2019 Reflection & Coffee<br>2:30- Pentecostal<br><b>New Years' Eve</b>  | <h2>December 2019</h2> <p>Extra calendar found on the Recreation desk</p>  |  |   |  |

## Blackhawks 6th Annual Comedy Night

Sponsored by Nutrien Ag Solutions  
Featuring Sean Lecomber



Tickets available at:  
Quayle's Pharmacy,  
KG Hotel  
Cornerstone Insurance  
Blackhawks players  
[www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca)



Sat  
**4**  
Jan  
2020

**Doors Open 7:00pm**  
**Comedian 8:00pm**  
Silent Auction, Lunch & Dance to follow

Birch Hills Civic Centre  
No Minors



Birch Hills Safe Grad 2020 will be doing a town wide fundraising bottle drive on Sunday Jan 5th starting at 1 pm.

Let us help clean out your cans bottles and milk jugs from the holidays. Simply leave the bags on your front lawn or driveway and we will pick them up.

For more information contact Jackie @749-7762

### About Sean Lecomber:

Based in Alberta, Sean is a CBC's The Debaters favourite. He filmed his first Just For Laughs gala in 2013 and his comedy was featured on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Winner of the Just For Laughs homegrown competition, Sean's other festival appearances include 3 appearances at the Halifax Comedy Festival as well as the Winnipeg Comedy Festival in 2013 and 2016. He has written for This Hour Has 22 Minutes and is a two time Canadian Comedy Award nominee.

His work can also be heard on SiriusXM Radio.



Birch Hills Golf Course  
P.O. Box 280  
Birch Hills, SK, S0J 0G0  
306-749-2211

August 28, 2019

The Birch Hills Golf Course was founded in 1926...our golf course is a beautiful hidden gem - a 9 hole, grass green golf course. Unfortunately, our clubhouse is almost as old as the golf course, but unlike the course, it hasn't improved with age.

The clubhouse is at its end of life - the building shifts every year and we are always amazed that the floor hasn't fallen in or the attached screen room hasn't separated; our deck is in need of replacing; our freezers and some of our coolers are located in the public areas, and the kitchen needs renovations to adhere to Public Health regulations...we could go on, but you get the idea.

We have designed a new clubhouse which will allow for a more functional kitchen, seating and retail space, increased storage and bathrooms that meet Public Health regulations. The Clubhouse and Golf Boards are excited about the new plans and eager to start construction. We have already raised approximately \$150,000 and have purchased some fixtures for the new clubhouse.

The Golf Board is requesting patrons, suppliers, community members and interested parties to consider making a tax deductible donation to our building fund. Donations may be made by:

- 1) Cash or cheque at the Birch Hills Golf Course
- 2) Cash, cheque, debit or credit at the Birch Hills Town Office
- 3) Cheques mailed to Birch Hills Golf Course, Box 280, Birch Hills, SK, S0J 0G0 or
- 4) E-transferred to [birchhills.town@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhills.town@sasktel.net) (please specify that it is for the Golf Course and include your name and mailing address so we may issue tax receipts.)

Donations over \$20.00 will receive an official tax receipt; cheques must be made out to The Town of Birch Hills with the memo field stating "Golf Clubhouse Fund".

A charitable donation is a great way to help community initiatives and to receive a credit on your income taxes...as an example, in 2018, a \$400 donation could equate to \$140 tax savings. Of course, this is based on your tax bracket, so savings could be even more.

Donor Recognition will be as follows:

Ace - \$5,000.00 +  
Eagle - \$2,500.00 - \$4,999.00  
Birdie - \$1,000.00 - \$2,499.00  
Par - \$500.00 - \$999.00

Thanks in advance for your donation; your assistance with this project is greatly appreciated. Once construction is complete and we are working out of the new clubhouse, we will be holding our Clubhouse Grand Opening and Donor Recognition - watch for details!

Respectfully,

Birch Hills Golf Course Board

**YOU ARE INVITED** to a special Christmas Eve Service at Birchview Nursing Home on Tuesday, December 24 starting at 6:30 p.m. All residents, families and friends are most welcome! Duane Mohn will be leading the worship service followed by time to visit with the residents.

**Thanks to  
Ozmun Farms  
For sponsoring the  
Blackhawks'  
December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Guaranteed \$500 50/50**

# Pop Up Christmas Shop!

Last minute gift ideas

Sunday, December 22  
12 to 4 pm  
Birch Hills Legion  
Hall

Featuring:  
Partylite, Brenda's  
Handmade Treasures,  
Thirty-One, home bak-  
ing, jewelry, and other  
gift ideas.  
Enjoy a hot beverage and  
sweet treat while you shop.



Merry Christmas to one and all  
- Bike Bob





### **EARLY PAYMENT OF ANNUAL PLAYERS MEMBERSHIP**

Pay your annual players membership by **April 15<sup>th</sup>** and avoid a possible increase in the new season.

If the fees are raised in the new season, the golfer will not be required to include the increase in their purchase.

This policy relates to annual individual and family players memberships only.

### **INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OF ANNUAL PLAYERS MEMBERSHIP**

To allow for the gradual purchase of the annual players membership through installments payments, those who elect to purchase their players membership for the new season, will be allowed to do this with a maximum 6 payments. The payments will start in **January**, with the final payment due **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

This may be done by cash payments at the Birch Hills Recreation Office, money orders, cheques (Birch Hills Town and Community Recreation, Box 280, Birch Hills, S0J 0G0) or e-transfers to ([birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)).

If a refund is requested for any instance, an administration fee of \$50.00 will be charged and the balance will be refunded upon request to the board.

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## **Curling News**

### **Upcoming Events**

Cornerstone Open bonspiel - Jan 10 - 11

Seniors Bonspiel - Jan 13 - 16

Ladies Bonspiel Feb 7 - 8

Two Person March 20 - 22

Call the Rink @ 749 - 2951

Tuesday afternoon—1st week of December if there is enough interest - call 306-749-3216 or 306 -749-2951 or text 306-749-7040. Everyone Welcome.