

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

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" 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 Gariepy 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 30th at which time I will pick up tabs. For further info please call Shirley Graupe at 306-749-2438

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

**AFFINITY CREDIT UNION
M.D.E. SURFACE BLASTING AND TRADING
BIRCH HILLS GOOSERS HOCKEY CLUB**

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.

Crystal Springs Rec Co-op

CRYSTAL SPRINGS POKER RALLY

SATURDAY, Feb 1, 2020

Registration 10 am-1 pm
at Crystal Springs Hall
Last Rider Out by 1:30 pm
All Riders Back by 4:30 pm

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

Cash Bar + Hot Lunch
Fuel Available

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

Hosted by the Crystal Springs Rec Co-op

2020
Coffee Row
@ the Hall

2 pm -4 pm

Everyone
Welcome!

Jan 8th
Feb 5th
Mar 4th
Apr 1st
May 6th
Jun 3rd
Jul 8th
Aug 5th
Sep 2nd
Oct 7th
Nov 4th
Dec 2nd

Big Thank You to

They gifted Birchview Home with plush cuddle buddies that kept us cozy during this Christmas season!

BlackHawks Hockey vs. Aberdeen

Free Admission Courtesy: CARTERS CUSTOM AG

Fri 3 Jan 2020	Time 8:30pm Licensed Beverage Garden
Hesje Centre 2 nd Street, Birch Hills	

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Hockey
club

Wishing all the
Best in 2020!



Wishing everyone the best in the New Year

M.D.E. Surface Blasting and Trading has been supplying explosive services to its customers for the last eight years. Now with the ever changing rules and regulations regarding explosives and their use, M.D.E is offering its services to individuals that have used explosives in the past. M.D.E will travel to areas to conduct blasting services and is offering sales of blasting products to properly licensed individuals. In the spring of 2020 M.D.E will be providing a Basics Explosive Training Course to those that may require a refresher or new training. Training classes will be offered to R.M. employees and to land owners that have severe issues with beaver control. Price lists and rates available on request. If you have any questions regarding blasting services please feel free to contact Mark Evans at.

Cell: 306-960-2569

Email: markel.evans@hotmail.ca



ST MARY'S ANGLICAN UPCOMING EVENTS

279 McCallum Avenue

Community Lunches:

All community members are welcome to join us for lunch

Friday, January 3rd



Next Lunch : January 17th

Sunday, January 5th 11:00am – Second Sunday After Christmas (Sunday School resumes)

Monday, January 6th 6:00pm – House Blessing and "Three Kings Party" (potluck) for the Feast of the Epiphany @ the Rectory

Sunday, January 12th 11:00am – First Sunday After Epiphany



Follow us on Facebook at 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 at 1:30-2:15
Ages 3 & 4

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



Birch Hills Walking Club

Starting Jan 7th every Tuesday and Thursday. 9am-11am @ the Birch Hills Civic centre please bring inside shoes! Come get some exercise and beat the cold.

Keep an eye on Facebook and the heartbeat for news on drop-in volleyball.

Individual Needs. Group Support. Try it FREE

Michelle, Don and Adele met their weight-loss goals. So can you!

OPEN HOUSE

- Affordable
- Doctor recommended
- Lose 10-100+lb.

Day/Date: **Wed. Jan 29th**
 Time: **5:30pm**
 Location: **Kinistino United Church**
 Contact: **306-864-7662 (evening)**

tops Real People. Real Weight Loss.® www.tops.org (800) 932-8677

Church Services



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 Tidings Tabernacle @ 11:00am

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

80TH

BIRTHDAY FOR



DAVID KILDEN

JANUARY 19TH 2-4PM

Birch Hills Civic Center

Your presence is your gift.

Made with PosterMyWall.com

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

Walking Club 9 am—11 am
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 @ Museum
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

Walking Club 9 am—11 am
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 @ Museum
Coffee 2:00pm @ Museum
Senior Centre Contact: Delores Jones 749-2680

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

Birch Hills Volunteer Fire Department

Fundraising Calendars \$25 each

Available from any Volunteer Firefighter

All proceeds to purchase needed equipment.



RECYCLE

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



Happy New Year!

from *Lon Borgerson*



NDP Candidate for Batoche Constituency

Lon.borgerson@sasktel.net; FB/LonBorgerson

*"What we desire for ourselves, we wish for all."
(J.S. Woodsworth)*

*H*ope for the year ahead

*A*ppreciation for all who serve our community

*P*ease in a world where people still suffer from war

*P*olitics...bringing us together, instead of dividing us!

*Y*es! To leaving a better world for our children.

*N*ice weather for seeding, growing & harvesting

*E*nergy for the work and play that gives us joy

*W*isdom to know that helping others...helps us!

*Y*outhful spirit no matter how old we are

*E*njoyment of our family, friends & neighbours

*A*dvocacy for people and the planet

*R*espect for each other in all walks of life

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

Upcoming Events

January

3 Aberdeen @ Birch Hills 8:30pm

4 Blackhawks Comedy Night
Sponsored by Nutrien Ag Ser-
vices

5 Safe Grad Bottle Drive

7 First Day of Walking Club

10-11 Open bonspiel

13-16 Seniors Bonspiel

February

7/8 Ladies Bonspiel

8 Birch Hills Sno –Posse Snow-
mobile Rally

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

January Birchview Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Happy New Years 2:30- Olive & Friends <small>New Year's Day</small>	12:30- Army & Navy Outing	(Melissa) 10:30- Helping Hands 2:30- BINGO	
	10:00- Minto Bowl Outing	11:00- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 2:30- Baptist Church	AM- Greek Lunch Club Prep 2:30- Stretchcise 	Vol. Service Meeting (Annelle) 5:45- Barvenook Ukrainian Dancers	10:30- Helping Hands 2:30- BINGO	
	10:45- Smitty's / South Hill Mall Outing	10:30- Tone Chimes 2:30- Anglican Church	10:30- Stretchcise 2:30- Birthday Party w the JOB Mates	10:30- 	10:30- Helping Hands 2:30- BINGO	
2:30- Glad Tidings <small>Activity Professionals Week</small>	(EDO) 	10:30- Tone Chimes 2:30- Pentecostal Church	10:30- Baking Club 6:30- Riverside Youth Jiggers	10:45- Urban Garden Café, Melfort	10:30- Trivia & Interesting Facts Chinese Feast 2:30- BINGO 	
	10:30- Wal-Mart <small>Australia Day (observed)</small>	10:30- Tone Chimes 2:30- Roman Catholic Church	6pm- VS. Victoria Royals	(Kinistino Coming!) 2:30- Salt Water Joy 	10:30- Helping Hands 2:30- BINGO	

Extra Calendars are on the desk in the Rec Room!

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



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 SNO-POSSE
25th 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

The ski trails at the Golf Course have been groomed, skis are available to rent at the museum. If you wish to use them please contact the rec office.

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, Javes,
Glass Jars from Jam, Pickles, etc. or Soup Cans*

DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT BACK DOOR OF YOUTH CENTER!

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Nominations will be accepted January 3 – 9/2020

for Delegates of Lake Country Co-operative Association Limited

Delegate positions are available at the following locations:

- **Domremy (one 3 year term)**
- **La Ronge (one 3 year term)**
- **Paddockwood (one 3 year term)**
- **Shellbrook (one 3 year term)**
- **Smeaton (one 3 year term & one 2 year term)**
- **Wakaw (one 3 year term)**
- **Big River (one 3 year term)**
- **Kinistino (one 3 year term)**
- **Marcelin (one 3 year term)**
- **Canwood (one 3 year term)**
- **Birch Hills (one 3 year term)**
- **Spiritwood (one 3 year term)**

Prince Albert (five 3 year term)

Nomination forms are available at the Food Store at each location, except Shellbrook where they can be picked up at the Agro Center and in Spiritwood at the Service Center.

- Nominees must do the majority of their Co-op purchases at the location for which they are nominated, or be a resident of the district.
- Nominees must hold a Co-op membership in their name.
- Nominee purchases must be equivalent to those of the average Co-op member.

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 (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



EARLY PAYMENT OF ANNUAL PLAYERS MEMBERSHIP

Pay your annual players membership by **April 15th** 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 1st**.

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).

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.

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

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.