

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)

## February 1st, 2020

## Issue 227

The Birch Hills Blackhawks are in 1<sup>st</sup> place heading into their final weekend of league play. Winning their final game in Clavet on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> will guarantee 1<sup>st</sup> place and home ice advantage for playoffs. Pairings and game dates/times will be determined after that weekend. We will likely play our first league playoff game on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm at the Hesje Centre in Birch Hills.

Provincial playoffs for the Blackhawks started on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> when they travelled to Unity to take on the Miners. The second game of the best of three series will be on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Hesje Centre in Birch Hills. The third game, if necessary, is in Unity on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. We will be taking a bus, so watch for details on Facebook or call or text 306-749-7393 or 306-980-8687.

Please watch for posters around town and also follow the Blackhawks on Facebook (Birch Hills Sr. Blackhawks) to find out game results and to see who and when we are playing. Go Hawks!

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

THE BIRCHTREE  
BIRCH HILLS SNO-POSSIE  
JOHN HERD ACCOUNTING

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STANDINGS						
TEAM	GP	W	L	T	OL	TP
Birch Hills	17	15	2	0	0	30
Shellbrook	15	12	2	0	1	25
Rosthern	17	12	5	0	0	24
Warman	17	10	6	1	0	21
Clavet	15	9	5	1	0	19
Dalmeny	16	7	6	0	3	17
Waldheim	16	7	7	0	2	16
Hague	16	5	10	0	1	11
Cudworth	16	3	12	0	1	7
Aberdeen	17	0	17	0	0	0

## 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**  
1<sup>st</sup> 25% • 2<sup>nd</sup> 15% • 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Feb 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**2 pm -4 pm**

*Everyone  
Welcome!*

**2020 Dates:**  
Mar 4<sup>th</sup>  
Apr 1<sup>st</sup>  
May 6<sup>th</sup>  
Jun 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Jul 8<sup>th</sup>  
Aug 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Oct 7<sup>th</sup>  
Nov 4<sup>th</sup>  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER SPONSORED BY:

JOHN HERD

IT'S INCOME TAX TIME

DEADLINE for contributing to your 2019 RRSP is MARCH 02, 2020.

I have my own spreadsheet which can calculate the TAX savings for different RRSP contributions INSTANTLY. This is a FREE service for my clients.

SENIORS: If you live in Birch Hills and you have a SIMPLE TAX RETURN (Old Age slip, Canada Pension Slip, 1 Bank slip and/or 1 Pension from work slip) I WILL DO YOUR TAXES FOR FREE. (Seniors deserve a break)

In addition to all sorts of PERSONAL TAX RETURNS, I do SMALL CORPORATIONS and FARMS.

Give me a call at 306-749-7337 to set up an appointment.

The Birch Tree Café  
Clay Oven Pizza / Homemade Burger/ Fish & Chips  
& Authentic Asian Dishes  
Everyday Special  
Reserve Valentine's Day Steak Dinner!  
306-749-2223 or  
Facebook Message TheBirchTreeCafe@Facebook

The snowmobile club would like to welcome anyone willing to join a great organization. The money raised from the rallies is used to maintain 3 cabins that are strategically located along the river. These cabins are stocked with wood and other survival supplies that make a great outdoor adventure. Our club does our best to give back within the community of Birch Hills. Our next rally is dated for Feb 8, 2020 with the Birch Hills Day Care providing the food service for the day! Come for a beverage, a meal and an opportunity to win some prizes!

Follow us on Facebook under "Birch Hills Sno-Posse" for the latest information and photos of all generations enjoying the use of Cabin 5, Northpoint Cabin and Cabin 10 .

For more information about the Club contact Mark Evans @960-2569 or Matthew Njaa @749-7010.



ST MARY'S ANGLICAN Church UPCOMING  
EVENTS

279 McCallum Avenue

Community Lunches:

All community members are welcome to join us for lunch



Friday, January 17th

Next Lunch : February 7th

Sunday, February 2nd 4:00pm – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany; Feast of Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple); Potluck to follow at the Rectory – 210 Taylor Avenue.

Sunday, February 9th 4:00pm – Septuagesima

Sunday, February 15th  
4:00pm – Sexagesima

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



Birch Hills Public Library

Birch Hills Library hours:

Tuesday noon – 8:00 pm  
Thurs 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Friday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Story and youth time Thurs  
morning 10:30 – 11:15



NOTICE

Birch Hills Historical Society A.G.M.

Friday, February 21st at 5:00 pm

In Museum Basement

Pot Luck Supper

Followed by Annual Meeting

Everyone Welcome

WE would like to thank RBC and PA Community Foundation for the generous grant to host "Ambassadors of Reconciliation".



AMBASSADORS OF RECONCILIATION  
Conflict Resolution vs Reconciliation Seminar

February 28-29, 2020

We all experience conflict in our relationships. Whether it is conflict with family members, conflict in marriage or conflict at work. Wherever it is, when faced with conflict we often resort to attacking the other person or trying to escape, and things get worse. We all hate conflict, *but what if things could get better?*



This Seminar from "Ambassadors of Reconciliation" will teach you to apply the Biblical principles of Reconciliation to the conflicts you face in everyday life. It is designed to give you skill to address conflict at home, in your community, or in your business. Through this seminar you will learn to view conflict in a new light and will be given the skills to face it, rather than fall into fight or flight mode.

Who is it for?

This Seminar is open to everyone in the community, and is FREE of charge. It is for anyone who would like to learn skills to strengthen his or her relationships. We all need help sometimes.



We do ask that you please pre-register to attend.

How do I Pre-Register?

You can pre-register by calling Pastor Clint Knutson 306-749-2478 or if you have any questions please give him a call!



Where Is It? Birch Hills Community Church

When? FRIDAY, February 28 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm  
SATURDAY, February 29 8:00 am - 2:30 pm



For more information about the "Ambassadors of Reconciliation" please see their website: [www.aorhope.org](http://www.aorhope.org)

Church Services



St. Mary's Anglican Church @ 4:00pm

St. Anne Roman Catholic Church @ 11:00 am February to the end of May

Community Church @ 11am

Lake Park Baptist Church @ 11am

Saron Lutheran Church by Hagen @ 9:30am

Glad Tiding s Tabernacle @ 11:00am



## SENIORS TECH BUDDY PROGRAM



10:00am– 11:00am - Internet Fraud and Safety Presentation

11:15am - 12:15pm - Student Support (one on one help with technology)

Wednesday, April 1st, 2020

St Joseph's High School

(115 Nelson Road) Free Transportation if needed

\$10 fee to cover administration costs

Phone 306-652-2255 or email [student@scoa.ca](mailto:student@scoa.ca)



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**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

## 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

**Dart League** 7 pm @ legion

### TUESDAY

**Walking Club** 9 am–11 am

**Library Open** 12-4 pm 5-8pm

**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** Thurs 9 - 1

**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.

**Library Open** 1 - 5 pm

**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

This years winter festive will take place the Week of March 9-15 if you or your organization would like to be apart of the festivities please contact the Rec office.

### RECYCLE

Please Share your Newsletter with a friend.

Send request to [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net) to receive the news letter online.





Congratulations to TLC Daycare Trip of the Month  
Winners...

**Tenna Hanover** for the early bird ticket draw. And **Kyle Tweten** for the January 2020 travel voucher.

Our next draw will be Monday February 10, 2020.

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

TLC Daycare will be providing the canteen for the  
Sno Posse Snowmobile rally.

Come down to the Civic Center for

Pancakes and Sausage

Burgers

Pork on a Bun

Pies



Please come out and support the daycare!

Monday Dart Night

@ The Legion

@ 7 PM

Legion Members and Guests welcome

## Upcoming Events

### February

1 Crystal Springs Poker Rally

7-8 Ladies Bonspiel

8 Birch Hills Sno –Posse Snowmobile Rally

9 BH Blackhawks vs Clavet (Provincial Game)

21 - Historical Society AGM

28-29 AMBASSADORS OF RECONCILIATION

Conflict Resolution vs Reconciliation Seminar

### March

9-15 Birch Hills Winter Festival

**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

# February Birchview Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February 2020</b>						
<i>Extra Calendars are on the Recreation desk!</i>						
<b>Eleanors' Bday '29</b>  GRUNDIG DAY	2 10:30- Making Cabbage Rolls 2:30- Horse Racing	3 11:00- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 2:30- Community Church	4 Renee in meeting 12:30-4 2:30- <b>Olive &amp; Friends</b> 6:30- <b>Riverside Jigging Troop</b>	5 10:30- Table Game 12:30 <b>Army &amp; Navy</b>	6 10:30  <b>Boston Pizza</b> 2:30- BINGO	7 8
9 10:30- <u>Stretchcize</u> 12:30 <b>Jam Session @ PA Heritage Center</b>	10 10:30- Valentine's  <b>FAMILY FEUD</b> 2:30- Baptist Church (Communion)	11 10:30- Valentine's 1:00 <b>Coop Liquor Store</b>	12 10:30- Theme Bingo w Gr 4's friends 2:30- <b>Wes Stubbs</b>	13 ( Krista ) <b>Red &amp; Pink Day</b> Continental Brkft 2:30- Alice & the Fiddler <small>Valentine's Day</small>	14 <b>Ruth's Bday '39</b>	15
16 2:30- <b>Glad Tidings</b>	17 STAT HOLIDAY No Recreation <small>Presidents' Day (US)</small>	18 10:45 <b>'Nickel's Corner' Restaurant</b> 2:30- Anglican Service	19 10:30- Painters Club 2:30- <b>JOB Mates Birthday Party</b>	20 <b>Lunch Club</b> 2:30- <b>Ralph Galambos</b>	21 <b>Elsies' Bday '37</b> 10:30- Helping Hands 2:30- BINGO	22
23 10:30- Resident Council 2:30- Bottling & sampling a little wine 	24 10:30- <u>Stretchcize</u> 2:30- Roman Catholic Church <small>Mardi Gras</small>	25 10:30 <b>Walmart</b>	26 10:30-  <b>WHEEL OF FORTUNE</b> 2:30- <b>Joanne's Kitchen</b>	27 10:00 <b>Wapiti Ski Valley</b> 2:30- BINGO	28  It's a Leap Year!	29

## Curling News

### Upcoming Events

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.

Thank you all for helping me

- Bike Bob

### ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANTING

**Prince Albert & Area**  
 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INC.

The COMMUNITY FUND'S granting priorities for 2020 will focus on benefitting "children, families and less advantaged communities."

- HEALTH – Advancing the physical and mental well-being of individuals and families
- EDUCATION – Enhancing lifelong learning and educational opportunities
- SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT – Creating caring, safe and supportive environments for healthy social development
- CAPACITY BUILDING – Supporting innovation that strengthens the community's capacity to care for itself
- ARTS AND CULTURE – Supporting the growth and preservation of arts and cultural activities
- ENVIRONMENT – Resolving or preventing environmental and wildlife issues

Applicants MUST be a Registered Charitable organization, or be sponsored by one, to be funded.

The full GRANT APPLICATION FORM may be accessed on the website of the Prince Albert & Area Community Foundation Inc. [www.pafoundation.ca](http://www.pafoundation.ca) under the "Granting" tab  
 • You may also email our office requesting a copy of the Application.

These funds are offered by PAACF and UNITED WAY for Granting in Prince Albert & surrounding area.

DEADLINE is March 13, 2020

Prince Albert & Area Community Foundation Inc.  
 P.O. Box 291 Prince Albert, SK S6V 5R5  
 Email – [pafoundation@sasktel.net](mailto:pafoundation@sasktel.net) website – [www.pafoundation.ca](http://www.pafoundation.ca)



### 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.

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

#### Birch Hills Curl-A-Drome Report

There is action at the curling rink each Wednesday night with 16- 2 person teams and again on Thursday night with 16 Super Leagues teams. Tuesday afternoon curling has dwindled over the years but we still manage to get 8-12 persons coming out for pick-up curling and to practice the game. Everyone who wishes to drop by for a game or practice on Tuesday at 1:30 is welcome.

Since January 1 the club has hosted two bonspiels.

Sixteen teams, mostly local, competed in our Open Bonspiel held Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. There was also a good turnout of non curlers who enjoyed the competition as well as food and drink. A pool play format was used with progressive cash prizes for wins.

Twelve teams from Birch Hills, Kinistino, Melfort and St Louis came together to enjoy the Birch Hills Senior Bonspiel held January 13-16. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful roast beef dinner on Tuesday catered by Marie Braaten. Congratulations to the Rob Hanson team for winning the bonspiel and to Harvey Boger and Rebecca Njaa, the winners of the 50-50 draws.

Thank you everyone who participated in these bonspiels, particularly to Robyn, Vern and volunteers for the excellent ice, Wayne and Karen for unceasing voluntary efforts keeping the public area spotless and the bar well stocked, and Bob for managing 50-50 ticket sales at the bonspiels. Thanks also to all the members and friends of the club who generously donate soups, pies, chili and time to the lunch counter and bar service, and to Marie for catering the Seniors meal. Thanks also to all the sponsors, advertisers, and donators of prizes and useful items to our facility and for our various events. Without you our facility would likely not be functional.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy good food and the spirit of curling during the Ladies Bonspiel Feb 7-8 and the end of the season 2 Person Tuff Spiel March 20-22, or drop in anytime regular curling is happening for some entertainment. Better hurry if you want to enter a team in the Ladies.. the report is there are already 15 teams signed up! The signed up list for the 2 person wind-up is also growing so if you want to be one of 24 teams in that bonspiel don't procrastinate too long or you may be out of luck.

See you at the rink!

# Lon Borgerson



**NDP Candidate**

**Batoche**

lon@saskndp.ca FB/Lonborgerson

## BACKGROUND

- ❖ Family farm roots
- ❖ Lifelong educator - teacher, principal, director of education
- ❖ SUNTEP/U of S instructor
- ❖ Co-creator of Suntep Theatre, Batoche Theatre
- ❖ Former MLA of Saskatchewan Rivers
- ❖ A Dad and “Grandpa”
- ❖ Rural resident near MacDowall

*“I will work hard for your community!”*



## Metis Local #43 hosting a Crib Tournament

Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 10 am

Weldon Auditorium meeting room

\$5 per person/scramble teams

Text or phone Joe 941-9311 by February 29  
to register

assorted prizes lunch for purchase

Everyone welcome!

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

## 2020 World Day of Prayer

Feature Country: Zimbabwe

Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>

2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church

279 McCallum Avenue

Birch Hills, Sask.

Everybody is welcome!

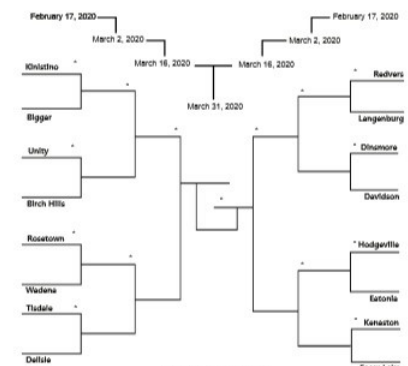
Contact Person: Donna (306 314 5672)



Saskatchewan Hockey Association  
16 Team Draw

Division: Senior Category: C Coordinator: Kyle Holium

Completed By



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2019-20



Thanks to:



**MACFIE**  
SAFETY CONSULTING INC.

For providing free admission to the  
Blackhawks' Jan 24th game

**Go Hawks!**

Thanks to  
**Njaa Farm Ltd.**

For sponsoring the  
Blackhawks'  
January 18<sup>th</sup> 50/50  
Jackpot Starting at \$500

Thanks to:



For sponsoring the Blackhawks'  
Calcutta Shoot-out  
(following January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 game)

**Go Hawks!**

Thanks to Carter's Custom Ag



For providing free admission to the  
Blackhawks' Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> game

**Go Hawks!**

Thanks to:



For providing free admission to  
the Blackhawks' Jan 25th game


**Go Hawks!**

**Provincial Hockey**  
**BlackHawks vs. Unity**



Congratulations, to Team Silvernagle won the Provincial Women's Curling. Kara (Kilden) Thevenot is the lead on this team. Thevenot won their second straight provincial title Tuesday with an 8-5 victory over Saskatoon's Sherry Anderson in the Viterra Scotties final at the Horizon Credit Union Centre in Melville. Congratulations Kara!

Guaranteed \$500 50/50 courtesy:




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Sun <b>9</b> Feb 2020	<b>Time</b>   2:00pm
	<b>Licensed Beverage Garden</b>
	Hesje Centre 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Birch Hills

