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MANITOBA AUTHOR FINDS BIRTH FAMILY AFTER 55YRS

Submitted by Joan (Hudson) Zaretsky

"The Missing Puzzle Pieces: Finding My Birth Family"

Have you ever been in a public place and observed someone who looked like you and wondered to yourself "Could this woman be my mother?"? For the vast majority of the population, this scenario would never happen. For those individuals who are adopted and have not found their birth family, this can be a common occurrence. Not knowing their birth mother and/or father can cause an individual to experience a gap in their understanding as to who they are as a person, who their birth family members are and where their family came from.

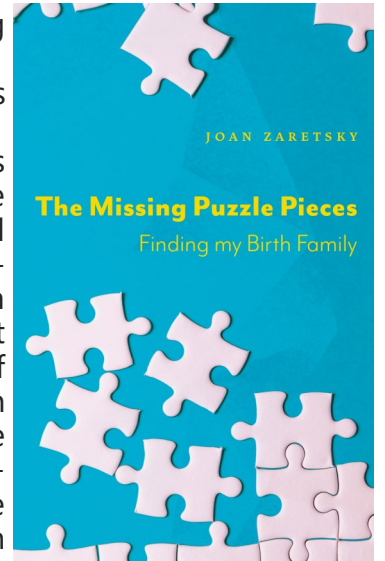
Knowing she was adopted from age three, when she went with her parents to select her new baby brother at the Child and Family Services building, Joan believed that all babies were simply chosen by new parents. She spent her early years living with her adoptive parents, Ron and Helen Hudson, on a dairy farm in Rosser Municipality. Her dad and her uncle farmed together and her two cousins were also adopted. Adoption was the norm for

her as a young child.

Joan's adopted mother was Helen Sutcliffe and was raised in the Rothesay area on a farm just southeast of Birtle. Joan describes the many life lessons she learned from her mother including the importance of keeping alive connections with older neighbors, friends and family. She shares her memories of times spent visiting with the Curtis and Dickey families in Birtle as well as visiting their relatives in England and North Ireland.

Joan's book, *The Missing Puzzle Pieces: Finding My Birth Family*, is an exploration of strategies adopted children and adults can employ when seeking their heritage by finding their birth parents. Her story is a tribute to

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- Wed Nov 1 -1**  **Mix of Sun/Clouds**
- Thurs Nov 2 2**  **Cloudy w/Sunny Break**
- Fri. Nov 3 1**  **Mix Sun/Clouds**
- Sat. Nov 4 0**  **Scattered Flurries**
- Sun. Nov 5 0**  **Scattered Flurries**



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Joan's loving adoptive family for preparing her to deal with unforeseeable life challenges as she meets her new birth family.

As you read her book, a remarkable number of coincidences or Godwinks are revealed in the journey finding her roots. One amazing Godwink involved meeting a woman at a house party in Tucson, Arizona who grew up two doors down the street from Joan's birth family in Ochre River, MB. Her journey to find information about her birth family was truly a work of revelations and wonder.

Joan Zaretsky has been an educator for over 45 years in many different educational capacities. She completed her Bachelor of Home Economics degree in the Family Studies cohort with Geraldine Fitzgerald of Birtle. Joan went on to receive a Doctoral degree in Inclusive Special Education. She has written and presented research papers across North America. This memoir is her first book written passionately from her heart rather than her research findings.

Joan's book, **The Missing Puzzle Pieces: Finding My Birth Family**, is available at the **Birtle Pharmacy located at 808 Main Street, Birtle MB**. It is a book which will make you laugh, make you cry and make you ponder questions about your own heritage and life experiences.



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PALLIATIVE CARE COMMITTEE RAISES FUNDS FOR LOCAL CAUSES

Birtle & Area Palliative Care were able to help fund the furniture & bedding for the Dr's old suite at the Birtle Health Centre. PMH funded the double bed. We were approached to assist with the project and the board members were more than willing to help out. The room needed an up-date and a more inviting suite to accommodate staff who wish to utilize the room at the facility, such as agency staff who fill in for the shortage of nursing staff. This room may be used by staff also who may not be able to get home, example being in the winter if there is a storm. As everyone is aware there is a shortage of nursing staff throughout every region. This will be one way of helping out. The facility is in the process of renovating a second room at the hospital.

The other donations contributed by the Birtle Palliative Care Team were the following:

1. \$1,000.00 to Jo-ann & David Haney to help cover expenses when David has his double lung transplant. He is on the waiting list.
2. \$500.00 to Linda Clark. Linda will be hosting a Grief Seminar at the end of October. We will be one of their sponsors. If anyone is interested in attending they may contact Linda.
3. To Purchase a new BBQ for Activities/Sunny-side Manor at the Birtle Health Centre.

Thank you each and everyone for your help assisting our most valuable Palliative Care Program.
Sincerely The Birtle & Area Palliative Care Team.



Palliative Care Committee - Nancy Birch, Lynette Snow, Roger Wilson, Elaine Dixon, Eilleen Kowaluck & Marcella Irwin. The puppy dog is Brie. She visits Sunny side and Transitional patients. Missing from the picture is Alison Desjardins, Bernadette Dupont, Patricia Chartier, Bev Wotton.



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Jo-ann Haney, Lynette Snow, Bernadette Dupont, Alison Desjardins

BIRTLE DROP IN CENTRE HAS LOTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

With the end of summer, activities are picking up at the Drop In Centre.

- Monday mornings from 0930 to 1045 – open for coffee
- Tuesday mornings 10 am seniors exercise class / 1045 coffee
- Tuesday afternoons 1:30 Dominoes
- Wednesday afternoons 1:30- 4:00 available for drop in use of games, wifi, pool tables, shuffleboard and floor curling etc.
- Wednesday evenings Valley Rec sponsored Cardio beats exercise class 7p.m.
- Thursday mornings 10 am seniors' exercises / 1045 coffee
- Thursday afternoons 1:30 – 4:00 Floor curling
- Friday morning Service for Seniors sponsored drum exercise class 10:00
- Friday evenings 7 p.m. drop in pool games

The fourth Thursday of every month there is a Congregate meal. Contact Shauna for more information or sign up the week prior at the Drop In Centre.

The Birtle Flu & COVID Clinic is being held at the Drop In Centre On November 8th from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. appointments and walk-ins available.

November 25th The Drop In is sponsoring a craft and bake sale

from 10:00 till 2:00. Local crafters, bakers, and home-based businesses will be set up to serve you. There will also be draws for prizes and lunch will be served. Our neighbours at Birtle Centre for the Arts and The Value Shoppe will also be open for your shopping and browsing pleasure.

Vendors wanting to participate can contact Susanne at 204-847-2046 or 204-512-0324 to book a table.

If you wish to book the Facilities for a private function, contact Roberta at (204) 842-5109

Stop in and check out the activities and join us for coffee and a visit.



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BIRTLE NEWS - By Jan Fleury

Oct 29 2023

Congratulations to Taylor Snow and Jason Shurvell who were married in Birtle on October 14th!

Sympathy of the Birtle community is extended to Pat Bray and family on the passing of Pat's sister, Betty Howard, at the Elkwood Manor PCH in Elkhorn at the age of 90.

Condolences are extended from the Birtle community to the family and friends of Evette Fouillard of Sunnyside Manor who passed away at the age of 85.

Wishing readers a Happy Halloween and be on the watch for all the little ghosts and goblins who will be out on Tuesday October 31st for trick or treating.

Oct 17 2023

Bev Lee and Georgina Belhumeur have returned from a holiday to Toronto and Niagara Falls. They flew from Winnipeg and met Bev's daughter Melanie from Strathmore, AB in Toronto where they rented a car and did lots of sight seeing. Bev is one busy lady. Upon arriving home she was off the Winnipeg to attend the Manitoba Metis Federation's Annual General Assembly as a representative of the Snake Creek MMF local.

Robin and Tashel Scantlebury, Roberta and Miranda Cook, and Trixie, Taylor and Samantha Lindenbach spent Thanksgiving weekend on a Mother/Daughter trip to Las Vegas. They enjoyed attending the Pink concert while there.

Also spending Thanksgiving weekend in Vegas were Angie Bowley, Alison Desjardins, Mandy Lee, Kelly Roe, Jocelyn Cottingham, Cheri Marchuk, Janet Sandstrom and Pam Naylor. Girls just want to have fun! as Cindy Lauper would say.

Bob and Marge Barteaux accompanied David and Jacki Barteaux to Winnipeg on Oct. 9 to watch Dawson Barteaux play with the Manitoba Moose against the U of M Bison hockey team. Bob and Marge also spent this past weekend visiting with Ruth Barteaux and other family members in Winnipeg.

Sympathy of the community is being extended to Dean and Audrey Gadd and their family and friends on the sudden passing of their son, Chance on October 15th at the age of 23. Our thoughts are with the family at this sad time.

Oct 10 2023

A few of our locals have been celebrating a special birthday of late and are now octogenarians. They include Wes Scantlebury, Al Bray and Lois McBeth. Happy Birthday and Congratulations!

Sympathy of the community is being extended to Marilyn Moulson and family and Laurie and Lois Davison on the passing of their sister Pat Tole on Sept. 27 at the age of 85.

Bill and Carolyn Flynn and Darlene and Bill McArthur have returned from a 25 day bus tour to the Maritimes and points in the US. They report a very busy time and enjoyed seeing all the sights on the trip.

Pat Koroscil had Cathy, Chris and Kaylee Powell of Winnipeg out for Thanksgiving weekend. Bruce and Denise Koroscil and Tanner and Emily Koroscil joined them for supper on Sunday.

Did you have Thanksgiving visitors or were you away visiting? Just call and let me know 204-842-5227.

October 3 2023

Sympathy to the Fleury, Costa and Prescott families on the sudden passing of Judy Prescott on Sept. 26 in Saskatoon, SK. She will be dearly remembered by her daughter Carina (Roger) and son Cory (Stephanie), 8 grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Congratulations to the grade 5 and 6 golf team who were successful at the Park West divisional golf tournament at Miniota Golf Course last week. In the Grade 5 division, Jacey Lane placed 1st and Genesis McPherson finished 3rd. In the grade 6 division, Blake Tomiski placed 1st for the girls and Logan Freisen claimed 3rd for the boys! Well done Falcons!

2023 Harvest is almost wrapped up and hopefully the weather will co-operate to allow all the combining and fall work to be done before the snow flies.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Sept 26/23

Sheila Bazlik of Regina, SK and Maleon and Ron Kostick of Stonewall spent a few days in town packing up for their mother, Olga Melnyk, as she settles into her suite in Shoal Lake.

Word has been received of the passing of Joyce Doran of Saskatoon, SK on Sept. 15th at the age of 72. Joyce was the daughter of the late Nelson and Sylvia Doran and will be missed by her children Kate Grimsdale and Chuck Grimsdale, brother Harold Doran, sisters Claudia Semaniuk and Lucinda Doran and their families, three grandchildren, and many extended family and friends.

Sympathy of the community is extended to the Mitchell and Lane families on the passing of Addison Mitchell on Sept. 24th at the age 9, following a courageous battle with cancer. She was the daughter of Nicole (Lane) and Ben Mitchell and will be missed by brother Nixon, her grandparents and great grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins as well as her many friends.

Several Birtle residents attended the Fall Supper in St. Lazare on Sunday, Sept. 24th and were part of a large crowd that enjoyed a delicious meal along with much visiting.

The Men's Night League held their season windup on Sat. Sept. 23 with the weather co-operating to a tee!

Sept 19 2023

Best wishes are being sent to long time Birtle resident, Olga Melnyk, as she settles into her new home in Morley House Lodge in Shoal Lake. Get well wishes are also extended to Olga who is recovering in her new suite after spending some time in Brandon Regional Health Centre.

Congratulations are extended to Bill Kyle who shot a hole-in-one on Sept. 7th on hole number 4 at the Birtle Riverside Golf Club.

On Saturday Sept. 16th the Ladies Night Golfers held their windup. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by all, especially all the Barbies that showed up.

The Birtle Collegiate Falcons golf team attended the Divisional Golf Tournament at Oak Island Golf Club on Wednesday Sept. 13th. Mae Fulton shot the lowest round for the girls and will be representing Parkwest Division at the Provincials. Congratulations Mae! The boys did well too, tying with Major Pratt for the lowest round. To determine the winner, the individual player with the lowest round from each team played in a sudden death playoff. Grady Lee represented the Falcons and handled the pressure and took MP to four holes. Well played Grady!

Enjoying the last few days of summer with blue skies and warm temperatures. Hoping all the farmers can wrap up harvest 2023 in the next while.

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Instructor: Kathleen Laggase

November 24th 7pm - 9pm - \$95 per person
 Payment must be submitted by Nov 17th
 Where: 671 Main Street, Birtle Manitoba
 To Register: Register online at www.birtlearts.ca/current-classes. Click on the class poster and the registration form will pop up. You can also call 204-842-3846 or email info@birtlearts.ca Fee must be paid to secure your spot. It can be refunded up to one week before the class. Etransfer to info@birtlearts.ca and note what class you are paying for in the message. Mail cheques to Box 460, Birtle, MB R0M0C0

THE VALUE SHOPPE

Birtle Centre for the Arts
 — Creating Community —

PAINT A CHICKADEE

WITH DAR STRONG

Paint a winter chickadee on canvas with Dar Strong.

Date: November 10th from 7pm to 9:30pm
 Adults - 15yrs and up.
 \$60 per person

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To Register: Register online at www.birtlearts.ca/current-classes. Click on the class poster and the registration form will pop up. You can also call 204-842-3846 or email info@birtlearts.ca. Fee must be paid to secure your spot. It can be refunded up to one week before the class. Etransfer to info@birtlearts.ca and note what class you are paying for in the message. Mail cheques to Box 460, Birtle, MB R0M0C0

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Birtle Centre for the Arts
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Needle Felting

Registration fee: \$45
 Instructor: Judy Zeke

November 4th from 1 pm - 4 pm.
 Participants will needle felt a Santa or Gnome.
 Suited to 14 years and over. No experience necessary.

Where: 671 Main Street, Birtle Manitoba

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 Ages 11 and up
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WHEN: SUNDAY OCT 29 th at 2PM
WHERE: Galloway Farms
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If you are unable to attend but would like more information please text 2049014579



BIRTLE & AREA GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

THIRD WEDNESDAY of Month
7pm at
Birtle Centre for the Arts
Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20
2023

For Further Information
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD FROM 11AM-7PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH FROM 11AM-3PM

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Multiple vendors to shop from.

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Prairie View Gymnastics Club Fundraiser

11-1 Fri Nov 3
11-1 Sat Nov 4
Birtle CDC Building

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- Potato Salad
- Taco Salad
- Dessert

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November 13-19, 2023

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DROP OFF AT THE CDC OFFICE IN BIRTLE 684 MAIN STREET

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November
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Every Friday night from 7pm to 10pm starting on Oct 6th. We have three pool tables open to play Snooker, 8 Ball, 9 Ball and pool cues to use.

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NorthStar Insurance & Real Estate in Brandon Announces Their Grand Opening

NorthStar Insurance & Real Estate is hosting an Open House at their new Brandon location on **Wednesday, November 8th**. The new location, which officially opened on September 5th, offers personal, leisure, business/commercial and agriculture insurance to Brandon and surrounding communities. Brian Currie, Manager of Insurance Services at NorthStar is welcoming the public to the event to help celebrate and meet Marley Enns, Insurance Broker at the Brandon location.

“We’re inviting new and existing clients to stop by, meet Marley and learn more about our insurance options,” states Currie. The Open House is taking place on Wednesday, November 8th between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. “We’ll be offering treats, refreshments, giveaways and a chance to win door prizes,” says Currie. “Everyone is welcome to attend.”

NorthStar Insurance and Real Estate is proud to deliver expertise within their communities, while helping their communities grow stronger, one household and one business at a time. “The opening of a new office takes a considerable amount of time and work behind the scenes and we’re so excited to now be open to the public,” says Marlene Heise, Director of Wealth and Insurance Services at Fusion Credit Union. “The community of Brandon has been so welcoming to us since we opened our doors. We’re inviting everyone to celebrate this huge milestone with us. It’s our way of thanking and giving back to the community.”

The office is conveniently located beside Fusion Credit Union, at Unit E-1212 18th Street in Brandon. For more information regarding the grand opening, call 204-571-3929



BIRTLÉ & DISTRICT FOUNDATION

2023 GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE NOV 25TH

Non profit organizations are asked to submit a letter that includes

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2. Project Description & Budget
3. How it will benefit the community
4. Most recent financial statements

You may be asked to attend a meeting to present your project.

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NEW DATE

“A JOURNEY”

A GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP to be held on Sunday, December 3rd 2023 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM at the Miniota Community Centre

The workshop will offer speakers, conversation, sound therapy and fellowship.
Cost \$10
To register call Linda 204-567-3847 or text 204-851-2619
Register by Nov 27th
This is open to all who travel the journey of grief.



For those people who don't know, anyone living in Birtle can still tune their FM radio to 99.9 on the dial and listen to a huge variety of music that you just don't hear any more. ***It's the music of your life....It's the music you grew up with.*** Because of the extremely low power, the signal can only be heard in town and does not reach out into the country. The station had been off the air for a while, but plans are to keep it going into the foreseeable future with an even bigger variety of songs that will be put into the mix.

MINIOTA HAPPENINGS

From the desk of Linda Clark

October 23 2023

Janice Kerr travelled to Trenton ON to spend time with her daughter Jill and Alex Kerr and her granddaughter Julia. She enjoyed seeing the sights of the area.

Friday evening saw the Miniota Community Hall filled to capacity with community and friends from all surrounding towns for the premier viewing of the docudrama 'Gino – A Child of War'. This story began back in 1940 when several young Miniota men enlisted in the army at the beginning of World War 2. Those men who were placed in the same regiment were Les Bryant, Jim Ewing, Jack Hanlin, Mel McKenzie, and Lloyd Oliver. The story of this docudrama tells of members of this group finding a young 5 year old boy. They basically adopted him and kept him safe for nearly a year until Gino was discovered by the higher ups of the military, and the men were ordered to place him in an orphanage prior to their moving camp. Les Bryant and Lloyd Oliver took it upon themselves to place Gino with an Italian family they knew. Years later Lloyd and Beth Oliver tracked down Gino, now an adult, and they stayed in touch with Gino and his family. Gino made a trip years later to Canada to meet these Canadian soldiers and their families. A wonderful warm hearted story which was well received by the audience. Attending this event from Calgary where the film was made were the director Robert Curtin and the executive producer Tony Battista. As well the actor Barry Porter who played Lloyd Oliver in his later years was in attendance along with his aunt Martha Hodkinson. Also Dina Aretti and family members from Brandon came to be acknowledged for Dina's role in translating many letters between the Olivers and Gino through the years. Because of the importance of this story to the families of the five Miniota men, each of these men were represented on Friday evening: Les Bryant by his daughter Myrna and Cam Schweitzer and granddaughter Regan and Marc Simard; Jack Hanlin by his children David, Janet and Rita and their spouses; Mel McKenzie by his son Chris McKenzie from Okotoks AB and Lloyd Oliver by his children Dennis, Brian, Darcy, and Julia and their children and grandchildren. As well Mert Massey a member of this regiment who was key in this story was represented by two nephews, Bill and Rob who came from Ninette MB. The Oliver family hosted a supper for those who had come from a distance. Linda Clark acted as MC for the evening, giving the background story prior to viewing the movie. As well the Birtle Legion #55 was in attendance and Legion Member John Stowe led us in the Legion service. The Miniota Community Centre was on hand to provide refreshments. Darcy and his children Amanda, Ted and Tanya travelled to Italy this past summer for the first viewing of the docudrama and a visit with Gino and his family. It has now been viewed in Calgary and Winnipeg and will be shown in Toronto in April. The producers continue to work to have it shown in more areas. Indeed we as a community were so pleased to be placed on the circuit of premiers, as the story began here in Miniota with five of our soldiers.

As we know our Canadian soldiers are held in high esteem for their acts of kindness and bravery in many European towns. Tony Battista spoke of the people who worked so hard to bring such a warm story to film and he used the term 'The Canadian Way'. Having just seen Gino- A Child of War and hearing the Legion words, may we all remember that Remembrance Day is approaching. "We will remember them. Lest We Forget". May we all live up to the phrase "The Canadian Way".

October 17 2023

Our Miniota community extends best wishes to Larry Walker who has moved to Rotary Villa in Brandon. We hope you are enjoying your new home.

Nick, Tracy and Jessica Young have just returned from a visit to Ottawa to visit Michaela and also to Wakefield Quebec where they visited with Steve and Amber Young, Ashby and Violet.

Congratulations to Delbert and Pat Cole on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Following a family supper held at the Miniota Hall, friends joined in to congratulate Delbert and Pat and enjoy an evening of visiting.

This past Sunday following worship at the Miniota United church, former students and friends of Lynne Cornish, joined with the Miniota Anglican and United Congregations to honour Lynne for the gift of music she has given this community for many years. A surprise concert was held with many of Lynne's students performing and sharing greetings with Lynne. As well Dana Routledge expressed her appreciation to Lynne on behalf of the Hamiota Personal Care home where Lynne plays for sing-a-longs as well as worship services. Linda Clark spoke on behalf of parents and community friends to express our gratitude for the gift of music Lynne has shared and continues to share. Josie Bryant Simard presented Lynne with a gift of

flowers. Thank you Lynne, and keep playing and entertaining- your gift is rare and so appreciated. Lunch concluded a wonderful morning of music and worship. KerriLynne Cornish, Brandon, Kurt and Harry Cornish, Minnedosa and Kyla Cornish, Cranbrook were home to celebrate their Mom and to visit with Barry and Lynne.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Terry Howard and family, Saskatoon; Cindy Howard and Mike Shewchuk, Cranbrook BC and Ross and Crystal Howard and their family on the death of their mother and

grandmother Betty Howard. Sympathy also to Betty's sister Pat Bray, Birtle and her many nieces and nephews, and to Betty's good friend Ted Morton. Betty was a resident at Elkwood Manor, Elkhorn. She has been an integral part of our community throughout her life, volunteering for the Miniota Anglican church, the Birdtail River Festival, hall and rink, 4-H as well as all the years of activities which revolved around her children's activities.

"It's really easy today to feel that the world is dark. It's easy to feel like the world is broken and we're helpless to fix it. But we're not helpless. Every single one of us has the chance to heal the world. It starts in our own communities, it starts in our own hearts and in our own hands." Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi 2017

Oct 3 2023

Stan and Bonnie Bryant are pleased to announce they have a new great granddaughter, Aden James, born to Stephanie and Jevon Weisensel and big sister Reign in Winnipeg on September 28th. Adam is a new granddaughter for Dean and Denise Bryant. Congratulations to you all!

Congratulations to Megan and Jared Fortier and big brothers Finn and Nash on the arrival of Hayes Harry on September 28th. Congratulations also to grandparents Frank Gardham and Lisa Gardham!

We extend sympathy to Trevor and Marcie Lewis and family on the death of Marcie's step father Ken Robbins at Rock Lake MB.

The Miniota Golf Club have had a very successful season and ended their summer with a Men's windup this past Saturday. Hats off to all, board and staff, who work to make this a great place to camp and golf.

Sending Happy Thanksgiving greetings to all our readers, near and far! May there be turkey and pumpkin pie for all (or hot dogs) and a relaxing weekend so we may count our blessings and give thanks!

"Gratitude helps you fall in love with the life you already have." Kristen Hewitt

Sept 11 2023

We welcome Robert and Pauline Fleury to our community. They have purchased the former Donna Bonner trailer.

Stan and Bonnie Bryant's Arizona winter friends, Keith Miller and Cheryl Brown stopped in for a visit as they travelled home from a wedding in Alberta to their home at Buckhorn Ontario.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lisa Zurbyk and David Buchannan and their sons Kyle, Dylan and Corbin on the death of Lisa's sister, Janice Sommerville at Morley House, Shoal Lake. Our sympathy also to Lisa's parents and extended family.

My apologies to Kyle Buchanan who I missed in the list of students heading off to college. Kyle is enrolled at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon and is studying Network Administration Technology. Good luck Kyle.

Linda Clark, Cheryl Lynn Pizzey, Brett and Kim Clark and Levi and Katrina Ferguson travelled to Wabigoon Lake ON to attend the wedding of Austin Morton-Reid and Makenzie Sutton on September 9th.

We also welcome Davey Couvier and her husband Braedan Passalis and their son Calder from Winnipeg who are living in Delbert and Pat Cole's rental. Braedan has secured a position at the Moosomin Health Facility as occupational therapist.

Special birthday wishes are in order for Betty Howard at Elkview Lodge in Elkhorn as she will be celebrating a milestone birthday shortly – her 90th. Cindy Howard is home visiting her Mom.

Our countryside is beautiful as it changes daily before our eyes with so much colour. "The trees are about to show us how lovely it is to let things go." Author Unknown



Counselling Services Now Accepting New Clients



Valley Art Therapy Ltd. is pleased to welcome Terri Lynn Lawrence to our office in her counselling practicum. Terri Lynne is in the final stages of her Masters of Arts Counselling Psychology degree at Yorkville University. During her time at Valley Art Therapy, Terri Lynne is providing counselling services to teenagers and adults, both in person and online. We are excited to be able to offer additional counselling services in our rural community at a reduced rate.

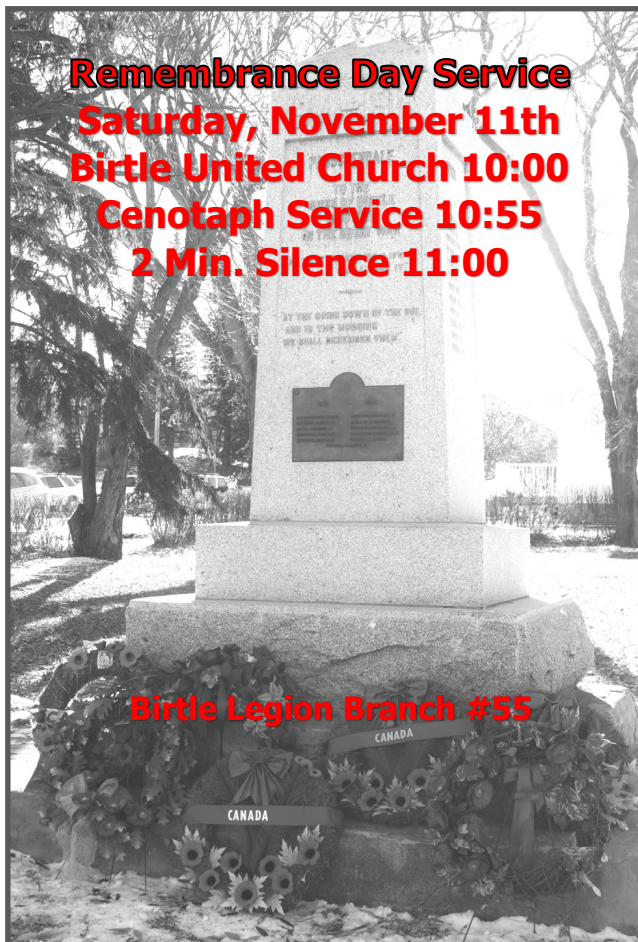
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Terri Lynne is a Master of Arts Counselling Psychology candidate, and also holds a Bachelor of Management degree. She is a registered student member of the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association.

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Learn more about Terri Lynne on our Team page - <https://www.valleyarttherapy.com/our-team>



2023 DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEER BIRTLE/FOXWARREN/SOLSGIRTH AREA

The Birtle Miniota & District CDC invites you to nominate deserving candidates or Organizations for the Distinguished Volunteer Award. This is an award presented at the Birtle Family Dance/ Welcome Night in recognition of individuals or Community Groups demonstrating dedication and volunteerism towards the betterment of citizens in our community. Nominations are accepted in the Birtle CDC office until **November 6th, 2023**. Please include why you feel they deserve to be recognized.

We have applications in our office, the front lobby of the CDC building.

Please call us at 204-842-3602 or 204-847-0117 or email cdc@myprairieview.ca and we can email you one.



ISABELLA NEWS - By Linda Clark

Oct 31 2023

Sympathy is extended to Jerry Arris and Hazel and Mike Rudniski, Winnipeg and Edith Stephenson, Strathmore AB and their families on the death of their sister and aunt Carrol Ariss at the Brandon General Hospital on October 26th. Carrol was the daughter of the late George and Anne Ariss. A service will be held at the Crandall cemetery at a later date.

A call from Santa reveals his yearly appearance at the Isabella hall will happen on December 2nd. Exciting days ahead!

Oct 10 2023

Word has been received of the death of Pat Tole on September 27th in Brandon. Pat taught here at the Isabella School. We extend sympathy to her brother Laurie and Lois Davison, Birtle and her daughters Janice and Sandi and their families.



Small Town Christmas LIGHT UP CONTEST

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843 Gertrude St.
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Wednesday October 25th, 2023
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