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OBITUARIES

The Journal publishes paid obituaries in Wednesday and Saturday editions and on its Web site at www.ifallsjournal.com.

Obituaries must be submitted by 10 a.m. Tuesdays to be published in the Wednesday edition, and by 10 a.m. Thursday to be in the Saturday edition.

All obituaries must be prepaid before they are published.

Obituaries can be faxed to the Journal at 285-7206; e-mailed to tammiec@ifallsjournal.com; or mailed to The Journal at 1602 Highway 71, International Falls, MN 56649.

We encourage electronic delivery of obituaries and any accompanying photos.

If desired, The Journal will e-mail or fax a proof of the obituary to the funeral home handling the service.

For more information, call Tammie Calder at 285-7411.

Lorraine ‘Penny’ Hallock, 73

Lorraine “Penny” Hallock passed away Sunday, March 9, 2014, at the age of 73, in Douglasville, Ga.

She was born Lorraine Dianne Arney on Dec. 8, 1940, in Rochester, Minn.

Penny spent her childhood years in International Falls, Minn., and graduated from Falls High School in 1959.

During her high school years she worked at Falls Public Library, and, after graduation, for a short time at Mando.

She attended Mankato State College and later joined the Air Force.

Penny married Ray Hallock, and together they had a daughter, Katherine, and

made their home in the Atlanta, Ga., area. They later divorced.

Penny attended and received a masters degree from Georgia State University. She held several positions at Georgia State, retiring as assistant registrar at the age of 60.

Penny loved the outdoors and enjoyed gardening, hiking, and bird watching.

She had a passion for music and was a talented pianist.

She always had a pet cat or two.

Penny made several annual trips to Hawaii with long-time special companion, Tom Liady.

She also traveled annually

with her “high school reunion group” to many locations throughout the United States. In recent years she visited International Falls in the summers to see friends, family, and Rainy Lake.

Penny was preceded in death by her mother, Mabel Hill; stepfather, Clifford Hill; father, Vernon Arney; sister, Kathleen Dykstra; and brother, Tim Arney.

Surviving her are daughter, Katherine Shell (Richard) and grandchildren, Luke and Zackary; special companion, Tom Liady; sisters, Barbara (Arney) Downs, Mary (Hill) Walker, Jane (Hill) Wagner, Carol Arney and Liz Arney; brother, Alfred Arney; step-



mother, Margaret Arney; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial gathering will take place this summer in International Falls.

Rhonda Kay Olson, 43

Rhonda Kay Olson, age 43, of St. Paul, Minn., passed away unexpectedly Saturday, March 8, 2014.

She was born May 18, 1970, in Maplewood, Minn.

She was preceded in death by her son, Quincy McMillion.

She will be deeply missed by her son, Andre McMillion and daughter, Arianna Jones; parents, Ron and Cordi Olson; brothers, Daniel (Dawn) Olson, Douglas Olson and Donald (Crystal) Olson; numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m.



Saturday, March 22, at St. Thomas Catholic Church, International Falls, Minn.

FUNERALS

Jane Ellen Levene, 82

Mass of the Resurrection for Jane Ellen Levene, 82, of International Falls, Minn., who died Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at her home on Rainy Lake, was conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 15, at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Officiating was Fr. Kris McKusky.

Music was by Jessie Lau-

rion and Betty Opdahl.

Remembrances were given by Jim Levene.

Readers were John, Chuck and Mary Jo Levene.

Presentation of Gifts was by Micah, Caleb and Anna Levene.

Eucharistic ministers were Betty Villalta, Pat Kjellgren and Mary Jo Levene.

Honorary pallbearers were Kay Arnold, Jessie Laurion, Betty Villalta,

Norma Grinsell, Evelyn Perron, Patricia Kjellgren and Phyllis Karsnia.

Usher was Frank Watkinson.

Arrangements were with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

Charles E. Nelson, 71

Memorial services for Charles E. Nelson, 71, of Big Falls, Minn., who died

Sunday, March 9, 2014, at his home, were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Big Falls Community Building.

Officiating was Pastor Tim Treat.

Music was by Marion Treat and Leona Utter.

Flag presentation was by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars club.

Arrangements were with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

ASK A TROOPER

Construction work zone safety statistics

BY CURT S. MOWERS
Minnesota State Patrol

Q.: Once in a while I hear about safety in work zones, like road construction zones, and we all drive through them a lot, that's for sure. How many workers are actually hurt or killed in them in Minnesota and how many crashes are there in work zones, do we know really?

A.: Yes, we do know! At the end of 2013 I saw some statistics that you are asking

about. The Department of Public Safety reports that, in the past five years, there were 11,485 work zone crashes, resulting in 4,833 injuries and 54 fatalities (including two worker deaths). The 2013 data is preliminary so, as data continues to come in, these numbers could go even higher.

The problem with work zones is that too many drivers are not paying attention and they are driving too fast. When you see cones, barricades, barrels, signs,

work trucks, etc., you need to slow down immediately and start “reading the scene.” You may have to reduce your speed greatly or switch lanes, or even stop. Most drivers wait until the last second to take action and that's too late. You need to be looking ahead and watching for all kinds of hazards.

As summer approaches, you will see more and more work zones as you travel. Be careful, pay attention and slow down.

Thanks for asking.

Home loan funds available to low income households

USDA STAFF REPORT

If you're a low income household looking for financing to purchase a home, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development may be the answer.

This federally funded program has money available to finance the purchase or construction of quality homes. Payments may be subsidized which enables the purchase of a better home while keeping payments affordable.

USDA, Rural Develop-

ment also has home improvement loans available for very-low income households. This program has a maximum loan amount of \$20,000 and offers the low interest rate of one percent. Grants of up to \$7,500 may be available to those 62 and older to remove health and safety hazards from existing homes.

Successful applicants for both programs must not exceed the established income guidelines, have an acceptable credit history, and demonstrate repayment ability.

For more information or to request an appointment, call the USDA, Rural Development Office at 218-751-1942, ext. 4, or write to USDA, Rural Development, 3217 Bemidji Ave. N., Bemidji, MN 56601.

The Bemidji area office services the counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Itasca, Koochiching and Lake of the Woods. Visit the USDA website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mn>.

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