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OBITUARIES

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

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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.

Derek Lessard

Family and close friends of Derek Lessard are invited to a celebration of his life at noon Friday, Aug. 23, at the Lessard home.

Garden gadgets ... worth it?

While paging through my garden catalogs and journals I always find a plethora of garden gadgets and gimmicks to help make gardening easier while producing bumper crops of vegetables and prize winning flowers. Are they too good to be true? Here are a few that I found that may or may not work for you. When trying a new product, it is helpful if you can find user reviews to aid in deciding if a product is worthwhile.

The Garden Rocker is an ergonomic seat on a pedestal that enables you to sit while gardening which is beneficial if you have arthritic knees, back problems or difficulty getting up and down. The reviews I read on this product were quite favorable. The main problem was that it wasn't mobile. You had to get up to move it, but the big round pedestal kept it from sinking into the earth like a step stool would. It has limited rocking capability which would be nice for leaning back and forth while working.

I came across a gadget called a Flower Stick. Its main purpose is to gauge the amount of sunshine an area of your garden gets in a day. The kit has three sticks that have flowers attached that change colors to indicate the hours of sun. Apparently it works, but it seems to me that one could save a few dollars by simply observing the garden which also seemed to be less work.

Moisture meters are also available to check the moisture level in pots. These can be especially useful if you're a novice gardener or don't like to get your fingers dirty



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by poking into the soil to feel for the amount of moisture. The meter that I read about, the Rapitest moisture meter, came with guidelines for specific plants to help you decide if you should water or not, really helpful if you're not confident in your gardening skills.

Water conservation is an extremely important issue in our modern world, especially if mother nature is not supplying the needed rainfall. Plastic half barrels are available and can be placed under downspouts to catch rainwater. They're wonderful for utilizing water that would normally be runoff. They have spigots in them to attach a hose for easy using of the water.

A few years ago the Topsy Turvy tomato grow bag made its first appearance. This one was not such a good idea even though it had some good points, the main one being that a hanging tomato wouldn't get blight as a result of splash from the soil. The biggest drawback is that it's just too small to grow a tomato. A container for a tomato plant should be at least the size of a five-gallon pail. Instead, improvise with a larger bag to grow tomatoes.

Elizabeth (Beth) Ann Mills, 50

Elizabeth (Beth) Ann Mills, 50, of International Falls, Minn., died Monday, Aug. 19, 2013, at the University of Minnesota Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn.

She was born Jan. 20, 1963, in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and was the daughter of Orva Mae Voth and Dean Dieren.

Beth graduated from Falls High School in 1981 and received a fashion merchandising degree from Duluth Technical College in Duluth, Minn.

Beth's memory will be cherished by her son, Addison Rome Mills; her mother and step-father, Orva

Mae Voth and Tom Voth of Albany, Ga.; her father, Dean Dieren of Mesa, Ariz.; two sisters, Debra (Robert) Kirk of Lakeville, Minn., and Julie (Shannon) Humbert of Cold Spring, Minn.; and numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Beth was a devoted mother. Her generous spirit touched all who knew her. Beth will be most remembered for her big heart, always thinking of others, her sense of humor and love of animals.

Besides having a "green thumb" for growing all sorts of plants, she loved

canning the fruits and vegetables from her garden and delighted in giving them away.

Always an avid crafter, Beth created handmade jewelry and flower arrangements for sale at local outlets.

No matter where she was and had a free moment, she would take out her crochet hook and yarn to create something.

Beth was active in the Borderland Alanon Club.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. She volunteered for many of their outreach activities and also volunteered in the



community.

Memorial services for Elizabeth Ann Mills will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Zion Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Stephen Olson officiating.

LOOKINGBACK

25 YEARS AGO

Carol Kuttes, daughter of Stanley and Lila Kuttes of Route 7, received a Northern States Power Scholarship through the Minnesota Private College Council. Kuttes will be a sophomore psychology major at the College of Saint Benedict this fall.

Private William G. Gray has arrived at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

40 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Gerry (Jill) Hemstad will teach speech and English in Falls Senior High School for the 1973-74 school years while Don Carey is on sabbatical.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kennedy will be honored on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary Saturday during an open house from 1 to 5 p.m. in Papermakers Hall.

Joyce Norwig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kjell Norwig, graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing at Fargo last

Friday evening.

50 YEARS AGO

Perry L. Trask, Ranier, left Tuesday for induction into the armed service.

Van Lynn Wilcox, radioman third class, United States Navy, has been awarded a certificate of merit and a letter of commendation from his commanding officer in Honolulu.

Tom Neveau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Neveau, the Falls, now a professional hockey player for Green Bay, Wis., suffered the misfortune of injuring his right hand in a die-cutting accident at a Green Bay printing company over the weekend.

Noel James Gagnon, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.V. Gagnon, South International Falls, is among the 128 students who will graduate in UMD summer commencement exercises Thursday.

60 YEARS AGO

Yvonne Westover of Manitou, a graduate of Bemidji

State Teachers College, has been hired as a primary teacher in the new Holler Elementary School.

Falls High School graduate Janice Lein has enrolled in nursing at Swedish Hospital, Minneapolis. Donna Wilson and Cecile Mongrain will be students at St. Joseph General Hospital, Port Arthur, and Karen Backlund will attend St. Luke's Hospital nurses' training in Duluth. Leone Palm plans to attend Glenwood Hills Hospital, Glenwood, Calif.

On the intermediate staff at Alexander Baker School will be Mrs. Marilyn Larson, the former Marilyn Kangas of Makinen, who was married this summer to James Larson, industrial arts instructor at Falls High School.

Les Hamalainen, former ninth grade teacher, will return to the District 4 school system next month after serving two years in the Navy as a reservist.

70 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thomp-

son of this city announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty Jane, to Cpl. John L. Wenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wenberg, also of International Falls. The wedding will take place Saturday evening at 9 o'clock in Zion Lutheran Church.

Buy a buddy a smoke! 5 cents will buy a boy overseas one package of cigarettes. You can meet a tag salesman today at the Junior Chamber of Commerce, International Falls. Please be generous. If you can't fight, you can give.

Red Owl store employees entertained Saturday evening at a farewell party for Leo Bement, who is leaving tonight for Navy duty. Twelve guests were present.

Miss Joyce Gardner, who will make her future home in Los Angeles, was honored by 13 friends at a farewell party at the home of Helen Sutcliffe.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Meet "Athena" — She is one of the prettiest girls you are ever going to meet. Not only is she pretty on the outside, she is pretty on the inside as well. She is a gentle, happy girl who loves to give kisses. Athena is good with kids and very protective of her family, she loves her family members with all her heart.

This little girl is waiting for her perfect person/family to come along. If you feel you have the love and patience it will take to have Athena as part of your family, please drop in and say Hi.

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