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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. Thursdays 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.

Mike ‘Oscar’ Larson, 61

Mike “Oscar” Larson, 61, of Ranier, Minn., passed away Friday, March 7, 2014, at his home.

He was born June 1, 1952, in Aitkin, Minn.

He worked as a customs broker and custodial engineer for Norman G. Jensen and FedEx.

Oscar had a deep love for the people and the community of Ranier.

He loved chasing white tail deer with his little hunting buddies, Hunter and Taryn.

He cherished his time spent with his dear friend, Gretchen Coulombe, and

his many nieces and nephews.

He will be missed by all his family and many good friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Evelyn and Robert “Tank” Larson.

Oscar is survived by his brothers, Robert (Kathy) Larson of Blue Springs, Mo., and Pete (Deb) Larson of International Falls, Minn.; and sisters, Ginger (Noel) Vincent of Gilette, Wyo., and Joni (Sam) Pier-skalla of Sartell, Minn.

Memorial services will take place at a later date.



Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com. Arrangements are with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

Jane Ellen Levene, 82

Jane Ellen Levene, 82, of International Falls, Minn., died Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at her home on Rainy Lake.

Born May 2, 1931, at Fonda, Iowa, she grew up and attended school in Pocahontas, Iowa.

The former Jane Ellen Eckerson was united in marriage to Charles A. “Bud” Levene in 1954.

Together, they built a family of seven sons and a construction company in Pocahontas.

In 1973, Jane and Bud purchased Northernaire Floating Lodges and operated the business with the help of their sons for 25 years until their retirement in 1998.

Jane loved fishing and being on the water.

Her hobbies included being active in the art club and her bridge club and volunteering in the community with various organizations.

Jane was a stellar and committed member of St.

Thomas Catholic Church.

Jane was adored; she loved her family and grandchildren who were above all most important to her.

She will be missed by all her family and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Leona Eckerson; husband, Charles Levene; and brothers, Jerry and Bob Eckerson.

Survivors include her seven sons — Mark of Winthrop Harbor, Ill., Tom (Rhonda) of Plano, Texas, Bob of Dallas, Texas, John (Mary Jo) of Milwaukee, Wis., Jimmy (Julia) of Scottsdale, Ariz., Chuck (Karen) of Lewisville, Texas, and Jerry of International Falls; grandchildren — Katie, Joe, Matthew, Ben, Aaron, Luke, Anna, Caleb and Micah; sister, Eleanor Russell of Des Moines, Iowa; and brother, Ed Eckerson of Chicago, Ill.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the 11 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection



Saturday, March 15, at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Interment will be at a later date in Iowa.

Memorials would be preferred to the Backus Community Center, 900 Fifth St., International Falls, MN 56649.

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ROTARY GUESTS



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Steve Shermoen and Joann Dornhecker were guests of International Falls Rotary Club President Mike Ward at a recent meeting of the club. The trio, who serve on the International Falls Economic Development Authority Citizen Advisory Board, shared the strategic plan and 2014-15 goals for the International Falls Economic Development Authority.

AGENDA

City Council
Monday, March 17, 2014
4:30 P.M.
Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

- Approve minutes of the Monday, March 3, 2014 regular City Council meeting

SPECIAL ACTION CLAIMS

TRANSFERS

To:	From:	
1. City of Intl Falls- Fund #101 General Fund	City of Intl Falls- Fund #601 Water/Sewer Admin Costs	\$16,492.00
2. City of Intl Falls- Fund #403 Reserve for Capital Outlay	City of Intl Falls- Fund #601 Water/Sewer	\$15,958.50

REGULAR CLAIMS

- Regular Claims

AUDIENCE

OPENING BIDS AND/OR QUOTES

- Award bid for 2014 police vehicle

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

- Memorandum of Agreement between Mesabi Range Community and Technical College and International Falls Ambulance Service – assist in educating persons to be qualified or better qualified emergency medical services personnel
- Approve Notary Commission application for Two Administration Department Employees

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion on Donahue Property Study as presented by Andy Hubley, ARDC
- Accept bids for 2014 police vehicle
- Approve appointment of Jacob Harris to full-time Firefighter Engineer
- Accept letter of retirement from Water Clerk – Paula Karsnia
- Midcontinent Communication's contract extension
- Adopt resolution # ___-14 regarding successor to Boise Cascade Corporation Bonds 1997, 1998, 1999
- Any other business

PUBLIC HEARING

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

REPORTS OF MAYOR, COUNCIL COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

AUDIENCE – 2nd CALL

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter dated March 7, 2014 from County Assessor regarding an Open Book Meeting pertaining to property valuations is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2014 from 9 AM to 12 PM at the County Assessor's office, 715 4th Street, International Falls

REMINDERS

- “Committee of the Whole meeting Monday, March 17, 2014 at 3:30 PM to review 2013-2015 Strategic Action Plan
- Next regular Council meeting is Monday, April 7, 2014 at 4:30 PM

The City of International Falls complies with the ADA. Individuals with disabilities requiring special aids should contact the City Administrator, 600 Fourth Street, International Falls, MN, 56649, 218-283-9484, 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

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To all the wonderful community members in Big Falls, Littlefork, Int'l Falls and surrounding areas, we, the family of John Mastin, would like to extend our deepest thank you for your outpouring of support with his recent passing.

The calls, emails, Facebook posts, cards, and attendance of his funeral were greatly, greatly appreciated. We knew that he touched many lives in the community just as he touched ours. However, we truly did not know to what extent until you all honored us with your presence at his service and your cards filled with great love and support. Though the day was one of the most difficult any of us will ever have to survive your prayers and support helped to make that day a little more bearable. We truly can't thank you enough. And for those who assisted with the services: Tim Treat, Jake June, the Ferguson family, Koochiching County Sheriff's Dept., Green Larsen Funeral Home, and others...we will never forget your tremendous kindness ~ we could not have done it without you.

From all of us, a most sincere
Thank You,
Jennifer, Rich, John, Garrett & Carolyn

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FUNERAL

Einar R. Sundin, 93

Visitation for Einar R. Sundin, 93, of Ray, Minn., who died Friday, March 7, 2014, at his home, took place from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 10, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Evangelical Covenant Church.

Officiating was Pastor Cory Rintala.

Music was by Janice Lagergren and Marissa Crowe.

Special music was by Benjamin Sundin and Erik George.

Pallbearers were Bjorn Johnson, Mack Sundin, Douglas Sundin, Joseph Griffin, Matthew Griffin, Benjamin Sundin and Erik George.

Honorary pallbearers were Bruce Sampson, Bloyd Breneman, Norman Boyum, Frank Haney, Cliff Breneman and Wilbur Tilander.

Military rites were accorded by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948, with flag presentation by Warren Bahr, Wayne Sampson and Derek Briggs.

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FHC's ANNUAL MEETING

March 19th @ 3:00 PM
Forestland Building
1000 5th Street
Lower Level Conference Room

Public is Welcome to Attend