

# COMMUNITY

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### OBITUARIES

The Journal publishes paid obituaries in Wednesday and Saturday editions and on its Web site at [www.ifallsjournal.com](http://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](mailto: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.

## Frances Ruth Jackson, 97

Frances Ruth Jackson, 97, of International Falls, Minn., died Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, at Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

She was born Aug. 1, 1917, in Sprague, Manitoba, to Elina and Raymond O'Brien.

Frances lived in Denison, Iowa, and Browns Corner before moving to International Falls in the 1940s.

She graduated from Falls High School in the Class of 1935.

She was united in marriage to Chester Jackson in 1935. They were married for 41 years until Chester's passing in 1976.

Frances belonged to the Zion Lutheran Church. She was active in the alter circle.

She worked at the Woolworth for 20 years.

Frances loved to play Bingo and Keno at the care center.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Chester Jackson; brothers, Victor, Floyd, John, Bob and Gene; and sister, Verna Blackford.

Frances is survived



by her son, David (Mary) Jackson of International Falls; daughters, Vivian Roth of Fort Frances, Ontario, Linda Parsons of Virginia, Minn., and Rita (Ron) Minsaas of Bloomington, Minn.; sister, Janette Squires of San Diego, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Service information will be announced at a later date when arrangements have been made.

Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at [www.greenlarsen.com](http://www.greenlarsen.com).

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

## Beverly Jean Hansen, 70

Beverly Jean Hansen, 70, of International Falls, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014.

Service information and a complete obituary will be announced when arrange-

ments have been completed.

Condolences may be left at [www.greenlarsen.com](http://www.greenlarsen.com).

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## Wilcox named to LDS Church post

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints announces that Mike Wilcox will be its new community services and disaster relief coordinator for this area.

Wilcox has been active in this area's community service for several years on his own and through the LDS Church. Wilcox is a disabled Desert Storm Gulf War veteran who doesn't let his disability slow him down and his military service helps him to understand how much it means to those in need to get help, according to a news release.

In his role as community services and disaster relief coordinator, Wilcox will work with local authorities in times of crisis and make sure that appropriate church resources are made available to them.

During the past flooding situation, all local able-bodied LDS members helped with sandbagging efforts as they could. Additionally, 16

missionaries from Canada and the United States were assigned to assist the local efforts each day. The missionaries worked from the beginning to the end of each sandbagging day and remained on the job after other volunteer groups, such as the Salvation Army, Red Cross and the National Guard, had left.

The release said Koochiching County Sheriff Brian Jespersen commented on the work of these men and women: "a great group of kids, just terrific." He went on to say, "from the first day to the last, they were there. They kept it fun and worked really hard."

Jespersen added that several community members commented on how exceptional (the LDS Church missionaries) were.

Wilcox said in time of disaster The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will be there to help. Wilcox has overseen local community service projects such as snow removal and yard work for the elderly and disabled, and home repairs for the

needy. "While our prayers are always that there will not be another local disaster, we will be prepared to offer immediate assistance if another occurs," said Wilcox in the release.

The LDS Church has a long history of being first on the scene on major disasters around the world. In the 1870s in response to the high mortality rate during birth, the LDS Church spearheaded a program to send women to medical school to become doctors, nurses and midwives. During food shortages of World War I, the LDS Church welfare program was able to save countless thousands of lives because of their wheat shortage.

In 2012, the LDS Church provided victims of 104 disasters in 52 countries with hundreds of thousands of pounds of food, water, clothing, medical supplies, hygiene kits, and other relief items. "As members of the Church, we follow Jesus Christ and His example by helping anyone in need," said Steve Peterson, managing director of

the LDS's Church Welfare Services, which includes humanitarian aid and disaster response.

The LDS Church is often praised for its quick response in sending aid. Before Hurricane Katrina hit land in 2005, supplies were already on the way. "We strive to be among the first on the scene working through priesthood leaders," said Lynn Samsel, director of LDS Church Emergency Response. "They determine the need through inspiration and make requests for relief supplies. We work to fulfill those requests."

Wilcox will work with local authorities and church leaders to assure that when help is needed, the LDS Church will be among the first to respond and provide valued assistance, said the release.

Learn more about the LDS disaster preparedness by going to <https://www.lds.org/topics/emergency-preparedness>.

For more information about this or other local LDS stories, call 907-821-0543.

## LOOKING BACK

### 25 YEARS AGO

Michael and Karen Jerome announce the birth of their daughter, Nicole Marie, born today at Falls Memorial Hospital.

Rick Fischer of International Falls has been accepted into the architecture and construction technology program which begins in September at Anoka Technical College.

### 40 YEARS AGO

A boy was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Everett.

Destruction began this morning on the former Forrest Inn building at Second Avenue and Fifth Street.

The International Falls School Board hired Richard "Dick" Williams as custodian, bus driver and mechanic.

Miss Kimberly Marie Pennington and John Duane Morrison announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

### 50 YEARS AGO

A group of young women, Janice Fichuk, Helen Pleimling, Jo Ann Bradley, Kathy Murray, Susan Schneider and Karen Reuter, spent the past weekend enjoying water skiing and boating at the Donald Reuter cabin on Rainy Lake.

A boy was born today to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hanover, 7 pounds.

Jim Miggins, adorned with chin whiskers for Timbertennial, cracked out a record four home runs in City Recreation softball last night as the circuit closed out regular season play.

Winner of the singles division of the Timberten-

nial Talent Show was Chuck Lepper, singer with the Caravans, who won first prize in the group classification.

### 60 YEARS AGO

Mrs. William Shaw was honored at a stork shower at the home of Mrs. Chester Cullen, South International Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Jensen, 817 Eighth St., announce the engagement of their daughter, Florence Adele, to Lester Robert Chute, son of Lester Chute Sr., Ray.

Miss Denise Wolfe was honored at a surprise birthday party last evening at a dinner at the home of Miss Karen Moxness, 1026 Eighth St.

Herman R. Rambo, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rambo, Loman, is completing his Air Force basic training course at

Lackland Air Force Base.

### 70 YEARS AGO

Clinton Schulz, former employee of Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company and of the Falls Creamery, will leave this evening for service with the merchant marines.

Mrs. Harold Segerstrom of River Falls, Wis., who visits International Falls for a month each year to obtain relief from hay fever, arrived this week and is the guest of her mother, Mrs. W.G. Brown, 517 Seventh St.

Miss Katherine Anderson, daughter of Mrs. Mary Anderson of Nett River, became the bride of Helmer Breeton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Breeton of Big Falls Sunday afternoon.

New residents of Holler are Mrs. Ray Roblin and children, who moved from Big Falls last week.



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