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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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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.

John C. Mastin

It comes with great sadness to report that John Charles Mastin, formerly of Big Falls, Minn., unexpectedly passed away Monday, Jan. 20, 2014, at his home in Custer, SD.

Local services are to be

determined and may occur as early as Saturday or Sunday. A full obituary will be printed in Saturday's paper. In addition, services, once determined, may be printed at Green Larsen Memorial website.

Genevieve June Gedney, 95

Genevieve June Gedney, 95, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Monday, Jan. 20, 2014, at the Ranier Roost, Ranier, Minn. Memorial services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Green-

Larsen Mortuary.

Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

FUNERALS

Marjorie Beer, 80

Visitation for Marjorie Beer, 80, of Floodwood, who died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014, in Hermantown, took place from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Officiating was Fr. Kris McKusky.

Music was by Joe Belanger.

Reader was Lori Walz.

Remembrances were given by Josh Lassila and Bobbi Garthus.

Eucharistic ministers were Joe Gust and Marian O'Brien.

Altar server was Tom Doris.

Frank Watkinson and Paul Mongrain were ushers.

Casketbearers were Josh Lassila, Adam Rapp, Jake Lassila, Chris Rapp and Mickey Garthus.

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

George A. 'Art' Corrin, 89

Funeral services for George A. "Art" Corrin, 89, of International Falls, who died Monday, Jan. 13, 2014, were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Officiating was the Rev. Lynn Naeckel with the Rev. Samantha Crossley, and Deacons, the Rev. Lee Grim and the Rev. Melanie Mattsen.

Music was by Joe Belanger.

Casketbearers were Jerry Kostiuik, Dean Tveit, Jody Hart, Craig Halla, Charles Corrin and Michael Rud.

Interment was at Forest Hill Cemetery.

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Beverly Ann Bzdok, 77

Beverly Ann Bzdok, 77, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014, at Rainy Lake Medical Center.

Beverly was born April 28, 1936, in International Falls. The former Beverly Sjoblom married Archie Bzdok on Aug. 14, 1954.

She worked as a sales clerk, housekeeper, and worked at Northland Tackle for over 30 years.

Beverly was a very kind and caring person.

She was the perfect wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, and her home was filled with love. Her family and friends were the world to her.

She grew up in Ericsburg, Minn., and had great love for the area and all the people she knew.

Bev married Archie, the love of her life, and built a home in French Addition. She loved her house and mostly only left it for work

and shopping.

She and Archie cared for her mom, Ethel, and younger sister, Gail, whom she loved to pieces.

She was 100 percent Swedish and was strong, stern, hard-working, and a little old-fashioned.

Bev enjoyed bowling, fishing, reading, gardening, computer games, crossword puzzles and spending time with her friends and family, especially Brent and Lola.

She was extremely proud of her two sons, Danny and David, and looked forward to Danny's daily call.

Bev kept an eye on the neighborhood and enjoyed scooting around on the golf cart to visit and see what was going on with David and Brent in the garage.

At 77, she still worked three days a week because she wanted to keep busy and couldn't bear to leave her friends.

Bev strongly believed

in the Lord and said her prayers every night.

There are so many more wonderful things to say about Beverly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Archie Bzdok; brother, Benny Sjoblom; parents, Sven and Ethel Sjoblom; and grandparents, Gustav and Britta Sjoblom and Sigfurd and Agnes Haglund.

Beverly is survived by her sons, David (Ann) Bzdok and Danny Bzdok (Cindy Odell); grandchildren, Jared Bzdok (Anita) and Brent Bzdok; great-grandchild, Lola Hall; brothers, Duane (Tammy) Sjoblom and Allan Esklson; sisters, Gail Shipley and Teri (Bruce) Zahara; sisters-in-law, Val Sjoblom, Helen Holmestad (Mickey) and Renie Hall; aunt, Signe Skoglund; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at Zion Lutheran



Church.

Interment will be at Ericsburg Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are preferred to North Star Hospice, Falls Hunger Coalition, the Koochiching County Di-lysis Fund, or the donor's choice.

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LOOKINGBACK

25 YEARS AGO

Brenda Ridgeway, daughter of Don and Ella Ridgeway of 1111 11th St., is participating in a College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University January term course called "Teacher Assistant K-6 (Elementary)."

Navy Commander Shannon R. Butler, daughter of Dorothy M. Shepard of International Falls, recently reported for duty at Navy Recruiting District, Kansas City, Mo.

Erin Heep of Littlefork has been accepted for membership in the United States Collegiate Choir, a highly selective national music organization which will make a three-week concert tour of Europe next July.

40 YEARS AGO

A girl was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pellers.

The Who's Who in National High School Athlet-

ics notified Littlefork-Big Falls' Keith Lehman that he has been selected as an All-American prep football player in 1973.

Harry J. Batdorf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Batdorf, has enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve program.

50 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Ernest Gust was guest of honor at a stork shower at her home recently. Hostesses were Mrs. Sam Ekman, Mrs. Gary Weir, Mrs. Donald Wolk and Miss June Gust.

Mrs. Muriel Backlund, Ericsburg, has returned to her duties as a cook at Falls High School cafeteria, following a Christmas vacation in Arizona.

Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Town Sr., of Ray, are invited to attend an open house at the Ray School auditorium Jan. 26 from 2 to 5 p.m. The couple will be honored on the occasion of their 40th wedding an-

niversary.

The Rev. William S. Herrell, Chesaning, Mich., has assumed the pastorship of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church here.

60 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Norman Olson, Island View Route, was honored at a stork shower at the home of Mrs. Arnold Graves, 1115 First Ave. E.

Earl Hickey was honored on his birthday anniversary with a dinner party at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ellna Hickey, 308 Ninth St.

A son was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Liedke, South International Falls; weight, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

A son was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dickson; weight, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

70 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Pelland of Loman are parents of a

son born today at the Laurion Maternity Home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dilworth Jr., of Holler, announce the birth of a son, James Edward, today at the Laurion Maternity Home.

Cpl. Robert Stish arrived from Camp Wolters, Texas, where he is stationed with the artillery to spend a furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Peter Stish, 718 Ninth Ave., and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Walker. Cpl. Stish is well-known in town as a former pitcher for the Mando team and Range league.

W.H. Keenan, fire department employee, was a guest of honor at a party in the fire hall celebrating his birthday. A buffet lunch was served by employees of the fire department.

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Miles Joseph Taylor, Son of Brant & Michelle Taylor
Born December 3rd, 2013
7lbs 5oz, 19.5" long



Love Grandma and Papa Taylor
Aunties and Uncles: Kristi & Jay, Kari & Todd
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against auto dealers/new cars. Used car complaints handled by the BBB typically involved consumer claims that cars were not in the condition promised. Complaints against new car dealers generally involved issues with sales of previously-owned vehicles or alleged issues with service or repairs. However, the complaint resolution rates for the used and new car industries were 91 percent and 99 percent, respectively – both above the average resolution rate for BBB complaints. Five separate categories in the construction industry made this year's Top Ten complaint list.

Collection agencies topped the list of inquiries from the public in 2013, with general contractors coming in second. Property management companies continue to move up that list, rising to number six from number ten on last year's list – most likely due to the increase in demand for rental properties in our area.

TOP TEN INDUSTRIES BY VOLUME OF COMPLAINTS:

1. Auto Dealers – Used Cars
2. Auto Repair and Services
3. Auto Dealers – New
4. Siding Contractors
5. Construction and Remodeling Services
6. Contractors – General
7. Roofing Contractors

8. Property Management
9. Banks
10. Windows – Installation and Service

TOP TEN INDUSTRIES BY CONSUMER INQUIRIES:

1. Collection Agencies
2. Contractors – General
3. Roofing Contractors
4. Construction and Remodeling
5. Auto Dealers – Used Cars
6. Property Management
7. Internet Shopping
8. Home Builders
9. Plumbers
10. Auto Repair and Services

"Lists such as these are quite helpful as they allow us to track trends," added Badgerow. "However, it's always important to look at these statistics – especially regarding complaints – in proper context."

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