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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.

Robert M. Ralston, 85

Robert M. Ralston, 85, of St. Augustine, Fla., passed away at his home Thursday, March 20, 2014.
He loved the outdoors and especially loved to travel mostly to his island in Sioux Narrows, Ontario, Canada.
Robert was a World War II veteran serving in the Army Air Corps CBI.
He was also a member of the Elks Lodge, Masonic Lodge, Loyal Order of the Moose, and St. Augustine Yacht Club.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Hurley and Lelia Ralston; a brother, Bill Ralston; and previous wife, Helen M. Ralston.
Robert is survived by his wife, Dorothy Faulkner Ralston; daughters, Suzanne Larsen of Tacoma, Wash., and Sharon Van Patten (Jerry) of Menasha, Wis.; a cousin, Ed Carr of Paxton, Ill.; and four great-grandchildren.
Funeral service will be



conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, March 28, at Good News Church-Wildwood Campus, St. Augustine, Fla.
Visitation will begin at 1. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to be made to Community Hospice: 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257, Attn: Community Hospice Foundation.
Craig Funeral Home, Crematory, and Memorial Park, St. Augustine, is in charge of arrangements.

Terry Dale Sabotta, 61

Terry Dale Sabotta, 61, of International Falls, Minn., died Thursday, March 20, 2014, in International Falls.
Terry was born Nov. 11, 1952, at International Falls.
He enjoyed wood carving, fishing and hunting.
Terry was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon Sabotta and Ruth Ka-

vanagh; and sister, Janelle Lewis.
He is survived by his brother, David Sabotta of Lorton, Va.
No formal services are planned.
Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.
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Lucille Joyce Schue, 93

Lucille Joyce Schue, 93, of Northome, Minn., died Thursday, March 20, 2014, at the Good Samaritan Center, Blackduck, Minn.
Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Northome School, Northome.
Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the school.
Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, Kelliher, Minn.
Cease Family Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.
Active pallbearers will be her grandchildren, Jenifer Dockter, Melody Wald, Darrin Phillips, Tyrel Schue, Jenna Kendrick, Andrea Schue, Karla Robida and Savannah Schue.
Honorary pallbearers will be her other grandchildren.

She was born Feb. 18, 1921, at home in Englewood Township in Northome, to Hans and Edith (Engelking) Gregersen.
She attended school in Northome and graduated from Northome High School.
She met Donald Schue when she began playing accordion for his band, "Dutch and the Blotters." They played dances in a wide area of northern Minnesota.
They were married at her parent's home in Northome on April 28, 1946.
She attended Bemidji State University, graduating in 1974.
She taught Headstart, Preschool and Early Childhood Development in Northome, retiring in 1995.
She taught music lessons, played the piano and

accordion at the Northome Nursing Home and Bigfork Villa, the Blackduck Nursing Home as well as in Kelliher at the nursing home there.
She attended Northome Methodist Church until it closed then attended Hope Lutheran Church in Northome where she was the church organist.
She received the Social and Economic Justice Award in 1990 from Gov. Rudy Perpich. She also received an award from the Northome Veterans of Foreign Wars.
She loved playing music, scrapbooking and stamp collecting.
She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Mason of Bemidji, Minn., and Barbara (Darrell) Phillips of Lino Lakes, Minn.; one son, Gregory (Karen) Schue



of Roosevelt, Minn.; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marjorie White.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Edith and Hans Gregersen; and her husband, Donald Schue on Jan. 6, 1958.
Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com.

FUNERALS

Rhonda Kay Olson, 43

Mass of the Resurrection for Rhonda Kay Olson, 43, of St. Paul, who died Saturday, March 8, was conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at St. Thomas Catholic Church, International Falls.
Fr. Kris McKusky and

Deacon Fran Zaren officiated.
Music was by Joe Belanger.
Ushers were Frank Watkinson and Jackie Glowack.
Pat Kjellgren was the reader.
Presentation of Gifts were by Daniel Olson, Douglas Olson and Donald Olson.
Eucharistic ministers

were Emilee Schultz and Joeleen Kennedy.
Dennis W. Bush, 72
Funeral services for Dennis W. Bush, 72, of Loman, who passed away Tuesday, March 18, 2014, were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, March 21, at Littlefork Lutheran Church, Littlefork. Officiating was Pastor

Andy Berry.
Music was by Linda Nordlund.
Pallbearers were Harvey Lehman, Dale Whitehouse, Dave Austin, Don Dickson, Tommy Barg and Robert Maki.
Interment was at Riverside Cemetery, Loman.
Arrangements were with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

Hardiness zone map revised

Using the new hardiness zone map is only one aspect of choosing perennials for your garden.
A hardiness zone map provides information to help gardeners determine which herbaceous and woody perennial plants will survive cold temperatures in a certain geographic area.
This year the United States Department of Agriculture released a revised map replacing the older 1990 version. The map divides the USA into hardiness zones with a 10-degree Fahrenheit difference in average annual minimum temperatures based on data collected over a 30-year period (1976-2005). Zone 1 is the coldest zone (-50F to -60F). The zones are further divided into "a and b" with "a" being the colder half of any zone and "b" the warmer half.
The new map is Geographic Information



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System-based, making it more accurate. It is interactive (by zip code) to improve user experiences, has higher resolution that can show smaller areas of zone delineations. It is designed for web use allowing the user to zoom into a local area to see the higher temperatures of cities that are heat sinks, the lower temperatures on mountain tops, and the buffering effects of large bodies of water on temperature.
In general, the updated map shows us what we

have all been experiencing in recent history: warmer low temperatures during winters. Some might argue that this winter, however. A shift of one half of a zone was common for much of the country, including most of Minnesota.
The Hardiness Zone Map is based on average minimum temperatures and should only be used as a general guide. For instance, this winter we have had lower temperatures. So, pick your plants accordingly. Be cautious and wise in your choices weighing the risk versus the gain as you trial new perennials. HZM is of no help in predicting plant damage or mortality during acclimation and de-acclimation.
Every year, starting in late summer perennial plants go through a multi-month process called acclimation that prepares them for winter


survival. In spring, dormant plants go through a reverse process called de-acclimation that restores their ability to actively grow during the growing season. Plants can be winter injured or killed by abnormally low temps during the months of acclimation or de-acclimation, too.
HZM provides gardeners with one category of plant performance information: winter survival. Good plant performance is not just about winter survival. If the new HZM persuades you to plant cultivars and species new to you, remember there are other selection criteria to consider as you match a plant to your planting site: soil texture and moisture, soil pH, light exposure, precipitation and possibly the most important is your own availability to give time and energy to the new planting.



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