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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.

Delores ‘Dempsey’ Kleis, 83

Delores “Dempsey” Kleis, 83, of International Falls, Minn., passed away Sunday, May 4, 2014, at the Good Samaritan Society-International Falls.

Dempsey was born May 10, 1930, to Emma and Helmer Oien of Littlefork, Minn.

On June 19, 1948, she married Michael Toby Kleis.

She is survived by children, Michael Tony (Diane), Nancy Lynn (Leland) and Julie Ann (Arthur), all of International Falls.

Dempsey is also survived by seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and brother, Helmer Oien.

She was preceded in

death by her parents, Emma and Helmer; husband, Michael; daughter, Carol Janelle; granddaughter, Jennifer Kleis; sisters, Helen “Topsy” Sullivan and Lavon Selandar; and brother, Everett Oien.

Dempsey was a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed playing cards, putting puzzles together, playing Bingo, and visiting with all her friends.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, May 9, at Zion Lutheran Church, with visitation one hour prior.

Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery.

In memoriam, donations



are preferred to the Falls Hunger Coalition.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

Patricia (Trish) Gail Dyer

Patricia (Trish) Gail Dyer of Springfield, Va., died at her home suddenly of natural causes Friday, April 25, 2014.

She was born Dec. 13, 1959, at Fort Belvoir, Va.

She was preceded in death by her parents, the late Col. (Ret.) William B. and Charlotte D. Dyer of Falls Church, Va.

She is survived by her partner of over 30 years, Donald Boothby; her loving siblings, William Dyer Jr. (Janice), Beth Anderson (Allan), Kenneth Dyer (Carol) and Susan Parisi (David); niece, Erin Adams (Shannon); nephew, Thomas Parmeter (Lacey); nephew,

Matthew Parisi; one great-nephew and three great-nieces.

Trish graduated from Falls Church High School in 1978 and from George Mason University in 1991 with a bachelor of arts degree in communications.

Besides her hobbies of crafting, cross-stitch and photography, Trish had a great love for animals, especially her beloved cat, “Joan.”

She was a wonderful sister and friend and will be deeply missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Bridges of Hope V, 71 South Stuckey Church Road, Alamo, GA 30411



(bridgesofhope.org).

The family plans to have a private service at a later date in Dahlonega, Ga., where her ashes will be placed in a family plot.

Speakers to address assets and elder law

KOA STAFF REPORT

What do you own, what do you want to do with it, and what will happen to it when you die? These are some of the questions to be addressed at “Your Assets, Your Choices,” a free public presentation May 14 sponsored by Koochiching Aging Options.

Two featured guest speakers will share their expertise, Kim Literovich, attorney with Shermoen & Jaksa PLLP, and Rob Raplinger from the Legal Aid Services of Northeastern Minnesota.

“Along with so many things, the world of savings and property and other assets is growing more complicated,” said Douglas Skrief, executive director of Koochiching Aging Options. “We are looking forward to the expertise these guest speakers can offer to older adults, to those who will soon be older adults, and to family caregivers who are faced with questions about these important issues.”

Presenter Kim Literovich will offer an overview of individual goals and desires for the management of one’s assets during one’s

lifetime and their disposition upon death. In her presentation, entitled “Making Sure Your Wishes Are Followed,” she will cover “the three P’s – people, property and planning. Who is important to you, what do you own, and how do you own it, and have you taken time to consider who you want to get what?” she said.

As an attorney with Shermoen & Jaksa, Literovich focuses her practice on elder law issues, estate planning, probate and real estate.

Raplinger’s presentation will provide an overview of some of the legal issues that confront those planning for their future. He will focus in particular on the treatment of assets in relation to Medical Assistance. “I hope to help people understand why advanced planning is important,” he said.

Raplinger is a staff attorney with Legal Aid Services of Northeastern Minnesota’s Senior Law Project.



Kim Literovich

His office is in Virginia. The Senior Law Project serves St. Louis, Lake, Cook, Carlton, Itasca, Koochiching and Aitkin counties.

Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota provides free legal advice and representation to those in the most social and economic need who live in northeastern Minnesota. This nonprofit corporation informs clients of their legal rights and responsibilities as well as pursuing changes in law where its effect is deemed unjust.

“We hear from clients every day about these important questions,” said Leslee Loop, program specialist and caregiver consultant at Koochiching Aging Options. “We hope these presentations will help people better understand the basics and encourage them to plan ahead.”

The presentation will be at Backus Community Center, 900 Fifth St., in the Falls. Registration begins at 6 p.m. for the 6:30 program. Light refreshments will be served. Call Koochiching Aging Options with questions at 283-7030 or email KoochichingAgingOptions@gmail.com.

Be aware of two different asparagus beetles

At long last we can see the dirt and grass! Next we shall be seeing rhubarb peek up and then the first of the asparagus. We shall be munching on those delectable spears very soon. I am inclined to just eat the asparagus daily steamed with butter and not be tempted to “fancify” with gourmet recipes. It is best right from the garden. However, we need to be aware of insects that can interfere with our crop.

There are two types of asparagus beetles, *Crioceris asperigi*, the common asparagus beetle and the *Crioceris duodecimpunctata*, the spotted asparagus beetle. It is good to be able to identify them as the common asparagus is the more pesky. The common asparagus beetle adult is bluish-black with six cream colored spots on its back. One could confuse the beneficial lady beetles with the spotted beetles.

They are both reddish-orange but the spotted asparagus beetle has 12 black spots and a distinct head; adult lady beetles have oval to almost round bodies, and a varying number of spots. Their heads are partially concealed and have short antennae.

Common beetles overwinter in sheltered locations like the hollow stem of old asparagus plants.

Just as soon as spears are emerging so do these common beetles. Look for dark brown oval-shaped eggs on the ends of the



Jesica Conrad
MASTER GARDENER

spears. Hatching within a week, the grayish larvae move on to the ferns and munch happily away. The spotted beetles are similar but their eggs are green, the larvae are orange, and they tend to feed on the berries of the asparagus. Appearing in mid-May, they are gone in July.

The damage causes browning, scarring and can cause the spear to assume a shepherd’s hook appearance. Plus, lots of eggs on the spears makes the vegetable unappetizing. If sufficient infestation occurs, the common beetles can devour the foliage. This can weaken the plants. The ferns feed the roots for the next year’s growth.

Sleuthing the plants in early May or just after the plants emerge is essential and continued sleuthing during the rest of the growing season is preferable in the afternoon when the beetles are most active. If you have a small garden, handpicking can be effective. Drop larvae and adults in a pan of soapy water. A large

patch may need more ammunition.

Consult the University of Minnesota Extension website for more detailed information about pesticides. If your patch requires sprays, then be mindful of bees and other pollinators. Bees do not pollinate asparagus but have been known to visit. Spray early in the morning or in the evening as the bees are less likely to be hanging out gathering nectar or pollen in the garden. An insecticide containing carbaryl is very harmful to bees.

There is a tiny green metallic wasp, *Tetrastichus asparagus*, that parasitizes asparagus beetle eggs. These have been known to provide very effective control. Watch for them and consider yourself lucky.

Clean up your patch in fall to eliminate plant residue which overwintering adults find desirable.

If you should use insecticides, please read the label closely to ensure proper application. A list of appropriate insecticides can be found at the University Of Minnesota Extension Service website <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/> under insects on vegetables and for more information on horticultural topics.

In addition, local Master Gardeners will again answer your questions on home horticulture. Call 218-444-7916, leave your name, number, and question and you will get a call.

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COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Our smallest residents need your help!

Please bring your donations to a community event at:

Coffee Landing Café
444 Third Street

Saturday, May 17, 2014
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Refreshments will be served.

Items can be dropped off prior at the Rainy Lake Medical Center Hospital or Clinic Registration areas.

Many Koochiching County families cannot afford essential baby supplies such as diapers, blankets, and clothes.

Area babies need the following items:

- **New** onesies, pajamas, outfits: Premie, Newborn, and up to 12 mos.
- Diapers: Premie, Newborn, 1 and 2
- Quilts and flannel blankets
- Baby washcloths, soap, lotion
- Thermometers, bulb suction
- Infant hats
- *New or gently used* baby and prenatal books



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Koochiching County Public Health staff distribute these essential supplies when they visit newborns and their families throughout the county.

If you have questions, please contact:
Deb Larson, Koochiching County Health, at 218-283-7070.