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Jeremiah Alan Scholler, 20

Jeremiah Alan Scholler, age 20, of International Falls, Minn., died Sunday morning, Dec. 22, 2013, in Willis-ton, N.D.

Funeral arrangements are pending at this time. A complete obituary will be announced when arrangements have been completed.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com. Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls, is in charge of arrangements.

FUNERAL

Marie C. Dunbar, 84

Mass of the Resurrection for Marie C. Dunbar, 84, who died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013, at Good Samaritan Society-International Falls, was conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at St Thomas Catholic Church. Officiating was Fr. Kris McKusky and Deacon Fran Zaren. Music was by May

Ann Kalar, Jessie Laurion, Steve Hensel, Melody Hensel, Darren Hensel, Jeremy Hensel and Ryan Mohr. Readers were Autumn Hensel and Chandelle Cannon. Presentation of Gifts was by Ryan, Tory, Bodey, Mavryk and Haakyn Mohr. Pallbearers were Steve Hensel, Ryan Mohr, Darren Hensel, Robert Hensel, Jer-

emy Hensel, Sean Cannon and Jay Dunbar. Ushers were Paul Mon-grain and Frank Watkin-son. Eucharistic Ministers were Bunny Green and Pat Bjorum. Interment is at Forest Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

LOOKINGBACK

25 YEARS AGO

Dan Johnson is the new Ranier City Council member. The International Falls City Council voted to hire Barb Budde as parking attendant. The position will be full time — 32 hours a week — for the duration of the Boise Cascade expansion.

40 YEARS AGO

Grand opening through Dec. 27 of Papa Mike's Pizzeria (formerly Leo's Lunch), Highway 53 and Ninth Street. Now featuring delivery service. Owen Miggins, pulpwood storage supervisor for Boise Cascade, retired for reasons of health on Dec. 1 after nearly 39 years of continuous service.

50 YEARS AGO

The resignation of Steve Halvorson, International Falls City Council president, and Albert Cousins, city engineer, were both accepted by the council at its regular meeting Monday night at City Hall. William A. Anscorn, son of Mrs. Helen Nass, South International Falls, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on Dec. 13. Tonight will be a double celebration for Mrs. C.M.

Prettyman for it is also her birthday anniversary. She will be a guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Prettyman and family, 901 Fifth St., at Christmas Eve dinner which will also include a birthday cake. Mrs. Gail Rognerud started to work in the Mando statistical control department as a clerk on Dec. 5 and will be temporarily assigned to work involving analysis of weight charts.

60 YEARS AGO

Dear Santa Claus — Please bring me a nursing set. — Thank you, Cheryl Lynn Paquin
Dear Santa — I want a rocking horse, a tricycle and a big juicy apple pie. I try to be good and do as my daddy tells me. — Thanks, Joie Zdeb
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tessier, French Addition, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara, to Roman Schultheis, 710 Fourth Ave. The 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vohler, South International Falls, was celebrated Tuesday evening during the meeting of the Birthday Supper Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ost-

man in South International Falls.

70 YEARS AGO

Principals at a golden wedding anniversary banquet and dance Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Brunette of Liberty Addition. The dinner was given at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brunette, and the dance which followed took place at the Oddfellows Hall. Allan J. Anderson of Holler and Fred Charlton of the Falls arrived home from Whitehorse, Alaska, to spend the holidays with their families. Mrs. John Walton is reported to be seriously ill of the flu. She is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ray Holler. A South International Falls woman and her 2-year-old son died early today in a fire tragedy which destroyed their home and cast a cloud of gloom over a community preparing to celebrate Christmas. The victims were Mrs. Homer Smith, 24, and Donald, one of her five children. *Compiled by the Falls Public Library. Visit them online at www.internationalfallslibrary.us.*

Red Cross issues safety tips to prevent holiday home fires

RED CROSS REPORT

The American Red Cross urges residents to take extra precautions with cooking and decorating around the holidays. “Cooking is the leading cause of home fires, and as people are cooking, entertaining, and stringing lights this holiday season, we’re urging that they take safety measures to ensure that their homes and loved ones are safe from the threat of fire,” says Phil Hansen, regional chapter executive of the American Red Cross Northern Minnesota Region. Christmas Day, Christmas Eve and Thanksgiving are the top three days for cooking fires, according to the National Fire Prevention Association. Nationally, the Red Cross responds to a disaster on average every eight minutes, and the vast majority of them are home fires. The Red Cross has some simple steps everyone can follow to prevent home fires

around the holidays:
Holiday Entertaining
■ Test your smoke alarms.
■ Check food regularly while cooking and remain in the home while cooking. Use a timer as a reminder that the stove or oven is on.
■ Enforce a “kid-free zone” in the cooking area and make children stay at least three feet away from the stove.
■ Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stove, oven or any appliance in the kitchen that generates heat.
■ Clean cooking surfaces on a regular basis to prevent grease buildup.
■ Purchase a fire extinguisher to keep in the kitchen. Contact the local fire department to receive training on the proper use of extinguishers.
Holiday Decorating
■ Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
■ Keep children, pets and decorations away from lit candles.

■ Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
■ Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer’s instructions for the number of LED strands to connect. Some strings of lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
■ Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
■ Keep decorations away from windows and doors. People should also download the free American Red Cross First Aid app, which provides instant access to information on handling the most common first aid emergencies. The apps can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store for Android by searching for American Red Cross or by going to redcross.org/mobileapps.

Red Cross responded to 407 disasters across Northern Minnesota Region in 2013

Effort part of overall Red Cross response to disasters nationwide

RED CROSS REPORT

In a year that had deadly tornadoes, fierce wildfires and destructive floods in many states, the Northern Minnesota Region of the American Red Cross responded to 407 disasters, including 1 of the 146 large disaster relief efforts led by the American Red Cross in 42 states and territories in 2013. “This year, the Red Cross continued to serve the people across our region through the dedicated work of its staff and volunteers,” said Phil Hansen, regional chapter executive of the American Red Cross Northern Minnesota Region. “2013 was a busy year and we are very thankful for everyone who supported our efforts to help those in need.”

During 2013, the Northern Minnesota Region responded to 406 residential fires, helping 1,972 adults and children with emergency aid, such as shelter, food, clothing, medical and emotional support. In May, the region deployed 41 disaster relief workers to the Menahga Wildfire in Minnesota and Germann Road Wildfire in Wisconsin. In addition, the region sent 59 workers to help with large disaster responses across the nation, including Oklahoma, Colorado, and Illinois. *Behind the Numbers: Mobilizing Responses for Big Disasters*
The Red Cross disaster responses across the country in 2013 included: 16,700 workers — many of

them volunteers — providing care, comfort and support to those in need. 89,000 contacts by specially trained workers with disaster victims who needed mental health support or health services, which is more people than the amount of travelers who pass through Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport on an average day. 1.8 million meals and snacks, the equivalent of feeding the entire population of Philadelphia lunch in a day. 29,000 overnight stays in shelters for people forced from their homes by disasters, enough to fill the largest hotel in New York City for more than two weeks. 1 million relief items distributed, including more than 33,700 toothbrushes. \$74 million to more than 60 nonprofit partners to help people and communities recover from Superstorm Sandy. *Flooding*
In April, flooding struck 10,000 homes in 10 counties in Illinois. More than a thousand Red Cross volunteers provided shelter and food to displaced families and delivered relief supplies to those returning to waterlogged homes. In September, almost a half-year’s worth of rain fell in just three days across several counties in and around Boulder, Colo. Red Crossers responded and served more than 204,000 meals and snacks, handed out more than 249,000 relief items and provided about 15,000 health and mental health contacts. The Red Cross also provided a total of 3,800 shelter stays for people forced from their homes by the flooding. *Tornadoes and Severe Storms*
The largest and most deadly tornado outbreak in 2013 came in Oklahoma in May, when a series of tornadoes ripped through the state, and Red Cross workers were there to comfort the survivors, including the community of Moore, Okla., where two elementary schools were struck by a deadly EF-4 tornado. More than six months later, the Red Cross continues to help residents through long-term recovery centers and other community programs. In addition, Mississippi was hit particularly hard

by severe spring storms for the third year in a row, including a tornado that severely damaged the Red Cross building in Hattiesburg in February. Again in April, the Red Cross was there, opening shelters, providing food and water, and helping survivors recover. In November, dozens of tornadoes cut a path of destruction through the Midwest, damaging more than 1,000 homes and leaving hundreds of thousands without power during a cold snap. *Wildfires*
When wildfires threatened communities, the Red Cross offered evacuees a safe place to stay and supported first responders. In total, the Red Cross mobilized more than 2,000 workers to support 10 large wildfire responses in eight states during 2013, such as Colorado, Arizona, California and New Mexico. *Home Fires*
It’s not just the high-profile disasters that left thousands of people in need this year. The Red Cross also responded to more than 52,000 home fires across America, helping 226,000 people get back on their feet. For those who have suffered a home fire, the event can be just as devastating as the high profile disasters that get a large amount of national attention. Regardless of the size of the event, the Red Cross responds in the same way — with shelter, food and emotional support. *International Disasters*
In 2013, the American Red Cross assisted an estimated 1.3 million people affected by disasters in 24 countries outside of the U.S. These included storms and floods in the Philippines, Argentina, Bangladesh and Nigeria. Red Cross workers continue to respond to the ongoing humanitarian need created by the civil unrest in Syria, as well as needs caused by conflicts in other areas around the world. The Red Cross responded to food insecurity issues in Malawi and Zimbabwe and continued our earthquake recovery work in Haiti that has been ongoing since 2010. Additionally, the Red Cross continued its vital work in reconnecting families separated by conflict and disaster, reconnecting 886 families this year alone.



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