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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. 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; 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.

Kay Francis Simmons

Kay Francis Simmons passed away peacefully Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, at the Good Shepard Hospice, Sebring, Fla.
Katie was born Dec. 28, 1936, in Michigan.
She married Jerry Simmons in June of 1957.
They resided in International Falls, Minn., for a number of years and was well known and loved by the community.
After leaving the Falls they made their home in Colorado Springs, Colo., for a number of years and in the fall of 2006 retired and moved to Sebring.
Katie was a devoted wife and mother and a bright

light always smiling and making her family laugh.
She was a selfless individual always giving and caring for others.
She will be remembered as a friendly, loving, and caring wife, mother and grandmother, with a strong sense of faith and will be forever missed.
She loved her family very much.
She is survived by her husband, Jerry, of Sebring; daughters, Tami Mesenbourg (Mike), Wendi Bowlin (Mark) and Sheri Edwards (Kevin); son, Patrick Simmons (Paul); and grandchildren, Mike, Jordan, Jorden,



Mollie, Jon, Hunter and Makiah.
A private memorial service with immediate family will take place in Sebring.

FUNERAL

Sarah Jane Johnson, 88

Mass of the Resurrection for Sarah Jane Johnson, 88, who was called home Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015, was conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Officiating was Fr. Dennis Hoffman.
Music was by Joe Belanger.
Eucharistic minister was Michelle Misner with readings by Pat Bjorum and Ross Johnson.
Presentation of Gifts was by Shawna Misner, Sammy Maxwell, Emma

Misner and Jack Maxwell.
Ushers were Frank Watkinson and Diane Peters.
Interment was at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery, International Falls.
Arrangements were with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

Mildred Marie Foss, 91

Mildred Marie Foss, 91, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014, in Walker, Minn.
She was born Oct. 24, 1923, on a farm in Davenport-Mapleton area, N.D., and grew-up in West Fargo, N.D.
Mille graduated from West Fargo High School in 1940 and attended Interstate Business College in Fargo, N.D.
She enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1944 and served until 1946. Afterward, she worked as a legal secretary in Fargo.
She married Elvin Foss of Halstad, Minn., in 1950 and had two sons, Duane (Sherren), of Walker, and Robin (Joanne), of Gainesville, Fla.
She had four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
Mille lived most of her adult life in International Falls, Minn., where she was an active community member of Eastern Star,

Rainy Lake Women's Club, Cub Scout den mother, Ladies Auxiliary and Zion Lutheran Church Sunday School teacher.
She was the 9th District Women's Club president and Minnesota State Women's Club president.
Her retired life was spent in Winter Haven, Fla., where she was active in women's clubs, quilting, and golf.
She returned to Minnesota eight years ago after her husband died in 2006.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Amelia (Dobrinz) Jones; and five of her six siblings — Carmie (Laura) Jones, Detroit Lakes, Minn., Gordon (Aileen) Jones, Moorhead, Minn., Arthur Jones, Fargo, Marvin Jones, San Francisco, Calif., and Joanne (Jim) Wilson, Escondido, Calif..
She is survived by her sister, Luella Laske (Gary) of Fargo and her two sons and their families.



Memorials are preferred to May Creek Senior Living Campus and Hope Lutheran Church.
A memorial service for Mildred will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at Hope Lutheran Church, Walker.
A private inurnment will be at a later date.
Arrangements are by Midwest Cremation Association/Dennis Funeral Home, Walker.

Joan A. Stone, 80

Joan A. Stone passed away peacefully at 80 years of age Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014, following a lengthy struggle with dementia.
Joan was born Sept. 1, 1934, in International Falls, Minn., to Alice and Joe Parker.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, to whom she was married to for 57 years.
She is survived by sons, Jim (Sue) of New City, N.Y., and Bob (Julie) of Ramsey, Minn.; grandsons, Parker and Christian; granddaughter, Kayla; sister, Audrey Leeman of International Falls; and many nieces and nephews.
Joan worked for many

years as a faculty secretary at Rainy River Community College.
She and Carl (until his passing in October 2013) had spent the last six years living at the Wellstead Retirement Community in Rogers, Minn.
Joan was a wonderful mother and grandmother and will be missed greatly.
She was an incredible cook and baker and loved to spend time with her three grandchildren.
A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2015, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, International Falls.
In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the



Alzheimer's Foundation.
Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.
Arrangements are with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

John Alfred Wastell

John Alfred Wastell, of Calgary, Alberta, passed away Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, peacefully, surrounded by his family.
John was born Aug. 18, 1939, in Fort Frances, Ontario.
He attended St. Mary's School and Fort Frances High School, graduating from Grade 13.
John and his dad ran the Wastell Electric store on Portage Avenue.
In 1975, he and his dad moved to British Columbia, where he met his future wife, Myrna. Eventually they settled in Calgary.
John was predeceased

by his parents, Alfred and Jessie.
He is survived by his wife, Myrna; children, Owen (Jana) and Caitlin (James), Devin (Meagan); and grandchildren, Chase, Jaida and Jackson. He is also survived by his sister, Helen and (John E.) Patterson of International Falls, Minn., and family.
He will be remembered for his passion for hockey (especially the Canucks); his love of history and his gentle demeanor.
His profound memory for Big Band and Hymn music frequently prompted him to break into song at the least

provocation.
Special thanks to Drs. Blahy and Jalutha and the nurses and staff at the Tom Baker Centre, the staff of the Chinook Hospice and the AB Health Palliative Services.
In our hearts now and forever: angel on your shoulder.
In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made out to the Calgary Children's Hospital.
Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Church of the Ascension.

Patricia Hamalainen, 83

Patricia Hamalainen, 83, of International Falls, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 13, 2015.
A complete obituary and

service times will be announced when arrangements have been completed.
Condolences may be left

at www.greenlarsen.com.
Arrangements are with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

What's Happening in Community Education!

Winter, 2015

Defensive Driving:

Tuesday, January, 20, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
RRCC Theater, \$20/person

CPR/First Aid:

Adult CPR & AED
Infant/Pediatric
First Aid, Adult & Pediatric
All Three offered on Saturday, Jan. 17
FHS Room 130
Call for specific times

Dog Obedience:

Mondays, March 2 – April 13
Falls Elementary School Gym
6-7 p.m. • \$25/person (dog)

Snowshoe/Ski Rental:

Wednesdays through Sundays
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. January through Spring
Equipment can be signed out at Voyageurs Nat'l Park's
Rainy Lake Visitor Center
Cost: Snowshoes are free and skis are free to Youth or \$5/adult

Open Swimming:

Adult Workout Lap Swimming:
Sept. through May
Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Family Open Swimming:
Mondays & Thursdays
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. • Saturdays
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Driver's Training:

Jan. 26 – Feb. 10, 2015 • Instructor: Tony Casareto
3:30 – 6:30 p.m. • Mon.-Thurs. • \$100/student

March 2-23, 2015 • Instructor: Leon Ditsch
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. • Mon., Tues., Thurs. \$100/student

April 7-27, 2015 • Instructor: Tony Casareto
6:00 – 8:30 a.m. • Mon.-Thurs. • \$100/student

May 18-June 3, 2015 • Instructor: Tony Casareto
3:30 – 6:30 p.m. • Mon.-Thurs. • \$100/student

July 7-23, 2015 • Instructor: Leon Ditsch
8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. • Tues., Wed., Thurs. \$100/student

Scuba Certification:

Saturday and Sunday, April 11 & 12
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. both days • Falls High Pool
Cost: \$500
Includes online course as well as pool dives and open water dives Equipment is provided
Instructors: Dive Depot from Bemidji

Tae Kwon Do:

Beginners Tues. & Thurs. 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.
Advanced Tues. & Thurs. 6:45-8:30 p.m.
Falls Elementary Gym or Cafeteria
Instructor: Ken Krueger
\$25 for an 8 session ticket

Yoga:

Tues. & Thurs. through May
5:15-6:15 p.m.
2nd floor of Faith United Church
Cost: \$20 for a 5 session ticket or \$4/class
Payable at the door
Instructor: Shirley Earley

Chess Club:

Now through May 25, 2015
Grades 3 and up – Mondays 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grades 6 and up – Thursdays 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Falls Elementary School
3rd Grade and up
All levels welcome
\$15 for 5 sessions or \$4 per person

Computer Technology Courses:

Microsoft Word (Basic/Intermediate)
Monday, Jan. 12 and Tuesday, Jan. 13

Microsoft Excel (Basic/Intermediate)
Monday, Jan. 26 and Tuesday, Jan. 27

Microsoft PowerPoint (Basic/Intermediate)
Monday, Feb. 2 and Tuesday, Feb. 3

Instructor: Keith Boelk

Woodworking on Wednesday Nights:

Work on a project or create one of your own!
Wednesday evenings, Jan. 7 – March 4
FHS Woodshop, Room 155
Cost: \$5/session or \$40 for 9 sessions
Participants bring their own materials. Tools Will be available.
Instructors: George McDonald and Ladd Kocinski

Call Community Education at 283-2571, ext. 186, for more information or to register, or view our catalog and flyers at:
www.isd361.k12.mn.us/communityed
Or look us up on Facebook at Community Education of International Falls

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- BANDIT adopted 11-26-09

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