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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.

Charles Walter Spritt, 84

Charles Walter Spritt, 84, of Loman, Minn., passed away Sunday, Aug. 6, 2013, at his home with his family by his side.

Charles was born Dec. 11, 1928, in Blind River District of Algoma, Canada.

He married Carol Joy Wright on June 26, 1982.

Charles was a mill worker for 35 years at the Boise mill in Fort Frances, Ontario.

He enjoyed golfing and

bowling, was a member of the Moose Club and Elks Club.

He was a musician and electrician; a “Jack of all Trades.”

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Arvid Spritt; mother, Mary Georgina Nellie Ferris; and son, Ricky Spritt.

Charles is survived by his wife, Carol Spritt; son, Randy Spritt; step sons, Bill Steinbach, Rocky

Steinbach, Allen Steinbach and Timothy Steinbach; daughters, Karen Spritt and Kathy Spritt; step daughter, Peggy Steinbach (Mai); 23 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

No services are planned at this time.

Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com.

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

FUNERALS

Marsha Lynne White Halverson, 43

A memorial service for Marsha Lynne White Halverson, who passed away May 28, 2013, was conducted at Four Peaks Community Church in Fountain Hills, Ariz.

Officiating was Pastor Scott Mandeville.

A graveside service took place July 7, 2013, at Riverside Cemetery near Loman, Minn.

Francis H. Haney

Funeral services for Francis H. Haney, of Ray, who passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at Rainy Lake Medical Center, were conducted at 2 p.m. Mon-

day, Aug. 5, at Berean Baptist Church, International Falls.

Officiating was Pastor Shane Belding.

Music was by Keri Norton and Shane Belding.

Honorary pallbearers were Kelly Haney, Scott Mekash, Jacob Haney, Cindi Haney, Emily Summach, Taylor Summach, Ciera Mekash and Matthew D’Elia.

The obituary was read by Scott Mekash.

Remembrances were given by Kelly Haney, Emily Summach, Cierra Mekash and Matthew D’Elia.

Military rites were accorded by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948 with flag presentation by Wayne Sampson.

Interment was at Lyman

Cemetery, Ray.

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

Robert W. Livingston Hunter, 57

Funeral services for Robert W. Livingston Hunter, 57, of International Falls, Minn., and Fort Frances, Ontario, who died Wednesday, July 31, 2013, were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Officiating was Elder Henry Kingbird. Interment was at Forest Hill Cemetery.

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Gladys Bartholomew, 90

Gladys Bartholomew, 90, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2013, at Rainy Lake Medical Center.

Gladys was born Aug. 5, 1923 in Fort Frances, Ontario, to David and Mary Forsythe.

She moved to International Falls as a baby with her family and became a Naturalized United States Citizen.

She lived her life on the Van Lynn Road where her parents and several of her brothers and sisters lived. Gladys was always proud of being part of a large family of 12 brothers and sisters.

She enjoyed gardening, fishing, blueberry picking and being at home with her dogs.

Gladys is survived by her daughter, Judy (Richard) Soger of Sun City West, Ariz., and International Falls, Minn.; brothers, Freeman (Rose) Forsythe and Gerald (Rita) Forsythe of International Falls; sisters,

Irene Peterson and Muriel Johnson of International Falls; one granddaughter and two great-grandsons; and many nieces and nephews.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, David and Mary Forsythe; husband, Emerson (Casey) Bartholomew; son, Fred Bartholomew; brothers, Norman Forsythe, Harold Forsythe, Ivan Forsythe and Roy Forsythe; and sisters, Helen Germain, Viola Dunbar and Eunice Adea.

The family would like to thank the Good Samaritan Society for the kindness and care given to Gladys during her last years, the hospital staff for the comfort and compassion shown to Gladys and her family, and also the Silvers-Bahr home and Ridgeview Assisted Living for the care they gave Gladys.

At Gladys’ request, there will be no memorial service; however, all are welcome to



attend a graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at Forest Hill Cemetery, International Falls, as she is laid to rest with her husband and son.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Borderland Humane Society, International Falls.

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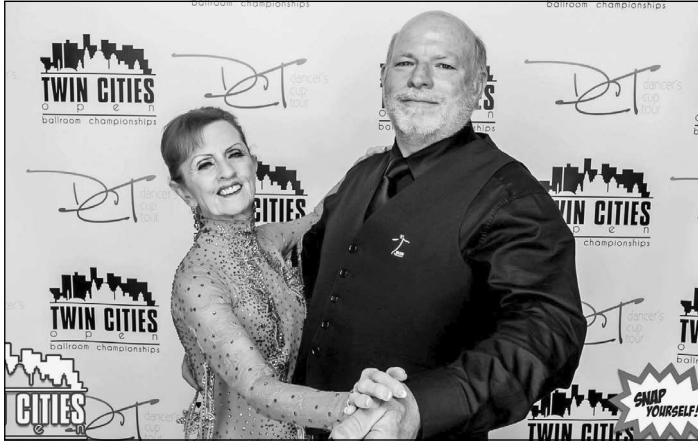
Local competes in national ballroom dance competition

SUBMITTED BY ANGELE HARTELL

Marge Smith, age 77, of International Falls competed in the Twin Cities Open Ballroom Championships July 11-13 at the Marriott City Center in downtown Minneapolis.

Smith danced in 37 events. In 32 single dances events she received 23 first places, six second places and three third places. She earned a first place for her Theatrical Arts Bolero solo performance and in her four championships events (consisting of three dances each) she placed second in three of them and earned a third place in the last one. Smith dances Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, Bolero, Waltz, Viennese Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango and Theatrical Arts.

“The competition draws top talent from the nation,” stated Walter “Bear” Hartell, professional ballroom dance instructor and Smith’s partner for the event. “Marge can be very proud of all she accom-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

International Falls resident Marge Smith competed in the Twin Cities Open Ballroom Championships July 11-13. She is pictured with Walter “Bear” Hartell, professional ballroom dance instructor, and her partner for the event.

plished and her standing with this event.”

“This was my first big competition since moving back to Minnesota. When I lived in Arizona I competed in California, Nevada, Boston, Ohio, Arizona and the Bahamas. TCO is an amazing event. Dancing has been my passion for many years, brings me great joy and keeps me in good health and young. I was very happy to be judged by judges I knew and they remembered me with my signature red hair.”

One of the highlights of the competition was to be judged by Jonathan Roberts, one of the professional

dancers on the TV show Dancing With The Stars.

The 2013 TCO was the largest in its 29-year history with over 6,000 entries, and is one of the largest ballroom competitions in the United States.

Hartell, who currently teaches and coaches professionals and amateurs along with conducting dance clinics at the Suzy and Hondo School of Dance in Bemidji, started the TCO in 1984. The competition is now organized and hosted by Scott and Amy Anderson of Minneapolis.

Smith travels routinely from International Falls to Bemidji to take instruction from Hartell.

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