

SPORTS

QUICK HITS

Clover Cruise 10K/5K races now canceled

The annual Clover Cruise 10K Run and 5K Run/Walk initially scheduled for Sunday in conjunction with the Northern Minnesota District Fair in Littlefork have been canceled, said race organizer Jeff Eibler.

Eibler, who informed The Journal on Thursday that his father passed away in Michigan, also said, “I don’t really have any way of making the race happen this year.”

“I haven’t done a good job of training others regarding the course, or timing, etc.,” Eibler said. “So my apologies for the confusion, but hopefully we can be back in 2014.”

Falls VFW baseball twin bill rescheduled

The International Falls VFW baseball is scheduled to host its final doubleheader Wednesday against Mesabi East, prior to the Sub-District Tournament taking place July 20-21 at Ely.

The twin bill against Mesabi East had been initially set for this past Thursday, but was rescheduled.

Falls Fusion 14U splits with E-G

The International Falls Fusion 14U softball team split a doubleheader it played Wednesday in Eveleth against Eveleth-Gilbert.

The Fusion won game one, 7-3, with Casey Meyers recording the pitching victory, allowing three earned runs with no hits, seven walks, two hit batters and two strikeouts over five innings.

Taylor Sears and Kerri Ann Meyers each had two hits for the Fusion with Lexie Graves adding a triple.

The Fusion lost game two, 9-3, with Casey Meyers picking up the pitching loss, giving up nine earned runs on eight hits with four walks over four innings.

Janet Humbert, Emily Treat and Kerri Ann Meyers each had a hit for the Fusion.

ELSON

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opportunity to speak that evening during the open forum.

Elson took over the boys hockey coaching position in 2011-12 from Mike Bolstad, who resigned after one season with a record of 10-15-1.

Bolstad had replaced John Prettyman, who compiled a 97-85-5 record over seven seasons.

Elson had previously been Falls’ head girls hockey coach for three seasons from 2006-09, compiling an overall record of 29-47-2. He had led the Broncos to their first non-losing season in the first 10 years of the girls varsity program, finishing 13-13-1 in 2007-08.

His departure as Falls’ head girls coach had been mired in controversy. The Journal reported in 2009 that the motion to terminate Elson’s coaching contract then had related to alleged “self-control issues.”

Though the board had rejected a recommendation in 2009 that he also be terminated as a physical education teacher, Elson was subsequently notified he would not be recommended for renewal as the head girls hockey coach in 2009-10. He was replaced by Gerald Bolstad, who has been the girls head coach the past four seasons and already rehired for the 2013-14 season.

Though the board last month approved the head girls hockey coach and two assistants for next season, no boys hockey coaches have yet been up for board consideration.

Falls Summer Hockey Camps

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The first of two weeks of Falls Summer Hockey Camps was held Monday-Friday at Bronco Arena. The camps wrap up next Friday.



In front, Grace Bragg stands in goal Wednesday morning during the Pee Wee instruction at Bronco Arena.



At left, Lexi Erickson leaps Wednesday morning during off-ice training outside Bronco Arena for the Falls Summer Hockey Camps.



At right, Bruce Raboin of Detroit Lakes makes a point to the Pee Wee hockey players at the beginning of their on-ice instruction Wednesday morning as part of the Falls Summer Hockey Camps at Bronco Arena.



At left, UMD defenseman and Falls native Willie Corrin watches Marissa Kerry practice shooting the puck Wednesday morning during off-ice dry land training behind Bronco Arena. Corrin is also on the Falls Summer Hockey Camps coaching staff.

Up North Elementary Girls Volleyball Camp

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Up North Elementary Girls Volleyball Camp for grades 1-7 took place Monday-Thursday at Rainy River Community College.

Left: Third-grader Tatum Kielczewski hits the ball in Wednesday morning’s Up North Elementary Girls Volleyball Camp session at Rainy River Community College.

Top Right: From left, Up North Elementary Girls Volleyball Camp director Mel Millerbernd watches first-grader McKenna Garr bump up the ball in Wednesday morning’s session at Rainy River Community College.

Bottom Right: Seventh-grader Mariah Leahy serves the ball overhand in Wednesday morning’s session of the Up North Elementary Girls Volleyball Camp at Rainy River Community College

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