

LOCALNEWS

STAY
for the
FUN

For 10 years, the International Falls Bass Championship has used the tagline, “come for the fishing, stay for the fun.” Hundreds of people gathered at Smokey Bear Park over the weekend for the fun side of the popular end-of-summer event.

Family-friendly attractions included a kids fun zone, a classic car show, lawnmower races, talent shows and more.



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Jamie Pastika, director of the Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo in Owatonna, holds an alligator for inquisitive kids to pet Friday at the Family Fun Zone in Smokey Bear Park.



STAFF PHOTO BY EMILY GEDDE

Anglers and friends of Team No. 36 throw goodies to the crowd during Thursday’s parade of boats along Third Street. The parade, organizers said, is one of the better attended events of the International Falls Bass Championship.



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Dale Granley makes some final tweaks to his 1923 Ford T-Bucket before the International Falls Bass Championship car show Saturday.



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Two youngsters tumble out of an inflatable obstacle course in the kids’ fun zone Friday.

Boise Paper employees
award safety funds

Finishing and shipping employees presented \$2,680 in safety funds for local food pantries and disaster service providers last week.

Boise Paper, A Division of Packaging Corporation of America, donated the funds in recognition of employee safety participation. Employees distributed the monies to the Falls Hunger Coalition, American Red Cross, and Salvation Army.

“I extend my congratulations to the non-profit organizations and to finishing and shipping employees on a job well done,” says Bert Brown, International Falls mill manager. “In addition to working over 15 months without a safety incident, 100 percent of finishing and shipping employees participated in safety improvement efforts in July.”

For the past several years, monies have been set aside to assist organizations in Koochiching County based on employee safety participation. Those interested in learning more information about the program are encouraged to call 218.285.5312.



Front row L-R: Salvation Army representative Bev Mayfield and American Red Cross representative John Decker. Middle row L-R: Finishing and shipping employees Bill Hanson, Darrick Johnson, Rick Foss, Craig Turner, and Chris Wade. Back row L-R: Finishing and shipping employees Randy Olafson, Rick Lucca and Kirby Wilcox.

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