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The Smokey Bear golf tournament to play on

High water won't stop 60th annual event July 12-13

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Tyler Hill, shown hitting a chip shot near a water hazard on hole No. 5 during last year's Smokey Bear Golf Invitational, finished third in the championship flight with a 45-hole score of 180.

FILE PHOTOS

Dave Christensen, shown chipping onto the green of hole No. 1 during last year's Smokey Bear Golf Invitational at the Falls Country Club, won the tournament with a 45-hole score of 174.

Though high water has come to the Rainy River in recent weeks along the Falls Country Club, where play on two holes has been affected, the 60th annual Smokey Bear Golf Invitational will take place as scheduled next weekend, said tournament director Dave Cronin.

"The tournament is a go," he said.

Cronin noted flooding along the river has resulted in a temporary green having been used on hole No. 8 and a temporary tee set up for hole No. 9 with both par-four holes being played like a par three.

Based on what the water level along the river will be like when the tournament begins next Saturday, Cronin said it will be a "game-time decision" as to how the course will be played.

"We hope to play No. 8 green," he said.

Cronin said the rules for the two-day men's amateur invite will be the same as in 2013 with all the golfers, which he hopes will be around 120 this year, playing 18 holes on July 12 with the top-12 scores qualifying to play 27 holes on July 13 for the overall championship, while the top-12 golfers 50 and older will able able to play 27 holes for the seniors division championship.

He also noted golfers 50 and older in the top-12 overall after the first day will have the option of playing for the overall or seniors title, but not both.

Cronin said the remaining golfers not in the championship and senior flights will be placed in other flights, based on their scores on day one, to play 18 holes on day two.

He said gift certificates at the Falls Country Club will be once again be awarded to the top golfers in their flights.

Though the final nine holes for the championship and senior flights have typically taken place on the front nine, where it is easier for spectators to watch, Cronin said it will depend upon the course conditions next weekend as to whether to shift the final nine holes to the back nine.

He said he is expecting between 10-12 former champions to play in next weekend's tournament.

Dave Christensen, who is from Elk River, won last year's tournament with a 45-hole score of 174, four strokes ahead of the 2012 winner, Casey Hill. Hill's brother, Tyler, placed third with a 180.

A six-time overall winner ended up winning last year's seniors title when Jeff Lindvall, a 1971 Falls High School graduate who moved to Jackson, Tenn., finished on top of the competition for golfers age 50 and older with a 45-hole score of 180.

Cronin said the Smokey Bear tournament attracts golfers for both social and competitive reasons.

Next Friday, prior to the Smokey Bear tournament, Cronin said the 18-hole Ross Memorial will be held to raise funds for Koochiching Hospice.

He said the Ross Memorial is open to all players and also serves as a warmup for golfers in next weekend's Smokey Bear tournament.

LEGION BASEBALL

Post 66 Broncos sweep Cook County in twin bill

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls Legion baseball team traveled Tuesday to Grand Marais and ended up sweeping a doubleheader over Cook County.

Falls VFW coach Jay Bartkowski said the Post 66 Broncos played well on defense and pitched well, along with having a big inning on offense in each game, though the team needs to improve in the hitting department.

In game one, the Falls shut out Cook County, 7-0.

Of the Post 66 Broncos' six hits, Wyatt Ulrich had three of them.

Ben Humbert

Wyatt Ulrich

Ben Humbert started on the mound for the Falls and pitched 2 2/3 innings, striking out seven. Bartkowski said Humbert left the game because of arm trouble and was relieved by Cole Miggins, who pitched the final 4 1/3 innings and struck out three.

Cook County could muster only four hits over seven innings from four different players.

FALLS 8, COOK CTY. 2

In game two, the Post 66 Broncos broke open a one-run lead by scoring five times in the top of the seventh and defeated Cook County, 8-2.

Jackson Vollom accounted for two of Falls' nine hits. Caleb Dahlin led the team with 2 RBI.

Dahlin also started on the mound for the Post 66 Broncos and pitched the first five innings, striking out 10. Jack Bartkowski closed out the final two innings for the Falls, striking out three.

Of Cook County's seven hits, Owen Anderson had three of them.

The Post 66 Broncos, whose overall record now stands at 8-3, return to action today with a doubleheader at St. Martin, before playing another non-conference twin bill Monday at Hibbing and then hosting Ely in a conference game at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Falls then plays Friday at Ely.

Game 1
Int'l Falls 7, County Cty. 0
Int'l Falls 1-0-0 0-4-0 2 – 7 6 0
Cook Cty. 0-0-0 0-0-0 0 – 0 4 5

Game 2
Int'l Falls 8, Cook Cty. 2
Int'l Falls 1-1-0 0-0-1 5 – 8 9 1
Cook Cty. 0-0-1 0-1-0 0 – 2 7 3

Falls Summer Hockey Camps begin Monday

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The temperatures right now aren't ideal for playing ice hockey outside, but that wintertime sport will be going on for the next two weeks inside at Bronco Arena.

The Falls Summer Hockey Camps will be taking place there from July 7-18.

In addition to the camps for boys and girls going on during the day from Monday through Friday for Termite, Mighty Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee and Bantam players, two teams have been formed for a night league for hockey players ranging from the high school level to adult.

Camp director Kevin Gordon has released the schedule of activities for the next two weeks, which is listed in the chart with this story, along with the roster of players for the night league.

The Purple team includes goalies Wyatt Ulrich and Kyle Sjoblom along with players Willie Corrin, Jake Youso, Lucas DeBenedet, Matt Levine, Jordan Tilander, Wyatt Boyum, Riley Nemec, Tyler Coffield, Brandon Podpeskar, Abby Auran and Jenna Anderson.

The Gold team includes goalies Austin Kalar and David Routier along with players Marty Goulet, Jon Carlson, Bryce Knapp, Kyle Knapp, Tim Heinle, David Pryde, Christopher Kostiuk, Kane Kostiuk, Lexi Erickson, Emily Saari and Josh Gouin.

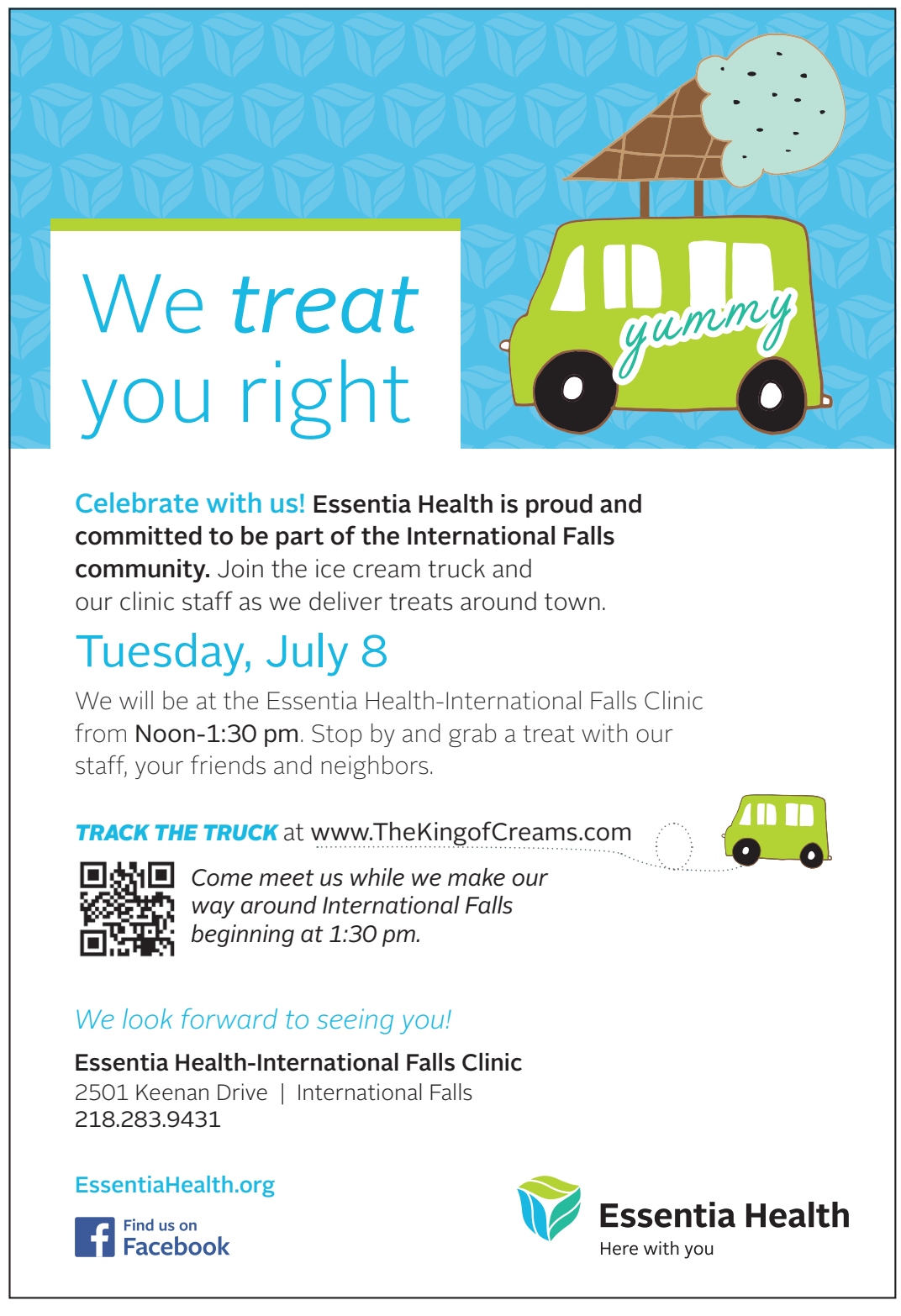
2014 FALLS SUMMER HOCKEY CAMPS

BRONCO ARENA SCHEDULE

Week 1 – July 7-11

Week 2 – July 14-18

8-9 a.m.	BANTAM INSTRUCTION
9:15-10:15 a.m.	BANTAM GAME
10:30-11:30 a.m.	PEE WEE INSTRUCTION
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	GOALIE INSTRUCTION
12:45-1:45 p.m.	SQUIRT INSTRUCTION
2-3 p.m.	PEE WEE GAME
3:15-4:15 p.m.	SQUIRT GAME
4:30-5:30 p.m.	TERMITES
5:45-6:45 p.m.	MIGHTY MITES
7:00-8:30 p.m.	NIGHT LEAGUE GAME

OFF-ICE DRY LAND TRAINING SCHEDULE

10:30-11:30 a.m.	BANTAM
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	SQUIRT
12:30-1:30 p.m.	PEE WEE