

Bargains abound at Crazy Daze

BY SPENSER BICKETT
Staff Writer

International Falls residents took to the streets Wednesday in search of deals at Crazy Daze, the yearly event put on by the International Falls Chamber of Commerce.

A wide variety of stores Downtown, on Highway 53, and Highway 11 East and West opened their doors and slashed prices, hoping to pull in customers. There was entrainment downtown, with musical acts playing on a stage all day, as well as a bounce house for kids. There were more food vendors this year

than last, which Chamber of Commerce president Faye Whitbeck said encouraged people to stay longer.

“We had a lot of desert vendors, too, and had a lot of people who wanted food,” she said. “We love to encourage them to go to the restaurants and increase the traffic there.”

Based on what she saw, Whitbeck said this year was “crazy successful,” and said she thinks attendance this year was better than last. One thing she said she noticed was the parking was packed, and there were lines in several areas and in several stores.

“We had non-stop enter-

tainment, which encouraged higher traffic,” she said. “We certainly promoted and marketed more heavily this year, which helped.”

Initial talks with vendors after the event reported high and consistent traffic throughout the day, as well as good to excellent sales, Whitbeck said.

Whitbeck said one thing she hopes to change for next year’s Crazy Daze is more food vendors, as well as rethinking the space they have blocked off. They’ll also try to bring back the non-stop music entertainment, which was “well appreciated,” she said.



The Sloughgrass Family Band plays some tunes downtown Wednesday morning at Crazy Daze. They were one of multiple musical acts entertaining people during the day.



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Two residents compare deals they found in front of City Drug. Tables and racks full of deals lined downtown Wednesday for Crazy Daze.

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Woody's Lakeside Deck
Foodshelf FUNDRAISER
Ranier Rainy Lake Sunset
8:00 pm
STREET DANCE-Duluth St
John Streiff-King Of The Road Entertainment

Saturday, August 10
7 am-10:30 am
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Fundraiser at Community Building
Sponsored by County Market
10 am to 4 pm
RENDEZVOUS YACHT CLUB
COMMUNITY SAIL Public Welcome
PARADE
12 pm Pooch BYODog 218-286-4049
12:30 pm MAIN PARADE
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Following parade
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Ice Box Radio Theater
WOODY'S LAKESIDE DECK

CORN DOGS, CHEESE CURDS, COTTON CANDY, ICED COFFEES, PIZZA, SMOOTHIES, ICE CREAM FLOATS, BBQ SANDWICHES, HOT DOGS, WINGS

Sat. AUGUST 10
1 pm-4 pm
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Duluth Street Landing
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6:30 TREASURE HUNT
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AGENDA
City Council
Monday, August 5, 2013 • 4:30 P.M.
Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
ROLL CALL
MINUTES

- Approve minutes of the July 15, 2013 regular City Council meeting
- Approve minutes of the July 22, 2013 special City Council meeting

SPECIAL ACTION CLAIMS
TRANSFERS

TO	FROM	
City of Intl Falls- Fund #101	City of Intl Falls - Fund #812	\$1,071.43
	Lodging tax	

REGULAR CLAIMS

- Regular Claims

AUDIENCE
BIDS AND/OR QUOTES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
CONSENT AGENDA
NEW BUSINESS

1. Mike Holden – Labor Day Picnic, use of Smokey Bear Park – September 2, 2013
2. Request for subordination of SCDP Commercial Rehabilitation Program for Donald and Sally Chowan - Kimberly Literovich, Shermon & Jaksa Law Office
3. Report of Budget and Finance Committee
 - a.) recommendation to contribute \$2,500 to the Heart of the Continent Initiative from unallocated funds
 - b.) recommendation to remove the approval requirement of budgeted travel and training items, unless it is something out of the ordinary
4. Mayoral Proclamation Celebrating 100 Season's of International Falls Bronco Football
5. Proposal to sell timber from city property located on the Van Lynn Road
6. Kerry Park Lease Agreement – Rainy Lake Sport Fishing Club, September 8, 2013
7. Resolution # __-13 Airport Maintenance & Operations Grant
8. Resolution # __-13 Inviting Canadian Ambassador to visit Fort Frances / International Falls
9. Resolution supporting a federal waiver to the regulation that requires deputized security at the airport
10. Resolution supporting \$3M state bonding funds for the airport terminal
11. Multi Modal utility schedule
12. Multi Modal District Annexation into the City
13. Any other business

PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, August 5, 2013 at 4:00 pm – city council chambers

1. Plat of Aspen Woods- street improvements and subsequent action by the council

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS
REPORTS OF MAYOR, COUNCIL COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
AUDIENCE – 2nd CALL
CORRESPONDENCE

- June 10, 2013 North Koochiching Area Sanitary District meeting minutes
- June 12, 2013 International Falls Public Library Board meeting minutes
- June 19, 2013 Convention & Visitors' Bureau meeting minutes
- July 17, 2013 Letter from Chamber of Commerce regarding Minnesota Statute 163.051 as it pertains to imposing a wheelage tax on vehicles

REMINDERS

- Next regular Council meeting is Monday, August 19, 2013 at 4:30 PM

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