

Design of Banners Approved To Promote Downtown St. Ignace Summer Events

St. Ignace: From page 1
ties financially, which I don't want to cause."

Les Therrian, Department of Public Works director, told *The St. Ignace News* Friday, March 20, that MDOT pays the city about \$75,000 to maintain 18.4 lane-miles of trunkline. The bicycle lanes would take about 3.3 lane-miles and reduce the MDOT payment by about 18%, he said, or about \$14,000.

A second option under consideration, said Mrs. Evashevski, would include working with MDOT when they resurface the street in 2010 and locate the pathway beside the four-lane road.

"I do think that it is important," she said, "to try to draw those people into our downtown, try to advertise that we have a bike path that runs from our hotels into our downtown area, a safe area for people to hop on their bikes and come into our downtown area. I think it's going to help us in the

long run."

In other business, the city's new event, a Music Festival set for August 15, will receive \$1,000 from the DDA. A \$1,833 grant through the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs was received, although Mrs. Evashevski had requested \$4,000. The festival is being organized by the St. Ignace Events Committee.

The festival is schedule to run from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and the Events Committee is seeking approval from the Department of Transportation to close State Street between Truckey and Spring streets. Musicians, said Mrs. Evashevski, will play from the deck of the Marina Pub. Four bands will play for an hour each, she said.

The DDA also will contribute \$800 toward the cost of Saturday evening entertainment leading up

to the fireworks.

The Events Committee, said Mrs. Evashevski, wants to promote activities before the fireworks each Saturday night. Businesses are being asked to remain open later and the Events Committee is considering hiring Gary Engle to hold contests, which would be broadcasted on downtown speakers. Cost for the entertainment is estimated to be about \$1,600 through the summer.

Under consideration as a future project will be the construction of a gazebo at the marina. The cost, said Mrs. Evashevski, is estimated to be about \$15,000, if the work is performed by city crews.

Musicians now play under a covered area, although nothing is available to the audience when it rains, she said, so Bayside Live entertainment is moved to Little Bear East, which draws fewer listeners.

The DDA next meets Friday, April 10, at 8 a.m. at city hall.



Five multi-colored banners depicting St. Ignace events will decorate downtown lampposts. Banner artwork was presented at the Friday, March 20, Downtown Development Authority meeting. (Artwork by Sam Staffan of Mackinaw Art and Sign)

EUP Youth To See More Jobs From Stimulus Package

Local young people will have more opportunities for summer jobs this year, as Michigan Works! anticipates getting \$700,000 from the federal stimulus package to provide them.

Unlike the traditional Michigan Works! youth program, this expanded summer program will provide jobs for economically disadvantaged young people aged 16 through 24 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, commonly referred to as the Economic Stimulus Package.

Consolidated Community School Services, which delivers youth programs under the Workforce Investment Act, is seeking public and nonprofit agencies as worksites. Eligible youth will be placed at a variety of worksites, including city, coun-

ty, township, state, and federal work places. The worksite will be expected to provide a safe work environment, adequate supervision, and project materials, as appropriate. The worksite must not have regular employees on lay-off.

Work experiences may include environmental activities, service learning opportunities, projects that include skill development and practice, and experiences that may spark the young person's interest in continued education and employment.

"Engaging young people in worthwhile jobs and putting money into their pockets is a win-

win situation for everyone," said Workforce Development Board Chair Carmen Pittenger. "I know many public agencies and non-profits will welcome the labor available through this program."

Interested worksites are invited to contact the EUP Michigan Works! office for a worksite request form or for more information. Phone Sharon Houghton at (906) 635-1752, extension 110, or e-mail sharon@eupworks.org.

Young people interested in working may contact their local Michigan Works! office, school counselor, or community education coordinator for application forms.

Delgreco Earns Engineering Degree

Lacy Delgreco of St. Ignace earned a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering from Kettering University in December 2008.

Kewadin's Cash Bash 2009 All Sites!

Every Friday in March.
Random Slot Draws
6 - 10 p.m.
\$52,000 in All!

Spring Fling

Kewadin Manistique
March 28, 2009
Cash Draws from
6 - 10 p.m.

Win between \$50 - \$150

Native American Casino Pool Tour Tournament

Kewadin St. Ignace
April 3-5, 2009

For more information go to
www.kewadin.com

Karaoke

Kewadin Hessel
Beginning March 24, 2009
Wednesdays, 6-10 p.m.

Tournaments

\$30,000

Mega Bingo
Kewadin St. Ignace
March 28, 09

KEWADIN KLASSIFIEDS

1.800.KEWADIN | WWW.KEWADIN.COM



Mickey Gilley
Saturday, April 11th
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

Staind & Hoobastank
Tuesday, April 28th
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan



There's no place like Kewadin.

Kewadin's Hot Seat

Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie
April 20 & 22, 2009
Random draws for Cash & Prizes!
Noon to 10 p.m. - 40 per day!
Customers to the Right & Left of
the Winners will also receive a prize!

Weekly Events

Rapids Lounge Entertainment
Sault Ste. Marie

Comedy starts at 8pm - Thurs.
Mar. 26 Mike Marvell & Jeb Caldwell
Live Music starts at 9pm Fri. & Sat.
Mar. 27 & 28 Driven

Northern Pines Entertainment
St. Ignace

Wednesday Comedy Shows start at
8pm
Mar. 25 Mike Marvell & Jeb Caldwell
Live Music starts at 9pm Fri. & Sat.
Mar. 27 & 28 Hixx

Team Spirits Bar Entertainment
Manistique

Mar. 28 - Karaoke

