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Lakeview Farmers' Market is coming June 28 from 9 to noon at the corner of Lincoln and 4th Street (the old Kelsey Hospital site).

Have you noticed the sign entering Lakeview on N. Greenville Rd (at the north edge of the Leppink's parking lot)? It has been completely remodeled and painted. The names of businesses and churches will be re-added this weekend.

Spring Forecast

Thu 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before 8am. Mostly sunny, high 78. WNW wind 8 to 11, gusts 22.

Thu Night Partly cloudy, low 57.

Fri Mostly sunny, high 82.

Fri Night Chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, low 65.

Sat Chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, high 86.

Sat Night Partly cloudy, low 70.

Sun Sunny and hot, high 91.

Sun Night Mostly clear, low 71.

Mon Sunny and hot, high 91.



Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail Hold “Party at the Pavilion”



Patty Rockafellow draws a name for one of the many prizes.

By Patty Rockafellow and Bethel Larsen

For thirty-one years, the Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail have worked behind the scenes to prepare and maintain the 42-mile paved trail that runs from Alma to Edmore and from there south to Greenville. In prior years, a dinner has been held to raise funds for continued trail maintenance. This year, on the sunny afternoon of June 8, the group held a “Party at the Pavilion” beside the trail in Edmore as an alternative means of raising fun and funds. FFMHT Board member Patty Rockafellow, who was instrumental in organizing the event, recapped the celebration in these words:

Over 80 people met...for music, food, prizes, and a great time! There were silent auction items, (FFMHT) merchandise, raffle prizes, and door prizes all to benefit the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail. The party was followed by an optional ride/walk led by Tammy Warner and Tammy Bennett. We thank Pastor Randy Bennett for giving the blessing of our trail and the people who use it. The Heartland Trail is a 42-mile linear park run by a board and, for the most part, maintained and preserved by volunteers. It is privately owned by the Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail but open to the public for walking, running, skiing, or biking.

A lunch of grilled hot

dogs with chips and drinks was provided by Zach Perrin, “The Stump Guy”, at no charge to contributing members, each of whom also received a ticket for one of the door prize drawings. Marty Combs and Dave Swanson provided music while attendees enjoyed lunch and conversation. Tim Hemenway served as sound man for the musicians and announcements. A selection of silent auction items offered friendly competition and added funds to the FFMHT treasury.

While we ate, two of my tablemates compared notes on their use of the trail, giving a capsule representation of trail users. Nancy Rausch, seated next to me, said that she typically rides 35 miles per day—certainly a serious bicyclist! Across from us, another woman commented that she has used the trail for twenty years but has only recently become a contributing member.

Each year, several major raffle prizes are offered by area businesses and generous FFMHT supporters. Several bicycle shops located along or near the trail are ready sources for high-quality rides for trail users. A Men’s Townie bike was won by Paul Gruca and a Ladies’ Reid Bike by Ginger Gurecki. Bed and breakfast getaways in some enviable locations were also offered in the raffle, including a Small Point B & B stay on Mackinac Island won by

Rhonda Harrell, a stay at Candlelite Inn in Ludington won by Pat Finn, and a stay at North Bay B & B on Presque Isle won by Lou Kitchenmaster.

In addition, attendees each received one ticket and could purchase additional tickets for some very attractive and unusual door prizes. A Verve 2 bicycle was won by Don and Claudia Horrigan; two groups of prizes from “Trail East” were won by Nick Springsteen and Joyce Kitchenmaster, respectively; and a group of “Trail South” items was won by Judy DeGruise. Two unusual door prize offerings were a Dragon Adventure Base Camp stay (by the new Dragon Trail

in Newaygo County) won by Eric Raby and use of a dumpster from Let’s Talk Trash won by Tim Lambrecht. Though one does not rent a dumpster every day, it is a substantial investment when needed and a real boon to win it!

Patty noted, “We would like to thank all of our sponsors, our musicians—Marty Combs and Dave Swanson, our sound man, Tim Hemenway. A special thank-you goes to Zach Perrin, aka The Stump Guy, who provided all of the food and also a lot of hard work on our trail. If you are interested in joining the wonderful volunteers in maintaining the trail or attending one of our board meetings (held at

First Congregational Church in Stanton each month), please check out our website: www.fredmeijerheartlandtrail.org or look us up on Fred Meijer Heartland Trail on Facebook.”

The Fred Meijer Heartland Trail is open all year, in the late Fred Meijer’s words, “a safe place for families away from traffic”, a great place to walk, run, bike, or ski, and observe the changing seasons and the winged and four-footed creatures that share our space in mid-Michigan. Come check it out, become a member, and maybe volunteer for a work day to help keep the trail beautiful for everyone!



Zach Perrin, “The Stump Guy”, provided grilled hot dogs and fixings for lunch

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