Sierra club to host Earth Day event

PETOSKEY — The South of the Straits Sierra Club Michigan Chapter will be celebrating Earth Day from 5-8 p.m. Monday, April 22, at Red Sky Stage located at 445 E. Mitchell St. in downtown Petoskey.

The free, drop-in event will feature food, non-alcoholic drinks, displays from environmental organizations and a variety of music and entertainment.

On April 15 Petoskey Mayor John Murphy read a proclamation pledging to use Earth Day 2019 as a reminder of the public's duty to serve the best interests of constituents by supporting environmental initiatives in the City of Petoskey, and to encourage others to undertake similar actions.

Earth Day was founded in 1970 as a day of education and action regarding environmental issues, but which is now celebrated with a global focus on green issues or importance to all people who have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment.

Earth Day participants include an opening act of Mariani Villani, a Brazilian dance, as well as flutist Matt Koontz, Punching Babies and harmonica duet Riff-Raff: Betty Plam and Bob Fawcett.

Also scheduled to perform is guitar folk artists Caroline Barlow and Friends.

Exhibits scheduled include the South of the Straits Sierra Club, Citizens Climate Lobby, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, Emmet County Recycling, Marine Arctic Peace Sanctuary, The Uncommon Loon documentary by Jeff Lange, Emmet County Leadership Project-Solar Energy, Top of Michigan Trails Council, Raven Hill, Little Traverse Bay Conservancy, Tara's Meadow, North Central Michigan College Environmental and Sustainability Studies, Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch, Natural Teas and Blackwing Farms Natural Remedies.

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