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**Picnic at the Gazebo with
Congressman Dan Kildee**

**Sunday, August 5
at 3 p.m.**

East Tawas City Park

**Featuring Music, Food and Fun!
Please bring your own folding chair**

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Kildee to visit East Tawas

EAST TAWAS – Iosco County Democratic Party will host a picnic open to the public on Sunday Aug. 5 at 3 p.m. in the East Tawas City Park gazebo.

Special guest Congressman Dan Kildee, D-Flint Twp., will bring his perspective on current events in Washington D.C. and Michigan. Kildee has represented the 5th Congressional District in Michigan since 2013.

In 2009, Kildee co-founded and served as president of The Center for Community Progress, a national non-profit organization with offices in Flint, New Orleans, Atlanta and Washington, D.C. The center has been helpful to Plainfield Township in developing a strategy and tools to reduce blight from deteriorating homes and cabins.

Nationally, the center has helped establish land banks to reform land sales to stop the spread of blight. He was successful in his first six months in Congress in securing \$100 million in federal funds for five Michigan cities, including Flint and Saginaw, so they had resources to tear down vacant,

abandoned and run-down properties.

In September 2016, Kildee pushed the United States Congress to include funding to aid in the Flint water crisis. Congress passed a funding measure that provided \$170 million in aid to communities including Flint that need infrastructure improvements for their water.

In April 2018, Kildee, together with colleagues launched the Congressional Freethought Caucus. Its stated goals include “pushing public policy formed on the basis of reason, science, and moral values,” promoting the “separation of church and state,” opposing discrimination against “atheists, agnostics, humanists, seekers, religious and nonreligious persons,” among others.

Those planning to attend are asked to bring a side dish for the buffet. Main course, beverages and utensils will be provided at no charge.

Kildee said he is eager to hear views and questions on current topics and problems in the district, Michigan and the nation.