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**Subject: Capitol Women: Pioneering Women at Work Under the Dome**

**Kingsley & Interlochen** – One hundred and fifty years ago, on March 31, 1869, Harriet Tenney made history when she was appointed the first female state officer (the historical equivalent of a department director) in Michigan. Tenney’s position required her to work with courts, selecting books used to develop policies and laws in the State. It was a pivotal movement for women in the Michigan State Capitol. Soon there were dozens of women working in the historically male dominated Capitol as librarians, clerks, janitresses, and, starting in the 1920s, legislators, when Eva McCall Hamilton became Michigan’s first woman to be elected as state senator.

To learn the stories of these early female pioneers in state government and explore how their legacies endure today, join Valerie Marvin, Michigan State Capitol Historian and Curator, at two locations of the Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network for a presentation on Pioneering Women at Work Under the Dome. The first presentation is on Wednesday, August 14, 12:30 p.m., in Kingsley, 115 E. Blair Street. The second is on Thursday, August 15, 12:30 p.m., at the Golden Fellowship Hall in Interlochen, 9700 Riley Road.

Marvin received her BA from the University of Michigan in Russian and Eastern European Studies and her MS from Eastern Michigan University in Historic Preservation.

The presentations are free. An optional lunch will be served at noon for a \$3 suggested donation for those 60 and over; for all others the cost is \$5. Advance registration is required by the Monday in the week of the event.

For more information or to register, email [dmikowski@grandtraverse.org](mailto:dmikowski@grandtraverse.org) or call the registration number at 231-922-2080

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*The Senior Center Network, part of the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Department, offers diverse programs to older adults in Grand Traverse County. Thousands each year enjoy dozens of activities on a daily basis at locations in Traverse City, Acme, Fife Lake, Interlochen, and Kingsley. Business hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 231-922-4911, or visit [www.grandtraverse.org/scn](http://www.grandtraverse.org/scn) or our Facebook page.*