



THE CROSS FAMILY

JOHN CROSS FISHERIES | 209 BELVEDERE AVENUE, CHARLEVOIX | 231.547.2532

It's as mom-and-pop as it gets. June Cross runs John Cross Fisheries, a Charlevoix institution since 1945, with her husband, Jack Cross Jr., and their children, Kellie Sutherland and Jack Cross III. Swing through the lake-worn screen door after school gets out, and you'll likely spot a Cross grandkid deboning fish or gently setting a beautiful walleye fillet on ice for a traveling customer. Don't miss the whitefish sausage and June's expertly (and secretly) seasoned Three Fish Dip, rich with salmon, lake trout and whitefish. Or do as we did and snag a hunk of flaky and melt-in-your-mouth hot-smoked salmon to be the star of a breakfast bagel. —ET.

BUILD-YOUR-OWN BRUNCH BAGEL

It's the simplest do-ahead brunch for company you can imagine, and we're all for easy. Let friends and family start with a plain bagel canvas and adorn to their liking. Here's what you need:

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| Smoked salmon | Sliced cucumbers |
| Fresh bagels | Capers |
| Cream cheese | Sprouts or baby greens |
| Sliced radishes | Lemon slices or wedges |
| Shaved red onion | Cracked black pepper |

DAVE WEIDNER

Mackinaw Brewing Co. Nautical-themed brewpub offers great house-smoked meats, several styles of beers, tasty char-burgers, fish and ribs. **LD • BAR • \$\$** 161 E. FRONT ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 933.1100

Mama Lu's Modern Day Taco Shop Fresh tortillas with a mix of traditional and modern ingredients at this hip, fun taqueria and bar. **LD • BAR • \$\$** 149 E. FRONT ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.943.2793

Milk & Honey Salads, sandwiches and homemade ice cream all made with local ingredients that are natural, GMO-free and organic when possible. Gluten-free options available. **LD • BAR • \$** 250 E. FRONT ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.944.1036

Minerva's In the historic Park Place Hotel. Italian-American menu, elaborate Sun. brunch. **BLD • BAR • \$\$\$** 300 E. STATE ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.946.5093

Mode's Bum Steer Classic steakhouse serves tender, well-aged charbroiled Black Angus steaks, seafood, ribs, soup, sandwiches. **LD • BAR • \$\$\$** 125 E. STATE ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.947.9832

North Peak Brewing Co. Wood-fired pizzas, seafood, sandwiches, microbrewed beer and a jam-packed bar scene. **LD • BAR • \$\$** 400 W. FRONT ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.941.7325

Omelette Shoppe Vast array of omelets, homemade breads and pastries, soup and sandwiches. **BLD • \$** 124 CASS AND 1209 E. FRONT ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.946.0912 AND 231.946.0590

Paesano's Charming spot with cozy booths puts pizza pie on a pedestal. **LD • \$** 447 E. FRONT ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.941.5740

Pangea's Pizza Pub Craft pies, creative toppings. **LD • BAR • \$\$\$** 135 E. FRONT ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.946.9800

Patisserie Amie French bakery and bistro. **BAR • LD • \$-\$\$\$** 237 LAKE AVE., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.922.9645

Poppycock's Fresh seafood, pasta, unique sandwiches and salads, including vegetarian specialties and award-winning desserts. **LD • BAR • \$-\$\$\$** 128 E. FRONT ST. TRAVERSE CITY, 231.941.7632

Rare Bird Brewery The likes of pork belly sliders, oysters on the half shell and great burgers served up alongside great beer. **LD • BAR • \$\$\$** 229 LAKE AVE., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.943.2053

Red Ginger Wrap yourself in fresh-sleek surroundings and the spicy-exotic flavors of Asia. **D • BAR • \$-\$\$\$** 237 E. FRONT ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.944.1733

Scalwags Whitefish and Chips A new location for ultra-fresh Great Lakes fish fry. **LD • \$** 303 E. STATE ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.933.8700

Seven Monks Taproom Pair any of 46 beers on tap (including European Trappist ales) with your burger, thin crust gourmet pizza, salad or lively sides like sweet potato fries and Scotch egg. **LD • BAR • \$-\$\$\$** 128 S. UNION ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.929.4807

Sparks BBQ Smoking up the real thing—pulled pork and chicken, brisket, ribs and jerky. Don't miss the BBQ Sundae. **LD • \$-\$\$\$** 439 E. FRONT ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.633.7800

Slate Prime cuts of beef and the freshest seafood with inspired toppings and sides. **D • BAR • \$\$\$** 250 E. FRONT ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.421.5912

Sorellina Authentic Italian pasta, zuppa and insalate. **LD • BAR • \$-\$\$\$** 250 E. FRONT ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.421.5912

State Street Grille Downtown Traverse City sports bar featuring 11 big screens, bang bang shrimp, steaks, lobster mac and cheese, local beer, wine and spirits. **LD • \$-\$\$\$** 221 E. STATE ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.947.4263

Sugar 2 Salt Traverse City's newest brunch spot (otherwise known as S2S) shakes up the same ol' same ol' with dishes like duck (yes, for breakfast) and everything served up with what is in season. **B • \$-\$\$\$** 1371 GRAY DR., SUITE 300, TRAVERSE CITY, 231.409.8382

Taproot Cider House Brick oven pizza, great salads, inventive entrees paired with hard cider, microbrews, wine and spirits. **LD • BAR • \$-\$\$\$** 300 E. FRONT ST., TRAVERSE CITY, 231.943.2500