



PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO...

Ideas for Family Entertainment!

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AUGUST 5

Northport Lions Club Fly-In Breakfast Pancakes, sausage, beverage & a serenade by the Northport Community Band amid small aircraft & classic cars highlight this popular annual event. Rain date August 6. \$8, 8am-noon Woolsey Memorial Airport on E Woolsey Lake Rd

TC Roller Derby TC Toxic Cherries take on Detroit's Motor City Disassembled Line in an action packed, edge of your seat, hard hitting, fast-skating evening of roller derby action. TC's last home game. Civic Center, 1213 W Civic Center Dr TC 231-715-1399 www.traversacityrollerderby.com

AUGUST 6-12

Northwestern Michigan Fair Midway, grandstand events, contests galore, and of course champion livestock. All this and more. 3606 Blair Townhall Rd. TC 231-943-4150 www.northwesternmichiganfair.net

AUGUST 11-12

Port Oneida Fair Step back in time to the late 1800s & early 1900s amid the pastoral setting of 6 historic farmsteads in the Port Oneida Rural Historic District. Artists, crafts, food, visitor activities. Shuttle bus runs between the farms on a regular schedule. 231-326-4700 www.nps.gov/slbe

AUGUST 11-13

Showstoppers Small but elite cast of local young adults sing & dance their way into your heart in Old Town Playhouse Young Company's annual Broadway musical revue. Suitable for family audiences; not recommended for preschool or younger. Aug 11 & 12 7pm, Aug 13 2pm. Studio Theatre @ the Depot 620 Railroad Place TC (231) 947-2210 www.oldtownplayhouse.com.

AUGUST 12

Seussical, KIDS Presented by Old Town Playhouse Young Company. Performances at 2 & 7pm. Each weekend's performances features two different casts after their completion of a one-week intensive performing arts camp. \$15 adults, \$6 youth under 18. 148 E 8th St TC 231-947-2210 www.oldtownplayhouse.com,

2nd Annual Swim for Grand Traverse Bay Fundraiser 2-mile swim from Greilickville Harbor Park to Volleyball Beach in TC benefits Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay. Race or swim for fun. Pancake breakfast follows swim. 231-935-1514ext5 www.swimfortgbay.com.

Northport Dog Parade & Wine Festival Come see or participate with over a hundred dogs in a parade to the theme of "Hairy Tales." The 21st anniversary parade is followed by a Dog Agility Fun Run exhibition and Northport's Wine & Craft Beer Festival. Parade registration/judging 9:30am at Mill Pond on 3rd St, parade starts 11am.

Night of the Insects! Learn about fascinating insects that come out at night. Presentation followed by hike in the dark to find these amazing bugs. 9 pm, \$5 please preregister. 65000 Alden Hwy Bellaire 231-533-8576 www.grassriver.org

AUGUST 15, 22

Leland Township Library Storytime Stories and play designed to promote joy and growth in literacy. Children under five, siblings & caregivers welcomed. 10:30am 203 Cedar St E Leland 231-256-9152 www.lelandlibrary.org

AUGUST 16

125th Annual Old Settlers Picnic Chapel Service 10:30am, barbecue lunch 12-3pm, music, kids' games & prizes, bake sale, silent auction and more. 8802-8806 S Dunns Farm Rd Maple City 231-334-4053

AUGUST 17-20

50th Annual Buckley Old Engine Show Demonstrations, history, kids' tractor pulls, mills and parades. Learn how to drive a tractor. \$10/day or \$25/4 days 16 & older; under 16 free. www.buckleyoldengineshow.org

AUGUST 19

13th Annual Lobsterfest Grand Traverse Lighthouse presents their famous seafood fundraiser, featuring fresh, live lobster (or chicken option), vegetables, beverage, dessert; live entertainment; silent auction. 5-8pm Reservations required: \$70/ticket, 200 tickets only; 231-386-7195 or mynorthtickets.com info at www.grandtraverselighthouse.com

Seussical, KIDS See under August 12 above

AUGUST 19-20

Peshawbestown Jingtamok The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians holds its annual Pow Wow featuring native singers, dancers, artists & artisans. Community feast 8/18 @ 6pm; Grand Entry 8/19 @ 1pm & 6:30pm, 8/20 @ noon. Host Drum: Chippewa Travellers.

Maker Faire at Grand Rapids Public Museum Engineers, artists, scientists, & crafters show hobbies, experiments, projects in the Greatest Show (& Tell) on Earth. Family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity, & resourcefulness. 272 Pearl St NW Grand Rapids 616-456-3519 www.grmuseum.org

AUGUST 21

Partial Solar Eclipse 80% eclipse of the sun starting just after 1pm. Nearest total eclipse visible from Carbondale IL starting 11:52am CDT

AUGUST 23

New Interlochen Library groundbreaking Ceremony to celebrate the beginning of the construction of a new Interlochen Public Library. Free pizza; kids receive free commemorative book. 6-7pm corner M137 & 10th St 231-276-6767

AUGUST 26

Sousa Concert The Northport Community Band presents a timeless selection of Americana featuring songs by John Philip Sousa & other classic band composers. 8 pm \$15 adults/\$5 students Northport Community Arts Center 104 S Wing St 231-386-5001 www.northportcac.org

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AUGUST 29

12th Annual Golfathon Fundraiser 100-hole tournament benefits Leelanau Historical Museum. Leland Country Club 184 N 5th St 231-256-9721

SEPTEMBER 10

Grandparents Day Brunch & Benefit Meal and concert featuring internationally renowned pianist Robin Spielberg. Proceeds benefit Grand Traverse Pavilions Foundation. 12 noon \$22.50 City Opera House 106 E front St TC 231-941-8082 www.cityoperahouse.org

SEPTEMBER 15

Northport Promise Follies Music, dance, skits, and general high jinks highlight this annual fundraiser benefitting Northport Promise scholarship fund for Northport college/vocation-bound students. Free (donations welcome) 7pm Northport Public School auditorium 104 S Wing St Northport 231-386-5153

SEPTEMBER 16

Leland Heritage Festival Live music, dining & shopping specials throughout town, classic car show, wooden boat show. 10-4pm, free. www.lelandmi.com

SEPTEMBER 17

Family Day at the Music House Stories and play designed to promote joy and growth in literacy. Children under five, their siblings and caregivers welcomed. 7377 U.S. 31 North Williamsburg 231-938-9300 www.musichouse.org

SEPTEMBER 22

9th Annual Trinity Lutheran School Germanfest Authentic German food, entertainment, & dancing to live authentic German music. 6-11pm \$40/person, \$8 beverage token. 1003 S Maple St TC 231 946-2720 tickets also at MyNorth.com/Germanfest.

SEPTEMBER 30

Leelanau UnCaged Music, art, food & dance noon-10pm on the streets of downtown Northport. www.leelanauuncaged.com

8th Annual Acme Fall Festival Classic car & tractor show, kids' events, bake sale & farmers market, craft show & silent auction, Chicken BBQ & more. Munson Hospice Butterfly release 10:30am. Festival runs 10-4pm Flintfields on Bates Rd Williamsburg www.discoveracme.com

OCTOBER 7

Beulah/Benzonia Fall Fest Contests, kids' activities, horse-drawn wagon rides, climbing wall, classic car & vehicle show, more. www.visitbenzie.com

OCTOBER 7, 8, 12-15

The Foreigner Northport Community Arts Center presents comedy about the things people say and do around a man they think can't understand English. Oct 7, 12, 13, 14 @ 7:30pm, Oct 8 & 15 @ 2pm. 104 S Wing St Northport 231-386-5001

OCTOBER 9

March of Dimes Signature Chefs Auction Annual gathering of TC's finest culinary talent in support of the March of Dimes. Sample signature dishes of local chefs before live auction of their service at your private event. 5:30 Hagerty Center 715 East Front Street TC 231-735-4243 signaturechefs.marchofdimes.org

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Adoption/ Foster Care Meetings Monthly State Adoptions & Foster Care & International Adoption at Bethany Christian Services 1055 Carriage Hill Dr TC 231- 995-0870 www.bethany.org/traverse

American Red Cross of Northwest Michigan Health & Safety Services offer monthly Classes, CPR & more 735 S Garfield Ave Suite B-100 TC 231-947-7286

Artcenter Traverse City Ongoing classes www.mwcart.com

Boardman River Nature Center Nature themed programs. Exhibit gallery, theater room & kids' craft area. Outside: native plant gardens, wetland, hiking trails. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm 1450 Cass Rd TC www.naturecalling.org

Central United Methodist Church Wonderful Wednesday Night Dinners: family meal and after dinner programs for children, youth, & adults. Downtown TC 231-946-5191 www.tccentralumc.org/children

The Grand Traverse Baby Pantry In Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1050 Peninsula Dr TC Open 2nd & 4th Thurs of month. 10 am-4 pm. Any Grand Traverse County family w/ a 3 year old & younger eligible to shop 231-941-0655

Grand Traverse Lighthouse Museum, gift shop, climb the tower. 231-386-7195 www.grandtraverselighthouse.com

Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy Free activities - nature hikes, invasive species management, more. gtrlc.org/events

Grass River Natural Area Family Events Outdoor fun and education. Nature Story Hour second Tues each month, many other activities. 65000 Alden Hwy Bellaire 231-533-8576 www.grassriver.org

Horizon Books Monday Kids Story Hour. Stories, craft project & some activities. 10am Downtown TC

Journey Program Free 10-wk group exercise program for cancer patients up to 2 yrs post treatment. Anytime Fitness West, TC. Mon & Wed 11am-noon; Sept 11-Nov 15. Pre-registration req'd: thejourneyprogramtc.com.

La Leche League Breastfeeding Support 2nd Tues of month 10:30am in nursery at Central United Methodist Church, TC 231-642-7564 www.LLLI.org

East Bay Branch Library Wiggles- preschoolers, their families & friends. Stories, songs, poetry, finger plays & fun. 10:30am Weds & Fridays last 2 weeks of month. Three Mile Rd

Elk Rapids District Public Library Children's story time: Stories, songs, crafts Weds 10:30am all preschoolers welcome erdl@elkrapidsnet.com 231-264-9979

Glen Lake Community Library Stories & More preschool story time-activities, rhymes & songs 11am Thurs in Empire 231-326-5361

Interlochen Public Library Preschool Story Hour-Weds 10am & 1pm. Baby Play Time 1st & 3rd Fri 10am. Chaz the Therapy Dog Weds 4-6pm. Book Discussion Groups: Morning 2nd Thurs/10am, Evening 1st Weds/mo 6:30pm, Senior Tuesdays 12:30pm. 231-276-6767 www.interlochenpubliclibrary.org

Kingsley Library Wiggles: stories, songs, crafts & fun every Weds 10:30am Geared toward preschoolers. 231-263-5484 www.tadl.org/kingsley

Leelanau Township Library Wiggles story time 10:30 Thursdays.

Traverse Area District Library Wiggles' Fun: Wed & Thurs 9:30 or 11 am 610 Woodmere www.tadl.org 932-8503

Michael's Place "Make a Memory" workshops - 3rd Thurs of month, 4-8pm. Make a scrapbook, memory box, pillow, stuffed animal, quilt or movie in memory of a loved one who died. Bring pictures &/or items of clothing of loved one to use in project, other materials provided. 1055 Carriage Hill Dr. Ste 4 TC 231-947-MIKE

Michigan Legacy Art Park Non-profit 30-acre preserve at Crystal Mountain. 40+ outdoor sculptures celebrating Michigan's culture & history along 1.6 miles of wooded hiking trails. www.michiganlegacyartpark.org

The Dennis Museum Center Educational and artistic exhibits 1701 E. Front St TC 231-995-1055 www.dennismuseum.org

Eyaawing Museum & Cultural Center The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians' museum & cultural center & Odaawe Gamik (museum store) 10am-4pm Wed-Sat donation for entry 231-534-7764 2605 NW Bay Shore Dr Peshawbestown www.gbndians.org/eyaawing.asp

Grand Rapids Public Museum "Mindbender Mansion" tests brainpower and problem-solving using individual and group puzzles, thru Sept 3; "Brain: The World Inside Your Head" exploring the construction and workings of the brain, opening Sept 16. 272 Pearl St NW 616-456-3519 www.grmuseum.org

Great Lakes Children's Museum Interactive Story Time Weds 11am story w/ activity or craft, free w/ museum admission. Toddler Time-Fri 10 am-12pm Free w/ museum admission. Tues-Sat 10 am-5 pm Sun 1-5 pm 13240 S. West Bayshore Dr 231-932-4526 www.GreatLakesKids.org

Guntzville's Spirit of the Woods Native American artifacts & wildlife museum 11060 US 31 N Elk Rapids 231-264-5597

Leelanau Historical Society Museum open June thru October, Wed-Fri 10am-4pm & Sat 10am-2pm. 203 Cedar St, Leland 231-256-7475 www.leelanauhistory.org

Silent Movies at Music House Museum Monthly. www.musichouse.org

Northport Area Museum May-Sept open weekdays 10-2pm, weekends 10-4pm. Oct-Apr open by appointment. By the marina in Northport.

Music in the Park Fridays at 7pm thru Sept 1, Northport marina park. www.destinationnorthport.com

Northwestern Michigan College Free campus tours- Welcome Center in Health & Science Building Fridays 11 am 995-1054

Parkinson's Support Group First Tuesday monthly 6pm Munson Community Health Center (formerly TC Osteopathic Hospital) rooms A&B, 550 Munson Ave. Also 4th Wednesday monthly 10am TC Senior Center, 801 E Front St. 231-947-7389

Public Viewing Nights Rogers Observatory \$2/ person; \$5/family 9-11pm 1753 Brimley Rd TC 231-995-2300 www.nmc.edu/rogers

Stone Circle Gatherings Poetry, storytelling & music Saturdays 9 PM 6/25 - 9/3 featuring a unique outdoor setting around a fire. Ten miles north of Elk Rapids \$5/adults \$3 kids terry-wooten.com

TC Vegans Vegan support group: meets 2nd & 4th Sun of the month, 1-3pm to talk about issues, exchange recipes & share food. Check website for location & confirmation of meetings 231-588-2135 www.tcvvegans.org

Third Level Youth Drop-In Center Mon & Thurs 3-6pm, 14-20yr old youth invited to hang out & participate in groups. Safe community space includes art, games, movies, cooking classes, groups & more. Supervised. United Way building 521 S Union St. TC (alley entrance) www.thirdlevel.org.

Traverse City Visitor Center 101 W Grandview Parkway, north end of Union S TC 231- 947-0692

YMCA YMCA Family Fun Night 2nd Fri of month at YMCA Silver Lake Facility 3700 Silver Lake Rd TC- YMCA members \$5, \$20 per family non-members www.gtbbayymca.org