



PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO...

Ideas for Family Entertainment!

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JUNE 1-10

Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike Old Town Playhouse presents a comic story of 2 sisters who never left home & a third who returns with a boyfriend. Based on the works of Anton Chekov. Sundays at 2pm, all other performances 7:30 pm. Studio Theatre at The Depot 620 Railroad Pl TC (corner 8th & Woodmere) 231-947-2210 www.oldtownplayhouse.org

JUNE 3

Strawberry Moon Bazaar Eyaawing Museum and Cultural Center hosts artists & crafters displaying their gifts & talents. 9-3pm 2605 N West Bay Shore Drive, Peshawbestown 231-534-7768

JUNE 9-11

Young King Arthur Old Town Playhouse Young Company presents a play based on the legendary story of the boy who would become a king. Featuring sword fights, magic, and mayhem it promises to entertain the whole family. Fri & Sat 7:00 PM, Sun 2:00 PM. \$15 adults, \$6 under 18. 148 East 8th St. TC 231-947-2210 www.oldtownplayhouse.com

JUNE 10

Contra Dance Bayside Travellers Contra Dance Society hosts. Everyone welcome, no partner or experience required. Youth must be accompanied & supervised by an adult. 7-7:45pm lesson, 8pm dance w/live music by Aunt Lou and the Oakland County Allstars. New location: Solon Township Hall, 9191 S. Kasson St. Cedar 231-313-2596 www.dancetc.com

JUNE 14

Celebration of Story TC authors present an evening of storytelling by budding young writers & established TC authors. Free admission. Percentage of food sales to benefit Front Street Writers. 6 pm at The Little Fleet in Traverse City

The Great Giveaway Household items, sporting goods, lawn equipment, furniture, hot dogs, etc. Everything given away free to those who need it. 6:30-8:30pm First Congregational Church 6105 Center Rd TC fcctc.org Events tab.

JUNE 15

Leelanau Children's Center annual fundraiser Raise a glass & place your bets! Support the growth of Leelanau's children. Event starts at the Old Art Building in Leland, 5:30-10 pm: live & silent auction, photo booths, live music, dinner, & drinks; after party 10-1am at The Bluebird. \$75/ticket

St Jude Sunset in the Vines First large-scale fundraising event in Northern Michigan supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Rove Estate wine and hard cider, heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music by TC Celtic, silent auction. \$100/ticket. Sponsorship opportunities available. 7-10pm Rove Estate Vineyard & Winery 7007 E Traverse Hwy TC 248-744-1300 www.stjude.org/sunsetinthevines

JUNE 17

Glen Arbor Solstice Half Marathon & 5K 5k chip-timed & family-friendly flat, fast course. Half marathon USATF-certified run around Big Glen Lake starting & finishing in downtown Glen Arbor. More info at www.enduranceevolution.com.

Fairies & Forts Free family event: art projects, storyteller Jenifer Strauss, a family concert from Brotha James, concluding with annual march to the The Fort to raise the flag and officially kick off summer at the Art Park. 2-5pm Michigan Legacy Art Park 7300 Mountainside Drive Thompsonville 231-378-4963 michlegacyartpark.org

JUNE 18

Chicken Dinner and Golden Griffin Raffle Grilled chicken, homemade stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, biscuits, coleslaw, dessert and beverages for Father's Day. Family Fun events and activities. Dining 11-3pm, takeout 11:30-4pm St Mary Hannah School 2912 West M-113 Kingsley, MI 231-263-5288 www.stmaryhannah.org

JUNE 19-23

Vacation Bible School Presbyterian Church of Traverse City welcomes children entering kindergarten-6th grade to register to attend this free program. 9-11.45 am. 701 Westminster Rd. Traverse City 231-946-5680 www.tcpresby.org

JUNE 21

Interlochen Library Summer Reading Program Kickoff 6-week program kicks off with performance by Acting Up Theatre. Details about children, teens and adult summer reading programs at www.tadl.org/interlochen

JUNE 22-24

31st Annual Used Book Sale The Friends of Interlochen Public Library selling many used books as well as DVDs and CDs. Friends "Member Only" Preview Sale June 22, 6-8 pm. Sale open to public June 23 9-8 pm, June 24 9-3 pm. Proceeds benefit children's programs at Interlochen Public Library. 9700 Riley Rd (231) 276-6767 www.tadl.org/interlochen.

JUNE 23-25

Husbands, Wives, & Other Strangers Old Town Playhouse's Aged to Perfection Readers' Theatre presents 3 short plays of romance, mystery, & intrigue. Fri & Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2pm. Donations accepted, barrier-free facility Studio Theatre @ The Depot, 620 Railroad Place (Woodmere & 8th St) TC

JUNE 24

Grass River Natural Area Benefit Concert Food, beer, & wine for purchase on the shores of Torch Lake at GRNA's annual concert, featuring Vox Vidorra and Turbo Pup. 6-10pm, adv tickets \$25, at door \$30 Alden Depot Park (rain or shine) 10670 Coy Street, Alden www.grassriver.org

JUNE 25

108th Annual Chicken Dinner St. Wenceslaus Church of Leelanau County. Raffle, garage sale, kids' game tent, dining tents for shade and shelter. \$13 adults, \$6 10 & under. 11:00-4pm (or when food runs out) 8500E Kolarik Rd, Suttons Bay 231-256-2117

JUNE 30 and JULY 1

5th Annual Tent Revival Guest Speaker Pastor JR Stevens of Muskegon and 3 musicians—Matt Moore, Joe Guerra, and Modern Day Cure—reach out to the Benzie County and Northern Michigan communities with music & inspirational words. \$5; 12 & younger free. Bouncy house & horse drawn wagon rides 4-6pm, concert 6:30. Hilltop Tabernacle 7383 Hoadley Rd Benzonia 231-383-4026 www.httabernacle.com

JULY 6

Build Your Own Circus Join Maggie & Jimmy of Cirque Movement at Marina Park in Northport for a fun and unique event. 10:30am sponsored by Leelanau Township Public Library 231-386-5131 www.leelanautownshiplibrary.org

JULY 7-9

37th Annual Blissfest Folk & Roots Music Festival Celebrate music, culture, art, & community thru folk, world & roots music & dance. Harbor Springs. www.blissfest.org

JULY 12

Leelanau Barn Tour Ever wonder about barns you pass by? From 12-5 pm you can stop and linger at 5 of them. Leelanau Barn Tour presented by the Northport Area Heritage Association. Call 231-386-1300 with questions.

JULY 13-23

18th Annual Riverside Shakespeare Summer Play Two Gentlemen of Verona in the Wild, Wild West with a female in disguise & a banished lover who ends up in the forest as King of the Outlaws. It's a wild ride through the old west with this cast and play. Admission free, although donations are always appreciated. July 13 Old Arts Building, Leland 7pm; July 15 Memorial Park, Elk Rapids 6pm; July 16 Hazerot Park, Northport 6pm; Hannah Park, TC July 20 & 21 7pm & July 22 & 23 6pm.

JULY 17-20

Vacation Bible School Ages 3yr-5th grade. 9am-noon First Congregational Church 6105 Center Rd TC fcctc.org Events tab.

JULY 18

Joel's Book Builder Magical Comedy Show Youth program featuring Engineer Joel bringing 8 builder-ific books to life, with gadgets, magic, stunts, & lots of audience participation. 10:30-11:10am Leelanau Township Hall, 19 E Nagonaba St, Northport (adjacent to the Library). Sponsored by Leelanau Township Public Library 231-386-5131 www.leelanautownshiplibrary.org

AUGUST 2

Children's Arts & Craft Day Make & take crafts for the whole family at Interlochen Public Library. Read to therapy dogs Denny & Chaz afterward. 10:30am. 9700 Riley Rd 231-276-6767 www.tadl.org/interlochen

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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 & education. Fridays at 10am enjoy a short children's story & activity or hike on the beautiful Grass River trails. For ages 4 and up, but all ages welcome. Blooms & Birds Walks, Tuesdays 10am. 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; live music Fridays 8:30-10:30pm; author signings Saturday afternoons—see website www.horizonbooks.com 243 E. Front Street 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; June 19-Aug 23, 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/mo 10am, Evening 1st Weds/mo 630pm, 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 Summer Reading Fridays June 23-Aug 4: Create reading goals, set up reading log; Market Bucks for Leelanau Farmer's Market in Northport awarded for meeting goals & filling your reading logs. All ages. Flexible scheduling offered for Summer Visitors.

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.michlegacyartpark.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.gtbindians.org/eyaawing.asp

Grand Rapids Public Museum "Creatures of Light" exploring bioluminescence, or organisms that produce light, through July 9. 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 June 23-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

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 6/24 - 9/2 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.tcvegans.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.gtbayymca.org