



PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO...

Ideas for Family Entertainment!

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APRIL 6
A Taste of Success Strolling dinner of international cuisine prepared & served by Northwestern Michigan College culinary students, local wine, craft beer, spirits, silent auction. \$100/ticket; proceeds benefit NMC culinary student scholarships. 715 E Front St TC 231-995-2021 www.nmc.edu

APRIL 7
Cartouche Workshop Dennon Museum Center, collaborating with Blackbird Arts, helps you explore Egyptian hieroglyphics & create a cartouche, or name plate. 1-3pm, \$25 ages 9-adult www.blackbirdarts.org or call 231-421-8085 to reserve your spot at Dennon Museum, 1701 E. Front St TC www.dennosmuseum.org

Young Hemingway & His Enduring Eden Pre-broadcast screening & discussion of new documentary focusing on Ernest Hemingway's experiences coming of age in northwest lower Michigan. Will be broadcast on PBS for 2018-2019 season. 7pm, free. Dennon Museum, 1701 E. Front St TC 231-995-10129 www.dennosmuseum.org

Grass River Bird Walk Learn to ID birds by sight and sound and log observations online using eBird. \$5, 9-10:30am at Grass River Natural Area 6500 Alden Highway, Bellaire www.grassriver.org.

In Concert with "Peter, Paul & Mary Remembered" Tribute Band plays your PP&M favorites. Costume Competition (for those who wish to join in), sing-along, 60s trivia w/prizes. \$20 adv, \$25 at door 7:30 Old Town Playhouse 148 E 8th St TC 231-947-2210 www.oldtownplayhouse.com

APRIL 8
A Mile of the Nile Interactive Art Project Use a variety of materials to create a mile of the Nile River right in the Dennon Museum Center's lobby. Materials will be provided. All ages welcome. 1-5pm museum admission required 1701 E. Front St TC 231-995-1055 www.dennosmuseum.org

APRIL 11
Free Community Classes Love INC sponsors 3 free classes open to the community. "Manage Your Money" and "Powerful Parenting" meet every Wednesday for 8 weeks, & "Positive Pathways to Change" meets Wednesdays for 6 weeks. Classes are 6-8pm Bayview Wesleyan Church 720 Wayne St. TC Pre-register with Love INC at 231-941-5683

2nd Annual TCAPS Arts Gala TCAPS Visual Arts department host an Opening Reception 5-7pm featuring hundreds of art works from students K-12, food, music, awards, collaborative artmaking projects. Show remains up April 11-23. Boardman Administration Building 412 Webster Street

APRIL 14
Family TSO Program The Traverse Symphony Orchestra presents a family program on percussion instruments featuring musicians from TSO. Come and make some noise at the Traverse Area District Library 11am-noon 610 Woodmere Ave TC 231-932-8500 www.tadl.org

The Art of Slowing Down Dennon Museum Center presents a special event for Slow Art Day. Take a long, slow look at just a few works of art and join the discussion, then create your own art with materials provided. 1pm, general admission required. 1701 E Front St TC 231-995-1029 www.dennosmuseum.org

4th Annual Big Little Hero Race Costume-encouraged festivities include fun run, 5k & 10k races, food, family-friendly events, games, silent raffle. Benefits Big Brothers/Big Sisters of NW MI. NMC Main Campus, TC <http://biglittleherorace.com>

Tangled Treasures Grass River Natural Area is exploding with new spring life. Create an illustration of the web of springtime life as it awakens. All supplies are provided for this program. \$8, 1-3pm. 6500 Alden Highway, Bellaire www.grassriver.org.

APRIL 19
Facebook: The Next Level Facebook workshop examines how to post and save pictures, make

comments, create groups, etc. 1:30 pm Leland Township Library 203 E. Cedar St 231-256-9152 www.lelandlibrary.org

Teen Job Fair Helps local teens connect with local businesses to find (and keep) a summer job. 3:30pm Leland Township Library 203 E. Cedar St 231-256-9152 www.lelandlibrary.org

APRIL 20
The Lake Michigan Mermaid Authors Anne-Marie Oomen & Linda Nemeč Foster present their new book *The Lake Michigan Mermaid*, a coming-of-age tale, in words & illustrations. 7pm, free. Leelanau Township Library 119 E Nagonaba St Northport. 231-286-5131.

APRIL 21
Let's Go Fly a Kite! Village Arts Building, Northport. Hear kite stories, decorate a kite & fly your creation (weather permitting). Supplies limited; pre-register at Leelanau Township Library 231-386-5131. Free to school age children, 1-3pm. Village Arts Building 301 Mill St Northport www.northportartsforall.com

Spartan Global Day of Service Event Traverse Bay Child Advocacy Center invites MSU alumni, family & friends to tour their facilities & learn what it means to "join the team" to end child sexual abuse. <https://serve.msu.edu/volunteers.cfm?service=630>.

APRIL 22
Earth Day Event Recycle Smart presents: Wings of Wonder Raptor program, Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl, guided nature walks, campfire safety & backyard composting demonstrations, Rockwich Food Truck. 11-4pm Twin Lakes/Gilbert Lodge 6800 N Long Lake Rd TC

APRIL 25 - 29
82nd National Trout Festival Come to Kalkaska and celebrate our finned friends of stream and lake, creek and pond. Kids' fishing contest; 1 mile, 5k, 10k races; pancake breakfast; dodgeball tournament; bubble soccer; parades and more. 231-465-1395 www.nationaltroutfestival.com

APRIL 28
Celebration of the Young Child A special day in downtown Traverse City to celebrate young children. Free event open to the public—all children & families are welcome to attend. 11-2pm 231-922-2050 www.downtowntc.com

APRIL 29
NMC Children's Choir Concert 3:00pm. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 students & seniors, available at MyNorthTickets.com & at the door. Lars Hockstad Auditorium 301 Seventh St TC 800-836-0717.

MAY 2
Served Like a Girl Film provides candid look at rising number of homeless women veterans who served in Iraq & Afghanistan suffering PTSD, sexual abuse, other traumas. By entering "Ms. Veteran American" competition they come full circle in a quest for healing & hope. Free 7pm Dennon Museum Center 1701 E. Front St TC 231-995-1055 www.dennosmuseum.org

MAY 5
Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser Authentic food, raffles, silent auction, history lessons, kid crafts, music, games. Proceeds benefit TCAPS Global Service Volunteer & Language Learning Trip to Guanajuato, Mexico. 6-9pm \$10, kids under 10 free. TC Masonic Lodge 13360 S W Bay Shore Dr TC.

MAY 12
March for Babies Join with over 300 others to help the March of Dimes walk in support of moms at every stage from preconception to post-delivery with research, programs, and education. F&M Park 253 Hope St TC. Register at the event or online www.marchforbabies.org (search 49684 under Events tab)

MAY 19
Birdhouse Program Hear bird stories and make your own birdhouse. Supplies limited; pre-register at Leelanau Township Library 231-386-5131. Free to school age children, 1-3pm. Village Arts Building 301 Mill St Northport www.northportartsforall.com

MAY 19
Start Seeing Monarchs Day Michigan lags a few weeks behind the nationally recognized Start Seeing Monarchs Day, the first Saturday in May, so they'll probably start showing up sometime around this date.

4th Annual Mother, Daughter, & Friends Tea Sponsored by Interlochen Public Library. Light fare, sweets, & tea served. Create a special craft together & more. Little House on the Prairie theme. 1-3pm 9700 Riley Rd Interlochen 231-276-6767 www.interlochenpubliclibrary.org

MAY 19, 20, 27
Auditions for The Wizard of Oz Try out for the cast of Northport Community Arts Center's summer musical. Sat 5/19 10am, Sun 5/20 & 5/27 2pm or by special arrangement. Also looking for backstage volunteers. NCAC 104 S. Wing St Northport 231-386-5001

MAY 20
62nd Annual NMC Barbecue The NMC Barbecue is one of northern Michigan's most popular and enduring traditions. Come to NMC's main campus for an old-fashioned picnic and a chance to see your community college. \$6 in advance, \$8 on Barbecue Day. Proceeds benefit special programs at NMC. 1701 E. Front St TC 231-995-1020 nmc.edu/bbq.

MAY 25
Book Signing & Talk James Duke, author of Grass River Natural Area's Field Guide to Northern Michigan, discusses his experience writing and creating the book. Geared toward teens & adults. 3pm Leland Township Library 203 E. Cedar St 231-256-9152 www.lelandlibrary.org

MAY 26
Annual Plant & Flower Sale Proceeds benefit Friends of Interlochen Public Library & Library's children's programs. Intersection M37 & US 31 in front of Chemical Bank, Interlochen 231-276-6767. Preorder at <https://form.jotform.com/beahgo/2018plantsale>

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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.mwcsart.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, giftshop, climb the tower. 15500 Lighthouse Point Rd Northport 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. 6500 Alden Hwy Bellaire 231-533-8576 www.grassriver.org

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

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 Wigglers- 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 6:30pm, Senior Tuesdays 12:30pm. 231-276-6767 www.interlochenpubliclibrary.org

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

Leland Township Library Story Time ages up to 6 Fri 10:30-11:30; Maker Afternoons Thurs 3:30-4:30 S.T.E.A.M. based activities ages 9+. 203 E. Cedar St 231-256-9152 www.lelandlibrary.org

Leelanau Township Library Wigglers story time 10:30 Thursdays.

Traverse Area District Library Wigglers' 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 Dennon Museum Center "Lines of Light: Craig Tandy Monofilament Sculpture" & "Visitors to the Sea: Masterpieces from the Detroit Institute of Art" thru April 29; "Tutankhamun: 'Wonderful Things' from the Pharaoh's Tomb," thru May 6; plus other educational and artistic exhibits 1701 E. Front St TC 231-995-1055 www.dennosmuseum.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.gtbandians.org/eyaawing.asp

Grand Rapids Public Museum "Dragons, Unicorns & Mermaids" thru May 20. 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

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

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

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

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.gtbaaymca.org