



PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO...

Ideas for Family Entertainment!

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AUGUST 1, 2, 4, 5

The Wizard of Oz Northport Community Arts Center presents the timeless musical about a misunderstood girl who longs for life "Over the Rainbow." Sunday 2pm, all other performances 7:30pm 104 S. Wing St. Tickets 231-386-5001 and at the door before the show. www.northportcac.org

AUGUST 3, 17

Path to Pen: Guided Writing Tour Hike farms, woods & fields of Port Oneida historic area w/ interpretive artist Nancy McKay & botanist Elise DeBuyser. Weave threads of time through your own words & photographs. Cost: \$35 donation. Flat route Aug 3, hilly route Aug 17 Meet at Olsen House 3164 W. Harbor Hwy (M-22) Maple City

AUGUST 4

Foraging Workshop Join Midwest Foraging author Lisa M. Rose for a hands-on, family friendly foraging workshop in the village of Leland. Free, 10:30am-12:30pm Leland Township Library 203 E. Cedar St 231-256-9152 www.lelandlibrary.org

AUGUST 5

126th Annual Old Settlers Picnic 10:30 short chapel service, then music, shingle mill demonstration, kids' games, silent auction, bake sale, more. Picnic barbecue 12-3pm. Old Settlers Picnic Grounds, 8802-8806 S Dunns Farm Rd, Maple City 231-334-4053

AUGUST 6 - 9

GRNA Summer Camp Monday, August 6 - Thursday, August 9 - 9 am - 3 pm Grass River Natural Area Summer Day Camp emphasizes interactive, hands-on, outdoor learning experiences with professional GRNA naturalists & lots of fun and games in between. Ages 6-11. 6500 Alden Hwy Bellaire 231-533-8314 grassriver.org

AUGUST 5-11

110th Annual Northwestern Michigan Fair Celebrating Michigan agriculture, horticulture, education, mechanical arts, fine arts, fruit & grain products, stock raising, dairy products, more. Livestock barns, exhibit building, midway, old fashioned family fun & entertainment. 231-943-4150 www.northwesternmichiganfair.net

AUGUST 7

Friends Summer Writers Series: Doug Stanton Journalist, lecturer, screenwriter & author of *Horse Soldiers* (recently released as the major motion picture 12 Strong) speaks at Leelanau Township Library 119 E. Nagonaba St Northport 231-386-5131 www.lelanautownshiplibrary.org

AUGUST 8

Family Movie Night Interlochen Public Library presents School of Rock next to the library at Golden Fellowship Hall. Popcorn provided. 5-7pm 9700 Riley Rd 231-276-6767 www.tadl.org/interlochen

AUGUST 10

Kids Swim for Grand Traverse Bay Half mile open water fun swim for kids 12-17 from West End Beach to Volleyball Beach in TC. Held in conjunction with Aug 11 Swim for Grand Traverse Bay. Proceeds benefit The Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay \$25/swimmer, \$5/support paddler. Parental consent required. 8am 716 W Grandview Pkwy TC 231-935-1514 www.gtbay.org

AUGUST 10-11

Port Oneida Fair Step back in time to the late 1800's & early 1900's. Held at 5 historic farmsteads & the Schoolhouse in Port Oneida near Glen Arbor. Artists, crafts, food, activities. (231) 326-4700 <http://sleepingbearaudiences.com/events>

AUGUST 10-12

6th Annual Kalkaska Street Festival Free family picnic & community concert 6pm Friday; Saturday entertainment, street vendors, fun & games; Sunday Kiwanis Steak & Corn Family Picnic 11:30-2:30 Railroad Square 415 S. Cedar St

AUGUST 11

22nd Annual Northport Dog Parade Pooches and owners invited to dress up to the parade "Dogs to the Rescue! Furr-est Responders!" Proceeds benefit Black Sheep Crossing, Cherryland Humane Society, Silver Muzzle Cottage. Pre-registration \$5, day of parade \$10 sponsored by Northport Omnia C of C 231-994-3820 northportomenachamber.org

The Accidentals at NCAC Local-band-turned-national-sensation The Accidentals are back in the area, performing at Northport Community Arts Center. Tickets \$25 Adults, \$5 students (including college), Northport School students free. Tickets not presold will

be available at the door. 7:30pm 104 S. Wing St Rm 202 231-386-5001 www.northportcac.org

AUGUST 11

3rd Annual Swim for Grand Traverse Bay 2-mile open water swim from Greilickville Harbor Park to Volleyball Beach in TC. Proceeds benefit The Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay. \$45/swimmer, \$20/support paddler 8am 13133 S W Bay Shore Dr TC 231-935-1514 www.gtbay.org

AUGUST 11, 18, 25

Disney's The Lion King, KIDS The African savannah comes to life with Simba, Nala, Rafiki, and an unforgettable cast of characters in this inspiring coming-of-age tale. 2pm & 7pm \$15 adults \$8 under 18 (plus fees). Old Town Playhouse 148 East 8th St 231-947-2210 www.oldtownplayhouse.com

AUGUST 11

Peshawbestown Traditional Pow-wow Native singers, dancers, artists, artisans in one of the region's finest displays of cultural heritage. Free & open to the public. Peshawbestown powwow grounds 2605 N. West Bay Shore Drive, Suttons Bay

AUGUST 19

Take a Seat! Fundraiser live & silent auction raising funds to furnish the new Interlochen Public Library. Seats, tables, chairs, treats & treasures & more. \$100/person includes beverages, hearty hors d'oeuvres, entertainment. 3-7pm Blue Bridge Event Center 1950 Ellis Rd Grawn 231-276-6767 www.tadl.org/interlochen

AUGUST 23

Beatles vs. Stones - A Musical Showdown Beatles tribute band Abbey Road and Rolling Stones tribute band Satisfaction - The International Rolling Stones Show meet on stage at City Opera House to settle the great debate of rock music: which band was better? 7:30pm 106 E. Front St TC 231-941-8082 www.cityoperahouse.org

Sousa Concert Northport Community Band presents rousing selections from The March King's many compositions, plus works by other composers. Tickets \$15 Adults, \$5 students (including college) 8pm Northport Community Arts Center 104 S. Wing St 231-386-5001 www.northportcac.org

AUGUST 28

2nd Annual Grass River Gala & Silent Auction Live Jazz by Steve Stargardt & Laurie Sears, food, Short's Brewing beverages, silent auction. Proceeds benefit Grass River Natural Area. \$50/person. 5:30pm Great Ballroom @ Shanty Creek Resort 5780 Shanty Creek Rd Bellaire www.grassriver.org

SEPTEMBER 1

25th Annual Elk Rapids Arts & Crafts Show more than 70 artisans display, sell, demonstrate their work in downtown Elk Rapids on River Street. www.elkrapidschamber.org

SEPTEMBER 7

Downtown Traverse City Art Walk Evening stroll through downtown TC on a self-guided tour through art exhibitions at participating shops. Walking guides available at participating Art Walk locations. www.downtowntc.com

SEPTEMBER 9

Samels Farm Barn Dance Chili, Silent auction, live music by Hammer'd at Samels Farm. Centennial farm in Samels family since 1895 open to the public as an education center. 5:30-8:30 pm 8298 Skegemog Point Road Williamsburg www.samelsfarm.org

SEPTEMBER 10

Manitou Islands Guided Day Trip Tour the lifesaving station & Cottage Row on North Manitou Island. Then lunch (bring your own) & tour historic sites on South Manitou. Led by interpreters from Leelanau Historical Society & National Park Service. 8am-5:30pm \$90/ticket, \$75 for society members. www.lelanauhistory.org

SEPTEMBER 14

Detroit Redwings Training Camp Scrimmage Opening day of the Detroit Red Wings training camp - practice/scrimmage session. Reserved & Mezzanine: \$20; standing room: \$10 1600 Chartwell Dr TC www.centreice.org

SEPTEMBER 14 - OCTOBER 13

Mamma Mia! The wildly popular musical based on the music of ABBA comes to Old Town Playhouse. Sundays 2:00, all other performances 7:30. 148 E. 8th St TC 231-947-2210 www.oldtownplayhouse.com

SEPTEMBER 15

Tri Up North Triathlon Bike, paddle, & run around (and through) Betsie Bay in Frankfort. 10-mile Classic course and 22-mile Challenger course. Proceeds benefit Betsie Hosik Health & Fitness Center and its programs.

SEPTEMBER 19

Technology Workshop: Privacy Sponsored by Leelanau Township Library. 1:30-2:30 at the Library 119 E. Nagonaba St Northport 231-386-5131 www.lelanautownshiplibrary.org

SEPTEMBER 20

Emergency Preparedness Workshop Leelanau County's Director of Emergency Management Matt Ansoorge talks about emergency preparedness including how to develop emergency supply kits & an emergency plan for your family. 1:30pm-3:00pm Leland Township Library 203 E. Cedar St 231-256-9152 www.lelandlibrary.org

SEPTEMBER 22

Walk for Wishes Northern Michigan Make a Wish fundraiser at The Village at Grand Traverse Commons. 10:30am 830 Cottageview Dr TC Contact Melissa Thompson 219-241-4934 for details. <http://michigan.wish.org>

SEPTEMBER 29

6th Annual Leelanau UnCaged Live music, dancers, entertainers, artists, food vendors—fun for the whole family on Northport's main street. Free, Noon-10pm www.lelanauuncaged.com

OCTOBER 6

Community Fall Festival Free event: tractor rides, pumpkins, bounce houses, craft tables, games, hotdogs, donuts cider more. 3-6pm First Congregational Church 6105 Center Rd TC 231-947-6698 fctcc.org/events

Benzie County Fall Festival Bake sale, Fall soup contest, sidewalk art contest, pumpkin decorating, classic vehicle & motorcycle "Park & Shine" show, more. 10am-5pm Beulah Park 7122 Prospect Ave <http://clcba.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

Arctcenter 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, gift shop, 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 Time Fridays 10am 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

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 pre-schoolers welcome 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 Wiggles: stories, songs, crafts & fun every Weds 10:30am G geared toward preschoolers. 231-263-5484 www.tadl.org/kingsley

Leland Township Library Storytime: stories & play designed to promote joy & growth in literacy. Children ages 0-6 & caregivers welcome. Fridays, 10:30am, starting Sept 7. 203 E. Cedar St 231-256-9152 www.lelandlibrary.org

Leelanau Township Library Wiggles Preschool Storytime 10:30am Thursdays starting August 16. 119 E. Nagonaba St Northport 231-386-5131 www.lelanautownshiplibrary.org

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.michlegacypark.org

The Dennis Museum Center "Monster Fish: In Search of the Last River Giants," from National Geographic, June 17thru October 7 plus other 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 "Be the Astronaut," June 16-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.lelanauhistory.org

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

Stone Circle Featuring poetry, storytelling & music in outdoor amphitheater. Poet bard Terry Wooten hosts gatherings around the fire. 10 miles north of Elk Rapids off US 31 turn right on Stone Circle Dr, follow signs. Saturdays through Sept. 1. 9 pm. \$5/adults \$3/kids. 231-264-9467 stonecir@aol.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.gtbayymca.org