



# PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO...

## Ideas for Family Entertainment!

**SEND EVENT INFO TO: [families@charter.net](mailto:families@charter.net) or P.O. Box 443, Suttons Bay, MI 49682**

### Thru February 12 • Frostbite Food Drive

The 18th annual Father Fred Foundation food drive ( details-KidBits column) for more info 231-947-2055 or [www.fatherfred.org](http://www.fatherfred.org).

### February 9 • 4th Annual Silent Art Auction

Elk Rapids High School's auction includes edible art, live music & many 2D and 3D pieces to bid on. 5-8 pm A bidding ticket costs \$3 Proceeds benefit the Fine Arts Program at ERHS

### February 10, 11 • TC Microbrew & Music Festival

Blues Traveler at the City Opera House 8:30 pm Fri. Sat 4-10 pm at the Grand Traverse Commons

### Feb 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 & 19 • Guys and Dolls

St. Francis High School presents this outstanding musical. Box office in lobby of high school gymnasium (11th St entrance). Mon-Fri 11 am-2 pm Tickets \$15 Adults \$10 Students (18 & under) & Seniors (65 & older). Performances Feb. 10, 11 & 12 & Feb. 17, 18 & 19 Fri & Sat 7 pm & Sun matinees 2 pm. 231-946-0715

### February 11 • Bayside Travellers Dance Society

Contra-dance at Twin Lakes - Gilbert Lodge, 6800 N. Long Lake Rd TC Live music Woodland Celtic. Dances called & taught by Ken Gall from Indianapolis. Everyone welcome, no partner or experience needed. 7 pm lesson before the dancing begins Youth must be accompanied by & supervised by an adult. 8-11 pm Dance Adult - \$10, Student w. ID-\$6, Members \$8 [www.dancetc.com](http://www.dancetc.com) 231-313-2596

### Application Fair

Habitat for Humanity Grand Traverse Region 11 am for distribution of applications for homes being built in Grand Traverse, Leelanau & Kalkaska counties. 45 minute informational meeting explaining the qualifications for home ownership. You must attend to be considered for a Habitat home. At the Community Room in the Grand Traverse Mall TC Prospective applicants & public invited. Registration not required, but appreciated Nancy at (231) 941-4663, ext. 121. Childcare not provided.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Habitat Fundraising Dinner

TAAR & HBAGTA team up for fundraising dinner at the Williamsburg Dinner Theatre. Great food & a new show preformed by the Williamsburg Theatre Group. Doors open at 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm. Live & silent auctions, raffles, entertainment & a cash bar. Tickets: \$50 per person or table of 8, \$400. Info- [www.habitatgr.org](http://www.habitatgr.org) or contact Mandy at [mmartin@habitatgr.org](mailto:mmartin@habitatgr.org)

### Fall in Love with Third Level Arts & Crafts Show

Over 40 exhibitors & a silent auction featuring a donated item from each exhibitor. Everyone is welcome, free admission As part of Third Level's focus on helping homeless youth, you can show your love by bringing needed items such as personal care products, non-perishable foods, socks, hoodies, paper products & craft supplies. 9 am to 3 pm Traverse City Civic Center [www.thirdlevel.org](http://www.thirdlevel.org)

### Northwest Michigan Ballet Theater

Presents "Scenes from a Park" at the Milliken Auditorium. Musical score played live by the Laurie Sears Jazz Quintet. Shows 2 pm & 7 pm. 231-995-1553 [www.balet-etc.com](http://www.balet-etc.com)

### Dunes Review Reading

Michigan Writers & the editors celebrate the release of the winter issue. Awarding William J. Shaw Prize for poetry to Jenny Robertson, local contributors read from the issue's pages. Copies for sale 7 pm Brilliant Books 118 E Front St. Downtown TC

### Mexican Dinner Benefit

Benefit for the Suttons Bay Sports programs Mexican Buffet \$10 Adults \$6 Children 12 & under or order off menu Silent Auction 4-10 pm at the Village Inn Suttons Bay

### February 11 & 25 • Guided Historic Ghost Walks

Grand Traverse Lighthouse-Lives have started here, lives have ended here & pieces have been left behind. Reservations only. Non-refundable \$10 per person. 2 pm meet at lighthouse gift shop. 231-386-7195. Proceeds benefit the Grand Traverse Lighthouse. Located inside Leelanau State Park North of Northport. Park entry fee required.

### February 12 • 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Indoor Folk Fest

12:00pm until 5:30 pm Free Family Event in Building 50, the Mercado TC Commons Sponsored by Northern Michigan Songwriters in the Round & The Northern Express

### Encore Winds

Presents Love and All That Jazz 3 pm at the First Congregational Church. 231-995-1579 or go to [www.encorewinds.org](http://www.encorewinds.org) for more info

### February 15 • Chamber Music North

Presents Wine & Roses dinner 5:30 pm & concert 7:30pm at Black Star Farms. 231-995-1579 or [www.chambermusicnorth.com](http://www.chambermusicnorth.com) for more info

### February 16 • Business after Hours

The Elk Rapids Chamber of Commerce event hosted by Heartbeat Power Products, 10268 U.S. 31 Williamsburg light refreshments & network with other local business people 5-7 pm free & open to the public. 231-264-8202 or 800-626-7328.

### February 17 • Songwriters in the Round

Live Music 8:30-10:30 pm Horizon Books Downtown TC

### February 17-19 Cherry Capital Winter Wowfest

Winter time celebration of fun, music, games, food, wine, entertainment & more. Soup'r Bowl soup contest, Frozen Bed Race, Winter, Wine & Wow! food & drink reception, Carboard Classic, Monster Dog Pull & closing night fireworks. New attractions-Curb Crusher Rail Jam & the Soup'r Chili 5K run.

### February 18 • "All about Owls"

Grass River Nature Center Learn about this unique group of birds. 1 pm. \$5

### Denno's Concert

Brilliant Violinist Stanislav Pronin at the Milliken Auditorium 8 pm 231-995-1553 or [www.dennosmuseum.org](http://www.dennosmuseum.org)

### February 18 & 19 • Father/Son Survival Weekend

Fathers & sons develop a deeper relationship. Survival skills & using these skills and work as a team. Build shelter, cook over an open fire. Learn fire building, tracking & orienteering, YMCA Camp Hayo-Went-Ha's High Challenge Course & Zip Line. Info/register [www.hayowentha.org](http://www.hayowentha.org)

### February 19 • Empire Winterfest

### February 20 • The Perfect Diet

An introductory seminar by Paula Affen 7 pm St. Patrick Catholic Church in the social hall, 630 Silver Lake Rd. Questions 231-649-6798 [www.intouchrd.com](http://www.intouchrd.com)

### The Child, Behavior & Food Connection

Free community seminar presented by Oryana National Foods Market at TC district library. Dietitian Melissa Tolan-Halleck, MS, RD, covers connection between food & behavior in toddler to school-age children and the relationship between children affected by Autistic Spectrum disorders & food disorders. Samples provided. 6-7:30 pm, 610 Woodmere Ave Registration required. Sign up in Oryana (260 East 10th St) Customer Service desk or call 231- 947-0191. Space limited [www.oryana.coop/events](http://www.oryana.coop/events)

### Cherry Capital Rose Society

February meeting- Garden in the Heart is the theme. Share a poem, story or quote about your own garden. Feast on chocolate treats. 6:30 pm at Friends Church corner of Oak & 5th TC info visit [www.tcrosses.org](http://www.tcrosses.org) or call Karen 231-223-7856.

### February 24 • Interlochen Center for the Arts

The Magic School Bus Live: The Climate Challenge 7:30 pm in Corson Auditorium. 800-681-5920 or [www.tickets.interlochen.org](http://www.tickets.interlochen.org)

### February 25 • Kat Eldred

Live Music from a longtime favorite with her guitar playing & beautiful singing. 8:30-10:30 pm Horizon Books Downtown TC

### February 25 • Northport C of C Annual Winter Carnival

Activities include a variety of games for kids of all ages (adults too) including broomball & milk jug curling. This year's Chili Contest a fundraiser for the Northport Promise scholarship program. 6 chili categories: traditional, vegetarian, spicy, pizza, pasta & seafood. Cost to enter is \$10 and sampling is \$5 for six sample cups. Kid's bowls available for \$1. Northport School students compete in cardboard sled race & snowmobilers enjoy a poker run through the countryside. 11 am - 4 pm at Braman Hill, west of Northport

### Marcus Roberts Trio

Get Jazzy at the Milliken Auditorium 8 pm 231- 995-1553 or [www.dennosmuseum.org](http://www.dennosmuseum.org)

### February 25 & 26 • Michigan SNO X

Championship Series Tickets at gate: \$10 day \$15 32 day Children 6 & under free Gates open 8am heat races 9 am Turtle Creek Casino & Hotel [www.turtlecreekcasino.com](http://www.turtlecreekcasino.com)

### February 26 • Traverse Symphony Orchestra

Presents Symphony for Strings at 3 pm at Corson Auditorium at Interlochen. 231- 947-7120 or [www.traversesyphony.org](http://www.traversesyphony.org)

### February 26--March 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TC Restaurant Week

T C's finest restaurants will offer multi-course meals that have been especially prepared for this gourmet event with three courses for \$25 per person. [www.downtowntc.com](http://www.downtowntc.com) info on participating restaurants & menus. The public may enter to win a prize package with a \$50 gift card from each participating restaurant.

### February 28 • Interlochen Center for the Arts

Presents Alonzo King LINES Ballet in Corson Auditorium 7:30 pm. Call 800-681-5920 [www.tickets.interlochen.org](http://www.tickets.interlochen.org) for more info.

### March 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 & 24 Doctor Dolittle

The rollicking family musical presented by the Old Town Playhouse 8pm (Mar 11 & 18 3 pm) Escape into the fantastical world of Doctor John Dolittle, who speaks with the animals. OTP's production partners with young actors of the OTP Young Co, puppets & special effects, for a dazzling experience for the whole family. Tickets \$25 Adults \$14 Children 12 & under 231-947-2210 [www.oldtownplayhouse.com](http://www.oldtownplayhouse.com) 148 East Eighth St TC

### March 4 • Piano Concert

Four professional pianists join local Traverse City musicians to create instrumental magic on a grand scale performing classical, pop, patriotic & movies scores on 4 grand pianos 4 pm First Congregational Church, Center Rd. TC Tickets: [www.startickets.com](http://www.startickets.com) or 1-800-585-3737; ticket outlet Meijer stores; or [www.4-pianos.com](http://www.4-pianos.com) Advance Tickets: \$7-\$25. Tickets door: \$12-\$30.

### March 4 • NMC Choirs in Concert

Featuring the Grand Traverse Chorale & Chamber Singers, 3 pm Immaculate Conception Church. \$10 adults; \$5 seniors (62 & older) & children (12 & younger) at the door 231-995-1338

### March 7 • Grand Traverse Area Children's Garden

Planning meeting at the Library on Woodmere 7 pm any interested in participating are welcome. The garden needs volunteers.

### March 10 • Women's History Project

Students in the honor society of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Northwestern Michigan College present a program at the Fine Arts building 12:30 pm NMC 1701 Front St TC entertainment based on their grandmother's tales, experiences & travels. Interviews of grandmothers & great grandmothers. Societal, economical & cultural differences between themselves and their grandmothers. Everyone welcome. Info: Ann Swaney, PTK advisor 231-995 1065 or Shauna Quick at [quickshady@gmail.com](mailto:quickshady@gmail.com).

### March 10 • Grass River Nature

"Fireside Full Moon" Songs, stories and a moonlit hike. 7 pm \$5

### March 15 • Free public forum

"Challenging Bullying: Creating a Safe Community," 4-7 pm Hagerty Center Great Lakes Campus. Free admission 231-995-1118

### March 17 "GLOBE at Night"

Grass Lake Training Workshop: Light pollution can affect energy consumption, wildlife and health. The GLOBE at Night program is an

international citizen-science campaign to raise public awareness of the impact of light pollution. 10 am \$5

### March 31 Build a Bluebird House

in time for the birds' April return at Grass River Nature 10 am \$15

### March 16 Tastes of France

The Great Lakes Culinary Institute fundraiser reception \$40 per person. Make your reservation 231- 995-3120

### March 22 British Isles

The Great Lakes Culinary Institute plated dinner fundraiser \$30 per person. Make your reservation 231-995-3120

### ONGOING

### Grand Traverse Lighthouse Keeper

Keepers live in furnished northern apartment of the lighthouse-full access to the lighthouse tower. 2 bd rms- twin beds, full & half bath, kitchen & large living rm. Keepers bring food, bedding & towels. Winter Keeper Program Dec-April. \$100 per night up to 4 people can stay at the lighthouse. Min 2 night stay. Children welcome & families encouraged to visit. Grounds open for X-country skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, bird watching & other wintery activities. Lighthouse work projects expected from all keepers. Participants asked to become members of GTLM (Grand Traverse Lighthouse Museum), single \$20, a family \$30 Benefits include quarterly newsletters, Gift Shop discounts & free admission for family & guests. Info/application contact Lisa Drummond 231-386-7195 or [progcoor@triton.net](mailto:progcoor@triton.net).

### Northern Michigan's Unique Market

Showcases only things uniquely made in Northern Michigan. jewelry, clothing & accessories, pottery, sculpture, food & more Shows 9 am to 5 pm every other Sat Feb 11th, Feb 25th, March 10th, March 24th. 13692 West Bayshore Drive in TC inside Annz Metalz Designz studio, behind The Silver Swan 15 to 20 rotational vendors (new show each Sat) A portion of the vendor's fee & free-will donations given to the Women's Resource Center. [www.TraverseBest.com/NMUM](http://www.TraverseBest.com/NMUM) .

### Elk Rapids District Public Library

Children's story time: Stories, songs, crafts Weds 10:30 am all pre-schoolers welcome [erdl@elkrapidsnet.com](mailto:erdl@elkrapidsnet.com) 231 264 9979

### Kingsley Library

Wigglers: stories, songs, crafts & fun every Weds 10:30 am Geared toward preschoolers. If school cancelled for scheduling or weather no Wigglers that day. 231-263-5484 [www.tadl.org/kingsley](http://www.tadl.org/kingsley)

### Glen Lake Community Library

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

### East Bay Branch Library

Wigglers-stories preschoolers, their families & Friends 10:30 am Weds & Fridays (last 2 weeks of each month) featuring stories, songs, poetry, finger plays & fun Three Mile Rd

### Traverse Area District Library

Wigglers' Fun: Wed & Thurs 9:30 or 11 am 610 Woodmere [www.tadl.org](http://www.tadl.org) 932-8503

### Interlochen Public Library

Preschool Story Hour Weds at 10 am & 1 pm /Baby Play Time 1st & 3rd Fri 10 am PJ Nights 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds 6:30 pm Katie "The Therapy Dog" Read to Katie 2nd & 4th Wed of month 4-6 pm 231- 276-6767 [www.interlochenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.interlochenpubliclibrary.org)

### Adoption/ Foster Care Meetings

Monthly State Adoptions & Foster Care & Intercounty Adoption at Bethany Christian Services 1055 Carriage Hill Dr TC 231- 995-0870 [www.bethany.org/traverse](http://www.bethany.org/traverse)

### La Leche League Breastfeeding support.

Morning: Second Tues of month 10:30 am in the nursery at Christ United Methodist Church (corner Three Mile & Garfield, TC) Eve: Last Wed of month 6:30 pm meets at Munson Community Health Center in Classrooms A&B [www.llusa.org](http://www.llusa.org) 231-642-7564

### Central United Methodist Church

Parent's Night Out--free child care 3rd Friday of each month (Sept-May) 6-9pm Pre-registration required. Sparrow Story Hour- every Friday 9:30-10:30 am Downtown TC 231-946-5191 [www.tcCentralumc.org/children](http://www.tcCentralumc.org/children)

### Divorce Care

13 week session of divorce recovery seminar/support group Thurs 7-9 pm First Congregational Church, 6105 Center Rd. TC Weekly video seminar series for separated or divorced. Join at any time. \$1 per week donation covers program expenses. Child care available if planned ahead/ donations. 231-947-6698 Topics: Financial Survival Feb 9, Kid Care Feb 16, Single Sexuality Feb 23, Forgiveness Mar 1, Reconciliation Mar 8, Moving On, Growing Closer To God

### Third Level Youth Drop-In Center

Thurs 3-6pm, 14-20yr old youth invited to Third Level to hang out & participate in groups. Safe community space includes art, games, movies, cooking class, groups & more. All community youth welcome. Activities supervised by Third Level Counselors, Street Outreach Workers & Volunteers At United Way building, 521 S Union St. TC. Use back alley entrance [www.thirdlevel.org](http://www.thirdlevel.org).

### YMCA

Family Fun Night-first Friday of every month at the YMCA Main Facility, 3000 Racquet Club Dr TC 6-9 pm The YMCA Child Care Center 1100 Woodmere Ave, Suite B TC- Family Fun Night geared toward younger children is 3rd Fri of the month 6-8 pm YMCA members free \$15 per family non-members [www.gbayymca.org](http://www.gbayymca.org)

### Northwoods International Folk Dancers

Meet every Weds 7 pm at Unitarian Church 6726 Center Road, TC Beginners & drop-ins welcome. Ethnic dances of many lands. Donation

\$2 Info-Niela Hart 231-947-6675

### Northport Community Arts Center

Concert series-most shows 8 pm 231-386-5001 [www.northportcac.org](http://www.northportcac.org)

### Visitor Center

101 W Grandview Parkway, north end of Union St 231- 947-0692

### Boardman River Nature Center

Features: an exhibit gallery, theater room & craft area for kids. Outside-native plant gardens, a demonstration wetland & hiking trails in the 505-acre Natural Education Reserve. Nature themed programs for families, children & adults 1450 Cass Rd 1.5 miles south of S Airport Rd TC Open Tue-Sat 10am-4pm [www.naturecalling.org](http://www.naturecalling.org) for peepers schedule & family events

### Michigan Legacy Art Park

A 501(c)3 non-profit 30-acre preserve leased by Crystal Mountain for \$1 per year. Features over 40 outdoor sculptures that celebrate Michigan's culture & history along 1.6 miles of wooded hiking trails.

### The Denno's Museum Center

Eric Daigh: Happiness is a Target & Northwest Michigan Regional: A Juried Exhibition of Michigan Fine Art thru April 1 Mon-Sat 10 am-5pm Thurs til 8 pm Sun 1-5 pm Admission \$6 adults \$4 children Free to members [www.dennosmuseum.org](http://www.dennosmuseum.org) 231-995-1055 1701 East Front St TC

### Eyaawing Museum & Cultural Center

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians' museum and cultural center & Odaawe Gamik (the museum store) donation 231-534-7764 10 am-4 pm Wed-Sat 231-534-7768 2605 N W Bay Shore Dr (M-22) Peshawbestown

### Great Lakes Children's Museum

Interactive Story Time Weds 11 am story & activity or craft based on the story, free with Museum admission. Toddler Time-Fri 10 am-12pm Free with Museum admission 231-932-4526 [www.GreatLakesKids.org](http://www.GreatLakesKids.org) 13240 S. West Bayshore Dr (M-22) \$6 person age 2 & up, children under age 2 free Tues-Sat 10 am-5 pm Sun 1-5 pm

### Guntzville's Spirit of the Woods

Native American artifacts & wildlife museum 11060 US 31 N Elk Rapids 231-264-5597

### The Leelanau Historical Society Museum

Exhibit, "Life on North Manitou Island: 1895-1930." Photographs of North Manitou & artifacts of the period. Also "Shipwrecks of the Manitou Passage: Loss & Legacy" & the "Traditional Anishnabek Arts Collection." 203 E. Cedar in Leland Wed-Fri 10am-4 pm Sat 10am-2pm 231-256-7475 e-mail [info@leelanauhistry.org](mailto:info@leelanauhistry.org).

### History Center of Traverse City

Snow Sports Spectacular thru March 1/ Lego Carnival March 1 322 Sixth St TC 995-0313

### Free Public Viewing Nights

Rogers Observatory 9-11 pm 1753 Brimley Rd TC 995-2300 [nmc.edu/rogers](mailto:nmc.edu/rogers)

### Northwestern Michigan College

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

### Horizon Books

Monday Story Hour 10 am Bring the kids for stories, a craft project & some activities. Downtown TC

### Artcenter Traverse City

Ongoing classes 720 S. Elmwood Ave TC [www.mwcsart.com](http://www.mwcsart.com)

### Vegan Support Group

Exchanging recipes & ideas contact 228-7030 for more info 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun 2 pm lower level at Horizon Books Downtown TC [www.tcvegans.org](http://www.tcvegans.org)

### The Roundup Radio Show

Variety radio program recorded live Thursday Night Open Mic Night 8 pm at The Hayloft Inn on M-72 for weekly broadcast on WVMC, 90.7 fm on Sun 5:30 pm heard online at [www.wvmc.org](http://www.wvmc.org). Performers of all types are encouraged. [www.roundupontheradio.com](http://www.roundupontheradio.com)

### The Moms Club

For the fun & support of Traverse Bay Area moms weekly playgroups, family fieldtrips, moms night out, community service opportunities, online chat group, monthly newsletter [www.TheMomsClub.net](http://www.TheMomsClub.net)

### Michael's Place

"Make a Memory" workshops-3rd Thurs of month, 4-8 pm 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 947-MIKE

### Children's Grief: Art Therapy Program

Grief support for children & adolescents experiencing a life-threatening illness - their own or a family member's. Program includes art, music therapy & gardening. Family, group & individual sessions available, also mailing programs & services for youth in schools. Register 935-2924 Munson Hospice House Call for times.

### Andre's Place

Art Program for Challenged Adults age 18-60 Weds 12:45 am 5222 N Royal Dr TC no cost -to attend you must call & attend an interview to meet with Michelle St Amant 231-709-9152 or email [michelle@andresplace.org](mailto:michelle@andresplace.org) NEW- offering programs for youth.