

# Big stars mean big fun at Turtle Creek Outdoor Stage

By **KIMBERLY WARREN**  
Record-Eagle staff writer

The National Cherry Festival and Traverse Bay Entertainment are teaming up to produce a star-studded week of entertainment, offering shows on an outdoor stage at Turtle Creek Casino in Williamsburg, after years of the NCF holding concerts at the Northwestern Fairgrounds.

"Traverse Bay Entertainment is pleased to work with the National Cherry Festival to present this year's entertainment," said Amber Anderson. "We are excited to host the concerts at our own outdoor venue this year."

Three concerts will bring big names and big fun: JoDee Messina and Dwight Yoakam, with Steve Azar on July 10, Foreigner with special guest Kansas on July 11 and George Benson and Natalie Cole on July 12.

Opening the Cherry Festival series is Messina, sponsored by Budweiser. Messina takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Her country music has won her Favorite Country Female artist from various groups, including the American Music Awards and

the Academy of Country Music. Her new album "Burn" went double-platinum. On it, "Bring on the Rain", with Tim McGraw, won a Grammy.

"JoDee is an extraordinary performer," Anderson said. "To complement that show with Dwight Yoakam and Steve Azar make this the must-see country concert this year."

Tickets for this evening of country are available for \$20 to \$30.

The second evening of music features Foreigner, with special guest Kansas presented by Miller Lite. They take the stage at 8 p.m. on Thursday.

Foreigner brings to stage a new sound off its new album of studio recordings and greatest hits. The new sound: a harder edge.

"Foreigner and Kansas have songs that make for of good times remembered," Anderson said.

Tickets for this concert are also \$20 to \$30.

Natalie Cole and George Benson present the finale concert. The concert, in cooperation with The Breeze, will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday.

Cole blends contemporary, pop, jazz and rhythm and blues. Cole has earned 10 Grammys and has numerous



No. 1 hits.

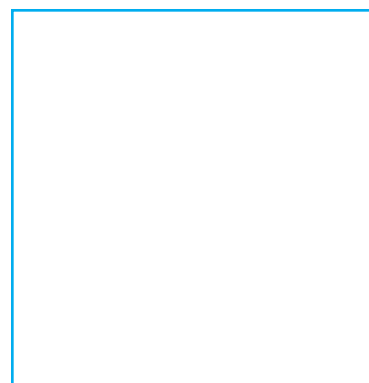
Benson boasts eight Grammys. His hits include "Give Me the Night" and "This Masquerade."

"George Benson and Natalie Cole make for an unforgettable evening under the stars," Anderson said.

Tickets range from \$30 to \$40.

Tickets for all three shows are available through the Traverse Bay Entertainment Box Office, the National Cherry Festival and Ticketmaster.

For more information regarding any of the three concerts, call Traverse Bay Entertainment at 1-877-271-7980 or visit the Festival website at [www.cherryfestival.org](http://www.cherryfestival.org).



Clockwise from left: JoDee Messina, Dwight Yoakam, George Benson and Foreigner.

## A \$3 pin is a win-win at the National Cherry Festival

It is amazing what \$3 can do. When purchasing the \$3 76th annual Commemorative Pin, you gain access to the Beverage Pavilion, the Bayside Entertainment Area and are entered into a "lotto."

"The price rose a dollar from last year, but that is because we have enhanced the entertainment downtown," said National Cherry Festival President Barb Lemcool. "So for \$3, you get a pin and entertainment. Plus there's a chance to win prizes."

"When you buy a pin and you receive a gold one, you are put into a drawing for all kinds a prizes," she said.

Out of the 45,000 pins to be distributed, 450 will be gold. The Grand Prize drawing is Saturday, July 13.

First prize is a 2003 Pontiac Vibe presented by Bill Marsh Pontiac, 2nd prize is Passageways Carlson Wagonlit Travel Holland America Cruise tickets to the Caribbean and if you are the 3rd prize winner, you'll receive two Northwest Airline tickets.

Pins may be purchased at the Festival Open Space and all Festival events.



\$3 will get you a 76th annual commemorative pin--your ticket at a chance to win prizes, including a 2003 Pontiac Vibe, presented by Bill Marsh Pontiac.

**PROUD TO BE**

OFFICIAL SOUVENIR VENDOR FOR  
**THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL**

**JenTees**  
custom screen printing

**QUALITY • COMMITMENT • SERVICE**

SCREEN PRINTING • EMBROIDERY • AWARDS  
PROMOTIONAL ITEMS • GRAPHIC DESIGN

BUSINESS • ORGANIZATION • EVENT  
LET US MAKE AN IMPRESSION FOR YOU

515 WELLINGTON ST.  
TRAVERSE CITY, MI  
231.929.3610  
TOLL FREE 888.536.8337

TRAVERSE CHAMBER MEMBER

PROMOTION PRODUCTS  
**AGI**  
RESOURCE PROFESSIONAL

**SEE YOU AT THE FESTIVAL OPEN SPACE**

## Great Coffee • Good Eats

Open 6:00 A.M. Weekdays!

### Full Espresso Bar

- Great Brewed Coffee with Drive-Thru Convenience •
  - Muffins • Scones • Bagels • Bulk Coffee • Wraps •
  - Panini Sandwiches • Moomer's Homemade Ice Cream •
- Dine In or Drive Thru



231-947-4590

Call-in orders welcome

Join us for Happy Hour \* Weekdays from 4 pm until 7 pm!  
50 cents Off all Coffee, Espresso and all Blended Drinks.  
Weekdays 6 am - 7 pm; Sat. 7 am - 7 pm; Sun. 8 am - 6 pm  
1060 E. Front St. Traverse City (next to Burger King)

7-3.655.756cf