

Summer entertainment

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their way north to Emmet County for the 23rd Annual Blissfest, set for July 11-13 in the community of Bliss near Cross Village.

■ On July 19, the Encore Winds travel to Alden's Depot Park to present their annual summer Concert in the Park. The band-style program is free to the public and will feature big band music, classical and old-time favorites. Call 331-6583.

■ Also on July 19, Dave Greer's Classic Jazz Stompers will present classic jazz and hot dance music from the '20s and '30s in a concert at the Northport Community Arts Center. Call 386-5001.

■ Lovers of theater can enjoy a free outdoor presentation of "Twelfth Night" by William Shakespeare, July 19 and 20 in Traverse City's Hannah Park. The annual summer production is put on by a non-profit troupe called Riverside



Country singer Clay Walker appears July 5 in Kalkaska.

Shakespeare. Audience members are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs — and picnic dinners are a good idea, although alcohol is discouraged. Call 941-4953.

■ Also on July 20, the Jeff Haas Trio and Friends will present a free outdoor concert at Alden's Depot Park on the shore of Torch Lake. Haas and his colleagues are known for their complex blending of traditional ethnic musical styles with jazz. Their concert will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Call 331-6808.

■ This year's Venetian Festival, which runs July 20-26, will feature headliners The Edgar Winter Band, appearing July 24.

Other acts include the Trinidad calypso band Universal Xpression and Toledo's Mighty Meaty Swing Kings, rocker Dave Mason, the Beatles clone 1964: The Tribute and a July 26 show by The Young Americans - Broadway Choral. Call 547-2101.

■ Toward the end of July, the sound of jazz will be in the air as two overlapping jazz festivals complement and compete with each other. From July 24 to July 29, the Traverse Area Arts Council will present the annual Traverse Jazz Festival, featuring "six days of local regional and national jazz in the most popular venues of the Traverse City area." Call 947-2282.

■ Smack in the middle of that six-day festival, on Saturday, July 26, the village of Suttons Bay holds its 11th Annual Suttons Bay JazzFest. This year's lineup features the best of

"classic jazz," including the Ahmad Jamal Trio, the Harry Goldson Quintet with jazz diva Betty Joplin, the Jeff Haas Trio with legendary saxman George Benson, Brazilian Love Affair featuring Sheila Landis and the Interlochen student jazz ensemble. Call 271-4444.

■ World-famous vocal stylist Roberta Flack will perform two concerts — on Friday, July 25, and Saturday, July 26, in the Sands Showroom at the Leelanau Sands Casino. Flack's hits include such standards as "The First Time Ever I Saw Your

Face," "Where Is the Love?" "Killing Me Softly With His Song" and "Feel Like Makin' Love." Call (877) 271-7980.

■ On July 25 and 26, the Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau will present "Red Tides," a theatrical phenomenon by the Caravan Stagebarge Tall Ship Theater that encompasses "dance, aerial artistry, movement, poetry, song, special lighting effects and a full-length score of contemporary classical music and soundscapes." The show is free,

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