

Calendar

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Festival, 10 a.m.- 7 p.m., games, arts & crafts, food, entertainment, activities, demonstrations, Interlochen, 885-1185
June 27: World Youth Symphony Orchestra; Jung-Ho Pak, conductor; 8 p.m., Interlochen. 276-7800
June 27: Log Cabin Day and Strawberry Social, Marilla Township Hall Museum, Marilla Road, Copemish; 362-3430
June 27: Pond and Garden Tour, held by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, 487-4805
June 27: Traverse City Olde Town Arts & Crafts Fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Union St., TC, 922-2050
June 27: Bay Racing's Little Valley MX Park Race, 11:30 a.m., adults

\$8, children \$5, age 3 and under free, Little Valley MX Park, Kingsley, 263-2366
June 27: Opening reception for Mary Anderson and Carla Sutton, 1-4 p.m., Bella Galeria in Old Mission Tavern, TC; 223-4142
June 27: Cedar River Canoe Trip, 3 p.m., two-hour trip, bring canoe, Leelanau Conservancy, 256-9665
June 27: Vesper concert, 8 p.m., Bay View, 348-9551
June 27: Jane Allen Memorial Concert, 8 p.m., Manistee High School Auditorium, 723-6724
June 28: Blues singer Taj Mahal; Corson Auditorium, Interlochen. 276-7800, (800) 681-5920
June 28: Ride the Charx, bike tour around Lake Charlevoix, Veterans Park, Boyne City, 582-4030
June 28: Home Tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Walloon Lake, 347-4337
June 28: "David and Turner's

Disturbing the Piece Improv 3," 9 p.m., \$8, Shimmer's Nightclub in Traverse City Holiday Inn
June 29: Lyle Lovett; Kresge Auditorium, Interlochen. 276-7800, (800) 681-5920
June 29: Interlochen Faculty Recital Series; 8 p.m., Dendrinos Chapel, Interlochen. 276-7800
June 29: Kid's Hike - Birds and Nesting, 9 a.m., 1-2 hour hike, ages 5-12, GT Conservation District, Pavilion/ Picnic Area, Cass Road, TC, 941-0960
June 29: Kid's Hike - Creepy Crawlies, 9 a.m., 1-2 hour hike, ages 5-12, GT Conservation District, Pavilion/ Picnic Area, Cass Road, TC, 941-0960
June 29: Charlotte Ross Lee Concert in the Park, 12:15 p.m., Pennsylvania Park, Petoskey, 347-4150
June 29: City Band Concert, 8 p.m., Charlevoix Waterfront, Charlevoix

June 29: Rock at the Dock, 8:30 11 p.m. concert featuring local musicians, Rotary Pavilion, Cadillac
June 30: Morning Road Bike Ride, 9 a.m. departure, Cherry Capital Cycling Club, East Bay Park, Traverse City, 941-BIKE
June 30: Elk Rapids Evening on River Street, music, clowns, horse and carriage rides, 6-9 p.m., 264-8202 or 626-7328
June 30: Evenings at the Gazebo, 7 p.m., Boyne City, 582-7573
June 30-July 1: Lanphier Observatory, 10 p.m., constellation identification, \$2 donation, The Leelanau School, Glen Arbor, 334-5800
June 30-July 4: Manistee National Forest Festival, carnival, parade, fireworks, fish boil, entertainment, art & crafts, Manistee, 723-2575
June 30-July 5: Lake City's Greatest Fourth in the North, 839-4969



Lyle Lovett is at Interlochen's Kresge Auditorium on June 29.

Water parks

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for Memorial Day 2005.
 "The water park is a tremendous addition to the existing seasonal activities," said Julie Ard, Boyne spokesperson.
 Boyne is building the park to complement its other recreational activities, including golf in the summer and skiing in the winter.
 Lodging and dining, in addition to Boyne's existing attractions, will make Avalanche Bay "truly a destination water play area," Ard said.
 While families wait for these new areas to open, two existing locations cater to indoor and outdoor water park experiences.
 Bear Track Landing, currently Michigan's premier indoor water park, is part of Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. The indoor park offers waterslides, hot tubs, a lazy river and Fort MacKenzie, a 12-story tree fort.
 At 38,000 square feet, Bear Track Landing will be surpassed in size by Avalanche Bay at Boyne.
 "We knew that it was inevitable that we would see competition sprout up," said Rex O'Connor, director of sales and mar-

keting. "Being the first in the market, we actually have created the benchmark on which our competitors measure against."
 O'Connor said Great Wolf holds an advantage over other water parks because it offers many amenities, such as food and entertainment, in one place.
 To get outdoor water entertainment, families can venture to Fun Country in Interlochen. Operating for more than 20 years, the water park offers waterslides along with mini-golf and go-carts.
 Even with the pending addition of Thunder Falls and The Park at Water's Edge, owner Randy Mahoney believes Fun Country offers a different environment.
 "We still think we offer a unique product," he said. "We're trying to improve the park every year."
 Fun Country caters mostly to families with both water and land activities.
 While all the parks will be appealing to summer water seekers, each offers something different to the market, which may benefit everyone, O'Connor said.
 "Anybody who is going to be marketing to people downstate or outside of the state is probably going to help everyone who has a water park."

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