

Area nitelife

ANTRIM COUNTY

**Lulu's Bistro**, open Tues.-Sun. 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.; Fondue Night 4-8 p.m. Sun.; Bellaire; 533-5252.  
**Oasis Red Bull Tavern**, Kewadin; 264-5821.  
**Riverwalk Grill**, Elk Rapids; 264-9121.  
**Town Club**, 133 River St., Elk Rapids; 264-9914.

BENZIE COUNTY

**Cabbage Shed**, Don Jones and Friends (jazz/Dixieland) 7-10

p.m. Thurs.; acoustic open mic Fri. hosted by Sharron Bay, no cover; Elberta; 352-9843.

**Crystal Palace**, all request DJ and dancing with BDJ's 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Fri.-Sat.; M-115, Thompsonville; 378-3104.

**Hotel Frankfort**, Kim Keithly (piano) 6-10 p.m. Fri.-Sat.; 231 Main, Frankfort; 352-4303.

**Laughing Horse Saloon**, Ladies' Night Wed.; live music Fri.-Sat.; open mic 8 p.m. Sun.; Thompsonville; 378-4876.

**Sleepy Bear Lounge**, Mark Arshak Blues Band from Detroit May 28-29; Blu Frog June 4-5; Bad Monkey June 11-12; no cover; Honor; 325-2262.

**Thompsonville Bar & Grille**, 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-

midnight Sun.; Thompsonville; 378-2554.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

**Villager Pub**, Bridge Street, Charlevoix; 547-6925.

EMMET COUNTY

**City Park Grill**, Ghattobillies May 28-29; Huckleberry Groove June 4-5; Mojo & the Boogieman June 11-12; Bump Groove July 2-3; Brothers Groove July 9-10; Kung Fu Diesel July 23-24; Maybe August Aug. 6-7; Mojo & the Boogieman Aug. 20-21; Greivous Angel Aug. 27-28;

Petoskey; 347-0101.

**Horizon Books**, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. daily, live entertainment 7:30 p.m. Fri.; Petoskey; 347-2590.

**Latitude Restaurant**, open seven days, live entertainment 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat.; Bay Harbor; 439-2750.

**Legs Inn**, Cross Village; 526-2281.

**The Pier**, Harbor Springs; 526-6201.

**Roast & Toast Cafe**, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. daily; Toast and Jam 6-8 p.m. Sun.; Petoskey; 347-7767.

**Stafford's Bay View Inn**, Tom Dionne (instrumental acoustic guitar) 6-9 p.m. Wed. and Thurs.; Petoskey; 347-2771.

**Victories Casino**, no cover, entertainment 8 p.m.-midnight Tues. and Thurs. and 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Fri.-Sat. Players Lounge in Victories, Petoskey; 347-4927.

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

**Beaner's Gourmet Coffee**, 1535 S. Division, TC.

**Big Eazy Fish Haus**, Rhythm and Blues/Rude Tuesday 8 p.m.-midnight, Don Swan & Radio Flyers, entertainment, open mic; TC; 929-9885.

**Bootleggers**, open 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-2 a.m. Sun.; 119 S. Union, TC; 922-7742.

**Borders Books and Music**, open mic night with Andy Six 7:30 p.m. last Thurs. of month; 2612 Crossings Circle, TC; 933-0412.

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Bob James

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I have. I'm not looking toward the big hit. I'm open to that, but I'm not thinking about it. I get my pleasure creating music for the people. And I'm hoping that a percentage of it will be successful."

As devoted as he is to his career, James' first loyalty is to his family. He met Judy, a talented singer and actor, while both performed in a student production of "Carousel" at the University of Michigan. After they married in 1963, Judy decided against a career in the business to help further his.

"She is by far my most valuable critic," James said. "She is comfortable telling me the bad news as well as the good."

The family also includes daughter Hilary, 38, son-in-law Kevin DiSimone, and 2 1/2-year-old granddaughter Ava, who live in Ohio.

James occasionally performs with Hilary, a singer who attended Interlochen Arts Camp, and is casually working on a Christmas project with her and her pianist husband.

At home in Traverse City, James spends much of his time golfing with friends,

including retired owner of E&J Plumbing Supply, Bob Stehower.

The pair met 25 years ago when they played in a foursome at the Traverse City Country Club and have been friends ever since. Stehower credits James with his recovery from a stroke six years ago.

"He said, 'We'll have to find something for you to do,'" said Stehower, who had to give up his job after the illness. "He spent hours with me teaching me how to paint and draw and sketch on the computer."

The All-American City known for its small-town feeling is a perfect fit for James — and vice-versa, says Stehower, 62.

"This guy is a real person," he said. "Even though he's quite well-known as a jazz musician, you'd never know it. He's from a small community in Missouri and he's never forgotten where he came from."

At a time of life when others are looking ahead to retirement in the sun-belt, James is anticipating his first winter in Traverse City. He's also looking forward to the "blank page."

"I firmly believe that the best thing is the unknown," he said. "When it comes, I hope I will have the energy to go after it."

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