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--Happening October 18th, 19th and 20th at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville is Peaktobefest, which includes first-class mountain bike racing, live music, family fun, great German food and award-winning brews surrounded by the autumn colors of northern Michigan. For more information go to crystalmountain.com

--SwingShift and the Stars is an inventive performance competition, but more than that, it is a platform for area nonprofits to gain awareness, foster new relationships, and raise much needed funds for their organizations. Friday, October 18th, come enjoy all the fun at the next show, including a live band, desserts, and coffee! A cash bar will also be available. 7:00pm to 9:30pm.

--An amazing year of 50th anniversary celebrations wouldn't be complete without our annual Autumn Fest! Join the festivities and drop in at Grass River Natural Area on Saturday, October 19 between 11 am and 1 pm for this super fun community event. Take a stroll through the forest on our trick-or-treat trail to learn about "animal" encounters along the way and enjoy lots of fall arts, crafts, and games at the nature center. This event is \$5 per child and is perfect for all ages. For more information visit grassriver.org. The entrance to Grass River Natural Area is at 6500 Alden Highway, Bellaire.

-- Super Science Saturday is a day filled with STEM activities for Elementary students at Traverse City Central High School from 10am to 2pm. Activities including making slime, marshmallow canons, elephant toothpaste, hour of code, and experiments by the Michigan Tech Mind Trekkers. This is a great opportunity for students to engage in STEM at an early age.

--October 19th from 12pm to 3pm join the Glen Arbor community for a fun, family-friendly celebration of Fall! Held outdoors at the Glen Arbor Township Park, the festivities include games, entertainment, a pie-eating contest, pumpkin carving, games and crafts! The 12:30 PM costume parade is open to kids of all ages with prizes awarded in a variety of categories. At 6:00 PM, all pumpkins will be put on display and lit for the enjoyment of all. The event is free, but a \$5 donation is suggested.

--Trinity Lutheran's annual Craft Fair features a variety of artisans, crafters and vendors, and is a great place to shop for seasonal items, Christmas gifts, and unique finds suitable for any occasion. There will also have a bake sale, a silent auction and a café open for lunch and snacks. Join in Saturday, October 19th, from 9 am to 3 pm at 13th and Maple in Traverse City!

--October 20th at 1pm come to the Traverse Area District Library for the Third Annual Chili Cook-Off. Anything goes at this cook-off, as long as it's chili! Everyone is welcome to sample and vote for their favorites! For more information go to www.tadl.org