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November 2025
Baashkaakodin Giizis (Freezing Moon)



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HUNDREDS OF JUVENILE NME (LAKE STURGEON) WERE RETURNED TO THE BOARDMAN-OTTAWAY RIVER ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 AT THE ANNUAL STURGEON RELEASE!
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ANNUAL GTB MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2025
GTR&S Governors Hall 10:30am - 4:00pm



10:30am - 12:00pm
Registration - Buffet Breakfast - Family Photo Sessions

12:00pm - 3:30pm
Opening Ceremony - Invocation - Honor Song - Posting of Flags

Chairwoman's Welcome

Introduction of Tribal Council

Staff Presentations

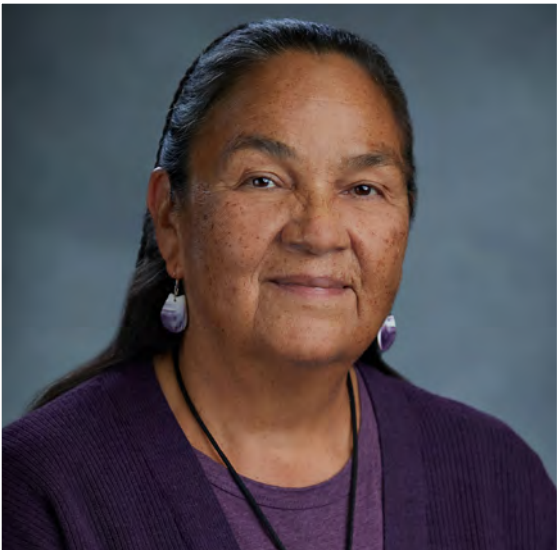
- Government Presentation - Tribal Manager
- EDC Presentation - CEO
- GTR&S Presentation - General Manager
- GTB LLC (D/B/A: GTED) Presentation - President

Open Forum: GTB Members only - Elders First Then Open To All Three (3) Minute Maximum - Please State Name and Tribal ID #
The Tribal Council welcomes the Membership's participation but will not allow public comments involving confidential matters such as legal, personnel or proprietary business matters, or comments that defame an individual or infringe on a person's privacy; and an additional way for GTB members to communicate with Tribal Council: use the tribal login for
Members.Speak@gtb-nsn.gov

3:30pm - 4:00pm
Closing Remarks - Adjournment and Retirement of Flags
Agenda subject to change.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GTB TRIBAL CHAIRWOMAN SANDRA L. WITHERSPOON:

STRENGTHENING OUR TRIBAL–STATE PARTNERSHIP



Aanii! Mino-dibishkaan Biboon! Happy Autumn!

Every year, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians joins with the Governor of Michigan and other Tribal Nations for the Tribal–State Summit — a government-to-government forum where we bring forward issues that affect our people, lands, and shared future.

These meetings are more than protocol. They are where we hold dialogue, seek solutions, and ensure that Michigan’s policies reflect the voices and rights of Tribal Nations. This year’s summit continues that important work.

On October 10, 2025, Secretary Miller hand-delivered a letter to Governor Gretchen Whitmer on behalf of GTB outlining our priorities and requests for the 2025 Tribal–State Summit. The letter reaffirmed our appreciation for the Governor’s continued partnership and detailed several unresolved matters from last year’s summit, as well as new requests reflecting GTB’s ongoing advocacy for sovereignty, justice, and environmental protection.

PRIORITIES FOR 2025

This year, GTB is advancing four new priority areas for discussion and collaboration with the State of Michigan. Each reflects our government’s commitment to protecting our people, resources, and sovereignty.

PROTECTING GROUNDWATER AND TRIBAL RESERVED RIGHTS

Our first request concerns groundwater discharge permitting and tribal reserved rights. GTB is supporting the advocacy of FLOW (For Love of Water) in updating Michigan’s outdated 2008 groundwater legislation.

The 2024 State Auditor General’s report revealed major flaws in how groundwater permits are issued — flaws that threaten both public health and treaty-reserved resources. We are urging the State to acknowledge these findings and to adopt updated standards that recognize tribal reserved water rights, including groundwater, as affirmed by federal law and treaties.

For GTB and other Anishinaabe Nations, water is more than a resource — it is life. Protecting groundwater means protecting fishing, hunting, and cultural practices that sustain our people. The EPA’s 2024 Tribal Reserved Rights Rule reinforces this

principle, and Michigan’s policies should reflect the same level of protection and respect.

INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY

The painful legacy of Indian boarding schools continues to affect our communities today. While Michigan has made progress in researching this history, acknowledgment alone is not enough.

Recent federal reports — Indian Boarding School Reports, Volumes I and II (2024) — have documented at least 925 children’s deaths nationwide, including an estimated 200 at the Mount Pleasant Indian Boarding School. Many GTB citizens have direct family ties to Mount Pleasant and to the Holy Childhood Boarding School in Harbor Springs, which operated until 1986. Survivors still carry the emotional, physical, and cultural wounds of those experiences.

GTB is calling on the State of Michigan to pursue historical accountability — including investigation of potential criminal liability where warranted, formal recognition of the harm done, and equitable relief for victims and descendants. Justice requires more than an apology and remembrance; it requires responsibility AND accountability.

AMENDING THE TRIBAL–STATE TAX AGREEMENT

GTB is also requesting modification of the Tribal–State Tax Agreement to include the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, LLC within the Agreement Area.

The Resort lies within the 1836 Treaty Reservation boundaries and is contiguous to GTB’s existing trust property. The Band has owned the Resort outright for years, with no debt, and it remains a cornerstone of our local economy.

Including the property under the Tax Agreement would ensure that GTB receives equitable tax treatment and that revenues generated through the Resort continue to fund essential tribal programs and services. This adjustment would strengthen local economies, maintain stability for surrounding governments, and reflect the partnership we’ve built with the State of Michigan.

COMPANY K

We are grateful for the legislative progress made in designating M-22 highway adjacent to Peshawbestown, as the Company K of the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters Memorial Highway. I want to thank tribal citizen Scott Schwander for his tireless work and advocacy. The effort, however, is not complete and we look forward to the day when this recognition of our Odawa/Ottawa/Ojibway/Potawatomi Civil War Sharpshooters is formally adopted.

PARTNERSHIP AND PROGRESS

The Tribal–State Summit has long been a space where Michigan’s leadership and Tribal Nations can speak as equals, share solutions, and move forward together.

Our message this year is clear: the Grand Traverse Band stands ready to collaborate. We bring not only our concerns, but also our commitment — to protecting natural resources, advancing justice, strengthening

our economy, and honoring the generations who came before us.

GTB values the ongoing partnership with Governor Whitmer and her administration. These conversations are not always easy, but they are essential. Every issue we bring forward — from water protection to boarding school accountability — reflects our responsibility to our citizens and our ancestors.

REFLECTION

The strength of the Grand Traverse Band has always come from its people — from our ability to work together, speak with respect, and act with purpose.

As we prepare for the upcoming year, I ask that we keep in mind what this work truly represents. It is about partnership, yes, but also about healing, recognition, and shared responsibility.

Miigwech to all who continue to stand with us — in government, in advocacy, and in community. The work we do today ensures that the generations who follow will inherit cleaner waters, safer communities, and a stronger, more united Grand Traverse Band.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

The Federal Government Shutdown has been ongoing since October 1st with no definite end in sight. The major funding the tribe receives from BIA & Indian Health Services appear to be unaffected currently. No tribal programs or services have been impacted at this time, and the tribe continues to monitor the situation daily. All available funding was drawn or requested prior to the October 1st shut down and the tribe’s operating cash position is sufficient to handle any cash flow interruptions for at least three months. In the meantime, there is a contingency plan being drawn up to handle the shutdown extending beyond December 31st.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The **Annual Membership Meeting** is fast approaching — a time for us to come together as a Nation to reflect, learn, and strengthen our connection as members of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Please join us on **Saturday, November 22, 2025, at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa**. Doors open at **10:30a.m.**, and the meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

During the meeting, Council and Administration will share updates on this year’s accomplishments, financial reports, and key initiatives for 2026. Members will have the opportunity to ask questions, hear from departments, and participate in discussions about our Tribe’s priorities.

This gathering is more than a report — it’s an affirmation of who we are as a self-governing people. Every voice matters, and every presence strengthens our circle.

Miigwech for continuing to walk this path together. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Chairwoman Sandra L. Witherspoon

Tribal Council Emergency Session

October 2, 2025

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II. New Business. A- **Health Insurance Matter** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to adopt the recommendations as presented by the CFO of GTB EDC, and the CFO of GTB Government, that the Council adopts the following plan, based upon the following fact, one minimal loss in the last 5 years, and two, based upon the detailed presentation on September 30, 2025 in a Work Session in which it was the combined recommendation of both of the CFOs, that the risk assessment of loss was minimal, and that the CFOs recommended the adoption of the following plan. Money will be set aside in a separate account by transferring out of the general fund to another specific account. **3-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Swallows, Napont); 1-ABSTAINING (Frankenberger)** Motion Carries

Tribal Council Regular Session

October 15, 2025

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II. Unfinished Business. A- **Site Specific Amendments Title 18** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #25-43.3808 which rescinds Resolution #25-43.3786 and Resolution #25-43.3788 and submits all changes to Title 18 to the NIGC. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries

III. New Business. A- **MOU/Contract with New Day Treatment Center** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to Table this item to be brought back with a source of funding. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries

III. New Business. B- **Setting General Election Date for May 2026** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to set the General Election date for May 5, 2026. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries

III. New Business. C- **Chief Judge Application Nomination** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to nominate Sean Cahill by a **Roll Call Vote:**
Vice Chair Rohl: **No**
Secretary Miller: **Yes**
Treasurer Swallows: **Yes**
Councilor Raphael: **No**
Councilor Napont **No**
Chairwoman Witherspoon: **Yes**
3-FOR; 3-AGAINST (Napont, Raphael, Rohl); 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Fails
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to begin negotiations with Marc Roy, by a **Roll Call Vote:**
Vice Chair Rohl: **Yes**
Secretary Miller: **No**
Treasurer Swallows: **Yes**
Councilor Raphael: **Yes**
Councilor Napont: **Yes**
Chairwoman Witherspoon: **Yes**
5-FOR; 1-AGAINST(Miller); 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

III. New Business. D- **Compensation Committee Vacancy Appointment** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to appoint Joane Tuck to the Compensation Committee for a two-term that begins today, October 15, 2025, and expires on October 15, 2027. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries

III. New Business. E- **BIA Amendment #12 Multi-Year Funding Agreement for FY24, FY25, and FY26** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to approve BIA Amendment #12 reprogramming requests for FY2024, 2025, and 2026. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries

III. New Business. F- **FY 2026 Legal Department Contracts** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to approve Dentons Legal Services Contract for Fiscal Year 2026 as provided. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries

Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve the Kanji & Katzen Contract Change Order 1. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries

III. New Business. G- **Discussion regarding Potential Impacts of Federal Government Shutdown** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to go forward once we know if the individuals that are attending UTM have any additional insight to put into the letter, and then to prepare it for the Chairwoman’s signature. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries

Tribal Council Special Session

October 29, 2025

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II. Unfinished Business. A- **SSBCI Update to Rules- Request to Administer** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council to Treasurer Swallows to approve Resolution #25-43.3793. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries

III. New Business. A- **Special Diabetes Program for Indians** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #25-43.3810 for funding in the amount of \$119,305 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention’s Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI). **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries

III. New Business. B- **Consumers Herkner Electrical Contracts** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve the contract for the Herkner Development for \$117,195 for the third phase line. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries
Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to approve the additional \$38,579 for the single phase line for residential dwellings. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries

III. New Business. C- **GTB, LLC BSSW Extension Approval of Resolution #25-43.3809** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #25-43.3809. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Raphael, Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries

III. New Business. D- **Close Enrollment for Per Capita Distribution** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #25-43.3806, with the amendment of the cutoff for accepting applications of October 30, 2025, and changing the ‘Whereas’ of Per Capita to GWE. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries

III. New Business. E- **Emergency Distribution- Resolution #25-43.3814** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to refer to a Poll Vote to adopt Resolution #25-43.3814, to do a \$3,000 General Welfare Distribution to every Tribal member that is enrolled in the Grand Travers Band, as part of our direct response to the sustained and compounding economic challenges affecting our families and communities. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING** Motion Carries

TRIBAL COUNCIL HYBIRD
RECORDED SESSIONS

Tribal Council Regular Sessions occur at 9:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month.

Tribal Council Special Sessions occur at 9:30 a.m. on the last Wednesday of every month.

Sessions will be held in Council Chambers. Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Regular Council Sessions

<https://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCRS25>

11/19 • 12/17

Special Council Sessions

<https://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCSS25>

11/26

TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 21, 2025

There were (2) Tribal Council Regular/ Emergency Sessions, (1) EDC Regular/Special Session, and (18) Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Chairwoman Witherspoon attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/ Emergency Sessions, 1 of 1 EDC Regular/Special Session, and 15 of 18 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** United Tribes of Michigan Meeting in Petoskey, MI on 10/16/25

Vice Chair Rohl attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/ Emergency Sessions, 1 of 1 EDC Regular/Special Session, and 18 of 18 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** United Tribes of Michigan Meeting in Petoskey, MI on 10/16/25.

Treasurer Swallows attended 1 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/ Emergency Sessions, 0 of 1 EDC Regular/Special Session, and 6 of 18 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Secretary Miller attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/ Emergency Sessions, 1 of 1 EDC Regular/Special Session, and 14 of 18 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Scheduled:** out of office on 10/14/25. ***Attended:** United Tribes of Michigan Meeting in Petoskey, MI on 10/16/25.

Councilor Raphael attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/ Emergency Sessions, 1 of 1 EDC Regular/Special Session, and 17 of 18 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** United Tribes of Michigan Meeting in Petoskey, MI on 10/16/25

Councilor Frankenberger attended 1 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/ Emergency Sessions, 0 of 1 EDC Regular/Special Session, and 5 of 18 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Councilor Napont attended 1 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/ Emergency Sessions, 1 of 1 EDC Regular/Special Session, and 9 of 18 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.



Grand Traverse Band -
Government Offices
CLOSED
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2025
In observance of
Jiigiye-Giizhigat (All Souls Day)
Government Offices will reopen at
8:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 4th!

Emergency numbers are posted at office entrances. If you need immediate assistance, please use the emergency number list.

FOLLOW QR CODE OR LINK
FOR EMERGENCY NUMBERS.

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Chi Miigwech for your understanding.





Grand Traverse Band -
Government Offices
CLOSED
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2025
In observance of
VETERANS DAY
Government Offices will reopen at
8:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 12th!

Emergency numbers are posted at office entrances. If you need immediate assistance, please use the emergency number list.

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Oil & Water Don't Mix
Keep Oil Out of the Great Lakes
Aging pipelines threaten pristine waters of the Straits of Mackinac
Help to prevent a disastrous oil spill now

GTB NEWS 4

CULTURAL & LANGUAGE

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CULTURAL DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

In-Person Anishinaabemowin Classes

w/Isadore Toulouse & Patricia Osawamick

STARTING OCTOBER 6, 2025

5:00PM-7:00PM

Monday's - Kewadin Church

Tuesday's - Peshawbestown
Cultural Building

Wednesday's - 3 Mile Office

Last Wednesday of the month

Charlevoix Building 12pm-3pm

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All classes subject to change-No class when GTB is closed



BACK TO BASICS 1-HOUR ANISHINAABEMOWIN ZOOM COURSES

"Gaawii da-ni-bimaadiziimgasinoos
Anishinaabemowin giishpin
gishkiyaasiingidowaa gdi-binoojijmaanig
ji-anishinaabemowaad"
(The language will not survive if we prevent our
children from speaking it)

HOSTED BY THE

Grand Traverse Band of
Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
Anishinaabemowin Program

Every Tuesday, Starting October 14th
4:00 - 5:00pm

SCHEDULE

Anishinaabemowin Game Night

Kick Off

October 9th, 2025

Eyaawing Museum

2304 N West Bay Shore Dr, Peshawbestown

Every Tuesday

October 14th, 21st, 28th

November 4th, 18th, 25th

December 2nd, 9th, 16th

Cultural Building

2585 Waabno Makwa Rd, Peshawbestown

NEW ZOOM Link: <https://bit.ly/GTBanishinaabemowin>



Beginner
Courses

Intended for participants with
little or no prior exposure to the
Anishinaabemowin language



Anishinaabemowin Fluent
Instructors

Classes will be taught by Isadore
Toulouse & Patricia Osawamick



Grow Your
Vocabulary

Begin building a vocabulary base
and understand the basic grammar
and syntax structures

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Digwaagik Maawnjidowin (Fall Gathering)

November 8, 2025
10am-6pm

Zhitoodaa mkizinan
(Let's make moccasins)

Moonigan eozaawaandek
booskinaaganan
(Copper bowls)

Dont forget your feast bundle

Eyaawing Museum

2304 N West Bay Shore Drive

More information:

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Back to Basics Anishinaabemowin Course Content

Lesson 1

- Ishki-nkweshkodaadiwin (Introduction of self)
- Ojibwe Kizheb Anamewaahns (Ojibwe Morning Prayer)
- Pronunciation Chart-YouTube Video
- Sounds, Consonants,Vowels/Consonants/Sounds/ Animate/Inanimate, Plural/Singular

1.2

- Lesson 1.2
- Ojibwe Kizheb Anamewaahns (Ojibwe Morning Prayer)
- Wiindimaagen yaawi-yin (Introduce Yourself)
- Pronunciation Chart-YouTube Video
- Personal Pronouns Chart
- Ezhi-ngodweyaangizing (Family)

1.3

- Lesson 1.3
- Ojibwe Kizheb Anamewaahns (Ojibwe Morning Prayer)
- Wiindimaagen yaawi-yin (Introduce Yourself)
- Pronunciation Chart-YouTube Video
- Gindaasowinag (Numbers)
- Enaandeg bemaadiziimgak/bemaadiziimgasi-nok (Colors-Animate/Inanimate)
- Ezhiijiyaagin (Shapes)

1.4

- Lesson 1.4
- Ojibwe Kizheb Anamewaahns (Ojibwe Morning Prayer)
- Wiindimaagen yaawi-yin (Introduce Yourself)
- Pronunciation Chart-YouTube Video
- Mijim (Food)
- Wesiinyag (Animals) Ookaanak (Farm Animals)

1.5

- Lesson 1.5
- Ojibwe Kizheb Anamewaahns (Ojibwe Morning Prayer)
- Wiindimaagen yaawi-yin (Introduce Yourself)
- Pronunciation Chart-YouTube Video
- Giisook enso-ngiboon (Months of the calendar)
- Ezhi-gizgigak (What day is it ?)
- Niwing eshsek aki (4 changes of the earth)

1.6 Lesson 1.6

- Ojibwe Kizheb Anamewaahns (Ojibwe Morning Prayer)
- Wiindimaagen yaawi-yin (Introduce Yourself)
- Pronunciation Chart-YouTube Video
- Epii-chaak (Times of the Day)
- Ensodbagneg dbagiswaanig (Time on the clock)
- Dbaagaans, Aabta (Minutes, Half times)

1.7 Lesson 1.7

- Ojibwe Kizheb Anamewaahns (Ojibwe Morning Prayer)
- Wiindimaagen yaawi-yin (Introduce Yourself)
- Pronunciation Chart-YouTube Video
- Wii'oon (Body Parts)

1.8 Lesson 1.8

- Ojibwe Kizheb Anamewaahns (Ojibwe Morning Prayer)
- Wiindimaagen yaawi-yin (Introduce Yourself)
- Pronunciation Chart-YouTube Video
- Endaang Kina-gegoo etag (Everything in the home)

1.9 Lesson 1.9

- Ojibwe Kizheb Anamewaahns (Ojibwe Morning Prayer)
- Wiindimaagen yaawi-yin (Introduce Yourself)
- Pronunciation Chart-YouTube Video
- Gamigoon (Locations/Buildings)
- Enokiing (Occupations)

Content listed is our planned outline. We
may move around or spend extra time in
certain areas, depending on the
participants knowledge and questions.

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ELDERS		November 2025 Baashkaakodin Giizis (Freezing Moon)	
Antrim/GT Elders Events & Activities	Benzie Elders Events & Activities	Charlevoix Elders Events & Activities	Leelanau Elders Events & Activities
Monday's Office Tasks Friday's Offices CLOSED *Notes: Lunch Provided **11:30AM - 12:45PM	Monday's Office Tasks Friday's Offices CLOSED *Notes: Lunch Provided **12:00PM - 1:00PM	Monday's Office Tasks Friday's Offices CLOSED *Notes: Lunch Provided **12:00PM - 1:00PM	Monday's Office Tasks Friday's Offices CLOSED *Notes: Lunch Provided **12:00PM - 1:00PM
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Tuesday; November 4 th Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile 10:00AM - 4:00PM* Craft Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM**	Tuesday; November 4 th Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile 10:00AM - 4:00PM*	Tuesday; November 4 th Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile 10:00AM - 4:00PM* Craft Time 1:30PM**	Tuesday; November 4 th Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile 10:00AM - 4:00PM* Lunch 12:00PM**
Wednesday; November 5 th Kalkaska Market 1:00PM - 3:00PM**	Wednesday; November 5 th Light Lunch 12:00PM - 1:00PM**	Wednesday; November 5 th BARB OUT OF OFFICE 8:00AM - 5:00PM	Wednesday; November 5 th TC Store 1:00PM - 3:00PM**
Thursday; November 6 th Thrifting (East Bay) 1:00PM - 3:00PM**	Tuesday; November 11 th VETERANS DAY GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED 8:00AM - 5:00PM	Thursday; November 6 th Scrabble 1:30PM**	Thursday; November 6 th Craft 1:00PM - 3:00PM**
Tuesday; November 11 th VETERANS DAY GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED 8:00AM - 5:00PM	Wednesday; November 12 th Light Lunch 12:00PM - 1:00PM**	Tuesday; November 11 th VETERANS DAY GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED 8:00AM - 5:00PM	Tuesday; November 11 th VETERANS DAY GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Wednesday; November 12 th Open Activity Pie/Cookie Making 1:00PM - 3:00PM**	Wednesday; November 19 th Light Lunch 12:00PM - 1:00PM**	Wednesday; November 12 th Fun Games 1:30PM**	Wednesday; November 12 th Craft 1:00PM - 3:00PM**
Thursday; November 13 th Elder Bake Sale 1:00PM - 3:00PM**	Thursday; November 20 th ALL SITE FRIENDSGIVING BIRHTDAY BINGO @ CHARLEVOIX 11:30AM - 3:00PM*	Thursday; November 13 th Card Games 1:30PM**	Thursday; November 13 th Thrift Store Run 1:00PM - 3:00PM**
Tuesday; November 18 th Open Sew Day 1:00PM - 3:00PM**	Wednesday; November 26 th Light Lunch 12:00PM - 1:00PM**	Tuesday; November 18 th Craft Time 1:30PM**	Tuesday; November 18 th Movie Day (AMC) Lunch @ Cracker Barrel 1:00PM - 3:00PM**
Wednesday; November 19 th Thrifting (West Bay) 1:00PM - 3:00PM**	Thursday; November 27 th &	Wednesday; November 19 th Lunch & Prep for Party 12:00PM**	Wednesday; November 19 th Lunch 12:00PM**
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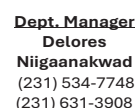
Let us take a moment to recognize and celebrate the birthdays of our beloved elders this month. May each of these special days be filled with abundant joy, unforgettable memories, and an abundance of love, peace, and happiness!

Jennifer	Gann	1-Nov	Eva	Peplinski	11-Nov	Mary	Kenwabikise-Halpin	20-Nov
Jeffrey	Ondrejka	1-Nov	Clayton	Raphael	11-Nov	Jodi	Lewis	20-Nov
Susan	Hutchens	2-Nov	Lois	Wabanimkee	11-Nov	Michael	Perez	21-Nov
Rolando	Rivas	2-Nov	Donna	Page	12-Nov	Anna	Smith	22-Nov
William	Bastien	2-Nov	Suzanne	Gaslin	12-Nov	Michelle	Stewart	22-Nov
Harry	John	3-Nov	Janice	Case	13-Nov	Filomena	Rizzo	22-Nov
Robin	Menefee	3-Nov	Violet	Roxbury	14-Nov	Barbara	Wilson	22-Nov
Erick	Anderson	4-Nov	Felipe	Reyes	14-Nov	Yolanda	Chippewa	23-Nov
Gail	Manzano	4-Nov	Catherine	Horn	14-Nov	Bruce	Bastien	23-Nov
Mary	Yannott	4-Nov	Donna	Richert	15-Nov	Susan	Florip	23-Nov
William	Osborne	5-Nov	Michael	Young	15-Nov	Valerie	Crampton	24-Nov
Laura	Favela	5-Nov	Gerald	Niewiadomski	15-Nov	Phillip	Chippewa	24-Nov
Carolina	Herrera	5-Nov	Bruce	Bennett	15-Nov	Tama	Mayers	24-Nov
Patricia	Poertner	6-Nov	Lavern	Scott	16-Nov	Robin	King	25-Nov
Treva	Boulch	6-Nov	Doris	Winslow	16-Nov	Doris	Lentz	25-Nov
Diana	Mann	7-Nov	Clayton	Chambers	17-Nov	Sandra	Waukazoo	25-Nov
Michael	King	7-Nov	Thomas	Peters	17-Nov	Luci	Williams	26-Nov
Levi	McClellan	7-Nov	Richard	Seegraves	18-Nov	Karen	Wasageshik-Case	26-Nov
Tracy	Swallows	7-Nov	Ronald	Anderson	19-Nov	Tammy	Munoz	26-Nov
Sandra	Fetterhoff	8-Nov	Wyman	Chippewa	19-Nov	Joyce	Wilson	27-Nov
George	Gunderson	9-Nov	Erma	Peters	19-Nov	Robert	Duty	28-Nov
Lynda	Fox	9-Nov	Clifford	Napont	19-Nov	Elizabeth	Two Crow	29-Nov
Annette	Jones	9-Nov	Tammy	McGeshick	19-Nov	James	McSauby	29-Nov
Steven	Schwander	9-Nov	Thomas	Proctor	19-Nov	Jo	Keusch	30-Nov
Ronald	Agosa	10-Nov	Russell	Jacko	20-Nov	Kimberly	Cholewka	30-Nov
Andrew	Miller	10-Nov	Michael	Doner	20-Nov	Julye	Hoffman	30-Nov
Christine	Paull	10-Nov	John	Chippewa	20-Nov			

ADVANCE SIGN-UP IS REQUIRED!

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ELDERS SITE COORDINATOR TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

(231) 534-7748 or (231) 631-3908





Workshop Goals

Workshops
Housing will be having in person workshops for the following items at the Tribal Council Chambers on the following dates and times. The workshops are roughly ½ to an hour long and will provide opportunities for the participants to work with a participation guide. The presentations will be given by Bruce Bussey from 5/3rd Bank.

Nov 6 Retirement/Estate Planning (in person) 4:00
You will learn:

- ◆ The factors you should consider when planning for retirement
- ◆ Learn how to estimate your retirement expenses
- ◆ Identify the savings and planning strategies that allow you to maximize your savings at any age
- ◆ Compare the types of retirement plans available to you
- ◆ Set goals for your own retirement savings

Nov 13 Considering Home Ownership (in person) 4:00
You will learn:

- ◆ Review the costs and responsibilities associated with home ownership
- ◆ Explore the loan and repayment process
- ◆ Learn how to find out if you are financially ready to own a home

Nov 20 Preparing for a financial emergency (in person) 4:00
You will learn:

- ◆ Understand what a financial emergency is and how to prepare for it
- ◆ Understand the importance of having an emergency savings plan
- ◆ Learn tools and resources to develop and implement an emergency savings strategy
- ◆ Develop skills to protect yourself during times of financial emergency or uncertainty

Questions?
Contact Jodi Lewis, Interim Housing Department Manager (231) 534-7218 / (231) 357-2185 or jodi.lewis@gtb-nsn.gov

HELPFUL TIPS TO PREVENT FROZEN PIPES

Once the temperatures start to drop outside, it is beneficial to take the following measures to best ensure that your pipes stay warm and continue to keep water running inside your home.

BEFORE COLD WEATHER HITS

Make sure sprinkler or irrigation systems are drained and turned off.

Disconnect garden hoses, shut off water from indoor valve and drain pipes leading to outside faucets.

Install an Outdoor Faucet Cover over any exposed faucets.

Thoroughly seal any air leaks with caulk or insulation (air leaks around dryer vents, pipes, etc).

Wrap outdoor exposed pipes with wrap heat tape or a heat cable.

Exposed water pipes should be insulated with pipe insulation, including crawl spaces and attics.

WHEN FREEZING TEMPERATURE HITS

Keep your thermostat set at the same temperature all day. This helps reduce the strain on your furnace.

Set up fans to blow heat into cold rooms.

Open cabinet doors in bathrooms and kitchen to allow warmer air to reach pipes under the sink.

Let warm water slowly drip overnight, especially from faucets installed on an outside wall.

Keep garage doors closed.

GTB Housing Department Presents

Fire Extinguisher Safety Training

November 18, 2025 | 4pm-6pm

November 19, 2025 | 2pm-6pm

Traverse City Housing Office

Peshawbestown Housing Office

3611 Kchi-Wiiwedoong Miikan Apt 101

11244 Ki-Dah-Keh Mi-Kun

Tenants (including children) are welcome.

This is a great opportunity to learn how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

Stop in anytime during to the hours stated!

Do you know how to use a fire Extinguisher in an Emergency?

PASS Method

PULL
PULL THE PIN

AIM
AIM THE NOZZLE

SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE THE LEVER

SWEEP
SWEEP SIDE TO SIDE

Contact GTB Housing Department at 231-534-7800, if you need more information.

CONTACT HOUSING	
After Hours Emergency Hot Line	(231) 866-1290
Lori Dudley - Administrative Assistant & Front Desk	(231) 534-7800
Joe Kaubenaw - Lead Occupancy Specialist & GTB Rental Info/ Down Payment/Homebuyer Education	(231) 534-7803 (231) 883-1328
Kayla Ahgosa - Occupancy Specialist (LIHTC)	(231) 534-3507
Manny Menchaca - Maintenance Supervisor	(231) 534-7448 (231) 631-4594
Tarik Bouguettaya - Emergency Home Repair & Handicap Accessibility Program	(231) 534-7886
Steven Alberts - Program Director Procurement Coordinator	(231) 534-7804 (231) 360-3478
Lilyan Allard - Assistant Manager	(231) 534-7804
Jodi Lewis - Interim Department Manager	(231) 534-7218 (231) 357-2185

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GTB DENTAL CLINIC



STRONG SMILES, STRONG SPIRITS: NOVEMBER, ORAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Boozhoo! Greetings from your GTB Dental Team. We hope you’re enjoying the beauty of Autumn, a time of gathering, gratitude, and reflection. As the season changes, it’s also an important time to talk about our health and wellness. November is Oral Cancer Awareness Month, and we want to bring attention to a serious but often overlooked condition that begins right in the mouth.

UNDERSTANDING ORAL CANCER

Oral cancer is a disease where cells in the mouth grow out of control. It can appear on the lips, cheeks, gums, tongue, hard palate, tonsils, or throat. Oral cancer occurs twice as often in men than in women, and most cases appear after age 40.

Every year, 53,000 Americans are diagnosed with oral or oropharyngeal cancer. Many of these cases are linked to lifestyle habits such as tobacco and alcohol use, both of which are major risk factors.

TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS AND HEALTHY CHOICES

As Anishinabe people, we honor our bodies as sacred gifts. Taking care of our mouths, the place of our words, songs, and prayers is an important act of self-respect and community wellness. Avoiding commercial tobacco and limiting alcohol use are powerful steps toward keeping your mouth and body strong. Exposure to the sun’s UV rays and the presence of human papilloma virus (HPV) can also increase the risk of oral cancer. Protect your lips with sunscreen and speak to your healthcare provider about the HPV

vaccine, especially for young people.

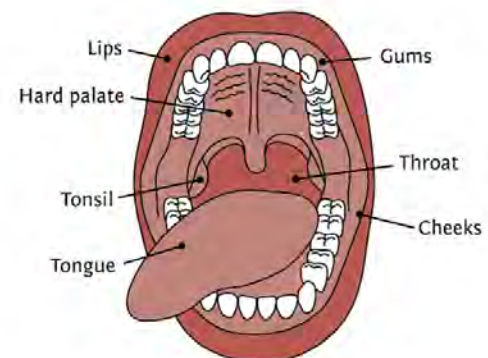
KNOW THE SIGNS AND STAY AWARE

Oral cancer often appears as white or red patches in the mouth — especially on the sides of the tongue or the floor of the mouth. These areas can be hard to see, but checking regularly with a bright light and mirror can help. Regular dental checkups are one of the best ways to detect early changes. If your

- ◆ Avoid commercial tobacco, traditional tobacco use for prayer and ceremony is different.
- ◆ Limit alcohol use, alcohol can damage DNA and increase cancer risk.
- ◆ Get vaccinated against HPV, protect yourself and your loved ones.
- ◆ Limit sun exposure, use lip balm with sunscreen.
- ◆ Stay active and eat well, a balanced lifestyle supports overall health.

What is oral cancer?

Cancer is a disease where cells in the body grow out of control. Oral cancer is a disease where cancer cells form in the mouth, lips, cheeks, gums, tongue, hard palate, tonsils and the throat.



What can I do?

- AVOID COMMERCIAL TOBACCO**
Tobacco exposes the mouth to cancer-causing chemicals. *Learn more at: AICAF.org/quit*
- LIMIT ALCOHOL USE**
Alcohol can cause cancer by damaging DNA
- GET VACCINATED AGAINST HPV**
HPV (human papillomavirus) infects oral cells. HPV often has no symptoms. Vaccinating is essential. *Learn more at: AICAF.org/hpv*
- LIMIT SUN EXPOSURE**
Sun exposure can cause lip cancer. Use a lip balm with sunscreen to protect your lips from harmful sun exposure
- MAINTAIN HEALTHY WEIGHT AND BE ACTIVE**
Poor diet and lack of exercise can make it easier to develop cancer

COMMUNITY REMINDER: COLD & FLU SEASON

With cold and flu season upon us, please help protect our community. If you’re coughing, sneezing, feverish, or fatigued, call to reschedule your dental appointment until your symptoms pass. This helps keep everyone, patients and staff healthy and safe.

PREVENTION TIPS: WHAT CAN I DO?

provider notices something unusual, they may refer you to a specialist or recommend a tissue biopsy to rule out cancer. Early diagnosis can make a big difference in treatment and recovery.

PREVENTION TIPS

Follow these healthy practices to lower your risk:

your part to care for yourself and our community. Together, we can keep our smiles and spirits strong!

CALL US TODAY TO
SCHEDULE YOUR
APPOINTMENT
(231) 534-7721



Grand Traverse Band
Family Health Clinic
November 2025
Vaccination Schedule

GTB FHC is pleased to offer seasonal influenza vaccines to our clinic eligible clients. This includes GTB tribal members, any Federally recognized tribal member, GTB tribal member spouses, and GTB employees. Updated registration and consent form required prior to services. **COVID vaccines are reserved for Elders and high-risk only at this time**

DATE/TIME	LOCATIONS	OTHER INFORMATION
Available during regularly scheduled provider visits, and may receive during nurse walk-in hours M-F 9-11am and 2-4pm while supply lasts	Medicine Lodge Clinic 2300 N Stallman Rd Peshawbestown, MI	High risk: aged 55 or above, chronic health problems such as diabetes, heart or kidney disease, asthma, people with weakened immune systems due to cancer, HIV/AIDS, long-term corticosteroid therapy, pregnant women, Health care workers; and children under 2 years old, children on aspirin therapy, or with sickle-cell anemia, or caregivers of these children and of children less than 6 months of age.
Thurs Nov 13th 1:30 to 3:30pm	Benzie Satellite office	Questions please call CHR Tamra Newton (231) 534-7205
Thurs Nov 20th 11a-3p	Charlevoix Satellite office	Questions, please call Jacqueline Paul (231) 534-7061
Tues Nov 4th 10am-12pm Tues Nov 18th 10am-12pm	Traverse City Satellite office	Questions, please call CHR Raneer Compo (231) 534-7772 or TC Office (231) 534-7760
Tuesday Nov 4th 1:30-3:30pm Tues Nov 18th 1:30-3:30pm	Turtle Creek Ballroom B	To Schedule Call GTB Clinic (231) 534-7200 Questions, please call Linda DePetro (231) 313-9411 or (231) 534-8423

Dates are subject to change & based on availability. Stay tuned for future dates to be announced!

Questions, please call
GTB CLINIC
Phone: (231) 534-7200
Toll-free: 866-534-7750 ext. 7200
Fax: (231) 534-7460
E-mail: Mari.Raphael@GTB-nsn.gov



Native Food for Life Online

Program for Type 2 Diabetes, Prediabetes, and Gestational Diabetes

6-week course!



Join a free, 6-session online plant-based nutrition and cooking course offered by The American Indian Institute & PCRM – Instructed by: Darylin Berryman

We’ll meet virtually every Tuesday at 8pm beginning October 7, 2025.

This FREE 6-class series is designed to help anyone who wants to learn about nutrition for diabetes treatment and prevention. **Everyone, tribal and non-tribal, are welcome!**

Learn about the health benefits of a plant-based diet. View cooking demonstrations and learn new cooking skills. Receive advice and information from health and nutrition experts. Zoom link provided after registration.

Use QR Code or email or call to register.

Darylin.Berryman@gtb-nsn.gov, 231-534-7234



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GET FIT WITH
STRONGHEART &
BETSIE HOSICK HEALTH &
FITNESS CENTER

ARE YOU A GTB
TRIBAL MEMBER &
CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE
GTB FITNESS CENTERS?
NO SWEAT!



- Take advantage of this partnership to stay active, build strength, and prioritize your well-being.
- Invest in your health—join today!
- Betsie Hosick Health & Fitness Center**
102 Airport Rd, Frankfort, MI 49635

Strongheart Center has partnered with **Betsie Hosick Health & Fitness Center** to offer GTB Benzie area residents an exclusive **gym membership opportunity** in support of your health and wellness goals!

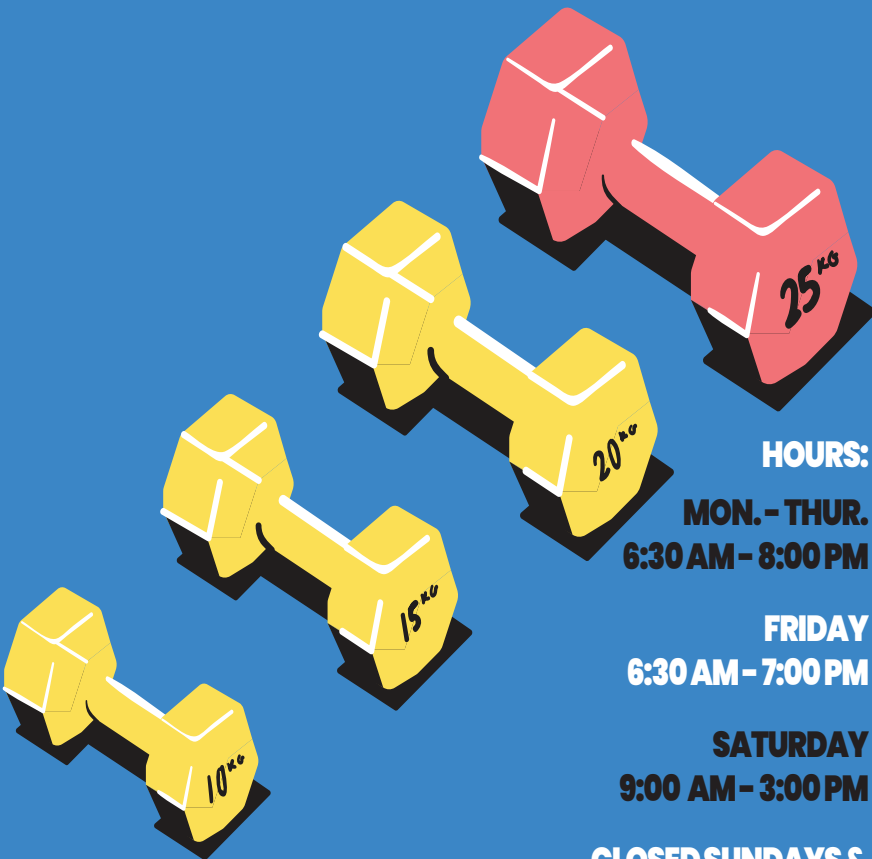
Call Leanne or Dawn for the Details & Questions!

Contact: Leanne (Tana) Alber
(231) 534-7551 Leanne.Alber@gtb-nsn.gov
Dawn Shenoskey
(231) 534-7753 or text (231)313-8609

www.gtbindians.org/strongheart.asp

STRONGHEART CENTER
Hours Starting

NOVEMBER 1, 2025
UNTIL APRIL 2026



HOURS:
MON. – THUR.
6:30 AM – 8:00 PM

FRIDAY
6:30 AM – 7:00 PM

SATURDAY
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**CLOSED SUNDAYS &
MAJOR HOLIDAYS**

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

FRONT DESK: (231) 534-7457

2700 STRONGHEART WAY, PESHAWBESTOWN

GTB STRONGHEART CENTER
PRESENTS



ARE YOU A GTB
TRIBAL MEMBER &
CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE
GTB FITNESS CENTERS?
NO SWEAT!



- Fitness Center Financial Assistance to GTB Citizens, Within 6 County Service Area, That Do Not Live Near or Have Access to one of GTB Fitness Centers.
 - Antrim, Grand Traverse, & Manistee Eligible!
- Discounts Also Available for Spouses & Significant Others
- Limited Gym Membership During Winter Months

Gym Membership Assistance for GTB Citizens Within Antrim, Grand Traverse, & Manistee County That Don't Have Access to One of the GTB Fitness Centers & Are Interested in Joining a Local Gym. Discounts Are Also Available for GTB Spouses and/or Significant Others to Encourage & Support One Another on Your Wellness Goals!

Call Leanne or Dawn for the Details & Questions!
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STRONGHEART CIVIC CENTER PARTNERS WITH
BETSIE HOSICK HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER FOR
GTB TRIBAL MEMBER BENZIE AREA RESIDENTS

The Strongheart Civic Center is proud to partner with the Betsie Hosick Health & Fitness Center, a collaboration designed to support Grand Traverse Band (GTB) Tribal Members Benzie area residents in achieving their personal health and wellness goals. This exclusive opportunity allows Tribal Members to access a full-service fitness center with a wide range of exercise options and classes to fit every lifestyle.

BE FIT WITH HOSICK
HEALTH & FITNESS
CENTER

Hosick Health & Fitness Center provides a welcoming environment and an impressive selection of exercise equipment to help you stay active and strong. Enjoy access to:

- Treadmills, elliptical trainers, and stair steppers
- Stationary bikes and rowing machines
- Cybox weight machines and a complete free weight room

Memberships include free, unlimited group fitness classes.



LOCATION
102 Airport Rd., Frankfort, MI 49635

Phone: 231-352-9661
HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday–Thursday: 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday: 6 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. – 12 noon

**COMMIT TO YOUR
WELLNESS JOURNEY**
This partnership between the Strongheart Civic Center and Betsie Hosick Health & Fitness Center is another step toward building stronger, healthier Tribal communities. Take advantage of this opportunity to invest in your health and discover what wellness means to you!



HUMAN SERVICES

FY26 NEW Client Application
Scan QR Code or follow the link!

- Food Rescue (All community members - Mondays after 11am)*
- Food Pantry (application & appointment)*
- Food Assistance (application)
- Emergency Heat Assistance (application)
- Other Emergency Assistance (application)
- Weatherization Items (application & while supplies last)



https://bit.ly/GTB_HSA26

MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
ANDREA 231-534-7910

*Food Rescue & Pantry Located:
Lower level of the Medicine Lodge

WOMEN SURVIVOR
GET-TOGETHER

Every Monday

(October 6th, 2025 – March 30, 2026)
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

(Except 10/13/25, 11/3/25, 12/22/25, & 12/29/25)

Are you or have you been affected by sexual
assault/trafficking, stalking, or intimate
partner domestic/dating violence? Join us for a
time to work on crafts, write, socialize, & more,
with other survivors.

Location: Grand Traverse Band 3-Mile Office
845 Business Park Dr., Traverse City, MI 49686



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WOMEN SURVIVOR
GET-TOGETHER

Every Wednesday

(October 1, 2025 – March 25, 2026)
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

(Except 12/24/25, & 12/31/25)

Are you or have you been affected by sexual
assault/trafficking, stalking, or intimate
partner domestic/dating violence? Join us for a
time to work on crafts, write, socialize, & more,
with other survivors.

Location: GTB Peshawbestown Library



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HONORING OUR WARRIORS: THE MEANING OF
VETERAN’S DAY FOR NATIVE AMERICANS
A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PERSPECTIVE

A LEGACY OF
COURAGE AND
SACRIFICE

Native Americans have a long, well-known history of holding their men and women warriors, Ogichidaa, in the highest regard. These warriors have fought for their people and their country in wartime, on the battlefields, and in peacetime, using their voices and actions in protest, in writing, and as First Responders.

They have always placed their people and their land first, many giving everything in the fight, including the ultimate sacrifice. Several families in our tribe have had or currently have loved ones who are warriors or who have served in the military, and they take great pride in their service and strength.

THE HIDDEN COSTS
OF SERVICE

However, being a warrior comes at a cost. Even when they do not die on the battlefield or suffer physical wounds, some men and women carry emotional and mental scars that bring great pain.

One of the most common challenges warriors face is Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Others may struggle with guilt over actions taken in combat, which can lead to substance abuse, anger, anxiety, and depression.

Many tribes have long recognized this need for healing and hold traditional ceremonies when a warrior comes home. These ceremonies welcome the warrior back into the community and support emotional and spiritual recovery.

HEALING THROUGH
TRADITION
AND MODERN
TREATMENT

Today, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers several evidence-based treatments for PTSD, including:

Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT): Helps Veterans identify how traumatic experiences have affected their thinking, evaluate those thoughts, and change them. Through CPT, Veterans can develop healthier, more balanced beliefs about themselves, others, and the world.

Prolonged Exposure (PE): Guides Veterans to gradually approach and address traumatic memories, feelings, and situations. By confronting these challenges directly, PTSD symptoms may begin to decrease.

Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR): Helps Veterans process and make sense of their trauma by recalling it while focusing on a back-and-forth movement or sound—such as a light, tone, or a finger waving side to side.

SUPPORT AND
RESOURCES

For more information about the services the VA can offer military Veterans, contact the Grand Traverse County Department of Veterans Affairs at (231) 995-6070.

If you or someone you know is struggling with PTSD or other challenges related to military service, please reach out to **Behavioral Health Services** at (231) 534-7090.

MEN SURVIVOR
GET-TOGETHER

Every Tuesday

(October 7th, 2025 – March 31, 2026)
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

(Except 11/11/25, 12/23/25, & 12/30/25)

Are you or have you been affected by sexual
assault/trafficking, stalking, or intimate
partner domestic/dating violence? Join us
for a time to work on crafts, write, socialize,
& more, with other survivors.

Location: Grand Traverse Band
Library in Peshawbestown, MI

(Please call us if there is a better date, time, & location
that works for you!)



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Project. For more information, please call Yvette Weese at (231) 534-7381,
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let's make feast bundles

Wednesday November 5th
ages 5-10
Thursday November 6th -
ages 11-19

Dinner Provided
5-7pm



TORIE CHIPPEWA
CELL: 231.590.2395
OFFICE: 231.534.7230
EMAIL: VICTORIA.CHIPPEWA@GTB-NSN.GOV



M22 YOUTH BUILDING
2821 NW BAYSHORE DR.
PESHAWBESTOWN MI, 49682



CORN HUSK DOLLS

Monday November 10th
ages 5-10 - Dinner - 5pm-7pm

M22 Youth Building
2821 NW Bayshore Dr.
Peshawbestown MI, 49682

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Free Tutoring for GTB Students!

Need a certified tutor? We've got you covered!



GTB students in grades K-12 within our six-county service area can receive FREE tutoring through Sylvan Learning or Tutor Doctor. Parents and caregivers can choose the best fit for their student's needs.

Register Today!

Leelanau

Ms. Catherine: (231) 534-7751 | Cell: (231) 492-5337
Ms. Kaylie: (231) 534-7755 | Cell: (231) 631-1672

Grand Traverse

Until Further Notice, please contact:
Ms. Melissa: (231) 534-7765 | Cell: (231) 866-1079
Ms. Dana: (231) 534-7356 | Cell: (231) 631-9268

Benzie / Manistee

Ms. Kim: (231) 534-7825 | Cell: (231) 463-5797

Antrim / Charlevoix

Mr. Nate: (231) 534-7065 | Cell: TBA

Take advantage of this amazing opportunity to support your student's learning!

For additional assistance, contact: Dawn Shenoskey, Department Manager
(231) 534-7753 | Cell: (231) 313-8609

All events are free and open to the Native American and Non-Native public. They promote Anishinabek culture, the musical arts, and health through Yane Style Tai Chi. Events hosted by the GTB Heritage Library, GTB Lifelong Learning, and the Institute of Museums and Library Services.

Events Subject to Change

November 2025

HERITAGE LIBRARY PRESENTS

FALL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Fall Music Lessons: Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 10AM - 5PM @ Heritage Library

30-Minute Guitar, Piano, and Voice lessons by appointment. Zoom Lessons Available. Music lessons are open to children to adults ages 7 to Elder. The Heritage Library has 1 electric keyboard/piano, 2 children sized classical guitars, and 2 full sized classical guitars to borrow for lessons.

Children, Youth & Adults 10AM - 5PM according to teacher availability - First Come First Serve.

Fall Tai Chi Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12PM - 1PM @ Heritage Library

Enjoy the relaxing art of Tai Chi with Francis Carew, who teaches Yane style Tai Chi, a low impact exercise that improves cardiorespiratory function, hypertension, muscular strength, balance, mobility, flexibility, and mind-body awareness.

Anishinaabek Makerspace: Goon Ginebie (Snow Snake) Workshops

Come Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with the Heritage Library. The tribal librarian will teach you all about Goon Ginebie-Snow Snakes. He will teach you how to make a wooden dowel Goon Ginebie and discuss the history of the snow snake game and how to make a snow snake track.

Supplies are limited, RSVP to secure a spot.

Heritage Library
November 5th • 5:30 - 7:30 PM
2821 N West Bay Shore Dr.,
Peshawbestown

3-Mile Office
November 12th • 5:30 - 7:30 PM
845 Business Park Dr.,
Traverse City

Benzie Office
November 19th • 5:30 - 7:30 PM
7282 Hoadley Road,
Benzonia

More Information:
Francis Carew (231) 534-7752 Francis.Carew@gtb-nsn.gov
Heritage Library - 2821 N West Bay Shore Dr. Peshawbestown, MI



BEADED
HOOP
EARRINGS

Youth services

November 13th | 5:00PM - 7:00PM

DINNER PROVIDED

ages 11-19

M22 Youth Building
2821 NW Bayshore Dr
Peshawbestown MI 49682





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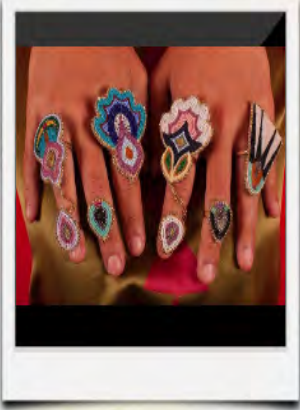
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Thursday Nov 20th
5pm-7pm

ages 11-19

Dinner provided





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Join Youth Services and
make GODS EYES



Monday November 17th
5:00PM-7:00PM
ages 5-10
AT M22 YOUTH BUILDING



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YOUTH SERVICES OPEN CENTER DAYS

Creating a safe open space for
students to come hang out after
school.

every Wednesday from 1pm-5pm

help with homework
crafting
PLAY BOARD GAMES
with library next door we have computer access and books!

Please call or email a week in advance to let us know that your student would be attending.



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Youth Services

finish a craft night

starting second week in November
11/12/2025

wednesday's 5-7pm*

* after open center Wednesday

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We do not always finish a craft from Monday or Thursday night.
I would like everyone to be able to finish their crafts and be able to have access to the supplies given for the
craft we have here at the center.

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INLAND HUNTING SEASON 2025–26 GTB TRIBAL LANDS & 1836 CEDED TERRITORY

The Grand Traverse Band Natural Resources Department reminds all Tribal citizens that hunting within GTB Tribal Lands and the 1836 Ceded Territory carries both privilege and responsibility. Each license, regulation, and bag limit is designed to ensure that our natural relatives deer, birds, bear, and all others continue to thrive for generations to come.

- ◆ Daily and possession limits vary depending on the species.
- ◆ Always confirm the specific restrictions for your intended game—these are established to protect populations and maintain a sustainable balance.
- ◆ Certain species may also require registration or reporting of your harvest.

Hunting within these guidelines honors not just the rules, but the sacred principle of *minobimaadiziwin*—living the good life in balance and respect for all beings.

- ◆ **Hunting Hours:** Generally from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset (with exceptions for certain night hunts like raccoon or fox).
- ◆ **Hunter Safety Apparel:** Blaze orange (hunter-alert clothing) is required when using firearms for elk, deer, bear, and general small game.
- ◆ **Safe Distances:** Firearms may not be discharged within 450 feet of an occupied building without permission.

- Each season is an opportunity to honor our ancestors, protect our homelands, and carry forward the Anishinaabe way of life, with respect, balance, and gratitude.



Environmental Services

What have we been up to?

WATER QUALITY SAMPLING

13 RIVER MOUTHS AND STREAMS IN 6-COUNTY AREA

ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS

INSPECTION OF PROPERTIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS BEFORE GTB PURCHASES

CLIMATE RESILIENCY

BEGAN A GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION CALCULATION FOR ALL OF GTB GOVERNMENT AND GAMING/RESORT FACILITIES. ALSO, BEGAN ENERGY AUDITS ON BUILDINGS.

ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING

CONTRIBUTING GRANT FUNDS TOWARDS EV CHARGING TO BE AVAILABLE AT LEELANAU SANDS CASINO.

ELECTRIC GRID RESILIENCY

WORK WITH CHERRYLAND WILL BEGIN IN SPRING 2026 TO "HARDEN" OUR ELECTRIC GRID ALONG JACOBSON RD. AND POBUDA RD.

CORSI CUBE AIR PURIFIERS

WORKING TO CONSTRUCT DIY HOME AIR PURIFIERS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO SIGNED UP AT THE 2025 HEALTH FAIR.

AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

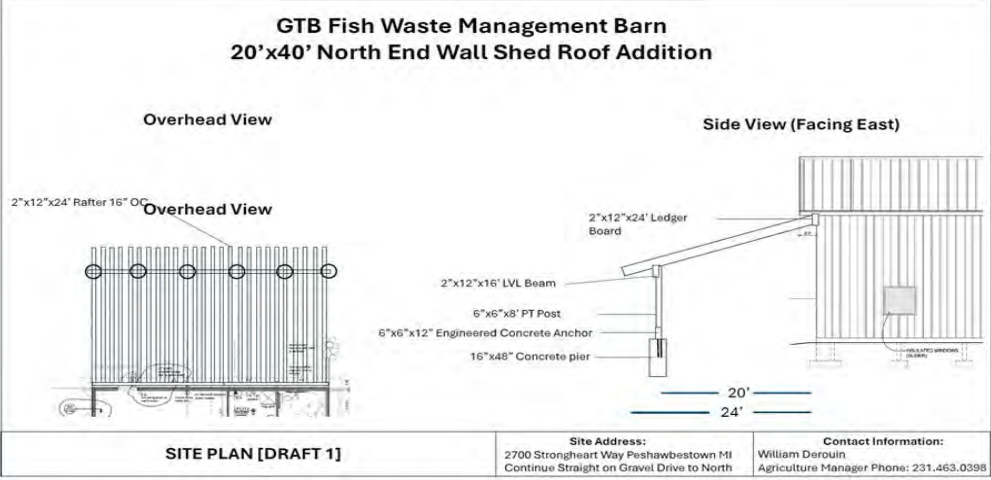
HONORING THE LAND AND BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

As the seasons turn and the snow begins to fall, the GTB Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Department continues to strengthen our connection to the land, wildlife, and one another through growth, learning, and responsible stewardship. Creating more and more food sovereignty for the next generations to come.

EXPANDING OUR CAPACITY: NEW ADDITION TO THE FISH WASTE BARN

Through support from Waste Management Grant, to announce a 20’x40’ side of the Fish Waste addition will provide secure worth of new equipment, a sustainability and practices within our

Construction is already poured, and the new walls working hard to have the by year’s end, allowing us protecting the land and



the 2024 EGLE Organic GTB Agriculture is proud expansion on the north Management Barn. This storage for over \$160,000 major step toward advancing responsible waste management community.

underway. Footings have been are taking shape. Our team is enclosure nearly complete to continue our mission of waters that sustain us.

SEEING MORE OF OUR NEW AGRICULTURE COORDINATOR CHARLES “CJ” MCGRATH

CJ continues to serve the GTB community in many ways, volunteering on the farm, maintaining the Strongheart Disc Golf Course, and offering his time and skills wherever needed. With culinary experience and a strong dedication to community wellness, CJ will guide our food production and distribution programs forward.



RECONNECTING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH PLAY: STRONGHEART DISC GOLF COURSE REVITALIZATION

After some delays, progress is finally moving forward on the GTB Strongheart Disc Golf Course relocation project. The new layout will closely resemble the original 2012 course, offering better year-round access for players while also improving hunting opportunities behind the Peshawbestown Gitigaan.

The course will trace a scenic route, starting above the Gitigaan, looping near Eagle Ridge Restaurant and Medicine Lodge, and finishing by the Strongheart Center. As we poured the new barn footings, our



crew also formed fresh concrete T-pads for the disc golf course, combining efficiency with long-term quality.

This revitalized course will once again become a space for community connection, wellness, and friendly competition, values deeply rooted in our Anishinaabe way of life.

LEARNING TOGETHER: REFLECTIONS ON THE 3RD ANNUAL DEER PROCESSING WORKSHOP

Our 3rd Annual Deer Processing Workshop was held on October 14th, after being rescheduled due to the challenge of finding a deer early in the season. Though turnout was lower than hoped, the event was filled with learning, good food, and meaningful conversation about hunting, stewardship, and the circle of life.

We were honored to have James Manley from the Skegmog Raptor Center join us to share insight about reducing lead exposure when hunting. He reminded us that premium copper-jacketed or polymer-tipped ammunition reduces lead fragments, protecting not only people but also scavenger birds like eagles and hawks.

James also emphasized a traditional and respectful practice, burying the gut pile after field dressing, to keep wildlife safe from lead contamination. His teachings reflect the Anishinaabe values of respect for all living beings and responsibility for our impact on the environment. To support future hunts, GTB Agriculture is planning to install a 10’x10’ walk-in cooler by 2026 on the south side of the GTB NRD

barn. This new addition will help hunters safely process their harvests, promoting food sovereignty and self-sufficiency in our community.

We shared smoked venison jerky and fresh produce at the event, strengthening the bond between food, tradition, and knowledge. A heartfelt Miigwech to Jacob Broome for generously providing the deer used in the workshop.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we reflect on this season’s projects, we recognize the ongoing relationship between our people and the land. Every barn built, pad poured, and deer processed brings us closer to the Anishinaabe teachings of minobimaadiziwin, living in balance and respect with all creation.

We look forward to continuing these efforts, empowering our Tribal community through food sovereignty, sustainable practices, and shared learning.

PREPARING FOR WINTER

Winterize your boats properly!

- Fuel and Oil can degrade water quality and is toxic to humans/aquatic organisms

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms!

- Check, replace, purchase in home smoke and carbon monoxide alarms

Use and Place Fuel-based Generators Safely!

- Place generator outdoors, at least 20ft away from all homes

Service your wood burning fireplace venting system!

- Emissions from wood smoke can contain harmful pollutants, including particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds

Prevent Water Damage and Mold Growth!

- Fix roof leaks before winter
- Insulate exterior wall water pipes
- Shut off and drain outdoor water spigots (ex. hoses)

Refresh your indoor air quality!

- Occasionally open your windows to let in some fresh air
- If able, utilize an air purifier

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Preparedness for Individuals with Disabilities

As we gather with family and friends this holiday season, take time to review and update your emergency preparedness plans. Preparedness is essential for everyone—but especially important for individuals with disabilities and their families.

Disabilities can be visible or invisible, and they impact people across every age, race, and gender. Effective preparedness means understanding your unique needs and planning ahead so you’re ready in any situation.

GET INFORMED

- Know what types of disasters could affect your area.
- Stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio or mobile alerts for local warnings.
- Identify when you may need to evacuate versus shelter in place.

MAKE A PLAN

After a disaster, access to medical care or prescriptions may be limited.

- Build a support network of people who can help you.
- Keep a contact list and emergency supplies in a waterproof container.
- Plan for accessible transportation in case of evacuation.
- Talk with your doctor or power provider if you rely on electric-powered medical equipment.
- Wear medical alert bracelets and keep important records in your phone or a waterproof bag.
- Consider how to communicate if you have a hearing, speech, or vision disability.

BUILD A KIT

In addition to basic supplies, include items that meet your personal needs:

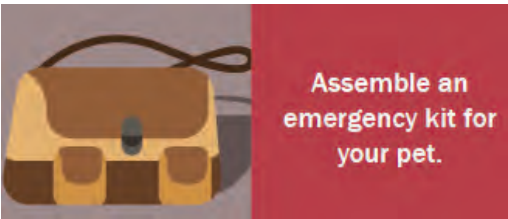
- Extra medications and medical supplies
- Assistive devices, batteries, and chargers
- Copies of prescriptions and insurance cards
- Backup glasses, hearing aids, or oxygen supplies
- Items for service or support animals



For more detailed information on preparedness for individuals with disabilities, visit: www.michigan.gov/miready/plan-ahead/individuals-with-disabilities

Your Pets Are Family—Plan for Their Safety Too

Emergencies can happen without warning, and our pets rely on us to keep them safe. Before disaster strikes, make a plan for your furry (or feathered) family members.



- and bowls
- ☐ Medicines and vet records
 - ☐ Collar with ID tag, leash, and carrier
 - ☐ Photo of you and your pet (for identification)
 - ☐ Copies of registration and vaccination documents
 - ☐ Familiar toys, bedding, and treats
 - ☐ Waste bags or litter supplies

DURING A DISASTER

- ☐ Bring pets indoors immediately.
- ☐ Separate dogs and cats to reduce stress and fights.
- ☐ Feed moist or canned food to minimize water needs.
- ☐ Have newspapers or absorbent materials ready for sanitation.

For more information and resources on pet preparedness, visit: www.ready.gov and www.fema.gov

Keep the Season Bright and Safe

The holidays bring warmth, lights, and family gatherings—but also an increased risk of fire and electrical hazards. Protect your home and loved ones by following these key safety reminders.



HOLIDAY FIRE PREVENTION

- Inspect and clean chimneys and woodstoves annually.
- Use a fireplace screen large enough to catch sparks and prevent logs from rolling.
- Keep flammable items at least 3 feet away from heaters or open flames.
- Never leave children unattended near stoves, candles, or fireplaces.
- Always extinguish fires before leaving home or going to bed.

ELECTRICAL & COOKING APPLIANCE SAFETY

Modern kitchens rely on electrical cooking tools—air fryers, slow cookers, pressure cookers, and griddles. Use them safely:

- Use appliances listed by a qualified testing laboratory (like UL).
- Unplug appliances when not in use and inspect cords regularly.
- Keep combustible items away from heat sources.
- Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.
- Generators should only be used outdoors in well-ventilated areas.

TURKEY FRYER SAFETY

Avoid using open-flame turkey fryers—they pose serious burn and fire risks.

Instead, choose infrared or electric fryers approved by a recognized testing lab, and never leave fryers unattended while in use.

THINK AHEAD, HAVE A PLAN

- Create and practice a family communication plan.
- Back up important documents in a safe place.
- Know your evacuation routes and safe meeting place.
- Keep essential medications ready and accessible.

Taking a few simple precautions can make all the difference in keeping your home and family safe this holiday season. Whether you’re cooking a festive meal, decorating your home, or spending time by the fire, remember that safety starts with awareness and preparation.

The Grand Traverse Band Public Safety Department encourages all community members to stay alert, plan ahead, and share these safety reminders with loved ones. A safe home helps ensure that the holidays remain a time of warmth, connection, and peace for everyone.

Miigwech for helping keep our community safe and strong.



FIRE & RESCUE



GTB Fire Rescue Seeks Volunteer Firefighter/EMTs to Serve the Community!



**VOLUNTEER FIRE/EMTs
NEEDED — JOIN OUR TEAM!**

The Grand Traverse Band Fire Rescue is now accepting applications for new volunteer firefighter/EMTs. This is an opportunity for community members to step up, make a difference, and be part of a dedicated team committed to protecting lives and property.

Being a volunteer firefighter is one of the most rewarding ways to give back to your community. Volunteers receive comprehensive training in firefighting, emergency medical response, and rescue operations — no prior experience is required. Training, gear, and certifications are provided at no cost to the volunteer.

In addition to serving the community, volunteers gain valuable skills, teamwork experience, and a

strong sense of pride that comes from helping others in need.

Basic Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Live or work within Leelanau County
- Be in good physical condition and pass a background check
- Complete required training

Those interested in joining the Grand Traverse Band Fire Rescue are encouraged to stop by the station at 3501 N. Putnam Rd., Peshawbestown, or visit Grand Traverse Band Fire/Rescue on Facebook for more information.



Contact:
Fire Chief Garrett Fairchild
231-534-7666
firerescue@gtb-nsn.gov

MAKE OPERATING RADIO EASIER PROJECT



Limor Fried passing Ham exams at ABC Studios VE test session



Susan Helms making Ham radio contacts from the ISS

INTERESTED IN RADIO TECHNOLOGY?

Sign up for this FREE course to earn a U.S. amateur license AND the opportunity to receive a FREE 2-way radio

Details at:
n2re.org/m-o-r-e-project



Interested in Getting an Amateur Radio License?

Have you ever wanted to learn about radio communication, emergency networks, or global connections through radio? The Make Operating Radio Easier (MORE) Project offers a free training course to help participants earn their U.S. Amateur (Ham) Radio License and receive a free handheld 2-way radio upon successful completion.

This nationwide, grant-funded initiative aims to reduce gender and age imbalances in amateur radio by providing hands-on education and equipment at no cost. The program runs through June 2026 and is open to students ages 12 and older of all genders.

Program Highlights:

- Six-session training course (2.5 hours per week)
- Covers testing, licensing, and some equipment
- Coaching provided to help you get on the air

To learn more and apply, visit: n2re.org/m-o-r-e-project

For questions or group participation opportunities, contact Dr. Rebecca Mercuri (K3RPM) at MOREProject500@gmail.com.

Fire Safety Tips for the Kitchen to Keep Your Holidays Safe

For most families, the kitchen is the heart of the home—especially during the holidays. From testing family recipes to decorating cakes and cookies, everyone enjoys being part of the preparations.

However, with all the cooking and excitement, fire safety in the kitchen becomes more important than ever. As you plan your holiday gatherings, remember that a few simple precautions can help you enjoy a safe and happy season.

Top Safety Tips:

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Stay home when roasting your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children at least three feet away from the stove.
- Keep hot foods and liquids

out of reach of children—steam or splashes can cause serious burns.

- Store knives safely and out of children’s reach.
- Keep electric cords from appliances (*mixers, coffee makers, etc.*) out of reach.
- Store matches and lighters up high, in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in rooms with lit candles.
- Keep floors clear of tripping hazards.
- Make sure your smoke alarms work—test them regularly.

If you need a new smoke alarm, contact GTB Fire/Rescue at 231-534-7666 for assistance.

Stay safe, stay alert, and enjoy your holidays with peace of mind!

Practise fire safety for Thanksgiving



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Government Operations

Assistant General Counsel I (FT)
J.D. from an accredited law school required. Michigan State Bar license or ability to obtain within 1 year. At least six to eight (6-8)years of practicing law in Michigan and in Indian Country. Must have participated as the principal attorney, or assistant to the principal attorney, in litigation that resulted in a published opinion in federal, state or tribal court. Indian law litigation preferred. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Vehicle. -\$DOE - until filled

Bookkeeper/Assistant Program Director (FT)
Associates Degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration or Public Administration is required. Must have a minimum of 3 years of experience working in bookkeeping, prefer working with multiple federal grants/contracts. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$18.55/hr. - until filled

Chief Tribal Judge (FT)
Is a member of the Grand Traverse Band who has attained the age of eighteen (18) and/or is an attorney licensed to practice before the courts of a state in the United States. 5 years of experience in legal practice. Has not been convicted, within ten (10) years of such appointment, of any felony by a court of competent jurisdiction. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE/yr. - until filled

Dental Hygienist (FT)
Associates Degree in Dental Hygiene and Licensure in State of Michigan. Twenty-four hours of biennial continuing education including four hours' HIV-AIDS and three hours' CPR training. Competence in operation of standard dental equipment: cavitron, prophyjet, X-ray, radiograph processor, panelipse, dental chair and unit, sterilizers, hand scalers, and curesets. At least one year of experience as a full time dental hygienist preferred. -\$36.62/hr. - until filled

Early Head Start Teacher (FT)
Minimum educational requirement of an Associate's Degree in early childhood education. Two years experience in infant/toddler classroom is preferred. Able to develop and implement short and long term educational goals. Ability to apply Early Childhood Development theory in daily classroom activities, and adapt to the individual needs of children.

Excellent communication skills, especially good listening skills. Working knowledge of available community resources and Early Head Start components. -\$19.52/hr. - until filled

EHS Education & Family Services Coordinator (FT)
Must have a BA in Human Services or Social Work field. Must have experience in a supervisory position, with strong team leadership skills. One to three years experience in working in an Early Head Start and/or Head Start program preferred. Previous experience in the field, with skills in classroom management, and curriculum planning. Must obtain CPR/First Aid certification. -\$44,595.20/yr. - until filled

EHS/HS Bus Driver - Part Time (PT)
Must have High School diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with children & adults in an appropriate manner. Must have First Aide Certification or obtain a CPR/First Aid certification (within 30 days). Ability to observe & evaluate children in a non-biased manner. Must be willing to & as well as obtain a CDA within first (2) yrs. of hire. -\$18.55/hr. - until filled

EHS/HS Health & Disabilities Coordinator (FT)
Bachelor's Degree with strong emphasis in Health, Social Services, Psychology or Early Childhood Education. 1-3 yrs. experience preferred. Advanced knowledge of applicable law, regulations, rules & procedures of the Head Start/Early Head Start program. Must maintain current CPR/First Aid Certification -\$44,595.20/yr. - until filled

(2) EHS/HS Home Visitor (FT)
An Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education required. A Bachelor's Degree & (1) yr. of direct experience preferred. (3) yrs.. of directly related experience. -\$19.98/hr. - until filled

Facilities Utility Worker 1st Shift (Temporary)
High school diploma or G.E.D. preferred. Experience in commercial building maintenance preferred. Carpentry, plumbing and electrical repair experience preferred. Knowledge of safety procedures and safety equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. -\$16.17/hr. - until filled

(2) Facilities Utility Worker 2nd Shift (FT)
High school diploma or GED is preferred. Knowledge of safety procedures and safety equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. Must have good work habits, i.e., punctuality, and low absenteeism. -\$16.17/hr. - until filled

Facilities Utility Worker 2nd Shift (PT)

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Request for Proposals (RFP): <https://gtbindians.applicantpool.com/internaljobs/>

Gym Attendant (PT)
Must have High School Diploma or GED required. Some experience working with exercise, gym and cardiovascular equipment preferred. Must be familiar with gym and cardiovascular equipment. Must have current CPR certification. Must be able to work independently and without supervision. Must be able to work weekends and evenings. -\$15.06/hr. - until filled

Head Start Teacher (FT)
Associates Degree, with a Child Development Certification, with emphasis in early childhood development, Bachelor's Degree preferred. Previous experience preferred with skills in classroom management and curriculum planning. Must maintain current CPR/First Aid certification. Must be proficient in the use of computers and programs such as word processing. Able to develop and implement short and long term educational goals. Good observational skills and ability to summarize observed learning/social behaviors in children. -\$19.98/hr. - until filled

Housing Development Manager (FT)
Must possess a college degree in Business or related field. At least Five (5) years of increasingly responsible administrative experience in the development, planning, funding implementation and operation of governmental funded, low-income directed, housing assistance programs and at least (3) years in a management position. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE/hr. - until filled

Housing Maintenance I (FT)
High School diploma or GED. Previous experience in the repair and maintenance of housing units. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance. Must have appropriate endorsements for all vehicles required to operate in the performance of duties, within 6 months. -\$19.52/hr. - until filled

Housing Maintenance II (FT)
Must have a High school diploma or GED. Be certified in an area related to maintenance or building trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical or HVAC or have demonstrated experience/ knowledge in one or more areas. Five years' experience in residential unit maintenance. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$21.75/hr. - until filled

Housing Utility Worker (FT)
High School Diploma or GED preferred. Must have some housekeeping experience. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier.. -\$16.17/hr. - until filled

Medical Director/ Physician (FT)
Must have an active State of Michigan Physician License, State of Michigan Controlled Substance License, and Federal DEA License, with Board Certification in Family Practice. Must have Community Staff Privileges at Munson Medical Center or obtain within a reasonable time. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE - until filled

On-Call Receptionist
Must have High School Diploma or GED equivalent. Prefer (1) yr. experience in office management. Must have basic math skills & written skills. -\$14.22/hr. - until filled

On-Call Receptionist - Charlevoix
Must have High School Diploma or GED equivalent. Prefer (1) yr. experience in office management. Must have basic math skills & written skills. -\$14.22/hr. - until filled

PRC Manager/PD (FT)
Bachelor's Degree in Health Administration or equivalent education and experience. Minimum of and Associates Degree and five (5) years of experience in Purchased Referred Care. Minimum of five (5) years of experience with Health Database and Financial budget management skills. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$52,633/yr. - until filled

Probation Officer (FT)
Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Legal, Paralegal, Business, Administrative Services, Social Work/Services, Social Science, Sociology, Psychology, Liberal Arts or similar degrees may be considered. A combination of education and experience may be considered in lieu of a bachelor's degree. General knowledge of applicable law, regulations, rules, policies, procedures and administration is required. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$19.98/hr. - until 10.28.25

Revenue Cycle and Data Manager (FT)
Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or Finance. Thorough understanding billing, collections and payment posting, revenue cycle, & third-party payers. Thorough understanding of budget management and reporting for business planning and development, as well as program specific management and reporting. Thorough understanding of Database creation, data analysis, compiling

and interpreting data from several systems. (2-3) years' progressive and successful billing cycle and data management experience preferred. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$69,450/yr. - until filled

Youth Intervention Specialist- Traverse City (FT)
High School diploma or GED certificate required. Associates degree is required in social work, education or related field. 1-3 years' experience working with Native American Youth. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must have and maintain current CPR/First Aid certification.. -\$19.52/hr. - until filled

Government Operations RFP

RFP - Bingo Transporter
Help provide monthly transportation to and from the Elders' all-site gathering. Travel would be limited to the GTB six-county service area. Please note the deadline to respond to this Request for Proposal (RFP) is November 10, 2025. Must be able to be insured by GTB Auto insurance, pass background check. Qualification: CDL endorsement P Reference: previous experience working with the Elderly 55 and up Native American preference. Proposals should be mailed to or emailed to: The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Attn: Purchasing Manager, Tyler McCarthy Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians 2605N.WestBayshoreDrive Peshawbetown, MI, 49682 Email address: Tyler.McCarthy@gtb-nsn-gov -SRFP - until 11.10.25

RFP - Dental Hygienist 2025
GTB is requesting proposals from Dental Hygienist Providers interested in providing as needed Dental Hygienist for our Community. Must be a Licensed Hygienist in Michigan to include a CPR license. Liability insurance is required. -SRFP - until filled

RFP - 2026 Personal Trainer
GTB is requesting bid proposals from companies or adult individual/s for a Certified Personal Trainer at the Strongheart Civic Center located in Leelanau County. All questions relating to this RFP, including all questions relating to clarifications or modifications of this RFP can be submitted to: Leanne Alber 231-534-7551 Leanne.Alber@gtb-nsn.gov -SRFP - until filled

RFP - 2026 Pilates Instructor
GTB is requesting bid proposals for a Certified Pilates Instructor to offer classes at the Strongheart Center dance room. Each class will be offered once a week for 1 (one) hour duration on day/time agreed upon. The contract performance dates are tentatively October 2025 through May 2026. All questions relating to this

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RFP - 2026 Yoga Instructor
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120 Announcements

VACANCY ON THE ELECTION BOARD
(1) Open vacancy on the Election Board. Any interested Tribal Members send a letter of interest to Monique Clifford. Attn.: GTB Election Board 2605 N West Bay Shore Dr. Peshawbestown, MI 49682

125 Miigwech

In loving memory of June Louise Bailey, born June 6, 1954, she passed away September 20, 2025. Our family would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to friends and family, who came to her memorial to celebrate her life. She meant the world to her nieces and nephews and her Godson Chanedese Tyler. A big thank you to our dear friend, Pastor Sam McClellan for the visits with June reading scriptures and singing her favorite songs. Also, for officiating at her service. Thank you to Tanya Raphael and family for the wonderful luncheon. Everyone enjoyed it right down to the last ice cream. Also, to Leanne (Tana) Alber and staff for use of the Strongheart Center for the luncheon. Martinson funeral home for taking care of her services and expediting same-day burial right next to my dear mother at Omena Hillcrest Cemetery in Omena. To Minnie Wabimkee for the beautiful picture, she took of June which we used for her obituary and the flowers. Thanks to friends and family for the flowers and donations to the Cherryland Humane Society in her name. To sister Phyllis, for the beautiful spray of flowers she made for our dear sister. Last, but not least, Jeremy Rice (nephew) for the traditional ceremony and song for his aunties' journey. Chi-Miigwech to all family that couldn't make it to the funeral. June knows you were there in heart and spirit.

150 Bereavement

Joseph Neil Robertson GTB Tribal Elder
Columbus, OH
1/25/1956– 6/8/2025
Respectfully
Acknowledging Our Loss



477 PROGRAM AVAILABLE MONTHLY AT THE 3-MILE OFFICE

Every Last Thursday
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1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
GTB 3-Mile Office
845 Business Park Drive,
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- Eligibility:**
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 - Must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe
 - Must live within GTB’s six-county service area
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Join Zoom Meeting
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More information contact :
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(231) 534-7766 or Gov.Cultural@gtb-nsn.gov

Oct. 2025-
June 2026



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Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up

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Email us at
GreenCommittee@gtb-nsn.gov



April, July, and September clean-ups!
21 bags of litter plus various other large
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you all May 2026 for the next clean-up
season!



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