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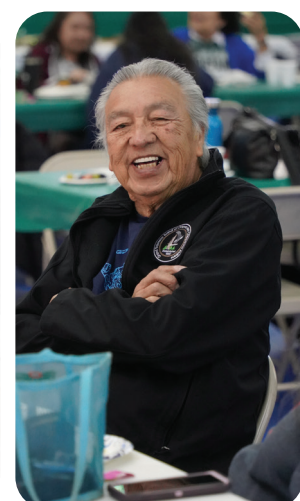
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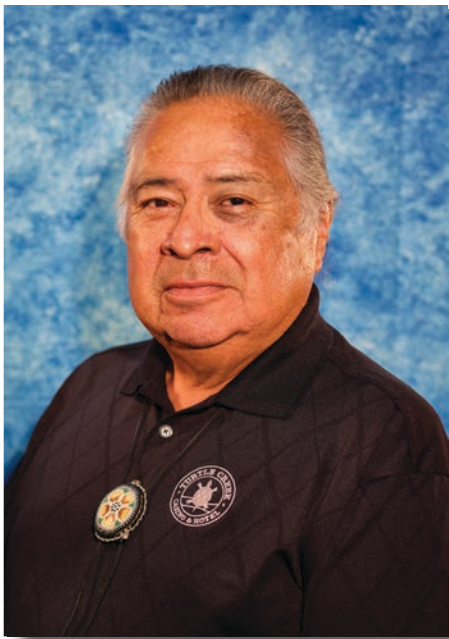
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From the Vice Chairmans Office Bob Kewaygoshkum



Ah-Boozhoo Aanii...

ON TO THE NEXT CHAPTER

This is my last article for the Tribal newsletter as my term ends in May. It is time to find balance in my life and close this time in Tribal government and open the next challenge in my life. It has been my pleasure to work alongside my fellow elected officials and to all the staff of the Tribe. Gchi-Miigwech..

In this article I'll write about the importance of balance in our Tribal programs. What concerned the upcoming election promises are expectations of new programs and additional staffing for the future. The challenge for our Tribal government is that everything can be considered a priority, and care must be taken when adding programs not to reduce the capacity of existing programs and services. The Tribal Council has always felt managing Tribal government operations is about balancing how we build our programs and operational services.

TRIBAL PROGRAM BALANCE

This topic continues to emerge as our Tribe continues to be successful in developing its governmental capacity and Self-Reliance operations, to be able to effectively enhance our programs and services. Our success results in higher expectations and the potential of our Members to take a single focus instead of the collective focus.

We certainly agree that as our Membership ages, we have more and more Elders, and we need to continue to elevate our energies to provide support for them. This is a complicated challenge as each Elder has a different expectation. Their needs can vary from health, housing, to basic domestic support and so on. We must be very active in finding a balance between our future programs.

Regarding the question of purchasing land, it is challenging as everyone knows the prices of both purchase and building are becoming more expensive.

Yet we have made good progress over the past few years and Herkner property is currently under construction. Some of our existing homes require upgrades before we can move anyone into the house. Again, it's balancing what we can do on the housing front.

We purchase land for many reasons. Housing is only one of those reasons. Other reasons include economic development as we expand our businesses to generate revenue. There are many other examples of why we purchase land, including stewardship. The stewardship up and down the Boardman River has allowed us to restore the river's ability to breathe and open spawning grounds for the various stocks of fish. We also want to restore our homelands for our future generations.

Another example is the Health, Dental, Clinics, Pharmacy and community center which required land on which to build these operations, that not only serve our community, but also generate revenue to allow us to provide health services for Members outside our IHS service area. Land is essential for the success of our vision.

WHAT ARE OUR HIGHEST PRIORITIES?

There are many more programs that continue to expand, but the main point is that our Tribal Council's job is to find balance with the revenues we are generating for all programs. Often the question arises: What are our highest priorities? Is it Elders, Culture, Education, Health, Restoring Homelands, Economic Independence, or Natural Resource Stewardship?

In my judgment they all stand 'shoulder-to-shoulder.' It is hard to pick one over the other for our future generations. We intend on keeping course, moving them all forward in balance. Although success breeds higher expectations among our Members and the community, we must choose our course carefully to remain successful in the long term.

GCHI-MIIGWECH

To all the Membership throughout the years, Gchi-Miigwech for sharing your ideas, space, thoughts, and every road bump along the journey. I wish everyone nothing but peace. Whether I leave on good or indifferent terms, I wish you well. I wish you & your family success. May you find balance in life on what you're looking for. Last thank-you for reading my article in the Tribal newsletter

I wish you well, Pama...

Robert "Bob" Kewaygoshkum,
Vice Chairman, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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TRIBAL COUNCIL HYBRID MEETINGS

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Questions or need assistance?

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS 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.

Both sessions will be held in Council Chambers.

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Regular Council Sessions
4/10 • 5/15 • 6/19

Special Council Sessions
4/24 • 5/29 • 6/26

We, the Tribal Council of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, a Sovereign Nation, honor to empower the wellbeing of our present and future members. Our ultimate goal is to advance our Nation into an era of increased governmental vigilance that promotes and protects our culture, sovereignty, health, education, treaty rights, natural resources and financial stability.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MOTIONS

**Tribal Council Regular Session
March 20, 2024
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II. Unfinished Business. A- **Disposition of Online Gaming Revenue Net Proceeds** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #24-42.3646. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. A- **Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Hearing** Information only

III. New Business. B- **Request to Renegotiate Leelanau County Jail Contract** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall for GTB Legal to send a letter to the Leelanau County Jail to request re-negotiation. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. C- **Housing Background Disqualifiers Update** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve the attached Grand Traverse Band Housing Background Rejection Criteria (for all programs) to be sent out for a 30-day posting; and to revisit for approval after the comment period has ended. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. D- **Election Board Vacancy** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to extend the Election Board terms for 90 days and then repost. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. E- **Gosling Czubak Contract** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve the contract with Gosling Czubak for engineering of three wells, one pumphouse, and site improvements on GTB Parcel 1 and 75. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. F- **Fiscal Year 2024 Cooperative Agreement for Sea Lamprey Monitoring** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve Resolution #24-42.3647 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$6,204.00 from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. G- **Temporary PT RN Position added to D8 Org Chart** Motion made by Tribal Council Member

Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve the addition of a temporary PT RN position through December 30, 2024, with the modification of listing a Bachelor's Degree as a preferred qualification rather than a minimum qualification. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. H- **East Bay Water System Rate Adjustment** Information only

III. New Business. I- **Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail Project** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to engage in formal consultation regarding the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail Segment 9 Construction. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. J- **Rights of Nature Resolution** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to post Resolution #24-42.3652, along with the translation, for 60 days for comment. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. K- **Wiingash Property (Camp Pugsley) New Purchase Offer** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall for GTED to enter into an agreement to sell the Wiingash/old Camp Pugsley property to Consolidated Rye & Whiskey, LLC for \$1,770,000, with the additional requirement of a minimum of \$20,000 in earnest money to be nonrefundable if it's a cash offer and to be refundable if it's a finance offer. At closing, GTED will use the sales proceeds to pay off the debts owed on the property along with repaying to the Tribe the expenses that the GTB Accounting Department has been paying on the property for GTED since December 2023; **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. L- **GTB Transportation Improvement Plan** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Kewaygoshkum to approve Resolution #24-42.3651. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. L- **Land Stewardship Letter of Intent** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to file an application with the Northwest Foundation for putting Garden Island in a conservation easement status. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

**Tribal Council Special Session
March 27, 2024
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II. New Business. A- **FY21 BIA ARPA-Potable Water Budget** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve the potable water budget. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. B- **FY24 BIA-ISDEAA Section 105(l) Lease Agreement** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 BIA Section 105(l) Lease Agreement for the Conservation Building. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. C- **D.7 Follow Up to GTB Tribal Opioid Settlement Distribution 01/17/2024** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to accept the philanthropy gift of \$20,000 into GL #100.1060 for the purpose of D.7 trainings as presented **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. D- **PSA for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Event on May 3, 2024** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Kewaygoshkum for approval to publish the PSA for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons event on May 3, 2024. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. E- **MDHHS Mental Health Block Grant FY25 & FY26** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve Resolution #24-42.3648 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. F- **Law Enforcement Special Initiatives- ARPA Project Funds** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve the Law Enforcement Special Initiatives- APRA project funds for law enforcement mobile radios for patrol vehicles in the amount of \$7,809. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. G- **Evaluation of Thiamine Deficiency in Lake Whitefish as a Potential Cause of their Recruitment Failure** Motion made by

TRIBAL COUNCIL MOTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Cont. Tribal Council Special Session March 27, 2024

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Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve that Erik Olsen and Chris Hessel, on behalf of the Grand Traverse Band, are authorized to apply as co-principal investigators for the project “Evaluation of Thiamine deficiency in lake whitefish as a potential cause of their recruitment failure” through the Great Lakes Fishery Trust. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. H- **CITPS-2024 Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) Immunization Tribal Support 2024** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve Resolution #24-42.3649 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$17,378 from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the Coronavirus Disease Immunization Tribal Support grant. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. I- **DH Baker Contract** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to increase the DH Baker Contract from \$49,999 by an additional \$50,000 increase for a total of \$100,000.00. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. J- **Regional FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant/MOU** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall and Supported by Tribal Council Member Rohl to approve Resolution #24-42.3650. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. K- **Authorization to Start Process of Putting Resort into Trust** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to authorize GTB Legal to initiate the process of preparing a petition for Fee to Trust for the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, LLC. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. L-**FY24 NFWF America the Beautiful Challenge Pre-Proposal** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall for approval of NRD’s intention to submit a pre-proposal number #83680 entitled: “Water Protectors and Stream Resiliency: A Tribal-Led response to land healing,

community engagement, and habitat connectivity” to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. M- **Acceptance of FY22 Audit Report** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to accept the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit report. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. N-**ARPA Reallocation of Projects** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall and Supported by Tribal Council Member Rohl to approve the ARPA revised project budgets as presented. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. O- **IMLS Library Enhancement Grant** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve Resolution #24-42.3654 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$150,000 from the Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. P- **Audit Contract Change Order #5** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve Change Order #5 to increase the governmental portion of the audit contract from \$187,895

to \$192,895. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. Q- **FY 2024 Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve Resolution #24-42.3655 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$392,601 from the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. R- **PRC Budget Increase FY 24** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve increasing the 100.3110.6570 medical other budget to cover expenses for medical and prescription with the PRC fund balance until mid-year is approved-\$656,286.55. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. S- **Dental Clinic Wage Grid** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to change the Dental Hygienist position to an hourly starting wage of \$36.62 and Dental Receptionist from an H5 to H6 starting wage of \$18.55; no funding increase requested. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 28TH, 2024 - MARCH 27TH, 2024
There were (2) Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, (1) EDC Regular Session, and (21) Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables
Chairman Arroyo attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 0 of 1 EDC Regular Session, and 5 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables Scheduled: Out of Office 3/10-3/13/2024; attended legislative meetings in Washington, DC, Attended: March 1, 2024; on-site meeting with the State Attorney General and Rep. Betsy Coffia, 3/4/2024 attended MDNR Wildlife Division Meeting at GTR&S, 3/21/2024; attended virtual ITC Board Meeting.
Vice Chair Kewaygoshkum attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 1 of 1 EDC Regular Session, and 16 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables Scheduled: Out of Office 3/25/2024
Treasurer Swallows attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 1 of 1 EDC Regular Session, and 20 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables. Scheduled: Out of Office 3/4/2024 and 3/8/2024
Secretary Marshall attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 1 of 1 EDC Regular Session, and 13 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables. Scheduled: Out of Office 2/29-3/7/2024 and 3/26/2024
Councilor Frankenberger attended 1 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 1 of 1 EDC Regular Session, and 4 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables. Attended: March 1, 2024; on-site meeting with the State Attorney General and Rep. Betsy Coffia
Councilor Napont attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 1 of 1 EDC Regular Session, and 12 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables.
Councilor Rohl attended 1 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 1 of 1 EDC Regular Session, and 15 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables. Scheduled: Out of Office 3/8/2024, 3/11/2024, and 3/25/2024 Attended: March 1, 2024; on-site meeting with the State Attorney General and Rep. Betsy Coffia

WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER



Hello, my name is **Yvette R. Weese**, and I am a GTB Tribal Member. I have recently been hired as the new VAWA Tribal Court Survivor Liaison / Program Director. I am excited and look forward to working with our tribal members and community again. I was hired under a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant and one of the main objectives of my grant is to make sure GTB Tribal Court Victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking, are getting informed about their offenders' hearings, when they want to be informed. A key goal of this grant

is to increase voluntary survivor participation in the prosecution of criminal cases through use of the Victims Rights Ordinance. My office number is (231) 534-7381. My office is in Annex 2 Building next to Membership. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions related to crime victims in Tribal Court.

Some of the things I can help Tribal Court Survivors with, include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Informing victims of their rights under the **GTB Victims' Rights Ordinance** passed in May of 2019.
- ◆ Discuss challenges with the victims, advise victims of court options available and explain the consequences of those choices.
- ◆ Assist victims in filling out personal protection orders.

WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER



Aanii,

I am happy to introduce myself as the new VAWA Intensive Probation Officer with the GTB Tribal Court. While this is my first time working with GTB, I have spent most of my career in the courts and criminal justice.

I started this path in Butler County, Ohio shortly after completing my BA in Political Science and Psychology when I was hired on to work as corrections staff in a Community Correctional Facility for Juveniles with Felony adjudications

who would otherwise have been sent to the state youth prison system. My time there taught me to treat my clients as I would want a family member to be treated (which I continue to carry with me today). I continued that attitude with me into my other roles there as a Juvenile Probation Officer and Intensive Juvenile Probation Officer.

After roughly 10 years working with Butler County, we chose to move to Northern Michigan to be near family. Upon moving here, I worked in the 13th Circuit Family Division as an Intensive Probation Officer, working with youth with PSB's and those involved in the mental health specialty court. After 3 years I made a career change and began working in Homeless Services (with a focus on single unsheltered adults).

Though I do not want to downplay the profound impact that work had on me and those close to me, I will say that it often required many of the same skills and the need to overcome many similar challenges as my previous work. I had the opportunity to work with a broader range of people and began learning about some of the unique difficulties that the Native American Community faced. Though I truly cared for my clients and the work, I realized that this type of work, as it was, had a shelf life which came at a fairly high cost. At that time, I made the decision to step away, back into the familiar world of the courts and came here.

I appreciate you welcoming me into the community, and I would be happy to talk with anyone about what we are doing at tribal court, and more about our VAWA Grant funded team.

Sincerely,

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Tribal ID Reprint, follow these steps:

1. \$10 payment to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Make payment in person or over the phone by calling (231) 534-7622.
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1. Follow all the steps mentioned above.
 2. Take a photo at the Membership Office.
- First Tribal ID is FREE.
 - Tribal Members can receive a FREE Tribal ID by updating their address with a notarized Address Change Form.
 - Elders are eligible to receive one FREE Tribal ID per year!

If you have any questions, please contact the **Membership Department at (231) 534-7101**

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ELDERS

Antrim/GT Elders Events & Activities	Benzie Elders Events & Activities	Charlevoix Elders Events & Activities	Leelanau Elders Events & Activities
<p>Monday's & Friday's Office Tasks 8AM - 5PM *Lunch Provided</p>	<p>Every Wednesday Steven Alberts, Elders Assistant will assist with Elders' paperwork 8AM - 5PM</p>	<p>Monday's Office Tasks 8AM - 5PM *Lunch Provided</p>	<p>Monday's Meal Delivey 1PM</p>
<p>Tuesday; April 2nd Craft Day 11:30AM - 3:00PM*</p>	<p>Agnes Glinski, Benzie Office Manager will be available to assist Elders with paperwork.</p>	<p>Thursday; April 11th Movie & Popcorn 12:00PM*</p>	<p>Friday's Office Tasks 8AM - 5PM *Lunch Provided</p>
<p>Wednesday; April 3rd Puzzle 11:30AM - 3:00PM*</p>	<p>Thursday; April 18th SPRING SOLSTICE (All Sites) @ Turtle Creek 11:00AM - 3:00PM*</p>	<p>Friday; April 12th Walk & Talk In Gym/Outside 1:30PM</p>	<p>Monday; April 1st Through Wednesday; April 3rd Michigan Indian Elders Association</p>
<p>Thursday; April 4th Open Activity 11:30AM - 3:00PM*</p>	<p>Signup & transportation DEADLINE:</p>	<p>Tuesday; April 16th CVX Pool Ride 9:00AM</p>	<p>Thursday; April 4th TC Store Run 9:15AM</p>
<p>Tuesday; April 9th Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile 10:00AM - 4:00PM*</p>	<p>End of Business Day April 15, 2024</p>	<p>Craft Time 1:30PM</p>	<p>Tuesday; April 9th Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile 10:00AM - 4:00PM*</p>
<p>Wednesday; April 10th Open Activity 11:30AM - 3:00PM*</p>	<p>**Must have 3 confirmed passengers for transportation to the party**</p>	<p>Wednesday; April 17th Bingo 12:00PM*</p>	<p>Wednesday; April 10th Bargain Store 9:15AM</p>
<p>Thursday; April 11th Craft Day 11:30AM - 3:00PM*</p>	<p>Charlevoix Elders Events & Activities</p>	<p>Thursday; April 18th SPRING SOLSTICE (All Sites) @ Turtle Creek 11:00AM - 3:00PM*</p>	<p>Thursday; April 11th Swimming @Northport 11:00AM</p>
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<p>Interested in attending an activity/event or need a ride to the activity or event? PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ELDERS SITE COORDINATOR SIGN UP REQUIRED!</p>			

Mino-Dibishkaan! Happy Birthday!

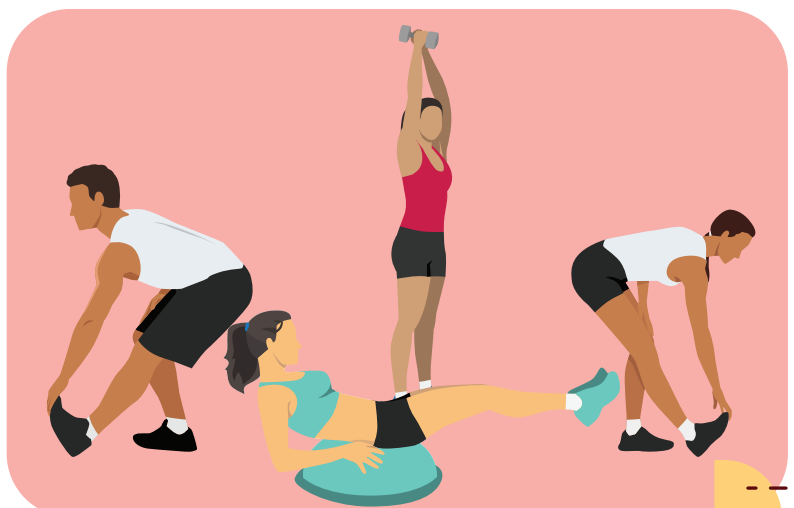
GTB News Staff & Membership Dept. would like to acknowledge this months Elders Birthdays!

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!

Stanley Clinton	Bigjoe Gould	1-Apr	Connie Elizabeth	Hacker Gribbell	11-Apr	Carl Joan	Paepke Petoskey	21-Apr
Alvina Joseph	Napont Raphael	2-Apr	Sharon Ginger	Reisedge Hardy	12-Apr	Albert Mark	Gunderson Madagame	21-Apr
John William	Moore Bailey	3-Apr	Geraldine Sherry	Kerr Hacker	12-Apr	Nicholas Ella	Bailey Germaine	22-Apr
Wallace Janice	Hall Petoskey	3-Apr	Lela Michael	Chippewa Patten	13-Apr	Jennifer George	Reynolds Warren	22-Apr
Patricia William	Randolph Reed	5-Apr	Sheila Mabel	Lawler Burns	14-Apr	Charlotte Susan	Wells Salsman	23-Apr
Yvonne Barbara	Gale Hanninen	5-Apr	Gertrude Henry	Minzey Bailey	14-Apr	Rebecca Richard	Kalush King	24-Apr
Gail James	Diaz Mills	6-Apr	Deborah Cornelia	McNeil Two Crow	15-Apr	William Renee	Gunderson Wilson	24-Apr
Lynn Anita	Nada Hall	6-Apr	Patrick Joanna	McGrath Brownell-Hill	15-Apr	Debra Judith	GreenSky O'Neill	25-Apr
Cindy Ronald	McCallum Scheiding	6-Apr	Marion Laverne	Wabanimkee Minzey	15-Apr	Lesley Lark	Mellema Brotherton	25-Apr
James Thomas	Harter McSauby	7-Apr	Gail William	Winters DeVerney	16-Apr	Lilly Debra	Pocock Koepp	27-Apr
Geneva Larry	LaSieur Gates	8-Apr	Quintin Louis	Walker Williams	16-Apr	Jane Elaine	Rohl Marquez	27-Apr
Louis Sandra	Gates Yannott	8-Apr	Kellene Elwood	Given Stainbrook	17-Apr	Kerry Linda	Nyquest Amstutz	28-Apr
Peter Lora	Shomin Robert	9-Apr	William Mark	Landreville Henley	18-Apr	Linda Barbara	Kutchey Hillier	29-Apr
Charles Michelle	Petoskey Miller Stork	10-Apr	Joseph George	Kau-Be-Naw McClellan	19-Apr	Joseph Duane	Finch Burfield	29-Apr
Gary Brent	Partello Bailey	10-Apr	Debra Kathleen	Gannon Lewis	20-Apr	Larry Michael	Mortenson Bailey	29-Apr
Jennifer Evonne	Casper Allard	10-Apr	Luella Sandra	Cote Raphael	20-Apr	Patricia Roberta	Alexander Brothwell	30-Apr
		11-Apr			20-Apr			30-Apr

Delores Wonegeshik - Manager ((📞))
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Barbara Kenwabikise	(231) 534-7066	(231) 631-0281	Charlevoix
Greg Bailey	(231) 534-7740	(231) 492-4976	Leelanau
Melissa Martinez	(231) 534-7743	(231) 631-6095	Leelanau



Get Your Balance On! Every Thursday 1-2pm

STARTING MARCH 14TH - STRONGHEART DANCE ROOM

FALLS ARE PREVENTABLE & ARE NOT AN INEVITABLE PART OF AGING

Don't miss this opportunity to improve balance and mobility through simple, easy to do exercises. Developing the body's core muscles as well as ankles and legs creates "muscle memory" in those areas which assist in stability and balance.

If you have a relative or friend who can benefit from this class, do them a favor and share the class information with them.

ALL Ages & ALL Fitness Levels are Welcome to Join this 50 Minute Class!

Led by Certified Personal Trainer & Corrective Exercise Specialist, Cheryl Send

Strongheart Center
 (231) 534-7457
 2700 Strongheart Way, Peshawbestown





ROCK PAINTING EVENING

event will be cancelled if no participants show up after 30 mins

Presented by Youth Services

light dinner provided

Thursday, April 4, 2024
From 5:00 - 6:30PM
M22 YOUTH BUILDING
2821 N WEST BAYSHORE DR

Delia Shawandase - 231-463-5176
Leilani Defoe - 231-631-9900

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GTB Culture, Niizh Animikiig and Youth Services Present

Come learn to make

Regalia Belts

Open to all GTB and Families

May choose between Arcylic/Parfleche or Metal Studded Belt. One belt per person

Must register with link/QR code to ensure correct size/materials by March 31st.

<https://bit.ly/49GX8zc>

*Limited Supplies - 20 participants per date-First signed up, first served.

Metal Studded Dates

3 Mile Office	Eyaawing Musuem	Charlevoix	Benzie
April 23, 2024 5:00pm-8pm	April 25, 2024 5:00pm-8pm	May 16, 2024 4:30pm-7pm	May 23, 2024 5:00pm-8pm

Acrylic Parfleche Dates

3 Mile Office	M22 Youth Building	Charlevoix	Benzie
April 18, 2024 April 25, 2024 5:00pm-8pm	May 2, 2024 May 9, 2024 5:00pm-8pm	May 16, 2024 4:30pm-7pm	May 23, 2024 May 30, 2024 5:00pm-8pm

More Information:
Leilani Defoe - 231.534.7747 - Leilani.Defoe@gtb-nsn.gov
Delia Shawandase - 231.534.7230 - Delia.Shawandase@gtb-nsn.gov
TaShena Sams - 231.534.7766 - TaShena.Sams2@gtb-nsn.gov

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Youth Services, GTB Heritage Library presents....

E-gindaaso-jig (The Readers) CLUB

4pm-5:30pm

Recommended Reading Age 12+
All Welcome

March	April
Monday, March 4	Monday, April 8
Monday, March 18	Monday, April 22

optional: zoom read-alongs

- Monday, Mar. 11 at 5pm
- Monday, Apr. 15 at 5pm

Location
M-22 Youth Building
2821 N.West Bayshore Drive, Peshawbestown

Come read with us! We will be reading and discussing the book of your choosing from 3 pre-selected books.
Snacks and books provided!!

For more information:
Leilani DeFoe 231-631-9900 Delia Shawandase 231-463-5176
GTByouth@gtb-nsn.gov

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Youth Services Presents

Aambe Kinomaadidaa

"Let's teach one another"

GTB families can come learn from one another in various projects/ workshops.

Open Project Nights

Tuesdays in March/April
4:00-7:00pm

Bring own supplies. (fabric, leather, beads etc.)

Have any unfinished projects?

M22 Youth Building

Limited Sewing Machines/Supplies.

****USE OF CENTER FABRICS/LEATHERS IS LIMITED****

More information contact:
Delia Shawandase 231.534.7230
GTByouth@gtb-nsn.gov

Subject to change
2821 N West Bay Shore



Visit Interlochen Arts Academy March 8 or April 26

Students from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in grades 8-12 are invited to join us for an inside look into attending Interlochen Arts Academy. The visit includes an overnight stay in the guest artist wing of the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow House, a campus tour, class visitations, exhibitions, and performances. All meals are provided.



Limited space available
Register Today!

interlochen.org/academy

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_uNPVpPpbKAjpr_WdsD3S1ITCaGbe04zeM1Z6xozH9Iuzg/viewform

All events are free and open to the Native American and Non-Native public. They promote Anishinabek culture, the musical arts, and health through Yang 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

HERITAGE LIBRARY PRESENTS

Spring EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

30-Minute Guitar, Piano, and Voice lessons by appointment. Zoom Lessons Available. The Heritage Library has 3 electric keyboards/pianos, 3 children sized classical guitars, and 3 full sized classical guitars to borrow for lessons. **First Come First Serve. Adults 10AM - 5PM & Children 3PM - 5PM.**

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

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

Kids/Family Wing Chun Kung Fu Class: Every Saturday 11AM - 12:30PM

Kids/Family Wing Chun Kung Fu Class this winter at the Heritage Library. Come learn the ancient martial art of Kung Fu. No special clothes needed-just loose, comfortable clothing.

Cutting Board Finishing Workshop: 5PM - 7PM @ Various Sites

Come and put the finishing touches on the Cutting Board you made at the Anishinaabek Makerspace Workshops. The Finishing Workshop is the final workshop in the series. Limited spaces available. **RSVP for availability.**

Heritage Library: 4/3/24 3-Mile Office: 4/9/24 Benzie Office: 4/17/24 Charlevoix Office: 4/24/24



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



Tribal School Teacher, Robert Joseph Palmer is a writing coach. He has been an educator and school leader for 20 years. Robert taught at Eton Academy, a National Exemplary School in Birmingham, MI, for six years and Royal Oak Alternative Education for 11 years where he co-founded the school. He has now founded three schools.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SPRING ADULT WRITING EVENT

Manifest what You Desire and Healing through the Art of Writing



APRIL 4TH

Heritage Library, Peshawbestown

6:30PM - 8:00PM

APRIL 17TH

Benzie Satellite Office, Benzie

6:30PM - 8:00PM

APRIL 24TH

Charlevoix Satellite Office, Charlevoix

6:30PM - 8:00PM



The Tribal School and Life-Long Learning now hold powerful, stand alone, writing events for both youth and adults. During the 90-minute event, attendees get a real taste of our writing program as they practice two of the four compelling writing tools from our Writing Workshop One.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: ROBERT PALMER (231) 534-7759

Do you have children ages 0-5 in your home?



Come to an Early Childhood Lunch and Learn!

Enjoy lunch (provided), receive gifts, and explore the community resources that cater to young children.

**Friday, April 5 from 11am-1pm
Benodjenh - Parent Room - #104**

For more info, contact Autumn at 231-383-0874

TALKING CIRCLE

ZOOM DAILY 10:30AM- 11:30AM
Zoom Meeting Code: **886 8701 6931**
Password: **sobertalk**

Join Scott via Zoom for a virtual talking circle Wellbriety meeting.



Disseminate culturally based principles, values, and teachings to support healthy community development and servant leadership, and to support healing from alcohol, substance abuse, co-occurring disorders and intergenerational trauma.

Questions, contact Scott

231-534-7247 or

scott.scholten@gtb-nsn.gov

NENAANDAWE'IWEJIG TRADITIONAL HEALING

WITH
JOE SYRETTE



"We are all spirits living a human life. When we take the time to heal and acknowledge our spirit, then and only then will we know and understand our path and journey through life."
-Syrette

HEALING SESSIONS DATES & TIMES

APRIL
3rd & 4th - Traverse City
23rd* & 24th - Peshawbestown
*SWEAT on 23rd at 6:00 pm

MAY
7th & 8th - Benzie
21st* & 22nd - Peshawbestown
*SWEAT on 21st at 6:00 pm

JUNE
4th & 5th - Charlevoix
18th* & 19th - Peshawbestown
*SWEAT on 18th at 6:00 pm

PROTOCOLS

When seeking a Traditional Healer, please see list below to help you prepare for your healing journey.
All ages welcome!

- Bring enough Tobacco for a full Pipe bowl
- Refrain from Alcohol/Drugs 4 days prior
- *Optional. Gift with your request*
- Women on their sacred "moontime" (monthly cycle) cannot attend this session

REGISTER FOR A SESSION OR SWEAT HERE



bit.ly/GTB_THH_APPT

HEALING REQUESTS

Requests for Anishinaabe names, colors, clans, teaching, doctoring for illness, dreams, spiritual guidance, etc. are appropriate requests.

CO-ED SWEATS

Co-Ed Sweat Jan. 24th, Feb. 20th, & March 19th at 6:00 pm in Peshawbestown.
Limited capacity, **must pre-register** at bit.ly/GTB_THH_APPT

Reserve Your Spot in Co-ed Sweat Today!



(231) 534-7090
bit.ly/GTB_BH
GOVBehavioralHealth@gtb-nsn.gov

2300 N. Stallman Road
Peshawbestown, MI 49662

Learn More About
Joe Syrette Here!
bit.ly/THHJS_Bio

Behavioral Health Presents ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES FREE SESSIONS!



**MASSAGE • AURICULAR ACUPUNCTURE • ACUPUNCTURE
ASHTANGA CHIROPRACTIC • ENERGY HEALING
REIKI • YOGA • MEDITATION • MINDFULNESS & MORE**

The Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is now offering appointments for Alternative Therapies to the community. All services will be provided in BHS offices, including GTB Satellite offices. Services & providers subject to change.

**SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE LINK TO
LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP:
https://bit.ly/GTB_AT_Appt24**



MORE DATES & LOCATIONS TO BE ADDED FOR SERVICES
All services dependent on provider availability, contracts, funding & are first come first serve by signing up.
Please limit appointments to one per person per 30-days to allow others access the services.

CONTACT:
Marion Wabanimee-Minzey
(231) 534-7091
Marion.Wabanimee-Minzey@gtb-nsn.gov

Kathy Tahtinen
(231) 534-7255
Kathy.Tahtinen@gtb-nsn.gov

NENAANDAWI'WED TRADITIONAL HEALER JOE SYRETTE



Joe Syrette is Anishinaabe Ojibwe from Rankin Reserve Batchewana First Nation located in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario Canada. Joe has been practicing traditional healing work for the past 21 years and illustrates traditional values, morals and teachings by living a clean and healthy lifestyle with his wife and daughters. Joe currently works with the Behavioral Health Department at the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Medicine Lodge as one of the Traditional Healers.

Growing up as a traditional shkaabewis "helper" Joe has learned to balance his spiritual and personal life while continuing to always remain humble with the knowledge he carries. He has spent his young and adolescent years learning how to live in duality between the modern world and traditional Anishinaabe world through fasting and attending ceremonies. He currently helps communities and other traditional people and healers when needed allowing his knowledge and traditional teachings to grow.

Today, Joe has dedicated his time and knowledge to teach and share with others about his cultural experiences and how he has utilized his culture and language to heal himself within his own walk and journey through life. Joe acknowledges that lifelong learning is every day for him and that there is always something new to learn. He promotes cultural sharing and healing to community members so we can all learn to build encouragement on our cultural knowledge and sacred walk through life.

Spending a life time of listening and learning about himself as an Anishinaabe person, this has allowed him to value and respect all physical and spiritual beings and their protocols. He has had the opportunity of working alongside many respectful elders, and healers to which he has been given teachings and rights to helping his Anishnaabeg relatives with spiritual healing.

"We are all spirits living a human life. When we take the time to heal and acknowledge our spirit, then and only then will we know and understand our path and journey through life"
-Syrette

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Psychiatric Telehealth Appointments
 - Traditional Healer Appointments
 - Sweat Lodge Ceremonies
 - Outpatient and Inpatient Treatment Referrals
 - Counseling Referrals and Resources
 - Weekly Zoom Peer Recovery Support Meetings
 - Prevention and Recovery Support and Events
- More information, please contact Marion at 231-534-7090**

HUMAN SERVICES

**NEW FY24 Client Application Scan QR Code
NEW Rent and Mortgage
(One time assistance \$400/household/fiscal yr)**

- Food Rescue (All community members - Mondays after 11am)*
- Food Pantry (application & appointment)*
- Food Assistance (application)
- Emergency Heat Assistance (application)
- Other Emergency Assistance (application) bit.ly/GTB_HSA_FY24
- Weatherization Items (application & while supplies last)



**More information, please contact
Andrea 231-534-7910**

Food Rescue & Pantry Located: lower level of Medicine Lodge

ANISHINAABEK FAMILY SERVICES

APRIL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS PREVENTION

In April 2024, we recognize it as National Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month.

GTB AFS is here to protect the best interest of Native American Children and to promote the stability and security of Indian Tribes and families by implementing the requirements established in the Indian Child Welfare Act and by Tribal customs, codes, and policies.

To facilitate the coordination of all Federal, Tribal, State, and other Social Services programs for the Tribe.

Provides Adult and Child Social Work, Adult Protective Services, Child Protective Services, Case Management, Prevention Services, and Victim Services

Family Support Services:

Assessments, Resources, Referrals, Support, Planning, and Parenting Education

Child Protective Services:

Child Abuse or Neglect Investigations on Tribal Land

Foster Home Licensing:

Providing support and education to licensed foster homes

Community Resources, Education, and Referrals, Family Intervention and Prevention Assistance, Elder & Vulnerable Adult Intervention, Prevention, and Resources

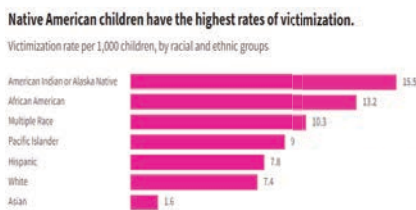
Anishinaabek Family Services

Located in the Medicine Lodge
2300 Stallman Rd
Peshawbestown, MI 49682
On call (231) 499-5162

The signs of child abuse include unexplained bruises, overly aggressive behavior, lack of necessities, and drastic changes in behavioral and eating habits.

More than two-thirds of cases are reported by professionals that often have a legal obligation to report suspected abuse, such as teachers, law enforcement officers, and social workers. However, not all incidents of abuse or neglect are reported, so the data likely underrepresents the number of victims.

American Indian or Alaska Native children have the highest rates of victimization, at more than 15 per 1,000.



Child Abuse Awareness

Abused, neglected, and maltreated children may suffer not only acute physical injuries, but ongoing long-term abuse can also have chronic, lasting effects such as emotional and psychological health problems as a result. Collaborative efforts to highlight awareness of child abuse and neglect bring reduction, strategies, support healthy growth, and development for children and their families.

Available Resources

- Parent Support & Assistance
- Counseling Services
- Community Internal & External Services

Services Available to all Grand Traverse Band Community Members

Leelanau - Grand Traverse - Benzie - Charlevoix
Antrim - Manistee

"Building a healthy community and strengthen our families by providing comprehensive strength-based and culturally appropriate services that promote healthy lifestyles and self-sufficiency."



Anishinaabek Family Services

Build a healthy community and strengthen our families by providing comprehensive strength-based and culturally appropriate services that promote healthy lifestyles and self-sufficiency.

Develop a humanistic program that fits the needs of the family and community and to create an awareness about the services that exist to prevent child abuse and neglect.

STAFF DIRECTORY

AFS Caseworker

- Laura Mains
- Tim Stark
- Jennifer Ray

Adult Family Caseworker

Jordan Langley

Child Protective Service

Robert Downen

AFS Supervisor

Denise Johnson

OFFICE LOCATION

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Peshawbestown, MI 49682

Office (231) 499-5126

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Peshawbestown, MI 49682

AFS@gtb-nsn.gov
1-866-534-7750



Anishinaabek Family Services



GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS

AFS Family Services provides the tools and skills necessary to foster a healthy home environment for our children and families.

Providing

- Family Intake/ Assessment to identify family needs

- Providing the necessary Family Support through internal or external resources

- Maintaining Family Unity by helping to promote a healthy lifestyle and self-sufficiency

Family Intake/ Assessment

Family Support

Family Unity

Children make memories every day.
How do you want them to remember you?

WEIGHT LOSS CONTEST WINNERS

****CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE****
 1st PLACE – Bryan Smith & Sryrs Smith
 2nd PLACE – Jordan & Angelina Anderson
 3rd PLACE – Billy & Theresa Marshall

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 18TH FEDERAL RECOGNITION DAY 5K BENZIE SATELLITE OFFICE



DISC GOLF REDESIGN COURSE!!



ATTENTION DISC GOLF ENTHUSIASTS:
 We're thrilled to announce that we are planning a redesign of our disc golf course! We are eager to hear your creative ideas and suggestions. Please contact Leanne, the Strongheart Supervisor, at (231) 534-7551.

ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS CLASS

EVERY Wednesday

Starting February 14th
12pm - 1pm

No Dance Experience Required!
 FREE to Tribal & Gym Members!
 \$10 per Class for Non-Members

Zumba Certified Instructor:
 Natalie Kohler

Strongheart Center
 (231) 534-7457
 2700 Strongheart Way, Peshawbestown

BENZIE FITNESS CENTER PRESENTS

GET READY TO TWIST & SHOUT

SOCK HOP INTO SPRING

FREE ENTRY

OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH 4-7PM
DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

DUST OFF YOUR POODLE SKIRTS & LEATHER JACKETS BECAUSE IT'S TIME TO ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK!
 JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF NOSTALGIA, LAUGHTER, AND GOOD OLD-FASHIONED FUN.
 LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED!

COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST 1950S ATTIRE AND GET READY TO JITTERBUG THE NIGHT AWAY!
 WE'LL HAVE SNACKS, GROOVY TUNES, AND PLENTY OF SPACE TO SHOWCASE YOUR BEST DANCE MOVES

CONTACT:
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 TAMMY.BROOME@GTB-NSN.GOV

GTB BENZIE OFFICE
 7282 HOADLEY RD, BENZONIA, MI 49616
 (231) 534-7820

SEATED WORKOUT CLASS

STRONGHEART DANCE ROOM

Every Tuesday 1pm-2pm • Starting February 13th 2024
FREE for Tribal Members & Strongheart Gym Members • \$10/Class for Non-Members

Low intensity, full body workout for any fitness level.

This class is specifically designed for those who may have ankle, foot, knee or back problems, but anyone can benefit!

By focusing on the core, and upper body, the class helps develop and maintain increased flexibility, range of motion, and strength.

Led by Certified Personal Trainer and Corrective Exercise Specialist, Cheryl Send

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HOUSING

ALL PROGRAMS BASED ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE Offered by GTB HOUSING

EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR

- ✓ \$15,000 available to household in any rolling 5 year period.
- ✓ Completed application & attachments are required at time of requested service. Please review ALL regulations of the program.
- ✓ Must be primary resident of the home and within 6 county service area.



SEPTIC PUMPOUT

- ✓ Must be primary resident of the home & within 6-county service area.
- ✓ Eligible for (1) pumpout every other year.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE PROGRAM

- ✓ \$20,000 total lifetime availability for Elders or certified disabled tribal member homeowner.
- ✓ Must be primary resident of the home & within 6-county service area.



DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE/ HOMEBUYER EDUCATION

- ✓ Available to Tribal Members purchasing a home within 6-county area
- ✓ Pathways Home Classes
- ✓ Limited to a One Time Use (lifetime)
- ✓ Cannot access the Emergency Home Repair for 5 years
- ✓ Qualified Tribal Member Households receive \$15,000
- ✓ Single wide trailers may receive up to 10% of the purchase price (Trailer must be 10 years old or newer)



NAHASDA Rental Subsidy Assistance

Please note the differences in the programs

Eligibility for Rental Subsidy Assistance

A. To be eligible for rental assistance, applicants must meet all of the below conditions:

1. Be an enrolled Tribal member of the Grand Traverse Band;
2. Be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
3. Reside in one (1) of the following counties: Leelanau, Grand Traverse, Antrim, Charlevoix, Benzie, or Manistee;
4. Qualify as a low-income family, defined as a family whose income does not exceed 80% of the median income, as published annually by Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);
5. Live in a space that requires rental payment. For example; apartment, mobile home park, town house, etc. Rental assistance **will not be offered for assistance with mortgage payments, lot rent (of participant owned/mortgaged home) or when renting an individual room;**
6. Not be delinquent on their rent at the time assistance is offered;

B. The applicant is eligible to receive **up to** \$250.00 per month for rental assistance.

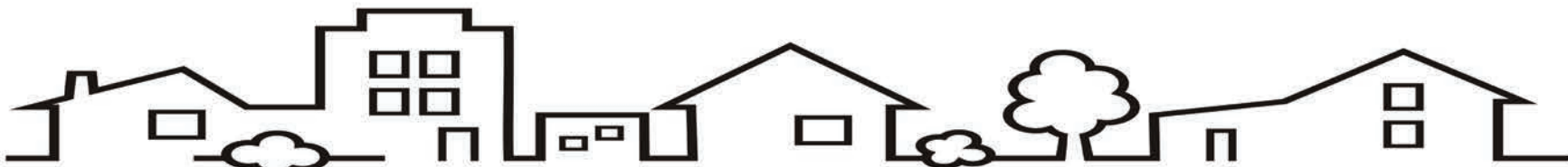
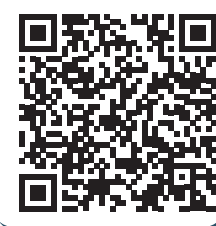
C. Rental assistance may be provided for a maximum of six months in a two-year period.

D. Applicants who receive benefits and become ineligible due to receiving the maximum six months of benefits are eligible to re-apply two (2) years after date of initial application.

E. An applicant may not receive rental assistance while receiving the benefit of any other form of housing subsidy for the same dwelling unit. (with the exception of the ARP supplemental assistance)

F. Applicants that owe monies to the Grand Traverse Band Housing Department are not eligible for Rental Subsidy Assistance until the balance is paid in full.

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CONTACT US

HOUSING TENANTS
After Hrs. Emergency Line
231-866-1290

Lori Dudley	Administrative Assistant	(231) 534-7800
Maxx Jacko	Occupancy Specialist	(231) 534-7447
Joe Kaubenaw	Occupancy Specialist – GTB rental info Down Payment Information/Homebuyer Education	(231) 534-7803
Emmett Marlow	Occupancy Specialist – GTB rental info	(231) 534-7802
Tarik Bouguettaya	Emergency Home Repair, Handicap Accessibility Program	(231) 534-7886
Nicki Basch	Department Manager	(231) 534-7449

www.gtbindians.org/housing_dept.asp

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

"I AM DIFFERENT, NOT LESS"



Dr. Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach, is the first female American Indian Dentist, a member of the Prairie Band Pottawatomi Nation. She attended the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and practiced in private practice and at the Family Health Care FQHC located in Baldwin.

1 IN 36 CHILDREN IS DIAGNOSED WITH ASD

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disorder that affects communication and behavior, often with heightened sensory sensitivities. One in thirty-six children is diagnosed with ASD. Fortunately, this diagnosis can be made very young, so parents can access help early in the baby's life.

The number of American Indian/Native Alaskan (AI/AN) children with ASD isn't known, and a 2009 University of Minnesota study reported that AI/AN children are 13 percent less likely to be identified than white children with autism. ASD may not be less prevalent in Native communities; tribal children just aren't being diagnosed.

ASD patients can and do achieve excellent dental health. These efforts should begin at birth. With ASD children, prevention is key because treating dental disease is exceedingly difficult for ASD patients.

TEETH BRUSHING FOR INFANTS

When a baby finishes feeding, a warm, wet cloth can gently wipe the inside of the mouth. Toothbrushing should start when the first tooth appears; toothpaste is not necessary.

Use a soft, infant brush with warm water. After age two years old, try using fluoride toothpaste the size of a grain of rice. The American Dental Association recommends twice a day for 2 minutes. Tapping the lower lip softly with a silicone baby spoon or your finger can often get the baby to open, along with verbal cues. Coo over the wonderful opening. Massage is another option. Move your fingers in a circular motion beginning at the temple and work down to the jaw angle, then onto the cheek, to where the lower jaw angles forward. Little circles with a downward nudge usually works well.

POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

Softly singing during oral care, the same song each time, will help. Although the ASD baby may not respond, it is still especially important for caregivers to repeatedly speak and sing in a gentle voice, letting the baby know what is about to happen. "Now, we are getting ready to brush our teeth." "It feels so good." "Oh, you look wonderful with those clean teeth."

The best positive reinforcement is repetition, enthusiasm, and praise. Let the child model your own good behavior, saying, "I am so happy it is my turn to brush my teeth!"

Electric toothbrushes require less time. A three-sided toothbrush can make brushing easier and quicker. If using a bottle at bed, use only water. To avoid tooth decay, never put milk or juice in a bottle in the bed with baby.

For toddler's brushing routine, let them hold a favorite toy while sitting in a caregiver's lap, perhaps with a weighted blanket or a pressure vest. Use singing, music, or a video. When older, let the child brush first, with the caregiver "Checking to see what a good job you are doing!"

1ST DENTAL VISIT WITH 1ST TOOTH

All babies should first see a dentist when they have their first tooth or before one year old. If the ASD child has not been to a dentist, be sure to prepare for the first dental visit. There are amusing books which explain the dental office, so read these to the child many times. Ask your librarian

for suggestions. Talk about your own "wonderful and fun" visits to the dentists. Repeatedly explain what will happen at the office.

INFORM DENTIST OF SPECIAL NEEDS

Let the dentist know the special needs of the ASD patient; a sensory preference list can be shared with the dental staff. Ask for staged exposure to the office. Just sit in the reception area for ten minutes. Perhaps a "tour" of the office is in order when other patients are not there, when it is quiet. Introduce the staff by name without masks or glasses or gloves. If lights bother the patient, bring sunglasses. Bring a favorite "comfy." This might be a toy, a blanket, clothing, a hat, or a music recording.

Is there a time of day when the child is more co-operative? Make the visits for that time. Possibly make shorter appointments, such as for a short exam and oral hygiene instruction with fluoride varnish on the front teeth. Another appointment can include a professional exam and cleaning with fluoride varnish on all the teeth. Ask if the hygienist has a mild polishing paste, and suggest the hygienist please use the paste the child uses at home.

Excellent dental health is of paramount importance to ASD individuals, from birth to adulthood. Any speech development depends on natural, strong teeth. Digestion starts in the mouth, ensuring optimal nutrition for growth. Facial expression and recognition depend on natural, strong teeth. Those with ASD have many challenges in life. Why add dental suffering to their problems?

The Delta Dental Foundation has excellent resources for families that can make caring for folks with ASD easier. Also, the Autism Alliance of Michigan offers free support with finding a dentist for ASD patients as well as other beneficial services.

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GTB DENTAL CLINIC

REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST WEEK ON APRIL 8TH - 12TH

April has arrived and we hope you are enjoying the Spring weather that is sure to follow. The second week of **April, from the 8th-12th, we are recognizing our full time registered dental hygienist (RDH) Kristen Holston.** Kristen has been key to the growth and success of the dental department, and she has been part of the team at GTB since the dental department opened over a decade ago! She has been responsible for keeping our patients' oral hygiene in excellent condition, and educates our patients on how to take care of their oral health at home. Please take a moment to say "Thank You!" to Kristen for all the hard work she does for our patients!



Additionally, April is recognized as oral cancer awareness month. Many activities such as smoking, drinking alcohol, vaping, and chewing tobacco increase the incidence of cancers in the mouth and throat. These cancers are often slow growing and will appear as small bumps, lumps, or patches of disfigured tissue. If you are concerned about any abnormality that you notice, be sure to mention it to your dental provider to have it examined.

Scan QR Code or follow link: https://bit.ly/GTB_DC-SMC for some signs/symptoms to be aware of and mention to your provider.



Call our office today to schedule an appointment!
We hope to see you soon!

(231) 534-7211



GTB HEALTH CLINIC



AMERICAN HEART MONTH - MY HEART MY VOICE

INCREASED OPTICAL & DENTAL

The Health Department (Manoomin-Rice) is happy to announce that the GTB Tribal Council has approved an increase to the following PRC programs for eligible clients, through 12.31.2024:

Optical expenses have increased to \$600.00, this covers prescription frames & lenses, and/or prescription contacts. (Please note if you have accessed the previous \$300 for optical this year, you are still eligible for the additional \$300.00.

Dental expenses have increased to \$3,000.00, for dental patients under the age of 55.

More Information Contact

Stella Chippewa (231) 534-7931
or
Sonya Zotigh (231) 534-7241

HEALTH FAIR

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians' ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR will be held on the 16th of August 2024 at our Medicine Lodge in Peshawbestown, Michigan: 2300 N. Stallman Rd. Peshawbestown, Michigan 49682.

Making this great event successful requires hard work and funding from our dedicated sponsors, donors, and volunteers. The Health Fair committee does not make a profit from this event, and it is not our intention to make a profit. Our soul mission and goals are to provide an event that promotes overall, holistic health, healthy lifestyles, and health awareness.

Your support will play a crucial part in the Health Fair's success and that is why we are requesting your help. Please consider donating to support the GTB Health Fair. Any product, service, or monetary donation would be welcomed

and used towards the mission and goals of the Health Fair.

With your contribution, we will place your name in our program. We will also provide the list of contributors to our Tribal Council, Tribal Membership and community expressing our appreciation for the contribution via the Grand Traverse Band's monthly newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you and anticipate that, through your generous assistance, our 2024 GTB Health Fair to be one of our biggest and best yet.

Please contact our **Health Fair Committee members:** Stella Chippewa at 231-534-7931 or stella.chippewa@gtb-nsn.gov or Mary Agosa at 231-534-7556 or mary.agosa@gtb-nsn.gov.

Megwetch-Thank you!

Sonya Zotigh, MPA GTB Health Administrator

See Fundraiser flyers on page 19
See "Save The Date" flyer on page 23

Medicare is NOT issuing new cards!



NOT with a microchip



NOT a plastic one



NOT because it's a new year

Any call about a new Medicare card is a scam!
Medicare will not call you.

Call the MMAP Senior Medicare Patrol if you've received a call, text or email about a new Medicare card. We can help you check your account for suspicious activity.

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Senior Medicare Patrol
Preventing Medicare Fraud



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PACT ACT ELIGIBILITY



The PACT Act expands eligibility to VA benefits and services for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances.

Learn more at va.gov/PACT



LET'S MEET



Schedule a virtual or in-person appointment with a VA benefits specialist at

vets.force.com/VAVERA



VIETNAM



GULF WAR



POST - 9/11

ASK ONLINE



Submit a question online at ask.va.gov



GET LOCAL HELP



Find a Veterans Service Organization near you.

benefits.va.gov/vso/varo.asp



Speak to a VA benefits specialist by calling **1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411)**

Need assistance or would like more information? Please contact **Angelina Raphael, PRC Benefits Coordinator**

GTB Tribal Veteran Representative / Certified Medicare & Medicaid Assistance Program Councilor / MDHHS Community Partner
(231) 534-7731 or (231) 866-0326 (call/text)
Angelina.Raphael@gtb-nsn.gov

<https://bit.ly/GTB-AGR>

APRIL AGRICULTURAL FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Lets Grow Together



2024 SUGAR BUSH KIT GRANT RECIPIENTS

As mentioned in the March Newsletter, we were pleased to have 9 Sugar Bush Kit Grant Applicants this year. It was wonderful to see how these GTB families



carry on the tradition of sugar bush. The 5 successful applicants received their Sugar Bush Kits by the beginning of March. The successful applicants were: Rodney Koon, Tanya Raphael, Matthew McClellan, Marion Minzey-Wabanimkee, and Josh Jackiewicz. The applications were made anonymous, and a group of non-partial judges selected the winners. This group of judges was led by the GTB Traditional Sugar Bush Workshop Instructor. A grading rubric was provide to the judges that graded the applications on several factors that included youth involvement, distribution of the maple products, practicing of Anishinaabe tradition, access to trees, ability to store and utilize the kit, and a few other important criteria. These kits were made possible by a USDA – ACER grant that GTB Agriculture received. This grant will allow us to offer another 5 kits for next year. After receiving feedback from applicants, we will plan on offering this grant opportunity again this fall or early winter. This will allow everyone to

assemble the kit and plan ahead a bit more for the 2025 sugar bush season. Keep your eyes out for the November and December GTB Newsletters for this next Sugar Bush Kit Grant Opportunity! This was a strange sugar bush season, and not all families are using their kits this season. We did have 1 or 2 families use these kits, and it greatly increased the home production of GTB families this season! Miigwetch to all 9 families who applied!

2024 VEGETABLE PLANT GIVE-AWAY

As we prepare for the 2024 growing season, we are looking forward to hosting another plant & seed give-away event! This year our main plant give-away will be held at the Pow Wow Ground pavilion (same as the last few years) on May 21st from 3:00 – 6:00PM. We will also bring some vegetable plants and seed to the GTB 3 Mile Office, Charlevoix Office, and Benzie Office.



The vegetable plants will be brought to the satellite offices on May 22nd and will be kept there until Friday the 24th. The vegetable plants we plan to have available include tomato, cherry tomato, bell pepper, jalapeño pepper, herbs, cucumber, cabbage, broccoli, winter

squash, zucchini, and a few others. The seed we plan to have includes corn, Gete-Okosomin squash, potato, and beans. We usually allow each person to take a set number of plants (12 or so). This allows us to save enough plants to offer everyone who shows up some. Please spread the word! We are always glad to help the GTB community grow gardens at home. One new addition this year we hope to add is offering bags of our GTB-made fish waste compost! Every week from May-October GTB Agriculture hauls 3,000# of fish waste, and we compost it at the farm to create a great compost product! We hope to get a sifter that will allow us to sift out the larger chunks so we can offer a nice consistent compost product!

2024 FARM WORKSHOPS

We will be announcing our dates for our 2024 Summer farm workshops in the May Newsletter. These workshops will include corn planting, squash planting, sweetgrass transplanting & harvest, cooking fresh produce, and community harvest days! If you have an idea of a farm/food related workshop you would like us to host, please feel free to email the GTB Agriculture Manager at william.derouin@gtb-nsn.gov with your recommendation.

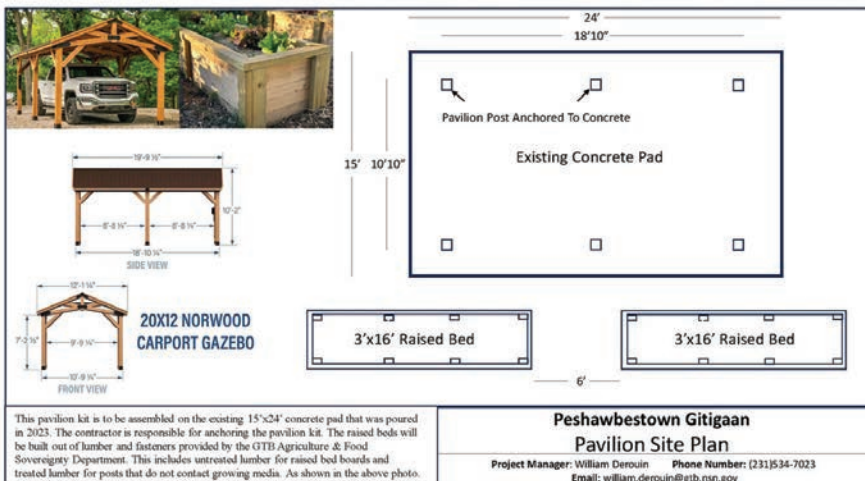


NEW PAVILION AT THE PESHAWBESTOWN GITIGAAN

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming construction of two new pavilions at the Peshawbestown Gitigaan this season. The first pavilion, measuring 12'x20', is planned to serve as a dedicated space for washing and preparing produce. It will be conveniently located near the Gitigaan produce pack shed, situated just up the hill from the Pow Wow Grounds.

Our vision for this pavilion is to create a versatile area where families can bring freshly harvested food from the garden to wash and prepare. Additionally, we are exploring the possibility of providing a grill or other outdoor cooking equipment for community use during specific times of the growing season. Notably, the GTB Agriculture staff has already poured a 16'x24' concrete pad for this pavilion in

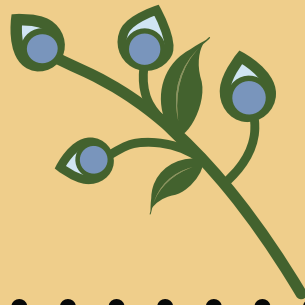
2023. We are excited to share a site plan and an image of what this new addition to the Gitigaan will look like! We firmly believe that this new pavilion will be a crucial enhancement to the Gitigaan, offering a more suitable gathering space to host events and facilitating the GTB community's access to fresh produce from the farm.





APRIL CULTURAL & LANGUAGE

https://bit.ly/GTB_Cultural



Boozhoo kina gwiya, I hope everyone is in good spirits as the Anishinaabek New Year is upon us. As Shkaakimekwe (Mother Earth) awakens, she brings the trees out of slumber, the animals start to prepare for their young, and the birds migrate back to their Summer homes. Anishinaabek were very in tune with the things happening around them, and this time of year is no different. We would collect those medicines and foods becoming available, we also would recognize when we didn't need things. Ziisabaakdokeng (maple sugar making) has been a topic of discussion among elders and those ziisabaakwad-ininiwag miinwa ikewag (maple sugar makers) this season. The trees are in need of rest because of the temperatures, many tribal communities did not tap trees for this reason. It breaks down to a more simple and evident reason, we wouldn't have needed sugar during this mild Biboon (winter) season. The story of how we received sap, from I've been told, is from Misaabe. Misaabe (Bigfoot) looks after the land, and he seen Anishinaabek struggling during the end of the Biboon season. He gave us Ziiwag Mide (maple syrup) to help us get through the end of tough winters, as we were starving. With this Biboon being very warm and not excessively cold, we wouldn't have needed to tap trees as we could find other sources to satisfy our hunger. According to our creation story, all things around us were placed here to help us, we just need to know how to ask and use them. Anishinaabek in turn make sure to protect everything Skaakimekwe provides for us. This connection has sustained us since time immemorial. Miigwech miinwa wingezik (thank you and take care) Mii'iw Makwa Chivis

IN-PERSON ANISHINAABEMOWIN

VIRTUAL ANISHINAABEMOWIN CLASSES

Our Anishinaabemowin language classes are a great opportunity to improve your fluency in the language and connect with other language learners. By attending these classes, you will actively contribute to the revitalization of our language and culture. We invite you to show your commitment to this common cause and join us in this important endeavor.

Interested in learning Anishinaabemowin but prefer to study from the comfort of your own home? We have good news for you! Our virtual classes are available. The classes will be conducted through the popular video conferencing platform, Zoom, and are offered

CLASS SCHEDULE:

- Monday's 5-7PM - **Kewedin Church**
- Tuesday's 5-7PM - **Peshawbestown**
- Wednesday's 5-7PM - **3-Mile Office**
- Wednesday's 12-3PM - **Alternating Benzie & Charlevoix Offices**

**Monday through Thursday
11 AM to 12 PM**

Joining the classes is easy, all you need to do is follow the link provided below or scan the QR code. Start learning Anishinaabemowin today with us!



SCAN ME 

Here's the link to join: https://bit.ly/GTB_Anishinaabemowin or scan the QR code.

For more information, Scan the QR Code or follow the link!



GTB Culture Department

Baby Star Quilt Workshop

Eyaawing Museum

- April 17th 1pm-8pm
- April 18th 1pm-8pm
- April 19th 9-12pm



This is not a beginner class, participants must have a working knowledge of the sewing machines.

Must Register

using link or QR Code



bit.ly/3Tw8G36

20 Spots Available

Workshop Requirements

- Open to all Native Families
- Create one 36x36 baby quilt
- Giveaway- Cut out pattern 36x36

More Information:
TaShena Sams

Culture Assistant/Program Director
231.534.7766

TaShena.Sams2@gtb-nsn.gov

Seeking GTB High School Youth 14-18 years old interested in creating and developing...

GTB Culture/Language

podcast

Stream



Starting April 3rd
Every Wednesday in April
3:30pm-6pm
Eyaawing Museum

*** Incentive Program**

If interested Contact:

TaShena Sams
231.534.7766

TaShena.Sams2@gtb-nsn.gov



"Earth Day was founded in 1970 as a day of education about environmental issues, and Earth Day 2024 will occur on Monday, April 22. The holiday is now a global celebration that's sometimes extended into Earth Week, a full seven days of events focused on green living and confronting the climate crisis. The brainchild of Senator Gaylord Nelson and inspired by the protests of the 1960s, Earth Day began as a "national teach-in on the environment" and was held on April 22 to maximize the number of students that could be reached on university campuses. By raising public awareness of pollution, Nelson hoped to bring environmental causes into the national spotlight." Learn more here: www.history.com/topics/holidays/earth-day

YOUTH SERVICES AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

BEACH CLEAN UP

OPEN TO GTB COMMUNITY: COME & JOIN US TO KEEP OUR BEACH AND LAKE WASTE FREE!

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 | 4:30PM-6:30PM **FRIDAY, APRIL 12 | 4:30PM-6:30PM**

SUTTONS BAY MARINA
326 FRONT ST, SUTTONS BAY, MI. 49682

BOARDMAN LAKE LOOP @ HULL PARK
660 HANNAH AVENUE, TRAVERSE CITY, MI. 49686

LIGHT DINNER AND SUPPLIES PROVIDED
PLEASE CALL TO RSVP SO WE CAN ORDER ENOUGH FOOD

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GTBYOUTH@GTB-NSN.GOV

EARTH DAY 2024

PLANET VS. PLASTICS
APRIL 22, 2024



Lets Detox Plastic Together!

Ditch Single-Use Plastics

- Use an at-home water filter instead of buying single use water bottles
- Use a re-usable non-plastic water bottle
- Always carry a re-usable bag
- Bring reusable cutlery/containers with you for lunches, picnics, beach days, etc
- Skip the Straw
- Choose "plastic-free" packaging when available
- Join a Clean Up Event



Microplastics. What are they?

Tiny particles of plastic, less than 5 millimeters in size, that are by-products of broken down/degraded larger pieces of plastic.

What's the big deal?

- These particles can be inhaled and ingested through the air we breathe and the food we eat.
- This phenomenon is linked to severe health issues
 - Endocrine disruption (ex. hormone regulation), weight gain, insulin resistance, decreased reproductive health, and even cancer.
 - There is still much to be understood but we need to take action NOW to move towards a more "Plastic Free" lifestyle.



WAYS TO TAKE ACTION

1. **Sign the EDO Global Plastics Treaty petition** - Plastics pose a global threat, endangering the environment, biodiversity, and human health, but collective efforts can avert the looming crisis and necessitate decisive action.
2. **Join the Social Squad** - Make an impact right from your chair! Get regular emails with posts to share on Facebook and Twitter, boosting the environment movement to reach more people with just a few clicks.
3. **Reject Fast Fashion** - Learn how fast fashion fuels overconsumption, dispensability, and environment harm while perpetuating social injustice through exploitative labor practices and a lack of regulatory oversight. And learn how to build a sustainable, affordable and fashionable closet.
4. **Take the #PlasticsDetoxChallenge** - Reduce your plastic use by avoiding single-use items, share eco-friendly swaps on social media using #PlasticDetox & inspire a wider shift towards a plastic-free lifestyle for a collective impact on a plastic-free future!
5. **Educate yourself on Plastics** - Shift your perspective towards plastics, understand the detrimental impacts to human and planetary health, and find sustainable alternatives to foster positive change.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Ensuring the proper disposal of hazardous waste is crucial for protecting the environment. In the coming months, there will be multiple opportunities at different locations for individuals to contribute to the preservation of our planet by responsibly managing hazardous waste. Let's all play our part in maintaining the cleanliness and health of our natural surroundings.

GTB 6 County Service Area Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection 2024

- **Antrim County**- Dates not announced yet. Please check the Antrim County HHW website for more information.
- **Benzie County**- All Household Hazardous Waste collection events take place Saturday from 9:00am -1:00pm. Please call (231) 882- 0554 or visit the Benzie County HHW website for more information.
 - **June 8th** - Frankfort High School
 - **August 24th** - Honor Road Commission
- **Charlevoix County**-Registration Required. Call in advance as detailed instructions (including locations) will be sent out to pre-registered residents 2 weeks prior to collection day. To pre-register and get more information please call (231) 547-0080 or visit the Charlevoix County HHW website.
 - **June 7-8th** - Location TBD
 - **Sept 6-7th** - Location TBD
- **Grand Traverse County**-Appointments are required. To Register or get more information please call (231) 941-5555 or visit the Grand Traverse County HHW website.
 - **April 11th** - Location TBD 1pm - 6pm
 - **May 16th** - Location TBD 1pm - 6pm
 - **June 20th** - Location TBD 12pm - 6pm
 - **August 8th** - Location TBD 12pm - 6pm
 - **Sept 14th** - Location TBD 9am - 2pm
- **Leelanau County**- Appointment needed in advance. To schedule an appointment or to see a list of accepted materials, please contact Leelanau County Planning and Community Development at (231) 256-9812 or visit the Leelanau County HHW website.
 - **May 18th** - Leelanau County Government Center
 - **June 22nd** - Glen Lake School
 - **September 23rd** - Peshawbestown, Parking lot across from Leelanau Sands Casino
 - **October 12th** - Elmwood Township Park
- **Manistee County**- For more information please visit the Manistee County HHW website.
 - **August 17th** - Manistee County Road Commission

Acceptable collection items vary county to county. To ensure your HHW items are eligible please read the full list of accepted items on your county's website or call for info.

Scott Mitchell
Natural Resources Department
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(231) 534-7036



SCREENING OF THE OTTAWAY, A RIVER RECONNECTED



You are invited to a community celebration!

Meet the film maker and the new Executive Secretary of Great Lakes Fishery Commission, who will set the stage for the film and story of the Boardman/Ottaway: Dan Bertalan, *Director* Marc Gaden, *GLFC Executive Secretary*

Wednesday, May 16, 2024
Refreshments & hors d'oeuvres 4:30pm
Film Premier 6-7:30pm

City Opera House
106 E Front Street, Traverse City, MI 49684

Registration is required for this free event:
<http://www.glfc.org/river-reconnected.php>



GTB HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES DATES FOR THE 50/50 RAFFLE FUNDRAISERS FOR THE ANNUAL GTB HEALTH FAIR 2024:

APRIL 3, TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE
APRIL 24, 50/50 RAFFLE WINNER ANNOUNCED

MAY 1, TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE
MAY 22, 50/50 RAFFLE WINNER ANNOUNCED

JUNE 5, TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE
JUNE 26, 50/50 RAFFLE WINNER ANNOUNCED

JULY 3, TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE
JULY 24, 50/50 RAFFLE WINNER ANNOUNCED

AUGUST 7, TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE
AUGUST 16, 50/50 RAFFLE WINNER ANNOUNCED

Please contact: Mary Agosa @ 534-7556
Stella Chippewa @ 534-7931
Sonya Zotigh @ 534-7241

GTB ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR SAVE THE DATE 8/16/2024

GTB HEALTH FAIR BBQ Fundraiser:

The GTB Health Department is hosting
a BBQ fundraiser for our
Annual Health Fair! Please join us for:

- Burgers, Brats, Beef Hotdogs with
condiments, chips and drink for \$7

For an additional \$1 each we will have
potato salad, baked beans, and cheese.
Ala carte pricing will also be available.



APRIL 24TH, 2024: 11A-2P
2300 N. STALLMAN RD.
PESHAWBESTOWN, MI 49682
TO-GO AVAILABLE
CASH ONLY

Contact: Mary Agosa 534-7556/Stella Chippewa 534-7931



18U NATIVE ± 2BOYS

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



SPECTATOR FEE
\$3/ADULT

FREE 13YRS. & UNDER

SPECTATOR FEES WILL SUPPORT STRONGHEART'S FUTURE EVENTS

SATURDAY
APRIL 13, 2024
8AM - 7PM

\$100 TEAM ENTRY FEE (CASH ONLY)

8 TEAM - DOUBLE ELIMINATION

8 PLAYERS MAX - FEMALES WELCOME (MAX 2 PER TEAM)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 4/13/24

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

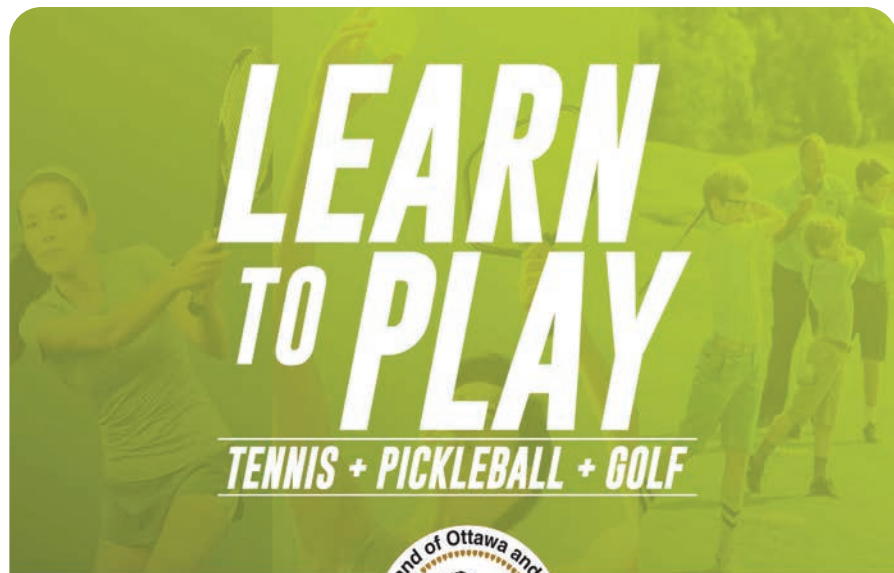
PESHAWBESTOWN * STRONGHEART CENTER

2700 STRONGHEART WAY, PESHAWBESTOWN, MI



Open to Tribal Members, 1st Gen Descendants, and 2 Non-Tribal/Non Descendant Players
Must not turn 19 before April 14, 2024

Turtleballclassic@gmail.com for Rules & Information | Follow Turtle Ball Classic Facebook Page
In Collaboration with Grand Traverse Band Tribal Police



LEARN TO PLAY

TENNIS + PICKLEBALL + GOLF



**TENNIS
CLINIC**

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
1:00pm-3:00pm

REGISTER



**PICKLEBALL
CLINIC**

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
1:00pm-3:00pm

REGISTER



**JR. GOLF
CLINIC**

17 and under
SATURDAY, MAY 11
11:00am-12:30pm

REGISTER



Jr. clubs will be available



**SR. GOLF
CLINIC**

18 and over
SATURDAY, MAY 11
1pm-2:30pm

REGISTER



Clubs will be available

Sign-up for a free "learn to play" sports clinic offered exclusively for GTB tribal members!
All ages welcome. Book in-advance with the info above.



GRAND TRAVERSE
RESORT AND SPA

PUBLIC SAFETY

Safety Laws & Regulations for Pedestrians & Bicyclists

In a bid to enhance road safety awareness and minimize accidents, Community Police Officer Tom George Jr., in collaboration with Michigan MCL traffic code, has outlined crucial guidelines for pedestrians and cyclists. For further inquiries, Officer George can be reached at (231) 631-2310.

Pedestrian Safety Measures

WALK SAFE

PEOPLE WHO WALK SHOULD FOLLOW THESE SAFETY TIPS TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

Pedestrians must:

- Use sidewalks whenever available.
- Obey traffic signals, signs, and markings.
- Cross streets at a corner, using traffic signals and crosswalks whenever possible.
- Walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible if you must walk along the roadway.

Pedestrians should:

- Always stop at the edge of a parked car, curb, or vehicle before walking out into traffic.
- Look left-right-left before crossing a street and continue looking while crossing.
- Make eye contact with drivers prior to crossing roadways.
- Be visible: wear reflective clothing and lights at night and wear bright colors during the day.
- Never allow children under age 10 to cross the streets alone. Young children do not have the skills to accurately judge traffic risks.

For specific state laws applicable to pedestrian safety, visit the Walk Safe website at: www.michigan.gov/walksafe.

While pedestrians are not legally obligated to wear reflective vests while walking, Officer George strongly recommends their use for increased visibility. Generally, in pedestrian-vehicle collisions, the vehicle is deemed at fault; however, pedestrians have been found negligent in specific instances.

According to regulations, pedestrians must refrain from walking on the main traveled portion of the highway if sidewalks are provided. In the absence of sidewalks, pedestrians are mandated to walk on the left side of the road, facing oncoming traffic.

Bicycle Safety Protocols

Motorists are mandated by Michigan law to provide at least three feet of space when passing bicyclists, with certain ordinances advocating for up to five feet. Bicyclists are urged to ride with traffic flow and adhere to all road regulations, including the use of hand signals for turning or stopping.

Additionally, cyclists must comply with visibility requirements, especially during low-light conditions. This includes having a white front light visible up to 500

feet, a red rear reflector visible between 100 and 600 feet, and amber reflectors on each pedal.

Additional Bicyclist Safety Recommendations

To further mitigate risks, bicyclists are advised to prioritize visibility by wearing appropriate high-visibility safety gear, including helmets. They should also remain vigilant for potential hazards such as debris and turning traffic, while adhering to the rule of riding no more than two abreast.

Motorists' Responsibilities

Motorists are urged to yield to bicyclists, treating them with the same consideration as fellow motorists. Heightened awareness of cyclists' speed can prevent accidents, particularly at intersections and driveways. Motorists are reminded to avoid distractions, obey speed limits, and exercise caution, especially when making turns or opening car doors.

By adhering to these safety guidelines, both pedestrians and cyclists can contribute to fostering a safer road environment for all community members.

Know Your Alerts & Warnings to Prepare for Spring

As the spring season approaches, so does the potential for severe weather conditions like rain, lightning, and tornadoes. To ensure community safety, GTB has opened six tornado shelters, but their capacity is limited. It's imperative for everyone to have a plan in place to reach safety regardless of their location.

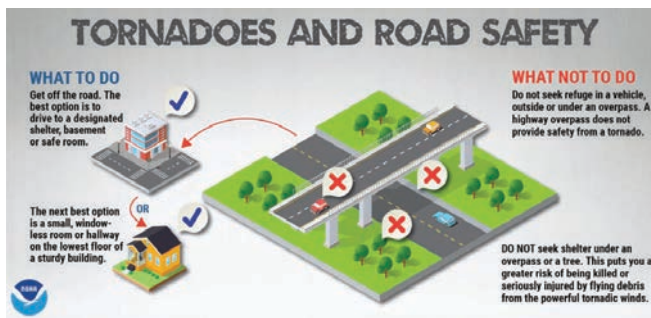
Being informed about weather conditions is crucial. Make sure to have access to weather alerts and notifications. Here are some recommended weather apps to keep you updated:

- **American Red Cross App:** Provides severe weather alerts and family safe features.
- **FEMA App:** Offers severe weather alerts, safety tips, and information on emergency kits.
- **Weather Channel App:** Tracks weather and provides local forecasts and push alerts for severe weather.

Additionally, FEMA provides valuable information on weather alerts for the community. They emphasize the importance of knowing and understanding different alerts and warnings.

Action Items for Individuals:

- Confirm mobile devices can receive Wireless Emergency Alerts.
- Sign up for text and/or email alerts



from local jurisdictions.

- Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards.
- Sign up for Reverse 911 and workplace, school, or community organization alerts.
- Download relevant hazard alerts and warnings apps.

Moreover, it's essential to be aware of signs indicating a tornado's approach. In Michigan, which averages 15 tornadoes annually, residents must stay vigilant. Last year, Gaylord experienced a devastating tornado, and recovery efforts are still underway.

Signs of a Tornado:

1. The sky may change to a dark greenish color.
2. A strange quiet may occur within or after a thunderstorm.
3. A loud roar resembling a freight train.
4. An approaching cloud of debris, especially at ground level.
5. Debris falling from the sky.

To stay prepared, consider the following systems:

- **Enhanced Telephone Notification (ETN) Systems:** Deliver warning messages to at-risk areas.
- **Outdoor Sirens and/or Voice Alert Systems:** Alert people outdoors of immediate danger.
- **Local School or Organization Notification Systems:** Warn individuals of emergencies tailored to their location.

In conclusion, being prepared and informed is key to staying safe during spring weather hazards. Make sure to have a plan, access to alerts, and knowledge of warning signs. For more information, visit www.ready.gov/alerts and www.weather.gov.

RESOURCES:

- **Ready.gov:** www.ready.gov/alerts
- **NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards:** www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr
- **State of Michigan:** www.michigan.gov
- **American Red Cross App:** www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps
- **FEMA App:** www.fema.gov/mobile-app
- **Weather Channel App:** www.weather.com/apps
- **Additional Information:** www.MiReady.gov



FIRE & RESCUE



9th Annual Tribal Nations Week Strengthens Emergency Preparedness

ANNISTON, ALABAMA - In a concerted effort to bolster emergency preparedness and cultivate collaborative partnerships, FEMA's Center for Domestic Preparedness held its 9th Annual Tribal Nations Week this March. Attended by representatives from various Tribal Nations and partners, the week-long training proved instrumental in honing the skills of emergency responders.

Three dedicated employees from the GTB Government had the privilege to participate in this vital training, fully funded by FEMA. Among them were Scott Mitchell, GTB Marina & Environmental Response Specialist, Scott Moore, GTB Firefighter/EMT, and David Crockett, GTB Police Captain.

The core focus of this intensive training week was to augment emergency preparedness capabilities while nurturing relationships among Tribal Nations and their partners. Open to all individuals engaged in emergency response roles affiliated with Tribal Nations, Indian Health Service (IHS), and those closely associated with Tribal Nations, the event aimed to fortify the collective response to potential crises.

The overarching goal of the training was to foster generational resiliency through comprehensive skill-building exercises. By establishing collaborative partnerships and offering hands-on training sessions, participants were equipped with enhanced capabilities in disaster response, healthcare, environmental management, and leadership.

"This year's theme, 'Developing Generational Resiliency Through Training,' underscores the importance of continuous learning and preparedness in mitigating the impact of emergencies," remarked a FEMA representative.

As participants engaged in interactive workshops and scenario-based simulations, they gained invaluable insights into effective crisis management strategies. Moreover, the networking opportunities facilitated the exchange of best



From left Scott Mitchell, GTB Marina & Environmental Response Specialist, Scott Moore, GTB Firefighter/EMT David Crockett, GTB Police Captain

practices and the forging of enduring partnerships vital for cohesive emergency response efforts.

The 9th Annual Tribal Nations Week served as a testament to the unwavering commitment of FEMA and its partners to safeguarding communities against unforeseen challenges. Through collaborative endeavors and proactive training initiatives, the path towards enhanced emergency preparedness and sustainable resilience continues to be charted.

For Scott Mitchell, Scott Moore, David Crockett, and countless other dedicated responders, this immersive training experience reaffirmed their pivotal roles in safeguarding the welfare of Tribal Nations and beyond. As they return to their respective communities armed with newfound knowledge and skills, the ripple effects of their participation are poised to resonate for generations to come.

Local Emergency Services Enhance Response Capabilities Through Intensive Training



Northwest Fire Training Center, Leelanau and Grand Traverse County

- In a collaborative effort to bolster emergency response capabilities and ensure the safety of communities, members of Leelanau and Grand Traverse County Emergency Services Departments recently converged at the Northwest Fire Training Center for a transformative training experience.

Over the course of three intensive days, approximately 30 dedicated responders delved into the intricacies of the Louisiana State University's National Center for Biomedical Research and Training Active Threat Integrated Response Course. Designed to enhance coordination between law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services in active assailant scenarios, the course proved instrumental in equipping participants with vital skills and strategies.

At the heart of the curriculum lies a focus on empowering law enforcement officers with essential medical expertise derived from tactical emergency casualty care guidelines. These skills, applied at the point of injury, have the potential to significantly increase the survivability of victims in high-pressure situations.

Moreover, the course provided a comprehensive framework for integrating responses across multiple agencies during active assailant events, emphasizing the crucial role of collaboration through the rescue task force concept. This model approach ensures seamless coordination between law enforcement, fire, and EMS personnel, thereby optimizing outcomes in critical scenarios.

Notably, the training drew participation from a diverse array of agencies, with representatives from the GTB Public Safety Department, Blair Township Fire, GT County Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police, Traverse City Police and Fire, Grand Traverse Metro Fire, Glen Lake Fire, Mobile Medical Response, and East Bay Ambulance among others. Instructors, hailing from esteemed organizations such as the New York Police Department Emergency

Services, Nashville Fire Department, and Buffalo Police Department, enriched the learning experience with their invaluable expertise.

Behind the scenes, the success of this transformative training initiative was made possible by the unwavering dedication of Grand Traverse County Emergency Manager Gregg Bird, GTB Emergency Manager/Public Safety Manager Jolanda Murphy, and the invaluable contribution of role players from The National Cherry Festival. Their collaborative efforts ensured the seamless execution of the program, further reinforcing the commitment of local agencies to proactive preparedness and community safety.

As participants return to their respective roles armed with enhanced skills and a renewed sense of collaboration, the impact of this intensive training endeavor is poised to reverberate throughout Leelanau and Grand Traverse County. With a shared commitment to safeguarding communities and optimizing emergency response efforts, these dedicated responders stand poised to confront any challenge with resilience and unity.

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AFS Victims Shelter Coordinator (FT)

Associate's Degree in Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, Family Studies, or related field, or a min. of (3) years' direct management experience in an emergency shelter, group home, crisis intervention, or homeless shelter services required. A min. of (2) yrs experience as a professional/paraprofessional experience in prevention and the provision of services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence & victims of crime required. A min. of (1) yr experience of case management required. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's License & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$47,987/yr 8.8.23- until filled

Assistant General Counsel (FT)

J.D. from an accredited law school required and Michigan State Bar license. At least (8) yrs. of practicing law in Michigan & in Indian Country. Must have participated as the principal attorney, or assistant to the principal attorney, in litigation that resulted in published opinion in federal, state or tribal court. Indian law litigation preferred. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$110,245 - \$184,109.15/yr DOE- until filled

Associate Tribal Judge (PT)

A member of GTB who has attained the age of (18) and/ or is an attorney licensed to practice before the courts of a state in the United States. Has not been convicted, within (10) years of such appointment, of any felony by a court of competent jurisdiction. (5) years of experience in legal practice. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -Salary 5.02.23- until filled

Behavioral Health Case Manager/Program Director CSBH (FT)

Bachelor's degree. A min. of 2yrs. experience substance abuse treatment, recovery, & mental health services required. A min. of 1yr experience facilitating education or support groups. A min. of 2yrs. experience in electronic records management required. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE- until filled

Behavioral Health Clinical Coordinator/Program Director (FT)

Associate degree in Social Work, Psychology, Criminal Justice, or related human services field required. A min. 3yrs experience in office administration required. A min. 2yrs experience in electronic records management

required. A min. 1yr experience substance abuse treatment, recovery, and mental health services required. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$47,987/yr - until filled

Behavioral Health Prevention Activities Coordinator/ Program Director Native Connections (FT)

Associate degree. A min. of 2yrs experience as a formal mentor, coach, or other youth or young adult leadership role required. A min. 1yr experience providing substance abuse and/ or suicide prevention required. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE- until filled

Behavioral Health Prevention Activities Coordinator/ Program Director Niizh Animikiig (FT)

Associate degree. A min. of 2yrs experience as a formal mentor, coach, or other youth or young adult leadership role required. A min. 1yr experience providing substance abuse and/ or suicide prevention required. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE- until filled

BHS Supervisor (FT)

A Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling, Social Work, Psychiatric Nursing, or related field required. State of Michigan full Licensure required. A min. of 4 yrs. experience providing substance abuse and/or mental health counseling of high risk populations including mental health, substance abuse and addictive disorders, and/ or prevention/community education services required. A min of 3 yrs. experience in a supervisory position required. Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC), or ability to obtain within (1) yr. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$69,450/yr - until filled

(3) Behavioral Health Therapist (FT)

Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling, Social Work, Psychiatric Nursing, or related field required. State of Michigan full Licensure required. A min. of (2) yrs. experience providing substance abuse a & or mental health counseling of high-risk populations including mental health, substance abuse & addictive disorders, and/ or prevention/community education services required. Certified Advanced Alcohol & Drug Counselor, or ability to obtain within (1) yr. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$63,318/yr 6.25.21- until filled

Chief Financial Officer (FT)

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or Finance. Must demonstrate at least 3yrs experience in leading a team in an accounting related field. Must have at least 3yrs of

governmental accounting. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE - until filled

Chief Tribal Judge (FT)

Member of GTB who has attained the age of (18) & or is an attorney licensed to practice before the courts of a state in the United States. (5) yrs. of experience in legal practice. Has not been convicted, within (10) yrs. of such appointment, of any felony by a court of competent jurisdiction. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -Salary 5.02.23- until filled

Dental Assistant (FT)

Associates Degree in Applied Science in Dental Assisting Certified Dental Assistant-CDA or Registered Dental-RDA Assistant with expanded duties. Certification in Radiology and CPR. -\$19.52/hr 7.25.23 - 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. -\$43,750/yr 9.21.22- until filled

EHS/HS Bus & Classroom Aide (PT)

Must have High School diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with children & adults in an appropriate manner. Must be willing to obtain a CPR/First Aid certification. 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. -\$16.17/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 -\$43,750/yr 9.21.22- 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. -\$19.52/hr 9.01.22- until filled

(2) Facilities Utility Worker 1st Shift (TEMP)

High school diploma or G.E.D. preferred. Experience in commercial building maintenance preferred. Carpentry, plumbing &

electrical repair experience preferred. Knowledge of safety procedures & safety equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. Valid, unrestricted driver's license is preferred. -\$14.22/hr - until filled

Facilities Utility Worker 2nd Shift (FT)

High school diploma or G.E.D. preferred. Knowledge of safety procedures and safety equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. Must have good work habits, i.e., punctuality, & low absenteeism. A valid Michigan driver's license is preferred. Employee may not drive any Tribally owned vehicles without being properly insured by the Tribe. -\$14.22/hr - until filled

Grant Administrator (FT)

High School Diploma or GED required. A min. of (3) yrs. experience in office administration required. A min. of (2) yrs. experience in electronic records management required. A min. of (1) yr. experience in grant writing. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$21.75/hr 8.17.23- until filled

GSRP Head Start Teacher (FT)

Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education with a Z.A./Z.S. endorsement required. Previous experience preferred with skills in classroom management & curriculum planning. Must maintain current CPR/First Aid certification. Must be proficient in the use of computers & programs such as word processing. Able to develop & implement short and long term educational goals. Good observational skills & ability to summarize observed learning/ social behaviors in children. -\$52,633/yr 7.27.23- until filled

Head Start Assistant Teacher (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 carrier. -\$19.52/hr - until filled

Housing Maintenance I (FT)

Must have High School diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with children & adults in an appropriate manner. Must be willing to obtain a CPR/First Aid certification. Ability to observe and evaluate children in a non-biased manner. Must be willing to & as well as obtain a CDA within 1st 2yrs of hire. -\$16.17/hr - until filled

HS Bus & Classroom Aide (PT)

Must have High School diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with children & adults in an appropriate manner. Must be willing to obtain a CPR/First Aid certification. Ability to observe and evaluate children in a non-biased manner.

Must be willing to & as well as obtain a CDA within 1st 2yrs of hire. -\$16.17/hr - until filled

Natural Resources Department Manager (FT)

Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Sciences, Business Administration, Public Administration, or in a related field required. Two years of experience in a Natural Resources position and two years of supervisory experience. -\$71,500/yr - 4.5.24

Police Officer COPS (FT)

Must be at least 21 Years of Age at the time of hire. High School diploma required, Associates Degree preferred in law enforcement, criminal justice, corrections or related field preferred. 1yr prior experience working in a law enforcement setting preferred. Must be certified or certifiable by Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Certification (MCOLES) required. Must obtain and maintain a BIA (Special Law Enforcement Commission) Must become LEIN certified. Must complete Field Training Officer (FTO) Program for continuation of employment. Must be thoroughly familiar with all applicable policies and procedures, Federal Regulations, GTB Tribal Police Department Policies and Procedures, Tribal and State Criminal Codes, Children's Code, Tribal Constitution, Michigan Motor Vehicle, GTB Personnel Policy, Police Department Organic Resolution and Code, and all other applicable rules, regulations & statutes. Must have a valid driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$27.24/hr - until filled

Purchased/Referred Care Representative (FT)

Must have a High School diploma or GED. Min. 1yr post high school in Business Administration or health related fields. Must have a valid driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$17.29/hr - until filled

Student Support Advisor - Benzie/Manistee (FT)

Associates Degree is required in social work, education, counseling, or related field* Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must have a valid Chauffeur Driver's License. A min.of (3) yrs. experience working with Native American youths. Must maintain current CPR/ First Aid certification. -\$19.52/hr 10.16.23- until filled

Student Support Advisor - Charlevoix/Antrim (FT)

Associates Degree is required in social work, education, counseling, or related field* Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must have a valid Chauffeur Driver's License. A min.of (3) yrs. experience working with Native American youths.

Must maintain current CPR/ First Aid certification. -\$19.52/hr 10.25.22- until filled

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, & low absenteeism. A valid Michigan driver's license is preferred. Employee may not drive any Tribally owned vehicles without being properly insured by the Tribe. -\$14.22/hr 11.14.23- until filled

Victims Shelter Assistant (FT)

Associates Degree in Social Work or a related field (Bachelor's Degree preferred). (1)yr of case management experience. Successful work or volunteer experience in a human service setting preferred. (1)yr or more direct service experience in an emergency shelter or homeless services. 1-2 yrs of professional/paraprofessional experience in prevention and the provision of service to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence & other forms of crime. Professional Ethical Standards of the position must be adhered to. Personal knowledge & support of the Anishinaabek culture in the provision of services. -\$21.75/hr - until filled

120 Announcements

Marijuana Regulatory Commission

(3) appointment to be filled by the Tribal Council. The Commission shall have (3) members consisting on at least (2) tribal members and a non-member provided that the nonmember offers unique skills, experience to the Commission The appointment terms are open-ended until the Commission makes regulations on the terms of appointment under § 1015(a) (1). For consideration for the appointments please send a letter of interest and list any marijuana regulatory experience.

Send your letter of interest for the Tribal Council appointments to:
 Tribal Council GTB of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians
 2605 NW Bayshore Drive
 Peshawbestown, MI 49682 or
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OF AWARENESS

An Event to Remember and Raise Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous People.

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FRIDAY, MAY 3RD, 2024

Starting at 12:00 PM

May 5th is national day of awareness for missing and murdered indigenous people. To promote awareness Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians is sponsoring an event on Friday May 3rd that will tell the stories of those community members who have gone missing and the obstacles that the native community has faced historically to prosecute cases and seek justice for the community and their families.

MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE HONOR WALK

GTB will be hosting a meaningful memory walk from the GTB 3-Mile Office to the GTB Cross Creek Location.

More information to follow at later date

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