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April 2026
Nmebine Giizis (Sucker Moon)



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Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Hearings TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Budget Hearings scheduled as part of the Tribal Council meetings. Meetings will begin at 9:30 am in the Council Chambers, Peshawbestown, MI

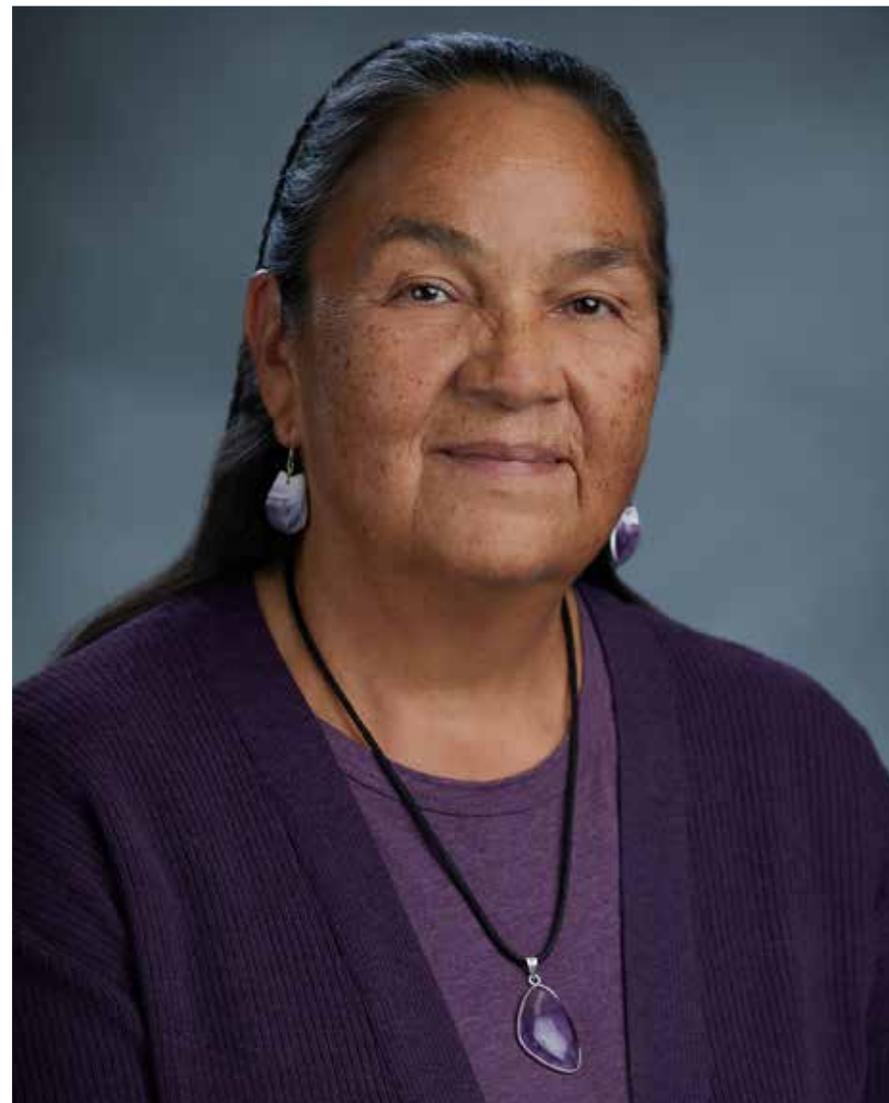
- Wednesday; April 15, 2026 Peshawbestown, MI
- Wednesday; May 20, 2026 Peshawbestown, MI
- Wednesday; June 17, 2026 Peshawbestown, MI

FY27 Proposed Budgets are available for you at: Tribal Government Accounting building, Tribal Administration building & Satellite offices (Traverse City, Benzie & Charlevoix).

Copies mailed upon request.

Send comments & suggestions to **Robert Schulte**
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Subject Line: "FY27 Tribal Budget"

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



April, 2026

Greetings,

As we enter Iskigamizige-giizis, the Sugaring Moon, we recognize this season of renewal—a time of gathering, growth, and reconnecting with the land and one another. In March, many of our community members came together at Sugar Bush Camp to share in these traditions, learning, teaching, and experiencing the process of maple sugaring firsthand. Moments like these remind us of the strength of our culture, the importance of passing down knowledge, and the connection we have with our homelands and to each other.

In March, Tribal Council took an important step to reaffirm who we are as a Sovereign Nation by officially renaming “Federal Recognition Day” to “Sovereignty Day.” While May 27, 1980 marked a significant moment in our federal acknowledgment, our sovereignty did not begin there—it is inherent, carried forward by our ancestors, our treaties, and our enduring relationship to this land. This change reflects a more accurate understanding of our identity as Anishinaabek, grounded in our own laws, values, and responsibilities, rather than defined by an external process.

Sovereignty Day will serve as a lasting reminder to our community, especially our children and future generations, that our authority, culture, and nationhood have always existed and will continue to guide us forward.

During the recent snowstorm in March, our community experienced truly severe conditions. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the many staff, volunteers, and Council members who stepped up during this time. Despite challenging and, at times, dangerous conditions, employees worked tirelessly—both in person and remotely—to maintain essential services, clear facilities, and check on our most vulnerable citizens, including our elders. From snow removal efforts to wellness calls and emergency response, their dedication did not go unnoticed. Tribal Council also took action to recognize this extraordinary commitment through hazard pay, acknowledging the additional effort and risk taken on behalf of our community. Miigwech to everyone who contributed—your hard work and efforts are greatly appreciated. We are stronger because of you.

Tribal Council welcomed Rudy Soto, National Director

of the Native American Indian Housing Council on March 12th and gave him a tour of our housing in Peshawbestown and Herkner in Traverse City. This visit provided an opportunity to highlight both the progress GTB has made and the continued need for housing within our community. From limited housing following federal recognition, we are now operating approximately 300 housing units across our service area. Through recent Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) awards, we are working to add new units, with several already completed or nearing completion. At the same time, the need remains significant, with over 130 individuals and families still on our housing waitlist. This visit also reinforced the importance of our federal advocacy, including support for the NAHASDA Modernization Act of 2026, to ensure Tribes have the tools and resources needed to expand safe, affordable housing for our people now and into the future.

We also took an important step in strengthening our economic development and cultural tourism efforts by joining the American Indigenous Tourism Association. This membership connects GTB with a national network dedicated to promoting authentic Indigenous tourism experiences and supporting Tribes in sharing their stories on their own terms. By participating in this network, we are creating new opportunities to highlight our culture, history, and lands, while supporting local economic growth in a way that reflects our values and vision for the future.

Tribal Council also advanced an important amendment to our Revenue Allocation Ordinance to strengthen long-term benefits for our youth. By aligning minor trust accounts with updated federal General Welfare Exclusion standards, this change ensures that future distributions can be treated as non-taxable general welfare benefits rather than taxable income. This allows those funds to better support essential needs such as education, housing, transportation, and health. The amendment also

provides clearer structure and protections for how these funds are managed, including eligibility, non-discrimination, and deferred access until adulthood. Through this work, we are exercising our sovereignty to design programs that prioritize the well-being of our children and future generations.

Honoring Company K Veterans Update – GTB was honored to witness the official signing of legislation designating the Company K Memorial Highway. Tribal Council Secretary, Anna Miller and EDC CEO, Johnny Barrientoz represented GTB in Lansing, joining Governor Whitmer on March 17 despite challenging winter conditions. Their presence reflects the importance of this recognition for our Anishinaabe veterans of Company K and their enduring legacy of service. We are now working in collaboration with MDOT to move forward with the production and installation of highway signage, bringing this long-awaited tribute to life for our community and all who travel through our homelands.

As we continue building for the future, I encourage all Grand Traverse Band members to take part in naming our new Traverse City building and the road that will lead to it. This is an opportunity to reflect our Anishinaabe identity, language, and history in a lasting way. Your voice matters, and I look forward to seeing the thoughtful and meaningful names our community will bring forward.

Just as we came together this past month at Sugar Bush Camp—sharing knowledge, traditions, and connection to the land—this is another way we carry our teachings forward. The names we choose today will reflect who we are and what we pass on to future generations. Your voice matters, and I look forward to seeing the thoughtful and meaningful names our community will bring forward.

Baamaa pii miinwaa,

Sandra L. Witherspoon
Tribal Chairwoman

TRIBAL COUNCIL MOTIONS & ATTENDANCE

**Tribal Council Regular Session
March 18, 2026
http://bit.ly/GTB_Member**

II. Unfinished Business. A- Amendment to Resolution #24-42.3635

Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to amend Resolution #24-42.3635.

**5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries**

**III. New Business. A- Leelanau Montessori
*This item was deleted***

III. New Business. B- Health Fair Vendor Solicitation

Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Department 8 to send out a health fair solicitation letter.

**6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT;
0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries**

III. New Business. C- FY 2027

Congressional Delegated Funds Applications-Motions for Support

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the FY 2027 Senator Slotkin Congressional Discretionary Spending Request-authorize submission of the "GTB Sidewalk Project."

**6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT;
0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries**

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the FY 2027 Senator Peters Congressional Discretionary Spending Request-

Authorize submission of the "GTB Sidewalk Project."

**6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT;
0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries**

III. New Business. D-Fiscal Year 2026 National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Membership Contribution

Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution

#26-44.3859 for annual membership renewal in the National Congress of American Indians for FY2026 through September 30, 2026, in the amount of \$6,500 based on previous years' contributions.

**6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT;
0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries**

III. New Business. E- Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Contribution

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve a contribution to Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) in the amount of \$5,000 in accordance with the invoice as presented; to be paid from 100.1202.8329.10 Contributions Charitable.

**6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT;
0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries**

III. New Business. F- Membership in American Indigenous Tourism Association

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to approve a contribution for membership to the American Indigenous Tourism Association in the amount of \$500.00.

**6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT;
0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries**

III. New Business. G- Memorandum of Understanding for LIFT Teen Center's Role in NOAA CETEK Climate Resilience Project

Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the attached MOU and supporting contractual instruments to allow for its implementation.

**6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT;
0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries**

III. New Business. H-Gaming Commission Vacancy Appointment

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to appoint Frank Wilson for the open Gaming Commission seat for four years.

**6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT;
0-ABSTAINING**

Motion Carries

III. New Business. I- Resolution to Rename Federal Recognition Day to Sovereignty Day

Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3858.

**6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT;
0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries**

III. New Business. J- NAHASDA Modernization Act of 2026 Sign on Letter

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve signing onto this letter and also to have an individual GTB Letter go to the Delegation in Michigan.

**6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT;
0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries**

III. New Business. K- Hazard Pay for Employees Working during Snowstorm

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve hazard pay for all employees who worked during the snowstorm this week, including employees who reported to and performed work in person while the office remained closed, shall receive compensation at double their rate of pay for all hours worked during this period. Employees who performed their duties remotely while the office was officially closed due to the weather conditions shall receive compensation at 1.5 times their regular rate of pay, for the hours worked during the closure. This Motion recognizes the additional effort, risk, and commitment demonstrated by employees who maintain operations during severe weather conditions. Furthermore, this hazard pay shall be applied to all eligible hours worked during the official days and times of the snowstorm-related disruption as determined by management.

**6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT;
0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries**

**Tribal Council Special Session
March 27, 2026 Motions to be
printed in May's News**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
FEBRUARY 26, 2026 - MARCH 27, 2026**

Tribal Council attendance from Thursday, February 26, 2026, through Monday, March 23, 2026. There was (1) Tribal Council Regular Session, (2) EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and (11) Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings

Chairwoman Witherspoon attended 3 of 4 Tribal Council Regular/Special/Emergency Sessions, 1 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 14 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Great Lakes Indian Housing Association Meeting 3/9/26 - 3/11/26

Vice Chair Rohl attended 1 of 1 Tribal Council Regular Session, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 11 of 11 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. **Scheduled out of office on 3/9/26. *Attended:** RES Conference 3/23/26 - 3/26/26

Treasurer Swallows attended 1 of 1 Tribal Council Regular Session, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 11 of 11 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Great Lakes Indian Housing Association Meeting 3/9/26 - 3/11/26

Secretary Miller attended 1 of 1 Tribal Council Regular Session, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 10 of 11 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings

Councilor Raphael attended 1 of 1 Tribal Council Regular Session, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 9 of 11 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** RES Conference 3/23/26 - 3/26/26

Councilor Frankenberger attended 1 of 1 Tribal Council Regular Session, 0 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 3 of 11 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended** FishPass Meeting 3/10/26 - 3/11/26 & RES Conference 3/23/26 - 3/26/26

Councilor Napont attended 1 of 1 Tribal Council Regular Session, 1 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 2 of 11 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Tribal Council Approves Temporary Pause on Complimentary Tribal ID Cost

During a Tribal Council Special Session held on January 28, 2026, a motion was introduced by Vice Chair Rohl and supported by Treasurer Swallows to pause the cost of one complimentary Tribal ID.

The motion provides that the fee for one Tribal ID will be waived for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026, continuing through September 2026.

This action allows Tribal members to obtain one complimentary Tribal ID during this time period without charge. Members are encouraged to contact the appropriate Tribal office for additional information regarding eligibility, processing times, and identification requirements.

Further updates will be shared as they become available.

2026 TRIBAL COUNCIL HYBIRD RECORDED SESSIONS

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

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

Regular Council Sessions

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

04/15/26 • 05/20/26 • 06/17/26 07/15/26 • 08/19/26 • 09/16/26 • 10/21/26 • 11/18/26 • 12/16/26

Special Council Sessions

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

04/29/26 • 05/27/26 • 06/24/26 07/29/26 • 08/26/26 • 09/30/26 • 10/28/26 • 11/25/26



GRAND TRAVERSE BAND

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'LET'S ALL CLEAN'

GTB Housing, GTB Owned Properties, & Tribal Trust Land ONLY!

Carlson Road, Peshawbestown, Benzie, Antrim, Charlevoix, & Herkner Housing Property Maps (Pink & Yellow parcels) & Anti-Dumping Ordinance: bit.ly/GTB_FM

DATES

MAY 9TH

- Curbside Refuse **pick-up** is **limited to a 10'x10' pile per address**. Anything over that size pile **WILL NOT BE PICKED UP** and will be the responsibility of the resident / homeowner to dispose of and removed from curbside by **May 12th, 2026**
- Items that **WILL NOT BE PICKED UP CURBSIDE**: household garbage, concrete, bricks, commercial and residential construction material, batteries, liquid paint, gas, oil, pesticides, yard waste, and refrigerants. **Tires without rims are acceptable (limit 4 per address)**
- Once the truck comes through your area **7:00am – Noon, IT WILL NOT RETURN!**
- **DO NOT start refuse piles until May 2nd, 2026!** This is mandated and enforced in accordance with GTB Tribal Code Chapter 11 – Anti-Dumping Ordinance.

MAY 12TH

- An additional day for Refuse clean-up will be offered by **Drop-Off only** in **Peshawbestown**. The drop-off site will be located across from Leelanau Sands Casino in the east parking lot. Drop-off site will open at **8:00am – 6:00pm**. **One drop-off load per address!**
- The same refuse items not picked up curbside, are not eligible for drop off
 - NO boxed trucks or enclosed trailers allowed to drop-off refuse
 - You **MUST** reside on GTB Housing/GTB Owned Properties/Tribal Trust Land. *Addresses will be confirmed from the list on-site.*
 - You **MUST** show valid ID's; **GTB Tribal ID and Driver's License or State ID**. *ID's must match address from the list.* Once verified, your signature is required.
 - **We ask for your patience** upon arrival, wait in line, pull-up when motioned, stay in your vehicle since on-site workers will unload.

Questions:

Facilities Maintenance (231) 534-7700
Housing Front Desk (231) 534-7800

CULTURE & LANGUAGE



Grand Traverse Band of
Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Cultural Department

Anishinaabemowin In-Person Language Classes

With Fluent Instructors,
Isadore Toulouse and Patricia Osawamick

Mondays

Kewadin
resumes
April 2026

Tuesdays

Peshawbestown
Cultural Building
5 - 7 pm

Zoom Option:
5:30 - 7 pm

Wednesdays

3 Mile Office
5 - 7 pm

Zoom Option:
5:30 - 7 pm

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID : 730 5294 9904
Passcode: GTB2024

bit.ly/GTBAnish

GTB Cultural Department (231) 534- 7766 gov.cultural@gtb-nsn.gov

Please Note: No Class when GTB offices are closed.



Grand Traverse Band of
Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

VIRTUAL ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE CLASSES

With Fluent Instructors,
Isadore Toulouse and Patricia Osawamick

Monday-Thursday
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Please Note: No Zoom Class the last Wednesday of the month or when GTB offices are closed.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID : 730 5294 9904
Passcode: GTB2024

bit.ly/GTBAnish

More Information

GTB Cultural Department
(231) 534- 7766
gov.cultural@gtb-nsn.gov

JANUARY-JUNE 2026



HIDE EARRING PAINTING

Light dinner and all materials provided
Subject to change due to closure or weather

APRIL 27TH - TRAVERSE CITY - 3 MILE
APRIL 28TH - CHARLEVOIX - GYM
APRIL 29TH - KEWADIN - JOHN HALL
ALL LOCATIONS 5PM-7PM



Hannah Pelcher
Cell:231-631-0828
Office: 231-534-7747
Email: Hannah.Pelcher@gtb-nsn.gov



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Join us for dinner, a family friendly movie, Seed starting and give away!

**OPEN TO ALL GTB FAMILIES
AND COMMUNITY IN BENZIE
AND MANISTEE COUNTIES.
* ALL AGES WELCOME!**



7282 HOADLEY ROAD
BENZONIA, MI 49616

**REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED
BUT IS APPRECIATED:**

KIMBERLY.HINMON@GTB-NSN.GOV
231-534-7825 (DESK)
231- 463-5797 (CELL)

**Antrim/GT Elders
Events & Activities**

**Monday's Office Tasks
Friday's Offices CLOSED**
*Notes: Lunch Provided
**12:00PM - 1:00PM

Wednesday; April 1st
Sew Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; April 2nd
Thrifting
12:00PM - 1:00PM**

Monday; April 6th
Senior Expo - Hagerty
10:00AM - 1:00PM*

Tuesday; April 7th
Sew Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; April 8th
Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; April 9th
Game Day - Memory Games
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; April 14th
Elders Advisory
10:00AM - 4:00PM

Wednesday; April 15th
Sew Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; April 16th
Thrifting
12:00PM - 1:00PM**

Tuesday; April 21st
Sew Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; April 22nd
Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; April 23rd
Game Day - Memory Games
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; April 28th
Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM*

Wednesday; April 29th
Thrifting
12:00PM - 1:00PM**

Thursday; April 30th
Birthday Bingo
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

**Benzie Elders
Events & Activities**

**Monday's Office Tasks
Friday's Offices CLOSED**
*Notes: Lunch Provided
**12:00PM - 1:00PM

Wednesday; April 1st
Lunch
12:00PM - 1:00PM**

Wednesday; April 8th
Craft / Cards
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; April 15th
Lunch
12:00PM - 1:00PM**

Wednesday; April 22nd
Craft / Cards
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; April 29th
Craft / Cards
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

**Questions, please contact
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(231) 631-6795
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**SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE. PLEASE CALL
AHEAD. ALL ACTIVITIES ARE
DRUG & ALCOHOL-FREE!*

**MICHIGAN INDIAN
ELDERS ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE**
APRIL 26, 27, & 28, 2026
HANNAHVILLE MICHIGAN
CONTACT:
KAREN WASAGESHIK,
ELDERS ADVISORY
ORGANIZATION
CHAIRPERSON
231-357-8485

**SIGN UP SHEETS AT
TRIBAL OFFICES - MUST
HAVE EAO MEMBERSHIP
FOR 2026**

**EAO SECRETARY NEEDED
SUBMIT LETTER OF
INTEREST**
CONTACT:
KAREN WASAGESHIK,
ELDERS ADVISORY
ORGANIZATION
CHAIRPERSON
231-357-8485

EMAIL:
Kwasageshikelders@
gmail.com
COMPUTER/ZOOM
KNOWLEDGE PREFERRED

**Charlevoix Elders
Events & Activities**

**Monday's Office Tasks
Friday's Offices CLOSED**
*Notes: Lunch Provided
**12:00PM - 1:00PM

*(Elder's Coordinator (Barb) out
of office April 27, 28, & 30)*

Wednesday; April 1st
Movie & Popcorn in
Community Room
1:30PM**

Thursday; April 2nd
Coffee & Chat
1:30PM**

Monday; April 6th
Senior Expo - TC Hagerty
10:00AM - 1:00PM*

Tuesday; April 7th
Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile
Must Call for Ride
10:00AM - 4:00PM**

Wednesday; April 8th
Trivia
1:30PM**

Thursday; April 9th
Walk & Talk in Gym
1:30PM**

Tuesday; April 14th
Craft Time
1:30PM**

Wednesday; April 15th
Card Games
1:30PM**

Thursday; April 16th
Resale Shop
1:30PM**

Tuesday; April 21st
Craft Time
Work on Derby Hats
1:30PM**

Wednesday; April 22nd
Bingo Birthday Bash
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; April 23rd
Walk & Talk in Gym OR
Sew Ribbon Skirt
1:30PM*

Wednesday; April 29th
Card Games or Finish Derby
Hat for Party
1:30PM*

**Leelanau Elders
Events & Activities**

**Monday's Office Tasks
Friday's Offices CLOSED**
*Notes: Lunch Provided
**12:00PM - 1:00PM

Wednesday; April 1st
Craft
1:00PM - 3:00PM*

Thursday; April 2nd
Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM*

Monday; April 6th
Senior Expo - TC Hagerty
10:00AM - 1:00PM*

Tuesday; April 7th
TC Store Run
(Walmart & Meijer)
1:00PM**

Wednesday; April 8th
Craft - Making Hats for
Mother's Day (Theme:
Kentucky Derby)
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; April 9th
Walk Around Track -
Strongheart
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; April 14th
Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile
10:00AM - 4:00PM*
(No Lunch)

Wednesday; April 15th
TC Thrift Store Run
1:00PM**

Thursday; April 16th
Birthday Bingo
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; April 21st
Board Games
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; April 22nd
Craft - Making Hats for
Mother's Day (Theme:
Kentucky Derby)
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; April 23rd
Baking Day
1:15PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; April 28th
Local Store Run (Hansens)
11:00AM* - 12:00PM*

Wednesday; April 29th
Walk Around Track -
Strongheart
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; April 30th
Craft Day - Finish Hats
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

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!

Clinton	Gould	1-Apr	Sharon	Reisedge	12-Apr	Mark	Madagame	22-Apr
Alvina	Napont	2-Apr	Sherry	Hacker	13-Apr	Ella	Germaine	22-Apr
Joseph	Raphael	2-Apr	Geraldine	Behling	13-Apr	Nicholas	Bailey	22-Apr
John	Moore	3-Apr	Lela	Chippewa	13-Apr	Charlotte	Wells	23-Apr
William	Bailey	3-Apr	Michael	Patten	14-Apr	Susan	Salsman	23-Apr
Wallace	Hall	3-Apr	Sheila	Lawler	14-Apr	Rebecca	Kalush	24-Apr
Yvonne	Gale	5-Apr	Mabel	Burns	14-Apr	Richard	King	24-Apr
William	Reed	5-Apr	Gertrude	Minzey	14-Apr	Judith	O'Neill	25-Apr
James	Mills	6-Apr	Henry	Bailey	14-Apr	Debra	GreenSky	25-Apr
Gail	Diaz	6-Apr	Deborah	McNeil	15-Apr	Lesley	Mellema	25-Apr
Barbara	Hanninen	6-Apr	Cornelia	Two Crow	15-Apr	Renee	Wilson	25-Apr
Anita	Hall	6-Apr	Patrick	McGrath	15-Apr	Lark	Brotherton	26-Apr
Lynn	Nada	6-Apr	Joanna	Brownell-Hill	15-Apr	Lilly	Pocock	27-Apr
Ronald	Scheiding	7-Apr	Marion	Wabanimkee Minzey	15-Apr	Debra	Koepp	27-Apr
James	Harter	7-Apr	Gail	Woods	16-Apr	Jane	Rohl	27-Apr
Thomas	McSauby	8-Apr	William	DeVerney	16-Apr	Elaine	Marquez	28-Apr
Geneva	LaSieur	8-Apr	Laverne	Winters	16-Apr	Kerry	Nyquest	28-Apr
Sandra	Yannott	9-Apr	Louis	Williams	17-Apr	Linda	Amstutz	29-Apr
Peter	Shomin	9-Apr	Kellene	Given	17-Apr	Barbara	Kutchey	29-Apr
Lora	Robert	9-Apr	Elwood	Stainbrook	18-Apr	Julie	Hillier	29-Apr
Michelle	Miller Stork	10-Apr	Mark	Henley	19-Apr	Duane	Burfield	29-Apr
Gary	Partello	10-Apr	Joseph	Kau-Be-Naw	19-Apr	Joseph	Finch	29-Apr
Charles	Petoskey	10-Apr	Sandra	Raphael	20-Apr	Michael	Bailey	30-Apr
Elizabeth	Gribbell	11-Apr	Luella	Cote	20-Apr	Patricia	Alexander	30-Apr
Evonne	Allard	11-Apr	Carl	Paepke	21-Apr	Roberta	Brothwell	30-Apr
Connie	Hacker	11-Apr	Albert	Gunderson	21-Apr			
Ginger	Hardy	12-Apr	Joan	Petoskey	21-Apr			

WANT TO JOIN AN ACTIVITY OR EVENT, OR NEED TRANSPORTATION TO THE EVENT?

ADVANCE SIGN-UP IS REQUIRED!

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ELDERS SITE COORDINATOR TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

YOUR VOICE.

YOUR NAME. YOUR COMMUNITY.

Tribal Council is asking Grand Traverse Band members to help choose the names for the new GTB building and the road leading to it.

GTB MEMBERS INVITED TO NAME

THE NEW BUILDING & ROAD IN TRAVERSE CITY

SELECTED NAME(S) RECEIVE A \$100 HONORARIUM

Name Ideas Are Encouraged to Reflect:

- Anishinaabe culture
- Anishinaabemowin language
- Tribal history & heritage

Important Dates

Submission Deadline: Friday, April 10
Winner Announced: May 2026

Open to Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribal Members

Submit Your Suggestions To

<p>Dena Wilson Executive Assistant to the Tribal Chairwoman Dena.Wilson@gtb-rsn.gov Call/Text: (231) 492-9784</p>	<p>Mail: 2605 N. West Bay Shore Drive Peshawbestown, MI 49682</p>
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Building now named: NMC Boardman Lake Campus
Current Road Address: 2200 Dendrinis Dr, Traverse City, MI 49684

Call for Vendors

Set up and sell crafts at Elders All Site Parties



Call your Elders Coordinator for application & to reserve your table to sell your homemade crafts during our next all site gathering.

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Antrim/Grand Traverse | Tanya Tanner (231) 534-7710 |
| | Delora Wilson (231) 534-7769 |
| Benzie/Manistee | Agnus Glinski (231) 534-7821 |
| Charlevoix | Barb Kenwabikise (231) 534-7066 |
| Leelanau | Melissa Martinez (231) 534-7743 |
| | Lisa Shawandase (231) 534-7744 |



HEALTH SERVICES



CELEBRATING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY MONTH THIS MAY

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is guided by a powerful mission: to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level. In recognition of this commitment, the month of May is dedicated to promoting the importance of physical activity and encouraging individuals and families to stay active in ways that support overall wellness.

When many people think about exercise, they often focus on physical outcomes such as weight control, cardiovascular health, blood sugar balance, and muscle development. While these benefits are important, physical activity also plays a critical role in strengthening mental and emotional wellbeing.

Staying active can boost self-confidence, improve mood, and even enhance cognitive function. No matter your age or current fitness level, finding ways to incorporate movement into your daily routine can lead to a healthier, more balanced life.

Benefits of Physical Activity Include:

- ◆ **Children & Adolescents:** Builds strong muscles and supports healthy bone and heart development.
- ◆ **Adults:** Reduces the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain cancers.
- ◆ **Older Adults:** Helps prevent falls and supports brain health and memory.

Mental & Emotional Benefits:

- ◆ **Reduces Stress:** Physical activity increases levels of

norepinephrine, helping the body better respond to stress.

- ◆ **Boosts Mood:** Exercise releases endorphins, which create feelings of happiness and well-being.
- ◆ **Improves Self-Confidence:** Regular movement can enhance how individuals view themselves and their abilities.
- ◆ **Supports Brain Health:** Helps prevent cognitive decline by protecting areas of the brain responsible for memory and learning.
- ◆ **Eases Anxiety:** Physical activity promotes the release of calming brain chemicals that can reduce anxiety.
- ◆ **Enhances Brainpower:** Cardiovascular exercise supports the growth of new brain cells and improves decision-making.
- ◆ **Increases Productivity:** Research shows that individuals who exercise regularly tend to have more energy and get more done throughout the day.

This May, the GTB Health Clinic encourages community members to take small, meaningful steps toward a more active lifestyle. Whether it's walking, dancing, gardening, playing with your children, or participating in community activities, every bit of movement counts.

By embracing physical activity, we not only strengthen our bodies but also honor the connection between mind, body, and spirit—an essential part of overall wellness.

For more information, visit the IHS website or speak with your local health provider about ways to stay active and healthy this season.

GTB CLINIC SPORTS PHYSICAL APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE



Yearly sports physicals play a crucial role in the well-being and performance of athletes. These comprehensive examinations assess the overall health and physical fitness of individuals engaged in sports activities. By identifying potential risks, addressing existing health conditions, and ensuring athletes are prepared for the physical demands of their chosen sports, regular check-ups can prevent injuries, promote optimal performance, and safeguard athletes' long-term health.

Call now to schedule your pre-participation physical now! 231-534-7200
We look forward to seeing you!

Your GTB Health Team

GTB TRIBAL MEMBER MATCHES WITH TRIBAL HEALTH RESIDENCY PROGRAM



The Grand Traverse Band Health Services Department is proud to announce that Tribal Member and GTB Family Health Clinic Registered Nurse, Tiffany Lewis, has successfully matched into a Family Medicine Residency through the McLaren/Petoskey Tribal Health Track.

This exciting milestone marks the next chapter in Tiffany's healthcare journey. A graduate of Xavier University School of Medicine, Aruba, Tiffany will now begin the demanding and rewarding process of residency—where physicians refine their clinical skills, deepen their knowledge, and build the foundation for lifelong service in medicine.

Colleagues at the GTB Family Health Clinic have had the opportunity to witness Tiffany's dedication and clinical intuition firsthand. Known for her compassionate approach and strong commitment to patient wellbeing, she has already made a meaningful impact within the community. Her collaborative spirit and passion for serving others have set her apart as a future leader in Tribal healthcare.



training, but it is also where great physicians are shaped. Tiffany's selection into the Tribal Health Track highlights both her hard work and her commitment to serving Native communities—an area where culturally informed care is essential.

The GTB Health Services Department shared their enthusiasm, noting that Tiffany's presence will continue to strengthen healthcare services for Tribal members. Following her residency, she will be warmly welcomed back home to serve the community.

“Megwetch, Tiffany, and the very best to you, we are incredibly proud and look forward to all that you will accomplish.” - GTB Health Clinic

This achievement not only reflects Tiffany's personal dedication, but also serves as an inspiration to future generations pursuing careers in healthcare.

Congratulations, Tiffany Lewis, MD, on this outstanding accomplishment!



DENTAL CLINIC



APRIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DENTAL CLINIC

April is an important time in the dental community as we celebrate our hygienists during Dental Hygienist Appreciation Week (April 12–18) and raise awareness for Oral Cancer Awareness Month.

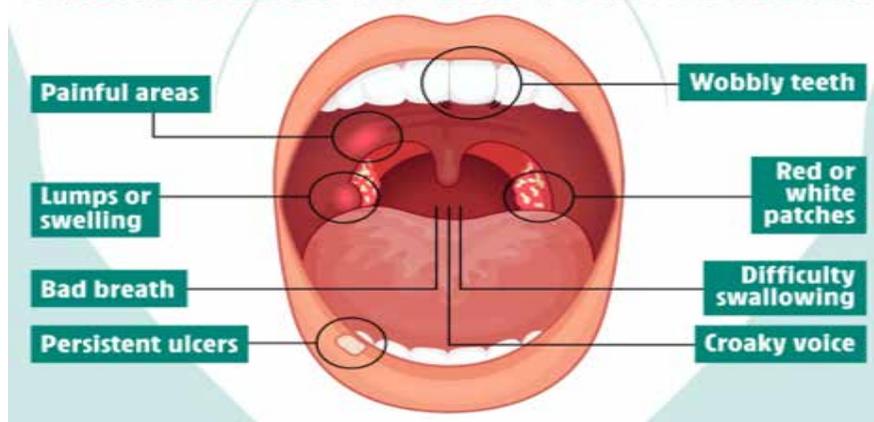
Dental hygienists play a crucial role in your care in more ways than many realize. At every visit, your hygienist does more than clean your teeth—they assist in diagnosing cavities through radiographs and visual assessments, help identify infections and dental abscesses, provide preventative care, and perform oral cancer screenings. Their work is essential to maintaining the overall health of our patients.

We would like to take a moment to recognize and thank our hygienist, Jerri Gabriel, for her dedication and outstanding care. Jerri has been a valued member of our dental team for nearly three years and continues to excel in her role. Thank you, Jerri, for all that you do!

During your dental appointments, you are also receiving an oral cancer screening. Your hygienist and dentist carefully examine the tissues of the cheeks, tongue, palate, lips, nose, lymph nodes, gums, and floor of the mouth. They look for signs such as swelling, growths, color or surface changes, and inflammation that may indicate irregularities.

Many of these changes are often linked to temporary causes such as minor trauma, dietary habits, parafunctional behaviors, or medication interactions. However, some findings may require further evaluation. In these cases, a referral to a specialist for a biopsy may be recommended. Patients should know that referrals

SYMPTOMS OF MOUTH CANCER



are a normal and precautionary step to rule out pathology. In many cases, these areas are benign, but proper documentation and monitoring are important.

As a patient, it is also helpful to stay aware of any changes in your mouth and report concerns to your provider so they can be thoroughly evaluated. A simple at-home guide can help you identify and communicate any unusual findings.

As a reminder, during periods of severe weather, please check for facility closures before traveling to your appointment. You can call the GTB Snow Line at (231) 534-7669 or download the GTB App for the most up-to-date information on government office closures. Recent snowfall has caused several closures, and we want to ensure patient safety and avoid unnecessary travel if offices are closed. Thank you for your understanding.

IHEART SPRING 2026 VIRTUAL SUMMIT SUPPORTS NATIVE HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



The Indigenous Health, Education, and Resources Taskforce (IHEART) is a national collaborative dedicated to addressing the underrepresentation of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) in health professions. The network includes approximately 650 AI/AN health educators, students, organizational leaders, and community members working together to strengthen pathways into healthcare careers.

As an Indigenous-led and culturally responsive initiative, IHEART supports the engagement, matriculation, retention, and graduation of Native individuals pursuing careers in the health sciences—from K–12 education through residency and beyond.

IHEART will host its Spring 2026 Virtual Summit, a two-day conference focused on strengthening the Native health workforce through connection, shared learning, and collaboration. The summit will feature discipline-specific discussions across healthcare fields, student panels highlighting education and career pathways, and updates from the National Indian Health Board (NIHB).

As part of the summit, Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, will present on March 24, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. EST.

This virtual event will be held via Zoom and is designed for students, healthcare professionals, educators, and partners committed to advancing Native health workforce development.



For more information, please visit:



IHEART Website:
<https://www.iheartnativeworkforce.org/>

Virtual Summit Details:
<https://www.iheartnativeworkforce.org/event/spring-2026-virtual-workshop/>



Summit Registration:
<https://aamc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/puDetrn-TwyRcDt1oULdTA#/registration>



Submitted by:
Mnamaadizin
Our mission is to improve oral health through benefit plans, advocacy, and community support.

Jessica A. Rickert, DDS
Anishinaabe Dental Outreach

STRONGHEART MEMBER SHOWCASE

"Hello my name is Jordan Anderson.

I'm a tribal member who loves basketball, staying active, and weightlifting so when I saw that there was an opening here I thought I'd seize the moment.

I'm very passionate about basketball. I love watching, playing, training, coaching and I look forward to helping with tournaments and leagues. But our tribe and the health of our members is also very important to me so I'm excited to help and be a part of all of our other community events too.



Look forward to seeing you all!"

WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE – FINAL WEIGH-IN APRIL 13

Participants in the 8-week Weight Loss Challenge are reminded that the final weigh-in will take place on April 13 at the following locations and times:

- Strongheart Center: 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Charlevoix: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This two-person team challenge (any gender) featured a \$20 per person entry, with a 100% payout distributed to the top teams: 1st place (50%), 2nd place (35%), and 3rd place (15%). Teams are competing to lose the highest percentage of weight, and prizes will be awarded to all participating teams.

Please note: Participants who do not attend the final weigh-in or drop out of the challenge will receive a penalty. Their final weight will be recorded as their starting weight plus 8 pounds.

All participants are encouraged to attend during the scheduled times to complete their final weigh-in and celebrate their progress.

STRONGHEART CENTER

2700 Strongheart Way, Peshawbestown



DON'T KNOW WHERE TO Start?

Join Our Certified Personal Trainer Group Sessions led by Certified Personal Trainer Cheryl Send!

What We Offer:

- FREE with Strongheart Membership!
Small Group Sessions
Beginner Session - Tues. & Thurs. at 12:00pm
Intermediate Session - Tues. & Thurs. at 1:00pm
Advanced Session - Tues. & Thurs. at 2:00pm

Don't miss out - Call and Reserve Your Spot Today! (231) 534-7457



WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

Mind • Body • Heart • Spirit



OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN

February 16th
Strongheart 6:30am-6:30pm
Charlevoix 2:00pm-4:00pm

8-Week Challenge

2 Person Team (Any Gender) \$20/person

FINAL WEIGH-IN

April 13th
Strongheart 6:30am-6:30pm
Charlevoix 2:00pm-4:00pm

WEIGH-IN PROCESS

CONFIDENTIAL
Determined ONLY by Strongheart Tanita Scale
Attire t-shirt & shorts

100% PAYOUT

1st PLACE 50%
2nd PLACE 35%
3rd PLACE 15%

WEIGH-IN PENALTY

NO SHOW/DROP OUT
Start Weight + 8lbs = Final Weigh-In

Prizes for ALL Participating Teams!

Lose HIGHEST % of Weight*

Can't make the official weigh-in? Please call (231) 866-0954 and make appointment on or before Friday, February 20th

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

SAVE THE DATE: GTB FEDERAL RECOGNITION 5K FAMILY FUN RUN SET FOR MAY 16

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians invites community members and families to lace up their shoes and join in this year's Federal Recognition 5K Family Fun Run, scheduled for Saturday, May 16 in Charlevoix.

This annual event celebrates GTB Federal Recognition Day, bringing the community together for a morning of movement, wellness, and connection. This year's run will take place at the Charlevoix Office, located at 10085 Wa-Ba-Noong Mi-Kun in East Jordan.

Modeled after the Strongheart Center's popular 5K celebration events, participants can expect a welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere where walking is encouraged and all fitness levels are invited to take part. The event will feature:

- A 5K run/walk beginning at 10:00 a.m.
Food and refreshments
Door prizes and prize drawings
Free event T-shirts (must be present to receive)

This event continues the spirit of the Strongheart Center programs, promoting health, wellness, and community engagement through fun and inclusive activities.

Whether you're running, walking, or cheering from the sidelines, this event offers something for everyone. Gather your family, invite your friends, and join in celebrating GTB pride and wellness together.

For more information, community members are encouraged to contact Strongheart staff or visit the GTB website.

UNDERSTANDING THE RISKS OF KRATOM USE



Did you know that using Kratom can lead to addiction and serious health concerns?

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Kratom is a tropical tree native to Southeast Asia. When consumed, it can produce stimulant effects at low doses and sedative effects at higher doses. While some individuals may perceive it as a natural or safe alternative, Kratom carries significant risks.

Use of Kratom has been associated with psychotic symptoms, including hallucinations, delusions, and confusion. It can also lead to psychological and physical dependence, meaning regular use may result in addiction. The DEA has officially classified Kratom as a “Drug of Concern.”

Kratom can negatively impact overall health. Reported side effects include:

- ◆ Rapid heart rate (tachycardia)
- ◆ Liver toxicity (hepatotoxicity)
- ◆ Seizures

- ◆ Nausea and vomiting
- ◆ Sweating and itching
- ◆ Dry mouth and constipation
- ◆ Increased urination
- ◆ Drowsiness and insomnia

It is important to inform your medical provider if you are using Kratom, as it may interfere with other treatments or conditions.

Common Myths About Kratom

Myth 1: Kratom is not dangerous.

False. Kratom has been linked to serious health issues, including cardiac complications and liver damage.

Myth 2: If it were unsafe, it would be illegal.

False. Kratom is still legally sold in many states despite known risks.

Myth 3: If it is sold in stores, it must be FDA regulated.

False. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not regulate Kratom products.

Myth 4: Kratom helps with withdrawal from other drugs.

False. There is limited scientific evidence supporting Kratom as a safe or effective treatment for withdrawal.

Myth 5: Kratom is safe because it is a “legal hallucinogen.”

False. Kratom can cause harmful side effects, including hallucinations and other serious mental health symptoms.

If you have questions or concerns about substance use, GTB Behavioral Health is here to help.



**YOU ARE NOT ALONE —
HELP IS AVAILABLE**

If you or someone you know is struggling, please remember: you are not alone, and it is okay to ask for help.

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Integrated Healthcare team is here to support you and your family with compassionate, confidential care.

GTB Services

- ◆ Behavioral Health Services: 231-534-7090
- ◆ Health Services: 231-534-7200
- ◆ Nurse Care Navigation: 231-534-7237

24/7 Crisis Support

- ◆ 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Call or text 988 or dial 1-800-273-8255
- ◆ Crisis Text Line: Text NATIVE to 741741

Local Crisis Lines

- ◆ Antrim County: 877-470-4668
- ◆ Benzie County: 877-398-2013
- ◆ Charlevoix County: 877-470-4668
- ◆ Grand Traverse County: 833-295-0616
- ◆ Leelanau County: 833-295-0616
- ◆ Manistee County: 877-398-2013

Reaching out can be the first step toward healing. Support is available whenever you need it.



GTB
ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES
MASSAGE THERAPY

Scan QR code below to
schedule a 25 minute session:
https://bit.ly/GTB_MASSAGE





THERAPEUTIC SESSIONS

Great for stress relief & muscle tension

MANUAL LYMPH DRAINAGE

Provides a boost to your immune system + great for fluid retention, lymphedema and pre/post operative care (with Dr. clearance)

FACIAL GUA SHA

Reduces puffiness, can help with sinus pressure, and feels wonderful

CUPPING

Creates negative pressure to lift tissue and increase circulation for tight muscles

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

Youth Services

Bakanaage

Buh-kuh-nah-gay

Language Bingo

APRIL 1ST- KEWADIN- JOHN HALL
 APRIL 2ND- TRAVERSE CITY- 3 MILE OFFICE
 APRIL 8TH- CHARLEVOIX- GYM

YOUTH ORIENTATED GIFTS BUT ALL AGES WELCOME!

Light dinner provided

All Locations 5pm-7pm
 Subject to change due to closure or weather

HANNAH PELCHER
 CELL: 231-631-0828 OFFICE: 231-534-7747 EMAIL: HANNAH.PELCHER@GTB-NSN.ORG

GRAND TRAVERSE BAND YOUTH SERVICES

YOUTH SERVICES

SPRING BINGO

You Win!

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

START AT 5PM TO 7PM

Light Dinner Provided

M22 Youth Center
 2821 NW Bayshore Dr.
 Peshawbestown MI 49682

youth oriented prizes
 all ages welcome

Torie Chippewa
 phone: 231.534.7230
 cell: 231.590.2395
 email: victoria.chippewa@gtb-nsn.gov

youth services

calm jars

come and make calming jars

Monday April 6, 2026
 5:00 pm to 7:00pm

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

- Promotes mindfulness
- Aids emotional regulation
- Teaches self soothing

*subject to change due to weather or closure

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YOUTH SERVICES

COME LEARN HOW TO MAKE RIBBON HOODIES

BRING A HOODIE OR SWEATER THAT YOU WANT TO MAKE INTO A RIBBON HOODIE/SWEATER

APRIL DATES:
 4/9/2026 AND 4/16/2026
 5:30- 8PM
 DINNER PROVIDED

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

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Youth Services

Leather Belt Making for youth

April Dates:
 4/23/26 5:30- 8PM
 4/30/26

Dinner Provided

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

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Youth Services

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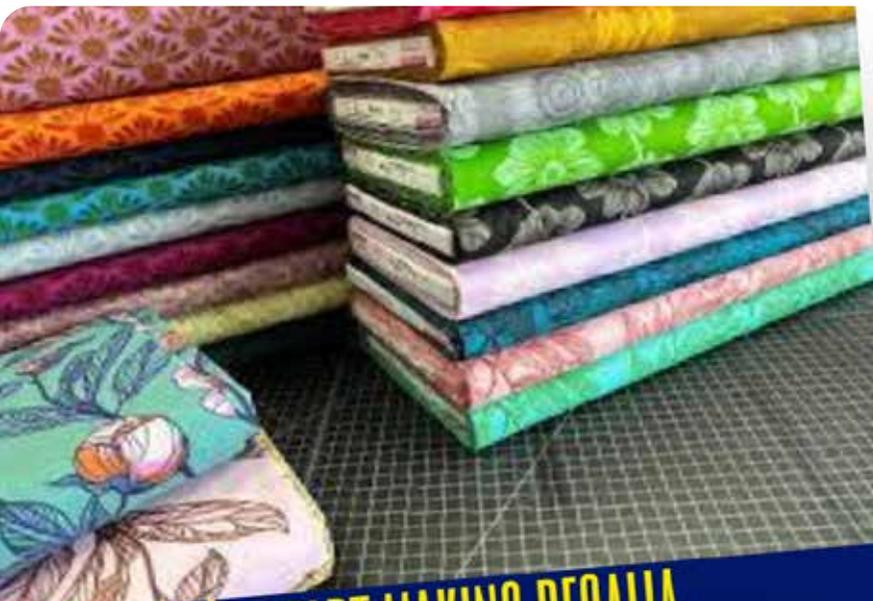
Rock Painting

April 6th - Charlevoix - Gym
April 7th - Kewadin - John hall
**April 16th - Traverse City- 3mile
Classroom**

All Locations 5pm-7pm
 light dinner provided

Subject to change due to closures or weather

Hannah Pelcher
 Cell: 231-631-0828
 Office: 231-534-7747
 Email: Hannah.Pelcher@gtb-nsn.gov

LET'S START MAKING REGALIA

Opening up the center to give Youth and their parents an open space that want to start or already started making new regalia this year!
regalia will be made for the youth only

Every Tuesday night 5-8pm
 starting April 7, 2026
 no class April 21, 2026

Light Dinner
 We have limited supplies here in the beginning of the month but hoping to have more supplies later in the month.

You are welcome to bring your started regalia as well

M22 Youth Center
 2821 NW Bayshore dr.
 Peshawbestown MI, 49682





Birch Bark Earring Painting

All material provided:)
Subject to change due to closures or weather

April 13th - Charlevoix - Gym
April 14th - Traverse City- 3 mile
April 15th - Kewadin - John Hall
All locations 5pm-7pm
light dinner provided

Hannah Pelcher
 Cell:231-631-0828
 Office:231-534-7747

Youth Services





YOUTH SERVICES

Aki Giizhigad EARTH DAY

Come plant some flowers or make a mini terrarium in celebration of our beautiful home! All materials provided, welcome to bring own seeds.

- April 20th- Kewadin John hall
- April 21st- Traverse City- 3mile office
- April 22nd- Charlevoix- Gym

All locations 5pm-7pm

LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED

Hannah Pelcher
 Cell: 231-631-0828
 Office: 231-534-7747
 Email: Hannah.Pelcher@gtb-nsn.gov



Join Youth Services and let's

BAKE together

April 27, 2026 5 TO 7PM
 M22 Youth Building
 2821 NW Bayshore Dr.
 Peshawbestown MI, 49682

we will have a light Dinner first
 and bake cupcakes and chocolate chip cookies after

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 Email: victoria.chippewa@gtb-nsn.gov




NATURAL RESOURCES

NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

The Natural Resources & Environmental Committee (NREC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Timothy “Tim” Koon, recently selected by the GTB Tribal Council to serve on the committee.

The NREC plays an important role in supporting the stewardship and protection of the Tribe’s natural resources.

CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- ◆ Brian Napont, Chairman
(Tribal Councilor)
- ◆ Tina Frankenberger, Vice-Chairwoman
(Tribal Councilor & Treasurer)
- ◆ Henry Bailey
- ◆ Steve Feringa
- ◆ William Fowler
- ◆ Cynthia John
- ◆ Timothy Koon
- ◆ Gerald Luskey
- ◆ Jeremy Rice
- ◆ Preston Tyler

GTB 6 COUNTY SERVICE AREA HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION EVENTS 2026

Residents of the GTB 6 County Service Area are encouraged to take advantage of the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events in 2026. Proper disposal of hazardous materials is crucial for community safety and environmental health. Below are the details for HHW drop-off locations by county:

ANTRIM COUNTY

Drop-off Hours: 8 AM – 12 PM

For more information, visit the Antrim Conservation District HHW website or call (231) 533-8363.

- ◆ **June 13:** Elk Rapids DPW Station
- ◆ **July 25:** Bellaire High School
- ◆ **September 26:** Antrim County Road Commission

BENZIE COUNTY

All HHW collection events take place on Saturdays from 9 AM – 1 PM.

For more information, visit the Benzie County HHW website or call (231) 882-0554.

- ◆ **June 20:** Frankfort High School
- ◆ **July 18:** Thompsonville Train Depot
- ◆ **August 22:** Honor Road Commission

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Dates have not yet been published.

For updates, call (231) 547-0080 or visit the Charlevoix County HHW website.

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

Appointments Required.

To register or for more information, call (231) 941-5555 or visit the Grand Traverse County HHW website. All location TBD.

- ◆ **April 9:** 1 PM - 6 PM
- ◆ **May 14:** 1 PM - 6 PM
- ◆ **June 25:** 1 PM - 6 PM
- ◆ **August 13:** 1 PM - 6 PM
- ◆ **September 12:** 9 AM - 2 PM

LEELANAU COUNTY

Appointment Needed in Advance.

To schedule an appointment or see a list of accepted materials, contact Leelanau County Planning and Community Development at (231) 256-9812 or visit the Leelanau County HHW website.

- ◆ **May 16:** Leelanau County Government Center, 8 AM – 1 PM
- ◆ **June 20:** Glen Lake School, 8 AM – 1 PM
- ◆ **October 10:** Elmwood Township Park, 8 AM – 1 PM
- ◆ **September:** Date TBD

NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT REMINDS MEMBERS TO RENEW LICENSES

The Natural Resources Department would like to remind all community members that Hunting, Fishing, Gathering, and Trapping licenses will expire on April 1. To continue enjoying these activities without interruption, members are encouraged to request their 2026–2027 renewal sticker as soon as possible. For the fastest and most convenient service, licenses can be renewed online by visiting: <https://hunt.gtbindians.org/>



or by scanning the department’s QR code with a smartphone and following the prompts in the online portal.

Members may also contact the Natural Resources Department directly by phone or email for assistance with renewals.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please ensure your contact information is updated directly with the Natural Resources Department. Because departmental systems operate independently, updates made through other GTB departments will not be reflected in Natural Resources records.

For questions or assistance, contact: NRD@gtb-nsn.gov | 231-534-7500

MANISTEE COUNTY

Drop-off Hours: 9 AM – 1 PM

For more information and to check the list of accepted items, visit the Manistee Conservation District HHW website or call (231) 889-9666.

- ◆ August 15: Manistee County Road Commission

Important Note: Acceptable items for collection vary by county. Please consult your respective county website or contact the local office for a comprehensive list of accepted material

For further assistance, contact: **Scott Mitchell**
Natural Resources Department
Email: Scott.Mitchell@gtb-nsn.gov
Phone: (231) 534-7036

Help keep our community safe and clean by properly disposing of hazardous waste!

AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

GTB SUGAR BUSH CAMP BRINGS TRADITIONS TO LIFE FOR ALL AGES

As the seasons change and daily life moves quickly, it can be easy to lose sight of the traditions that have long guided our communities. This March, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Natural Resources Department – Agriculture invited community members to reconnect with those traditions during the annual Sugar Bush Camp.

A newly constructed lodge welcomed participants of all ages, serving as a central gathering space where families could come together to learn, create, and share in cultural teachings. The lodge provided a warm and inviting environment that encouraged hands-on participation while strengthening connections across generations.

Throughout the day, attendees experienced teachings that have been passed down for generations, offering insight into how these traditions shaped everyday life. One of the featured workshops focused on birch bark crafting, where participants created baskets and other items using natural materials. This practice, once a staple in many households, highlighted both creativity and resourcefulness while reinforcing the importance of using what the land provides.

Maple sap harvesting was another key focus of the event. As an important seasonal tradition, participants learned how sap is collected from local trees and transformed through various processes. Demonstrations showed how sap can be enjoyed as a refreshing drink or tea, boiled down into syrup, or further processed into natural sugar—an essential food source both historically and today.

In addition, guests had the opportunity to take part in paddle-making workshops. Traditionally used for canoes, these paddles also played a role in the sap-making process, as they were used to stir and churn sap during sugar production. The workshop gave participants a deeper appreciation for the craftsmanship and purpose behind everyday tools.

Food and refreshments were available throughout the event with many dishes reflecting traditional ingredients and recipes. Guests enjoyed items such as squash soup and wild rice soup, connecting nourishment with cultural heritage and seasonal practices.

Storytelling was woven into the day’s activities, with organizers sharing knowledge about Anishinaabe culture and the continued importance of these traditions in modern life. The welcoming atmosphere ensured that everyone—from elders to young children—felt included and encouraged to participate.

Even practical skills were part of the experience. Participants who needed winter gear were able to craft their own mittens using provided materials. In one memorable moment, a pair of tiny mittens was created for a newborn, reflecting the care, thoughtfulness, and sense of community that defined the gathering.

The Sugar Bush Camp not only celebrated seasonal traditions but also reinforced the importance of preserving and passing on cultural knowledge. By bringing the community together in a hands-on learning environment, the event ensured that these teachings remain strong and continue to thrive for future generations.

**GTB
VEGETABLE
PLANT GIVEAWAY**

OPEN TO ALL GTB TRIBAL MEMBERS & EMPLOYEES

POWWOW GROUNDS PAVILION
TUESDAY, MAY 26TH | 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

SATELLITE OFFICE PICK-UP:
TUESDAY, MAY 26TH

12 SMALLER PLANTS, 2 LARGER PLANTS,
AND A SELECTION OF SEEDS
AND COMPOST IS AVAILABLE
FOR EACH PARTICIPANT!

PLANT & SEED GIVE-AWAY – SAVE THE DATE!

The GTB Agriculture Department is excited to announce the return of its annual Plant and Seed Give-Away, a spring tradition that has supported community growing efforts since 2019.

This year, the event has been moved back by one week to better align with warmer weather and an optimal planting schedule. **Plants and seeds will be available on Tuesday, May 26**, at all three GTB Satellite Offices, as well as at the usual distribution site in Peshawbestown at the Pow Wow Grounds Pavilion.

Community members can stop by between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to pick up their supplies. The give-away is open to all GTB Tribal Citizens and Employees.

Each participant will receive:

- ◆ Up to 12 smaller plants
- ◆ 2 larger plants
- ◆ A selection of seeds and compost

This package represents an approximate value of \$40 per participant.

Last year, the Agriculture Department distributed more than \$2,500 worth of plants, seeds, and compost to the community. This initiative is one of the many ways GTB Agriculture & Food Sovereignty continues to support tribal members in growing their own food and strengthening community self-sufficiency.

Be sure to mark your calendar and take part in this opportunity to kickstart your garden this season!





HOUSING DEPARTMENT

SERVICES & SUPPORT FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) Housing Department is dedicated to helping Tribal Members secure safe, affordable, and stable housing. Whether you are renting, seeking homeownership, managing accessibility needs, or improving financial wellness. GTB Housing offers many programs to support individuals, families, Elders, and those in transition. Below is a full overview of available services, with direct links to applications and forms for easy access.

RENTAL SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE

NAHASDA Rental Subsidy Program

This program helps eligible GTB Tribal Members reduce their monthly rent payment. The subsidy is paid directly to the landlord — providing essential financial relief for families, Elders, and individuals working toward long-term stability. Application (PDF): [NAHASDA Rental Subsidy Application](#)



HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE

Emergency Home Repair Program

This program provides assistance when urgent home repairs are needed to keep a home safe and livable. Examples include critical plumbing, heating, roofing, or structural repairs — especially for Tribal homeowners who might otherwise struggle to cover these costs. Application (PDF): [Emergency Home Repair Application](#)



HOW TO GET STARTED

The GTB Housing Department is here to guide Tribal Members through every step of the housing process — from completing applications to understanding program eligibility and accessing additional support services. Our knowledgeable staff can answer questions, help you gather necessary documents, and make sure you're connected to the right program for your needs.

Main Office Location:

11244 Ki-Dah-Keh Mi-Kun, Peshawbestown, MI 49682

Stop by to speak with a Housing Department staff member in person, review program materials, or pick up forms.

Main Phone Line: (231) 534-7800

Call the main number for general inquiries about any housing program or service offered by the GTB Housing Department.

Direct contacts can be found below!

Housing Assistance for Low-Income & Market Rental Units

GTB Housing offers two pathways for rental assistance:

- ◆ Low-Income Housing Units, with rent based on income and household size.
- ◆ Market-Rate Rental Units, for Tribal Members who may not qualify as low-income but still want housing options through GTB.

This ensures that Tribal Members have a range of safe and affordable housing choices. Application (PDF): [Housing Application & Assistance for Low-Income and Market Rental](#)



Down Payment Assistance Program

If you're working toward homeownership, this program provides financial help toward a required down payment — making owning a home more attainable. Eligible properties may include mobile, manufactured, modular, single- or double-wide homes, depending on program guidelines. Application (PDF): [Down Payment Application](#)



ADDITIONAL SERVICES & SUPPORTS

Beyond direct housing applications, the GTB Housing Department also offers supportive services to help you on your housing journey:

- ◆ Notary services for housing-related documents.
- ◆ Homebuyer education classes, to prepare for responsible homeownership.
- ◆ Budget counseling and financial education — helping you manage rent, mortgages, and expenses more effectively.
- ◆ Access to additional resources and applications, including:

1. Home insurance information
2. Well and septic system applications
3. Lot Assignment Request Application
4. Tax-exempt status application
5. Human Services applications when needed

For a complete list of forms and to download any application visit the GTB Housing Department's webpage: https://www.gtbindians.org/housing_dept.asp



Pathways Home: For the Homebuyer

Obtain a homebuyer's education certificate through the National American Indian Housing Council's Pathways Home: A Native Homeownership Guide eLearning program! The course is designed for prospective homebuyers in tribal communities nationwide and may be required for lenders.

Cost: **\$20** /course

Target Audience

- ✓ Mortgage-ready households
- ✓ Tribal housing professionals
- ✓ Interested individuals
- ✓ Any tribal citizen

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CONTACT HOUSING

After Hours Emergency Hot Line	(231) 866-1290
Lori Dudley - Administrative Assistant & Front Desk	(231) 534-7800
Joe Kaubenaw - Lead Occupancy Specialist & GTB Rental Info/ Down Payment/Homebuyer Education	(231) 534-7803 (231) 883-1328
Danielle Chippewa - Occupancy Specialist (NAHASDA)	(231) 534-7385
Manny Menchaca - Maintenance Supervisor	(231) 534-7448 (231) 631-4594
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PUBLIC SAFETY

April is Tornado Awareness Month: Prepare, Plan, Stay Safe

April marks Tornado Awareness Month, an important reminder for community members to prepare for Michigan’s severe weather season. While tornadoes can occur at any time of year, they are most common from March through September—and often strike with little warning.

During Severe Weather Awareness Week (March 15–21), Michigan residents participated in a statewide tornado drill on March 18. This annual exercise is designed to help individuals and families think through emergency plans and practice what to do when severe weather strikes.

According to the State of Michigan, an average of 15 tornadoes occur each year, with warning times often as short as 10 to 15 minutes. Winds can exceed 200 miles per hour, making preparation essential to protecting lives and property.

Community members are encouraged to start conversations with their families about emergency plans:

- ◆ Where will you go during a tornado?
- ◆ How will you communicate if separated?
- ◆ Do you understand local alert systems?

When a Tornado Warning is issued:

- ◆ Seek shelter immediately in a basement, safe room, or small interior room on the lowest level of a sturdy building
- ◆ Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls
- ◆ Protect your head and neck with your arms
- ◆ Do not shelter under overpasses or bridges
- ◆ Monitor trusted sources such as NOAA Weather Radio and local emergency alerts

Preparedness extends beyond tornadoes. Any severe weather event can become dangerous without a plan in place. Taking time now to prepare ensures you and your loved ones can enjoy the warmer months safely and confidently.

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors



Lightning is one of the most common weather hazards—and one of the most underestimated. Each year, injuries occur both outdoors and indoors, making awareness and prevention critical.

The most important rule is simple: If you hear thunder or see lightning, go indoors immediately.

Indoor Safety Tips

Even inside your home, precautions are necessary:

- ◆ Avoid using water (*no showering, washing dishes, or doing laundry*)
- ◆ Do not use electronics plugged into outlets
- ◆ Stay away from windows, doors, and concrete walls or floors
- ◆ Avoid corded phones (*cell phones are safe to use*)
- ◆ Use surge protectors to safeguard appliances
- ◆ Pets should also be brought indoors, as they cannot protect themselves during storms.

Outdoor Safety Tips

- ◆ Seek shelter in a sturdy building or hard-top vehicle
- ◆ Avoid open fields, water, and high ground
- ◆ Stay away from tall objects like trees and poles
- ◆ Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before resuming activities

If caught outside with no shelter:

- ◆ Crouch low to the ground with your head tucked
- ◆ Do not lie flat
- ◆ Spread out if you are in a group

If Someone is Struck by Lightning

Act quickly—lightning strikes often cause cardiac arrest:

- ◆ Call 911 immediately
- ◆ Check for breathing and pulse
- ◆ Begin CPR if necessary
- ◆ Provide first aid for burns or other injuries

It is safe to touch someone who has been struck—they do not carry an electrical charge.

Being aware of lightning risks and responding quickly can save lives.

Tornado & High Wind Safety Guide

Severe weather—including tornadoes and high winds—can develop rapidly. Taking time to prepare now helps reduce injuries and damage when storms occur.

Before the Storm

Preparation starts with planning:

- ◆ Identify safe shelter locations where you live, work and spend time
- ◆ Practice tornado drills with your household
- ◆ Sign up for emergency alerts and monitor weather updates
- ◆ Understand the difference between:
 - Tornado Watch: Be prepared
 - Tornado Warning: Take action immediately

Build emergency kits:

- ◆ Go-Kit: At least 3 days of portable supplies
- ◆ Stay-at-Home Kit: At least 2 weeks of supplies
 - Include food, water, medications, batteries, and important documents.

Tornado Shelter	Location	Address
Elder's	West side of Elder's Complex (behind complex)	11201 Ki-Dah-Keh Drive - behind
Elder's	East side of Elder's Complex (near cul-de-sac in front)	11201 Ki-Dah-Keh Drive - front
Peshawbestown	Peshawbestown Road near weather monitoring station	2809 NW Bay Shore Drive .09 mi south of Putnam Rd - West side
Antrim	Antrim near playground area	Cherry Avenue, Kewadin - Wingash-Mikun, Rapid City
Benzie	Benzie Community Center near pow-wow grounds	7282 Hoadley Road, Benzonia
Charlevoix	Charlevoix Community Center near playground area	10085 Wa-Ba-Noong-Mi-Kun

GTB TORNADO SHELTER LOCATIONS

Community members without basements are encouraged to utilize designated shelters located throughout tribal service areas, including:

- ◆ Elder's Complex (front and back locations)
- ◆ Peshawbestown area
- ◆ Antrim (Rapid City)
- ◆ Benzie Community Center
- ◆ Charlevoix Community Center

These shelters are designed to hold approximately 24 individuals and provide protection during tornado events.

During the Storm

- ◆ Seek shelter immediately in a sturdy building
- ◆ Move to a basement or small interior, windowless room
- ◆ Stay away from windows and doors
- ◆ If driving, find a sturdy building—do not shelter under overpasses

After the Storm

- ◆ Remain in shelter until it is safe to leave
- ◆ Avoid damaged buildings and downed power lines
- ◆ Use caution during cleanup—wear protective clothing
- ◆ Watch for hazards such as gas leaks and carbon monoxide

If someone is injured:

- ◆ Provide first aid if able
- ◆ Do not move individuals with possible neck or back injuries unless necessary

Stay Connected

In an emergency, text instead of calling to reduce network congestion and improve communication with loved ones.

Preparedness is a shared responsibility. By planning ahead and staying informed, the GTB community can remain safe, resilient, and ready for whatever the season brings.

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Government Operations

AFS Caseworker (FT)

Bachelor's Degree in Social Work field required. Current Social Work License through the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. At least one year of experience in a social services field. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$57,729/yr. - until filled

Dental Hygienist (FT)

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

EHS Head Start (FT)

Child Development Associate (CDA) and Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field required. Must have experience working with infants/children. -\$16.55/hr. - until filled

EHS Education & Family Services Coordinator (FT)

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

EHS/HS Bus Driver - Part Time (PT)

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

EHS/HS Health & Disabilities Coordinator (FT)

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

HR Coordinator (FT)

Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources, Business Administration, or related field required; equivalent combination of education and related experience may be considered. Minimum two (2) years of experience as an HR Generalist or in a comparable professional HR role required. Working knowledge of employment laws, benefits administration, and HR best practices, with proficiency in Microsoft Office and HR information systems.

Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. - until filled

Law Clerk (Summer)

The Law Clerk will assist in the duties with the staff in the Legal Department. This position tentatively will start May 18, 2026 and commence August 17, 2026. Will be flexible with Law Student class schedule if outside of these dates. -\$22.00/hr.

Marina & Environmental Response Specialist (FT)

Must have an Bachelor's degree in related field such as Geology, Environmental Science, Chemistry or other. Must have some environmental/contamination/spill cleanup experience. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$43,750/yr. - until filled

Medical Director/Physician (FT)

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

Medical Records Clerk/Clinic Support (FT)

High School Diploma or GED equivalent. Prefer (1) yr. experience in office management. Prior experience working in a family practice setting preferred. Must have knowledge of medical terminology. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$17.29/hr. - until filled

On-Call Receptionist - Charlevoix

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

PRC Manager/PD (FT)

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

Probation Officer (FT)

Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Legal Studies, Paralegal Studies, Business, Administrative Services, Social Work/Services, Social Science, Sociology, Psychology, Liberal Arts, or related field required; equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. General knowledge of applicable laws, regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and administration required. Must have a valid unrestrict driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$22.71/hr. - until filled.

Revenue Cycle and Data Manager (FT)

Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or Finance. Thorough understanding billing, collections and payment posting, revenue cycle, & third-party payers. Thorough understanding of budget management and reporting for business planning and development, as well as program specific management and reporting. Thorough understanding of Database creation, data analysis, compiling and interpreting data from several systems. (2-3) years' progressive and successful billing cycle and data management experience preferred. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$69,450/yr. - until filled.

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Student Support Advisor- Grand Traverse (FT)

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

Government Operations RFP

RFP - Dental Hygienist 2025

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

RFP - 2026 Personal Trainer

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB, Grand Traverse Band) is requesting bid proposals from companies or adult individual/s for a Certified Personal Trainer at the Strongheart Civic Center located in Leelanau County. -\$RFP - until filled

RFP - 2026 Pilates Instructor

GTB is requesting bid proposals for a Certified Pilates Instructor to offer classes at the Strongheart Center dance room. Each class will be offered once a week for 1 (one) hour duration on day/time agreed upon. -\$RFP - until filled

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Are you skilled in traditional crafts like basket making, quill work, or beadwork? Local folk schools are seeking talented Anishinaabe artists to lead paid workshops. This is a fantastic opportunity to share your craftsmanship, inspire others, and engage with the community.

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