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



TRIBAL COUNCIL **COMMUNITY MEETINGS** RESUMED

In July 2024, the Tribal Council resumed our community meeting series. Each month, we travel to a different community to hear directly from tribal citizens, share updates, and address questions raised in previous meetings. We've had good turnouts and good conversations. This is an additional way for membership to communicate directly with the Tribal Council. In addition to this, there are open forums at the monthly Tribal Council Regular Sessions, a monthly open forum specifically for elders held at the Traverse City office, and an email dedicated for members to use and voice concerns: members.speak@gtb-nsn.gov

The upcoming meeting:

Leelanau – August 28th 4:00PM - 6:00PM **Tribal Council Chambers**

HONORING OUR LEGACY AND THE CALL TO SERVE

Niibin Bimaadiziwin

Before we were "federally recognized," we were—and have always been—a Nation. As we continue our path forward as a sovereign Nation, I want to take this moment to reflect on those who walked before us—those who answered the call to serve our Nation with vision, strength, and humility. In the face of hardship, threats of relocation, and policies that aimed to erase us, they stood firm. They gathered in homes and church basements, submitted petitions, and traveled long distances to speak on behalf of our people. Their efforts—rooted in love and determination—are the reason we are here today as a sovereign, self-governing Nation.

We honor the visionary leadership of individuals like Ben Peshaba, who led our first federal recognition petition under the Indian Reorganization Act in 1934; Casper Ance, who carried the torch with the 1943 petition; and **Dodie** (Ardith) Harris Chambers, who spearheaded the successful 1978 petition that led to our

federal reaffirmation on May 27, 1980. These leaders—and the many grassroots advocates who stood with them—laid the foundation for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians to reclaim our rightful place in government-togovernment relations.

Since the formation of our interim council in 1980, many have answered that same call to serve. I want to express my deepest gratitude and respect to every Tribal Council member who has served from 1980 to today—chi-miigwetch. You have shaped our government, strengthened our programs, and helped lead our Nation with dignity and purpose. Your work lives on in every success we celebrate today and every step we take into the future.

Below is a list of all who have served on the Grand Traverse Band Tribal Council since 1980. This list honors your leadership, your time, and your love for our community.

Interim Tribal Council 1980 - 1988

Ardith "Dodie" Harris......Chair

| | 1770 - 1770 |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Joseph "Buddy" RaphaelChair | George BennettChair |
| Gregory Bailey | Gregory Bailey |
| Josephine Bailey | Jamie Barrientoz |
| | Joyce Duford |
| | Gerald Harter |
| Darlene Chippewa | John McSauby |
| Phillip Chippewa, Sr | Helen Paul |
| Arthur "Art" Duhamel | Eva Petoskey |
| Lili London | Michael Shananaquet |
| Mable May | Melvin Wilson, Sr |
| Leonard Miller | |
| Freda Schwander | 6 th Elected Tribal Council 1998 - 2000 |
| Lou Scott | |
| Ruby Ward | Iomio Domiontoz |

1st Elected Tribal Council 1988 - 1990

Joseph "Buddy" Raphael......Chair

Jean Warren.....

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|----------------------------|
| Percy "Chief" Anderson, Jr |
| Gregory Bailey |
| Chris Bussey |
| Jack Chambers, Jr |
| Louise Kane |
| Leonard Miller |

2nd Elected Tribal Council 1990 - 1992

| Joseph "Buddy" RaphaelChair | (|
|-----------------------------|---|
| Percy "Chief" Anderson, Jr | |
| George Bennett | |
| Jack Chambers, Jr | |
| Joan Cotter | |
| Leonard Miller |] |
| Eva Petoskey | (|
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3rd Elected Tribal Council 1992 - 1994

| Joseph "Buddy" RaphaelChair |
|-----------------------------|
| George Bennett |
| Joan Cotter |
| Joyce Duford |
| Eva Petoskey |
| Rhonda Sands |
| Jean Warren |

4th Elected Tribal Council 1994 - 1996

| Joseph "Buddy" RaphaelChair |
|-----------------------------|
| Joyce Duford |
| John McSauby |
| Eva Petoskey |
| Rhonda Sands |
| Jean Warren |
| Melvin Wilson, Sr |

5th Elected Tribal Council 1996 - 1998

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6th Elected Tribal Council 1998 - 2000

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| Jamie Barrientoz |
| John Concannon |
| Joyce Duford |
| Gerald Harter |
| Helen Paul |
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7th Elected Tribal Council 2000 - 2002

Chair

Robert Kewaygoshkum

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|---|
| Jamie Barrientoz |
| Ardith "Dodie" (Harris) Chambers |
| John Concannon |
| Thurlow "Sam" McClellan |
| Gerald Harter |
| Cornelia "Connie" TwoCrow |

8th Elected Tribal Council 2002 - 2004

Robert Kewaygoshkum......Chair George Bennett.....

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

| Ardith "Dodie"(Harris) Chambers | 2014 2016 | 18 th Elected Tribal Council |
|--|---|---|
| John D. Concannon | | 2022 - 2024 |
| Thurlow "Sam" McClellan | (removed 12.16.2015) | David ArroyoChairman |
| Joseph C. "Buddy" Raphael Cornelia "Connie" TwoCrow | JoAnne CookTribal Council Vice Chair (acting chair in 2016) | Robert KewaygoshkumTribal Council Vice Chairman |
| | Tom ShominTribal Council Treasurer | Donna SwallowsTribal Council Treasurer |
| 9 th Elected Tribal Council 2004 - 2006 | David ArroyoTribal Council Secretary | Theresa MarshallTribal Council Secretary |
| | Tanya RaphaelTribal Council Member | Tina FrankenbergerTribal Councilor |
| Robert KewaygoshkumChair | Mark WilsonTribal Council Member | Jane RohlTribal Councilor |
| David Arroyo | Frank WilsonTribal Council Member | Brian NapontTribal Councilor |
| Derek Bailey George Bennett | Derek BaileyTribal Council Member (removed) | 19 th Elected Tribal Council |
| John Concannon | | 2024 - 2026 |
| Joseph "Buddy" Raphael | 15th Elected Tribal Council | Sandra L. WitherspoonTribal Chairwoman |
| - · · · · | 2010 - 2010 | Jane RohlTribal Council Vice Chairwoman |
| Sandra Witherspoon | | Domia Swanows Into at Council Treasurer |
| 10th Elected Tribal Council | Kimberly VargoTribal Council Vice Chair | Anna MillerTribal Council Secretary |
| 2006 - 2008 | David ArroyoTribal Council Treasurer | Tina FrankenbergerTribal Councilor |
| Robert KewaygoshkumChair | Jane RohlTribal Council Secretary | Brian NapontTribal Councilor |
| David Arroyo | • | Angelina RaphaelTribal Councilor |
| Derek Bailey | Tom ShominTribal Council Member | O |
| Joseph "Buddy" Raphael | Mark WilsonTribal Council Member | To the considering multiple services |
| Cornelia "Connie" TwoCrow | Frank WilsonTribal Council Member | To those considering public service: know that your voice matters. Our Nation |
| Sandra Witherspoon | | continues to grow, and your leadership— |
| Rebecca Woods | 16 th Elected Tribal Council 2018 - 2020 | grounded in Anishinaabe values—will always be needed. |
| 11th Elected Tribal Council | Thurlow "Sam" McClellanChairman | For now, we continue to serve with |
| 2008 - 2010 | Kimberly VargoTribal Council Vice Chair | • • |
| Derek BaileyChair | Jane RohlTribal Council Treasurer | to us, and always lift each other up as Anishinaabe people. |
| Sandra Anderson | Tina FrankenbergerTribal Council Secretary | 1 1 |
| David Arroyo | David ArroyoTribal Council Member | |
| Brian Napont | Brian NapontTribal Council Member | Chairwoman Sandra L. Witherspoon |
| Joseph "Buddy"Raphael | Mark WilsonTribal Council Member | Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and |
| Cornelia "Connie" TwoCrow | | Chippewa Indians |
| Sandra Witherspoon | | |
| Rebecca Woods | David ArroyoChairman | Ottawa |
| | Mark WilsonTribal Council Vice Chairman | |
| 12 th Elected Tribal Council 2010 - 2012 | Donna SwallowsTribal Council Treasurer | es line |
| Derek BaileyChair | Theresa MarshallTribal Council Secretary | |
| George M. Antoine | Tina FrankenbergerTribal Councilor | Vois Sile Pil |
| | Robert KewaygoshkumTribal Councilor | |
| David Arroyo | Brian NapontTribal Councilor | 2 |
| Robert Kewaygoshkum | I RIBAL COU | NCIL HYBIRD |
| Brian Napont | KECOKDEI | D SESSIONS |
| Jane Rohl | Timai Councii Regulai | Sessions occur at 9:30 |
| Sandra Witherspoon | a.m. on the third We Tribal Council Special | dnesday of every month. Sessions occur at 9:30 |
| 13 th Elected Tribal Council 2012 - 2014 | | dnesday of every month. |
| Alvin "Al" Pedwaydon | | Chambers. Meetings are open to |
| George Antoine | Tribal N | Aembers. |
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Tribal Council Regular Session July 16, 2025 http://bit.ly/GTB Member

- II. Unfinished Business. A- 1st Half 2025 2% Distribution
- 1. Motion made by Tribal Council Member Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve the Council selections of the 2% applicants distributing \$706,758.54 in funding. 4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries
- 2. Motion made by Tribal Council Member Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve the press release. 4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries
- III. New Business. A- Mid-Michigan Honor Flight 2026 No Motion/information only.
- III. New Business. B- BIA Climate
 Resilience Contract Motion made by
 Tribal Council Member Napont and
 Supported by Tribal Council Secretary
 Miller to approve the contract choice,
 CIS Advisory, to begin work on
 calculating GTB's Greenhouse Gas
 Emissions. 4-FOR; 0-AGAINST;
 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger);
 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
 Motion Carries
- III. New Business. C- Crime Victim
 Sustainability Fund (CVSF 26) Motion
 made by Tribal Council Treasurer
 Swallows and Supported by Tribal
 Council Member Napont to approve
 Resolution #25-43.3777 for funding in
 the amount of \$24,985 from the Michigan
 Department of Health and Human
 Services, Crime Victim Sustainability
 Fund 2026. 4-FOR; 0-AGAINST;
 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger);
 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
 Motion Carries
- III. New Business. D- Substance Use **Disorder Treatment and Recovery Transportation Services** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to approve Resolution #25-43.3784 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$9,712 form The Bureau of Specialty Behavioral Health Services, Michigan Opioid Healing and Recovery Fund for the Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Transportation Services grant. **4-FOR**; **0-AGAINST**; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) **Motion Carries**
- III. New Business. E- Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #25-43.3778 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$20,020 from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant. 4-FOR; 0-AGAINST;

1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries

III. New Business. F- Update to PRC Program/Dental Priorities
No Motion/Information only

III. New Business. G- RCPP Grant
Termination Appeal Authorization
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary
Miller and Supported by Tribal Council
Treasurer Swallows to authorize GTB
to file an appeal to the termination of
the RCPP Grant. 4-FOR; 0-AGAINST;
1-ABSENT(Frankenberger);
1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

Tribal Council Special Session July 30, 2025 http://bit.ly/GTB_Member

II. Unfinished Business. A- Appellate **Judge Vacancy Posting Complete-Nomination** Motion made by Tribal Council Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to nominate Matthew Scott Massey for the Appellate Judge vacancy for the six year term, with the investiture to be held on the Tribal Council Regular Session of September 17, 2025 or the next available session, by a Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Swallows: YES Secretary Miller: **YES** Councilor Frankenberger: YES Councilor Napont: YES Chairwoman Witherspoon: YES 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Raphael, Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING **Motion Carries**

III. New Business. A- Annual Powwow Vendor Business Permit Waiver Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the annual powwow vendor business permit waiver. 4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Raphael, Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

III. New Business. B- Affirmation of Letter of Support for Hope House of NW MI for Grant Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to affirm the Chairwoman's signature on the Letter of Support for Hope House of Northwestern Michigan. 4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Raphael, Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

III. New Business. C- MTERA-EPA
Tribal Indoor Air Quality Corsi Cube
Program Motion made by Tribal Council
Member Napont and Supported by
Tribal Council Member Frankenberger
to approve Resolution #25-43.3785
for funding in the amount of \$3,000
from Midwest Tribal Energy Resources
Association (MTERA) for Corsi Cubes.
4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT
(Raphael, Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

III. New Business. D- Solicitation of Vendors for Raffle Items for 2025 Annual Membership Meeting Motion made by Tribal Council

Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller for the Executive Assistant to Tribal Chairwoman/Executive Assistant to Tribal Council, as directed, to solicit vendors for raffle items for the 2025 Annual GTB Membership Meeting. 4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Raphael, Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

III. New Business. E- Community
Energy Management Program Grant
Contract Motion made by Tribal Council
Member Frankenberger and Supported
by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows
to approve the contract of \$105,257 to
Windemuller for EGLE's Community
Energy Management Program Grant.
4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT
(Raphael, Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

III. New Business. F-Site Specific Language for Benzie Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to enact Resolution #25-43.3786 for site specific language for Benzie to be sent in to the National Indian Gaming Commission. 4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Raphael, Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

III. New Business. G- CFO Contract
Motion made by Tribal Council Member
Napont and Supported by Tribal Council
Member Frankenberger to Poll Vote
the proposed CFO contract contingent
upon background approval. 4-FOR;
0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Raphael,
Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

III. New Business. H- Health
Administrator Contract Motion made
by Tribal Council Member Napont and
Supported by Tribal Council Member
Frankenberger to approve the Health
Administrator contract for an additional
two years for Sonya Zotigh. 4-FOR;
0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Raphael,
Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

III. New Business. I- Move Written
Management Reports from Regular
Session to Special Session Motion
made by Tribal Council Member
Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal
Council Secretary Miller to move the
Written Management Reports from
Regular Session to Special Session, to
change our reporting from the Tribal
Council Regular Sessions to Tribal
Council Special Sessions. 4-FOR;
0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Raphael,
Rohl); 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries



Gain a Better Understanding of People Living With Dementia

Presented by the Great Lakes
Inter-Tribal Epidemiology
Center (GLITEC)

Hosted by Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Elders Program August 4-5, 2025

Location: Turtle Creek Casino & Hotel Address: 7741 M-72, Williamsburg, MI 49690

Room Block Number: GR80425

Learn more about dementia by joining the Second Wind Dreams®
Virtual Dementia Tour® experience. The Virtual Dementia Tour is an
interactive, in-person experience designed to give individuals a better
understanding of the behaviors and needs of people with dementia. This is done
using patented equipment to alter the participants' senses. The participants walk in the shoes of those
with dementia, allowing them to get a glimpse of what it may be like to live with dementia.

Intended Participants

This experience is for everyone who knows, loves, or works with people living with dementia. It is also for anyone who wants to gain a better understanding of how dementia affects a person.

Register to Attend

Participants should register for a specific time slot using the link or QR code below. Participants go individually through the Virtual Dementia Tour. It will take each person about 30 minutes to complete. Come wearing socks and comfortable shoes.

Important: This experience may bring up strong emotions.

Register by using your phone camera to scan the QR code. Or visit https://glitec.tiny.us/Dementia825

The Virtual Dementia Tour, created by P.K. Beville, is a scientifically proven method of building a greater understanding of dementia through the use of patented sensory tools and instruction. Proceeds from the sale of the Virtual Dementia Tour support the work of Second Wind Dreams, an internationally known onprofit dedicated to changing the perception of aging through the fulfillment of elders dreams.







Their World

via the Virtual

Dementia Tour





PETER OLSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Peter Olson Scholarship is available to any Native American living in the Diocese of Gaylord - Peshawbestown, Petoskey, and Manistee - who is in college or graduate school. Applications are available by contacting Sister Susan Gardner, Director of the Native American Apostolate and Director Parish Life of St. Kateri Parish.

The applications will be presented to the board in September. They will decide the amount of money each applicant will receive. Checks take about two weeks to process.

Applications MUST be returned to Sister Susan by September 15, 2025

CALL 231-271-6651



TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE JUNE 30 - JULY 30, 2025

There were (2) Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, (2) EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and (25) Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Chairwoman Witherspoon attended **1 of 2** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **16 of 25** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Grand Traverse County Community Meeting on 7/17/25 & Public Sector Consultation Meetings on 7/23/25.

Vice Chair Rohl attended **1 of 2** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **1 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **17 of 25** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Grand Traverse County Community Meeting on 7/17/25 & Public Sector Consultation Meetings on 7/23/25 ***Scheduled:** out of office on 7/25/25 - 7/30/2025

Treasurer Swallows attended **2 of 2** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **20 of 25** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Grand Traverse County Community Meeting on 7/17/25 & Public Sector Consultation Meetings on 7/23/25.

Secretary Miller attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 24 of 25 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Attended: Grand Traverse County Community Meeting on 7/17/25 & Public Sector Consultation Meetings on 7/23/25.

Councilor Raphael attended 1 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 22 of 25 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Attended: Grand Traverse County Community Meeting on 7/17/25 & Public Sector Consultation Meetings on 7/23/25.

Councilor Frankenberger attended 1 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 0 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 11 of 25 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Attended: Grand Traverse County Community Meeting on 7/17/25 & Public Sector Consultation Meetings on 7/23/25.

Councilor Napont attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 20 of 25 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Attended: Grand Traverse County Community Meeting on 7/17/25, GTRS Liaison Meeting on 7/21/25 & Public Sector Consultation Meetings on 7/23/25.



THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAND ANNOUNCES \$706,758.54 IN LOCAL 2% FUNDS Organizations Receive Funds via Tribe's Twice Per Year 2 Percent Allocation

PESHAWBESTOWN, MICHIGAN, JULY 28, 2025 -- The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians is pleased to announce the distribution of \$706,758.54 of gaming revenue allocation to local units of government. The dollars have been allocated for 39 local applicants as part of the Tribe's "2 percent allocation," which takes place twice per year.

Under the terms of a consent decree settling Tribes v. Engler (Case no. 1:90-CV-611, U.S. District Court, Western District Michigan), the Grand Traverse Band allocates 2 percent of its video gaming revenue to local units of government, as defined in the stipulation, no later than 60 days after October 1st and March 31st of each year. This payment schedule was modified with the consent of the State of Michigan to July 31st and January 31st of each year because the fiscal year of the Grand Traverse Band's gaming operation is calendar-based.

Since the 2 percent allocation began in 1994, the Grand Traverse Band has allocated **\$48,488,375.04** to local organizations.

"The test for determining the distribution standards, as outlined in Tribes v. Engler are: "Each tribe shall determine which local unit or units of government shall receive payments and the amounts thereof;

provided however, the guidelines governing the tribes in making said determinations shall be based upon compensating said local units of government for governmental services provided to the tribes and for impacts associated with the existence and location of the tribal casino in its vicinity; and provided further, however...each local unit of government shall receive no less than an amount equivalent to its share of ad valorem property taxes..."

For this 2% cycle, the Tribal Council voted to determine which organizations would receive allocations. Of the 63 applications received, totaling \$1,930,320.32 in requests, the Tribal Council awarded 39 applicants a total of \$706,758.54.

The Grand Traverse Band will make its decision regarding the second-half 2025 Two Percent allocation in January 2026.

It is with great pleasure that the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians is able to provide all citizens of Northern Michigan with these services that are furnished solely by gaming revenues.

Full Press Release: https://bit.ly/GTB-1ST2025TPPR

FIRST HALF 2025 2% DISTRIBUTION

| 2% RECIPIENT | AMOUNT |
|--|---------------|
| Gov't to Gov't Agreement – Benzie County | \$ 19,162.50 |
| Gov't to Gov't Agreement – Charlevoix County | \$ 12,775.00 |
| Gov't to Gov't Agreement – Leelanau County | \$ 44,712.50 |
| Acme Township | \$ 1,652.00 |
| Benzie County Board of Commissioners | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Benzie County Board of Commissioners | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Benzie County Board of Commissioners | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Boyne City Public Schools | \$ 14,000.00 |
| Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Charlevoix Township Fire Department | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Charter Township of Garfield | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Charter Township of Long Lake | \$ 10,000.00 |
| City of Frankfort Fire Department | \$ 5,300.00 |
| East Bay Charter Township | \$ 20,000.00 |
| East Bay Charter Township | \$ 27,087.60 |
| East Jordan Public Schools | \$ 11,000.00 |
| Elk Rapids Public Schools | \$ 48,000.00 |
| Fife Lake Township | \$ 18,000.00 |
| Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Glen Lake Fire Department | \$ 5,550.00 |
| Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners | \$ 2,441.60 |
| Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners | \$ 5,500.00 |
| Greenspire High School | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Leelanau County Board of Commissioners | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Leelanau County Board of Commissioners | \$ 18,000.00 |
| Leelanau County Board of Commissioners | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Leelanau Montessori Public School | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Long Lake Township Fire & EMS | \$ 3,400.00 |
| Northwest Education Services | \$ 12,220.70 |
| Northwestern Michigan College | \$ 10,000.00 |
| St. James Township | \$ 2,584.00 |
| Suttons Bay Township | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Suttons Bay-Bingham Fire & Rescue Authority | \$ 41,372.64 |
| Traverse City Public Schools | \$ 103,000.00 |
| Village of Central Lake | \$ 11,000.00 |
| Whitewater Township | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Total 2% Distribution for First-Half 2025 | \$ 706,758.54 |





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PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST

5 Powerful Reasons Renters Insurance Could Save You Heartache and Money

For many Native families and individuals, the home is more than just a physical space, it's where culture is lived, language is passed down, and traditions are carried forward. Whether you're renting tribal housing, an apartment off-reservation, or a mobile home, it's important to protect what you've worked hard to build.

Renters insurance isn't always top-of-mind, but it should be. It's one of the easiest and most affordable ways to ensure that your belongings and your peace of mind are covered if the unexpected happens.

1. Your Landlord's Insurance Doesn't Cover Your Belongings

This is one of the biggest misconceptions among renters: many believe that if something happens — a fire, theft, or water damage — their landlord's insurance will cover their personal items. Unfortunately, this is not the case

Your landlord's insurance only covers the building, not what's inside your individual unit. That means:

- Your handmade quilts, beadwork, and regalia: not covered.
- ♦ Your electronics, furniture, clothing, and kitchenware: not covered.
- ♦ Your children's toys, school supplies, or sports equipment: not covered.

Without renters insurance, you may have to pay out of pocket to replace everything you've lost after a fire or break-in.

2. It's More Affordable Than You Think

Many people avoid insurance because they think it's expensive. But renters insurance is one of the most affordable types of coverage available.

- According to national averages, a renters insurance policy can cost as little as \$15 per month that's less than 50 cents per day.
- That small monthly fee could cover thousands of dollars worth of your belongings.

As our elders often say, "It's better to prepare than to repair." Renters insurance offers an easy way to prepare for life's unexpected moments.

3. It Covers More Than You Might Expect

A basic renters insurance policy typically covers:

♦ Fire and smoke damage

- ♦ Theft or vandalism
- Water damage from things like broken pipes or overflowing sinks (not flooding from rain or rivers — that requires separate flood insurance)
- Wind or storm damage to belongings, depending on your policy
- Off-site damage, like if your laptop is stolen from your car, or your regalia is lost while traveling to a powwow or ceremony

You might be surprised how far your coverage can go. Let's say:

- ♦ Your apartment experiences an electrical fire, and your electronics are ruined you're covered.
- ♦ Your water heater bursts, soaking your clothing and furniture you're covered.
- ♦ A thief breaks in and steals your PS5 or your child's tablet you're covered.

Some policies also cover temporary living expenses if your unit becomes uninhabitable. That means hotel costs or meals while you wait for repairs could also be reimbursed.

4. It Offers Liability Protection (and Can Prevent Financial Crisis)

Accidents happen — and if they happen inside your rental, you could be held legally and financially responsible.

Here's how renters insurance helps protect you:





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♦ If someone visits your home — a friend, delivery person, or Elder — and they slip, fall, or get hurt, you could be responsible for their medical bills.

Renters insurance typically includes liability coverage that helps pay for those costs and may even cover legal expenses if someone sues you.

This kind of protection is essential if you often host gatherings, community events, or family get-togethers. Liability insurance is often overlooked until it's too late — renters insurance builds it in, so you don't have to worry.

5. It's Flexible — Choose What Works for Your Budget and Belongings

Not all policies are one-size-fits-all. Renters insurance can be customized based on:

- ♦ How much stuff you have
- The total value of your belongings
- What kind of coverage you want (e.g., actual cash value vs. replacement cost)

Example:

You bought a flat-screen TV in 2020 for \$900. Today, it's only worth \$300. Some plans will give you the current value, while others can give you the money to buy a brand-new replacement.

You can also choose your deductible (the

amount you pay before insurance kicks in). A higher deductible often lowers your monthly cost — so you can balance protection and affordability.

Your Belongings Tell a Story, Protect That Story

Your home is sacred — even if it's rented. Every blanket, drum, photograph, and family heirloom carries history and meaning. Renters insurance helps protect more than just "things" — it protects your story, your culture, and your peace of mind.

For Native communities already working to restore what was lost — land, language, and self-determination — taking small steps to protect what we have today is an act of sovereignty and strength.

Miigwech for protecting what matters. You, your family, and your belongings deserve that care.

By Victoria Alfonseca - GTB Editor

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Antrim/GT Elders Events & Activities

Monday's Office Tasks Friday's Offices CLOSED *Notes: Lunch Provided **11:30AM - 12:45PM

Monday; August 4th

Dementia Seminar @ Turtle Creek (See pg. 5) 8:30AM - 3:30PM

Tuesday; August 5th

Dementia Seminar @ Turtle Creek (See pg. 5) 8:30AM - 3:30PM

Wednesday; August 6th

Sew Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; August 7th

Craft Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; August 12th

Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile 10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Wednesday; August 13th

Kalkaska Market 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; August 14th

Craft Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Friday; August 15th

Health Fair @ Medicine Lodge 11:00AM - 2:00PM

Tuesday; August 19th

Sew Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; August 20th

Open Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; August 21st

Summer Blow Out Boat Trip Sunset Cruise @ Elmwood Marina 3:30PM - 8:30PM*

Tuesday; August 26th

Beading Activity w/ Leilani 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; August 27th

Craft Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; August 28th

August Birthday Bingo/Cake 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Benzie Elders Events & Activities

Call Dee Wonegeshik,

Elders Department

Manager for assistance.

Office (231) 534-7748

Cell (231) 631-3908

Interested in attending an activity/event or need a ride?

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ELDERS SITE COORDINATOR

SIGN UP REQUIRED!

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*SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CALL FIRST.

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE DRUG & ALCOHOL-FREE!

Charlevoix Elders Events & Activities

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Monday; August 4th Through

Tuesday; August 5th BARB OUT OF OFFICE 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Wednesday; August 6th

Olesons Shopping 8:00AM**

Thursday; August 7th

Mackinac City Ride Light lunch provided 10:15AM*

Tuesday; August 12th

Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile 10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Wednesday; August 13th

Foot Clinic TBD**

Thursday; August 14th

Ice Cream Social 1:30PM**

Monday; August 18th Through

Tuesday; August 19th BARB OUT OF OFFICE 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Wednesday; August 20th

Olesons Shopping 8:00AM Birthday Bash Bingo 1:30PM**

Thursday; August 21st

Summer Blow Out Boat Trip Sunset Cruise @ Elmwood Marina 3:30PM - 8:30PM*

Tuesday; August 26th

Olesons Shopping 8:00AM Craft Time 1:30PM**

Wednesday; August 27th

Kalkaska Farm Market 10:15AM*

Thursday; August 28th

Craft w/ Leilani 1:30PM**

Leelanau Elders Events & Activities

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

Monday; August 4th

Dementia Seminar (a) Turtle Creek (See pg. 5) 8:30AM - 3:30PM

Tuesday; August 5th

Craft Day 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; August 6th

Store Run 1:00PM**

Thursday; August 7th

Cornhole 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; August 12th

Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile 10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Wednesday; August 13th

Kalkaska Farm Market 9:00AM*

Thursday; August 14th

Office Day 8:00AM - 5:00PM**

Friday; August 15th

Health Fair @ Medicine Lodge 11:00AM - 2:00PM

Tuesday; August 19th

Sew Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; August 20th

Open Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

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Beading Activity w/ Leilani 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; August 27th

Craft Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; August 28th

August Birthday Bingo/Cake 1:00PM**

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!



Joseph

Gloria

James

Karen

Frank

James

Joseph

Gregory

King

Ptak

Mahn

Marjan

Peplow

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Alexander

Wanegeshik

Squires Gunderson **Bixler** Weitz Koon **Brown** Coonrod Bennett Simpkins **Draper** Moritz Tyler Menefee **Bailey** McSawby Menefee Wabanimkee Mitchell Sky-Eagle Gablow Schwander Tyler Nelson Shenoskey **Tanner** Maidens **Smeltzer Ward** Raphael Rilling Crosby **DeVerney** Napont **Fields** Lyons **DeVerney** Petoskey Madagame **Boulton** Wright Schneider Nadeau **Bixler Shomin** Raphael Winters Murguia Klepac Gibson **Pelcher Erfourth** Wyatt **Dumonte** Norton Barber Johnson Case Osredkar

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Paul

Rivas

20-Jul Helen

21-Jul Frank

21-Jul Troy

22-Jul Joyce

23-Jul John

23-Jul Elaine

22-Jul George

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The Peshawbestown Annual Pow wow is almost here! This month we will highlight the head staff of our upcoming event, so you can go up and give them a warm welcome to the community. The beat of the drum calls us home. Come Celebrate With Us at the Kchi Wiikwedong Anishinaabek Maawnjidowin Contest PowWow! From near and far, dancers, singers, families, and visitors are invited to gather in celebration, remembrance, and pride at the Kchi Wiikwedong Anishinaabek Maawnjidowin Contest PowWow — a powerful gathering of the Nations by the shores of the Great Lakes. This year's celebration promises unforgettable moments, world-class dancers, and deep cultural connections. Whether you are dancing in the arena, singing from the drum, or experiencing your first powwow as a guest, you are welcome here.

MEET THE HEAD STAFF FOR PESHAWBESTOWN ANNUAL POW WOW

JACKSON "ROLLING THUNDER" TAHUKA MASTER OF CEREMONY

Hailing from S o u t h e r n C a l i f o r n i a , Jackson Tahuka is known t h r o u g h o u t Indian Country for his charisma, humor, and voice that carries over



the heartbeat of the drum. As a dancer, singer, artist, educator, and world-renowned MC, Jackson brings a wealth of knowledge and love for our ways. He is ready to keep the circle moving, the crowd engaged, and the stories flowing.

MICHAEL MEDAWIS MASTER OF CEREMONY



Michaelserves the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi as their Language Coordinator and has worked tirelessly to

preserve and revitalize the Bodéwadmi language and traditions. His voice and presence at the mic reflect both the humor and sacredness of our gatherings.

CETAN THUNDER HAWK ARENA DIRECTOR

A World Champion Men's Traditional Dancer, Cetan brings excellence and experience to this year's arena. His role ensures all protocols are honored,



dancers are ready, and the powwow flows smoothly for everyone. His leadership will help ensure that this year's gathering is a powerful, safe, and respectful celebration for all ages.

MESKWAKI NATION HOST DRUM

Get ready to feel the ground shake! The

Meskwaki Nation are known across Turtle Island for their powerful songs, energeticdelivery, and deep commitment to cultural sharing. Coming from Tama, Iowa, they bring championship drumming and an unforgettable sound that echoes with tradition and pride.



ARMANDO LUCIO HEAD VETERAN



A respected singer, dancer, and bustle maker, Armando Lucio brings years of service and community support to the circle. As this year's Head Veteran, he will

help us honor our warriors and remind us of the sacrifices that protect our people, traditions, and future generations.

KOONCE SANTOS-MCCAULEY HEAD DANCE JUDGE

An all-around p o w w o w champion and cultural teacher, Koonce brings integrity and fairness to this year's contest circle. When he's not singing, dancing, or



crafting, you might find him on the disc golf course. But during this celebration, he'll be keeping a sharp eye on the talent and spirit in the dance arena as our Head Dance Judge.

DEVON PITAWANAKWA HEAD DANCER

An accomplished dancer and athlete, Devon brings energy, grace, and spirit to the arena. Raised with the 7 Grandfather Teachings, he represents

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Bimaadiziwin through every step, showing young people the strength that comes from cultural pride.

JOYCE PETOSKEY HEAD DANCER

Hailing from right here in Peshawbestown, Joyce is a Fancy Shawl



dancer and strong cultural leader. Her commitment community, language, and youth shines through in every spin of her regalia. She is a bridge between

generations, helping keep our teachings alive and well.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUESTS AND HELP SHOW THE BEAUTY OF OUR HOMELANDS, KCHI WIIKWEDONG.

No matter where you come from — whether you are Anishinaabe, Lakota, Diné, or non-Native, the Kchi Wiikwedong PowWow invites you to celebrate the rich diversity of Indigenous cultures and our shared commitment to community, healing, and joy.

Bring your chairs, your shawls, your frybread appetite, and your good energy.

Mark your calendars: August 16th & 17th

SEE FULL POWWOW FLYER ON BACK PAGE!

Welcome to the StrongHeart Squad: Jacob "Jake" Woods!



Aanii! We're excited to welcome Jacob Woods-who goes by Jake—to the StrongHeart team!

"Hi, my name is Jacob Woods. I'm a proud GTB Tribal member who's looking to connect to my roots and get to know more of the community in the process. Looking forward to seeing you at the Turtle!"

—Jake Woods

Jake brings a warm spirit and a passion for building community—be sure to say boozhoo when you see him around the Turtle!

Charlevoix Gym Update - Now Open with **New Equipment!**

The Charlevoix Gym is officially OPEN and newly equipped! Come check out the upgraded space and get your workout in with some fresh gear. Open to GTB community members and ready to help you meet your fitness goals!

Reminder: StrongHeart is NOT on the 34-**Hour Work Week**

The StrongHeart Center is open Monday through Saturday and is not participating in the GTB 34-hour pilot work week.

Our full schedule remains in effect—come visit us!

GTB STRONGHEART CENTER **PRESENTS**



Strongheart Center has partnered with Betsie Hosick Health & Fitness Center to offer GTB

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GTB Takes 3rd Place Overall at the 2025 **Michigan Family Indian Olympics!**



GTB = **Bronze Tribe!**

We're proud to announce that the Grand Traverse Band placed 3rd overall at the 2025 Michigan Indian Family Olympics! Big thanks to all athletes, volunteers, and families who showed up strong, proud, and full of heart.

GOLD in Tug of War - Back-to-Back Defending Champs!

Special Congratulations to Elder Yolanda Chippewa, who took Gold in the Long Jump in her age category! Team GTB is incredibly proud of her strength, spirit, and example miigwech for representing us with pride!

The StrongHeart Squad helped power the GTB Tug of War team to a repeat gold victory—our strength is in our unity!

View the 2025 Michigan Indian Family Olympics **Photo Galleries:**

GTB Communications Photo Album

Photos of GTB families and Olympians

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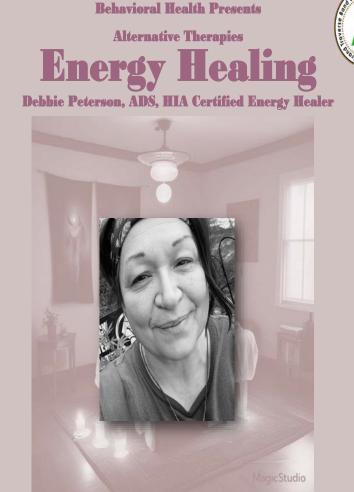
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Debbie will be taking appointments on

August 6th and August 18th

9 am - 4:00 pm

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Marion Wabanimkee-Minzey

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Schedule an appointment at https://massageGTBbh.as.me/





Barbara Kenwabikise 231-534-7066



HUMAN SERVICES

FY25 Client Application Scan OR Code or follow the link!

- · Food Rescue (All community members Mondays after 11am)*
- Food Pantry (application & appointment)*
- · Food Assistance (application)
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- · Other Emergency Assistance (application)
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MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ANDREA 231-534-7910

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

TALKING CIRCLE

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

Join Scott via Zoom for a Wellbriety meeting. Questions, contact Scott

231-534-7247 or

scott.scholten@gtb-nsn.gov

Disseminate culturally based principles, values, and **L** ®teachings to support healthy community development and servant leadership, and to support

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Call for Indigenous Artists

Anishinaabek: The Original People of This Place **Beadwork Project**

Submissions open now until June 1, 2026.



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Questions? Please contact Katrina Furman. Anishinaabe Curator at kfurman@grpm.org

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August 7th, 12843 Wiingash Mikun Time: 4pm-6pm - Rapid City Thursday Come learn and play the August 10th, Strongheart Center -Peshawbestown

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- Rapid City

Strongheart Center -Peshawbestown

game of baagaadowewin (lacrosse) with Ricky Woods

Open to GTB community



Sunday

August 21st,

Thursday

August 24th,

Sunday

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

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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.

August 2025

Events Subject to Change

HERITAGE LIBRARY PRESENTS

SUMMER EUENTS & ACTIVI

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

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

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

Enion 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.

Anishinaabek Makerspace - Medicine Bag Workshop: 5PM - 7PM

Discover the spirit of creativity and tradition at the Anishinaabek Makerspace! In this hands-on Medicine Bag Workshop, you'll craft your own personalized bag while learning about its powerful meaning in Anishinaabe culture.

August 5th & 12th • 5-7 PM

2821 N West Bay Shore Dr. Peshawbestown

August 6th & 13th • 12-3 PM 10085 Wa-Ba-Noong Mi-Kun, East Jordan

* Lunches Will be Provided by the Elders Program



More Information:

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













GTB DENTAL CLINIC



WHAT'S BEHIND A HEALTHY SMILE? THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT: THE DENTAL FILLING

We're back with another Procedure of the Month, and this time we're focusing on one of the most common treatments you might experience during a visit to the dentist: the dental filling. Whether it's your first cavity or a follow-up restoration, understanding how a filling works can make the experience feel more comfortable—and even a little fascinating.

In July, we began highlighting real procedures to give you a better look at the important care we provide every day. This month, we're diving deep into the world of composite fillings—a treatment that has come a long way thanks to modern materials and techniques.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE FILLING

Dental fillings have been around for a long time—but the way they're done today looks very different from just a generation ago. In the past, dentists primarily used amalgam (silver) or gold foil to restore teeth. These metals were strong and effective, but not exactly subtle. They didn't bond to the tooth structure and often stood out visually.

Enter composite resin fillings—modern materials that are tooth-colored, strong, and designed to mimic the appearance of your natural tooth. They bond directly to the enamel, which helps preserve more of your healthy tooth while creating a restoration that blends right in.

Thanks to years of advancements, today's composite restorations offer impressive strength, durability, and esthetics. In fact, they're often indistinguishable from the natural tooth structure, making them a great option for patients who want both function and beauty.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING A COMPOSITE FILLING?

Getting a filling may sound intimidating, but it's actually a smooth, efficient process designed with your comfort in mind. With the help of the visual guide below, here's what happens step by step:

Take a look at the included image for a visual breakdown of each phase in the composite filling process.

- 1. Cavity Prepared Your dentist removes any decayed or damaged tissue and shapes the area for the filling.
- **2.** Etching with Phosphoric Acid The surface is etched to create tiny grooves for better bonding.
- **3. Rinsing with Water** The acid is rinsed away, leaving a clean surface.
- **4. Drying** The area is dried carefully to prevent contamination.
- **5. Bonding Agent Applied** A bonding agent is applied to help the composite stick to the tooth.
- **6. Light-Curing the Bonding Agent** A bright blue light is used to harden the bonding material.
- **7.** Placing Composite in Layers The filling material is placed in small layers

- and sculpted to match your tooth.
- **8.** Curing Each Layer Each layer is hardened with the curing light to ensure durability.
- **9. Polishing** and Finishing The restoration is shaped, smoothed, and polished to feel natural in your mouth.

From start to finish, this process usually takes less than an hour and can last for years with proper care.

ARE FILLINGS ALWAYS THE RIGHT CHOICE?

Fillings are ideal for smaller areas of decay, but they do have limits. When decay has spread too far—especially around the biting surface or the tooth's chewing cusps—a dental crown may be the better option. Crowns provide full coverage and added strength when a tooth can no longer be reliably restored with just a filling.

Still not sure? That's what your exam and X-rays are for! We'll always guide you toward the option that keeps your tooth

- ♦ It is not medically necessary to remove silver fillings just for looks.
- ♦ However, if there's recurrent decay or a fracture, we may recommend replacement.

If you're curious about upgrading to a composite filling for esthetics or comfort, we're happy to walk you through your options.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: CHANGES TO NEW PATIENT ELIGIBILITY

As part of our ongoing commitment to serving our community with the highest quality care, we want to inform you of an important update:

Starting October 1, 2025, the GTB Dental Clinic will only accept new patients who are enrolled Grand Traverse Band (GTB) members.

This change is being implemented due to ongoing staffing shortages and limited

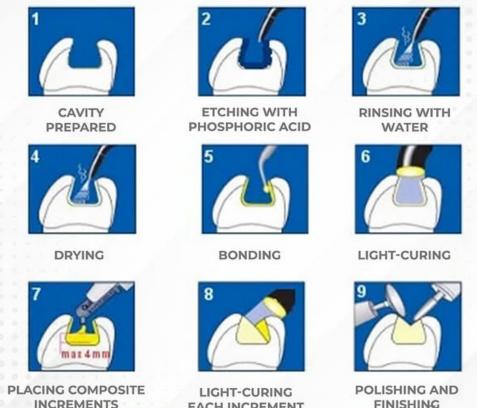
access to care. By narrowing our new patient pool, we can ensure improved access and faster service for GTB members, allowing us to better meet their oral health needs.

Exceptions still apply for:

- ♦ Spouses of GTBmember employees
- ♦ Dependent children under 18 yrs. old

These individuals will remain eligible for treatment with billable insurance.

We truly appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to make dental care more accessible for our tribal community.



healthy and functional for the long run.

WHAT ABOUT MY OLD SILVER FILLINGS?

If you've had fillings in the past, they may be made from amalgam (silver)—and that's perfectly okay! Silver fillings have been used safely in dentistry for over a century. When they're in good condition and not causing issues, they can remain in place for decades.

Here's what you should know:

♦ Amalgam is safe and inert when sealed in a tooth.

LET'S KEEP YOUR SMILE STRONG

If it's been a while since your last checkup—or you're feeling sensitivity that might signal decay—don't wait. The sooner we catch it, the easier it is to treat. And with composite fillings, you won't just feel better—you'll look great too.

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

(231) 534-7721



GTB HEALTH SERVICES



How To Protect Your Skin This Summer

While the long Winter and lack of sunlight makes us all want to get out and soak up all the rays we can during summer, there are a few things to consider to keep your skin safe and healthy. American Cancer Society estimates that about 105,000 people will be diagnosed with Melanoma in 2025 and of those, about 8,400 will die. There are many types of skin cancer, but Melanoma is the most dangerous type, as it can spread to any body organ. Some medications can even increase your risk of sunburn/ damage. Luckly, you can greatly reduce your risk of skin cancer by seeking shade, wearing protective clothing or using sunscreen appropriately. Here are some common questions people have about skin care/health:

Sunscreen Terms & What to Buy

- UBV This is a type of Ultraviolet radiation that is most likely to cause sunburn/cancer
- UVA This is a type of Ultraviolet radiation that is most likely to cause skin aging/cancer
- SPF (Sun Protection Factor) This describes the amount of UVB protection (protection against sunburn) that a sunscreen provides.
- Broad- Spectrum This means that the sunscreen will offer protection against both UVA and UVB radiation.
- **Chemical Sunscreen** These are sunscreens where the active ingredients have UV filters that absorb UV radiation
- Mineral Sunscreen These sunscreens have the ingredients Titanium Dioxide and Zinc Oxide that provide broad spectrum coverage by absorbing, reflecting and refracting UV radiation - These are the most effective sunscreens!

Do I still need sunscreen if I have darker skin?

EVERYONE needs sunscreen to prevent skin cancer regardless of your skin tone or color. People with darker skin do not burn as easily but they have the same risk of developing skin cancer. People with dark skin tones do have lower rates of skin cancer but have a higher mortality rate from skin cancer so it is important to use sunscreen with adequate SPF regardless of your skin tone and color.

My Medication says it might cause sun sensitivity.

Some medications make your skin more sensitive to sunlight and make it easier for you to burn. People taking these medications should try to minimize their sun exposure or use a broad-spectrum

Common medications that cause sun sensitivity

- Antibiotics: Ciprofloxacin, Doxycycline, Levofloxacin,
- Sulfamethoxazole, Trimethoprim **Diuretics:** Hydrochlorothiazide, Chlorthalidone, Furosemide, Triamterene
- **Oral Contraceptives & Estrogens**
- Retinoids: Tretinoin, Isotretinoin
- Anticonvulsants: Lamotrigine, Carbamazepine
- Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs: Ketoprofen, Naproxen & Piroxicam

If you have any questions about your medications and if they cause sun sensitivity, please reach out to GTB Pharmacy.

We would be happy to review your medications with you at any time and answer any questions you may have. Our pharmacy has so much to offer the community, and we look forward to working with you. Please feel welcome to stop by and check out the pharmacy if you haven't done so already!

GTB Pharmacy (231) 534-7350

Community Health Representative (CHR)

The Community Health Representative is a key member of the Grand Traverse Band community health care team. We as CHR's are primarily responsible for providing a variety of health promotion and disease prevention. The CHR's are expected to deliver high-quality services, along with confidential services to individuals and families in their home and community to which the Community Health Representative is assigned. Best of all, we happily serve the 6-county service area. Your CHR develops an individualized and completely confidential Plan of Care for each of our patients.

Services offered by CHR's*

- Weekly Medication Set up
- Weekly Home visit
- Medication Refills Request
- Scheduling Appointments
- Pharmaceutical Pick Up/ Delivery
- Coordinate Referrals
- Assist with Filling out Forms
- Meal Preparation
- Light Housekeeping
- Emotional Support
- Venipuncture/Glucose Checks
- Transportation (with-in the 6-county service area)

*Additional services contact your local Community Health Representative

Community Health Representative Team

Tamra Newton - Sub-Department Supervisor & **CHR Benzie & Manistee Counties**

(231) 534-7205 / tamra.newton@gtb-nsn.gov

Ranee Compo CHR - Grand Traverse & Antrim Counties (231) 534-7772 / <u>ranee.compo@gtb-nsn.gov</u>

Amanda McSauby - CHR for Leelanau County (231) 534-7202 / amanda.mcsauby@gtb-nsn.gov

Virginia Fields - CHR Charlevoix County (231) 534-7062 / virginia.fields@gtb-nsn.gov

Grand Traverse Band Family Health Center Mission Statement

The staff of the Grand Traverse Band Family Health Center is committed to provide Native Ameri-cans with the highest quality, affordable health care, confiden-tially dealing with patients from newborns to elders, emphasizing treatment of the whole person.

- We will stress comprehensive, continuity care for our patients in inpatient and outpatient settings, becoming patients advocates in spirit of compassion.
- We view preventive medicine and patient education as important rolls to maintain and improve our patient's health.
- We will honor our patients as individuals, offering them involve-ment in decisions about their health with the assistance of tra-ditional healing and other modalities.
- We will work with other social services to improve the health of our patients and their families.

Meet Dan Noller, RN, BSN – GTB Clinic's New Diabetic Nurse Care Manager!

The Grand Traverse Band Family Health Clinic is excited to regarding insurance, holistic care, and community engagement welcome a passionate new member to our health care team: Dan Noller, Registered Nurse & Diabetic Nurse Care Manager!

Dan brings with him a deep commitment to holistic and community-based care, alongside a strong academic and clinical background. Originally from Saginaw, Michigan, Dan earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from the University of Michigan.

In Dan's own words, "Hello, hello, my name is Dan Noller, and I am a registered nurse at the GTB Family Health Clinic. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from the University of Michigan. My career started as a nurse at Munson Medical Center, working with a diverse surgical patient population during the worst of the COVID Pandemic. I also worked as a nurse care manager at the Traverse Health Clinic, which taught me a lot Currently, I am working in the clinic as well as assisting with the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) grant, to promote diabetes prevention and management. Due to my education and work experience, I have a passion for community-based health

and holistic care. My goal is to work with individuals as their whole self and help them build themselves to the best that they can be. Working in a rural clinic, promoting health and wellness through datadriven, evidenced-based practice, is a professional dream come true. I was born and raised in Saginaw, Michigan, but now live with my fiancée and cat in Traverse City. Outside of work, I am an avid fan of University of Michigan football, all things Detroit sports, coffee, board games, and Dungeon and Dragons."

Please join us in welcoming Dan Noller to the GTB Family Health Clinic!

AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Our hands are full, our hearts are grateful, and our tables are overflowing with the goodness of summer. July's First Traditional GTB Summer Cookout was a powerful reminder of what it means to gather as a people—to celebrate the land, our food, and one another. The warm sun, children's laughter, delicious meals, and hands in the soil all reminded us of the importance of food sovereignty, community, and tradition. Take a look at the photos below—our families came together under the summer sky, surrounded by the bounty of the earth. It was a true Anishinaabe farm-to-table moment!

YOU'RE INVITED: TWO MORE TRADITIONAL SUMMER COOKOUTS!

We're keeping the good vibes going! Join us again for two more community cookouts hosted by Clay Clifford and Tanya Raphael:

August 28 and September 23 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM GTB Peshawbestown Farm (North of the Strongheart Center at 2700 Strongheart Way)

Come hungry—we'll be firing up the grill with bison burgers and grilled lake trout, and serving fresh side dishes including salads, fruit salad, and farm-harvested veggies. Bring a dish if you'd like, bring a lawn chair, and bring your stories.

Bonus: Participants will get to take home fresh crops like carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, summer squash, potatoes, and more. Come learn how to weave traditional Anishinaabe foods into your everyday meals!

More Photos: https://bit.ly/GTB_Photos (See the flyer for more details)







ANISHINAABE GROWN, ANISHINAABE SHARED: SEE YOU AT THE HEALTH FAIR & POW WOW!

GTB Agriculture will be at the GTB Health Fair on August 15 at the Medicine Lodge and the GTB Pow Wow, offering up beautiful, fresh produce straight from the Peshawbestown Farm. Come taste and

take home what our land has given us!

MIIGWECH TO FOREST GARDEN FARM

In June, Forest Garden Farm in Maple City generously donated extra vegetable plants to GTB Agriculture. Thanks to their support, we've added even more squash, onions, peppers, and other crops to our gardens this season.

A heartfelt Miigwech to Forest Garden Farm for standing with us in nurturing the land and feeding our people!

GTB FOOD PANTRIES: FRESH, LOCAL, AND NOURISHING

Thanks to the USDA Local Food Purchasing Assistance grant awarded to GTB Agriculture in 2023, we're proud to be the largest food purchaser for a network of food pantries across NW Lower Michigan.

This means over \$60,000 of additional food each year is going straight to the 4 GTB food pantries—stocked with seasonal vegetables, farm eggs, bison, fresh fish, and more.

Visit any of our locations:

- ♦ Medicine Lodge
- ♦ 3 Mile Office
- ♦ Benzie Office
- ♦ Charlevoix Office

Let's continue nourishing our people with dignity, quality, and culture.

FOUR SISTERS GARDEN THRIVES IN PTOWN

Our 4 Sisters Garden—featuring corn, beans, squash, and sunflower—is flourishing thanks to the work of Traditional Agriculture Coordinator Clay Clifford. Following the Hidatsa planting method, this garden is a powerful example of sustainable Indigenous agriculture and will yield a beautiful harvest this fall.

Stop by the farm and walk through the rows—there's no better way to understand our traditions than with your feet in the soil and your heart in the harvest.

Let's keep growing together—body, spirit, and community.

Miigwech for walking this path with us.



NATURAL RESOURCES

NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE VACANCY

One (1) Seat Open May 8th until filled.

As approved by the NREC Bylaws:

- This is a compensation committee.
- Regular meetings of the committee shall be held at such times and places as the committee determines: Regular Session Meetings are once a month – second Thursday of each month.
- Each committee member shall hold office for a term of four (4) years. *This position* will hold the balance of the vacant member ending 10-16-2028.

Committee members shall be appointed/ reappointed and approved by the Tribal Council as needed to carry out the functions of the committee as required.

Must have an interest in tribal culture, to protect our homeland, to conserve, to develop, and protect our treaty rights with the federal government as a constitutional committee member and an advisory group member recommend policy to the Tribal Council.

Please submit letter of interest:

NRD@gtb-nsn.gov **Hunt.gtbindians.org** Questions, please call (231) 534-7500

LEELANAU COUNTY ELECTRONIC **WASTE DAYS**

Bay Area Recycling for Community has partnered eRecycleTC provide Leelanau County residents with 8 Electronic Waste Collection days in 2025. This event is Free to Leelanau Residents and paid for by the Leelanau County PA-69 Tax! These days will NOT be on the same days as Leelanau County's Household Hazardous Waste days, so please remember to sign up for the HHW days on the county website: https:// hhwappointments.as.me/ schedule/063cf782

And More!

Remember, we <u>accept</u> any device or accessory that uses an electrical plug or a battery!

Materials NOT ACCEPTED

- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). Please use this link to sign up for HHW County **Events** (https://hhwappointments.as.me/ schedule/063cf782)
- Large Refrigerators (coordinate directly with BARC for drop off or pick up, or your power supplier for Large Refrigerators and Freezers for a rebate)
- Mattresses (Please coordinate with Leelanau County or contact BARC at any time for drop off and pick up times)
 Fluorescent Light Bulbs/Light Bulbs,
- please take to HHW Event

https://mybarc.org/leelanau-county electronic-waste-days/



Leelanau County E-Waste Dates

- August 23rd, 2025 at Glen Lake School
- September 15th, 2025 in Peshawbestown
- October 4th, 2025 in Elmwood Township
- October 25th, 2025 in Suttons Bay

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

ANTRIM COUNTY

Antrim County HHW drop offs are from **8-noon**. Please check the Antrim Conservation District HHW website or call (231) 533-8363

> for more information and a list of accepted items.

Sept. 27th: Antrim County Road Commission

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.

August 23rd: Honor **Road Commission**

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Dates have not been published for Charlevoix County. To get more information please (231) $547-008\hat{0}$ or visit the Charlevoix County HHW website.

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.

- Aug. 14th: 12pm -6pm*
- Sept. 13th: 9am 2pm* *Location TBD

LEELANAU COUNTY

Appointment needed in advance. To of accepted materials, please contact Leelanau County Planning and Community Development at (231) 256-9812 or visit Leelanau County HHW website.

- July 19th: Glen Lake School
- Sept. 22nd: Peshawbestown, Parking lot (across from Leelanau Sands Casino)
- October 11th: Elmwood Township Park

MANISTEE COUNTY

Dates have not been published yet for Manistee County. For more information, please visit the Manistee County HHW website.

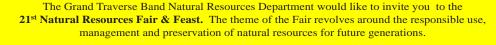
Acceptable collection items vary county to county. To ensure your HHW items are eligible please read the full list of accepted items on your county's website or call for information.

Anishinabek maanijwiding to honor our traditions and our treaty rights preserved for us by the Gekaajio 21st Natural Resources Fair & Feast



Arthur Duhamel Marina

Saturday September 20, 2025 **10 AM TO 3PM**



Food, Fun and Give-Aways

Nearly Noon:

FEAST—Wild game, smoked fish, frybread, corn soup, fruits and salads, refreshments and more.

FUN ACTIVITIESALL DAY LONG: **Trout Fishing Pond**



Bow Shoot Paintball Shoot Door Prizes and Raffle Kids games And Much Much More!

Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Gathering licenses will be available for the 2025 season if you haven't gotten one yet!!!

We are in need of demonstrations for the Fair particularly for the cultural aspects of hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering. If you know how to tie flies, stretch fur, call game, taxidermy, artwork—anything related to natural resources we want to hear from you!

For More Information Call the Natural Resources Department at 231-534-7500









Electronic Materials ACCEPTED:

- IVS & Computer Monitors (CRI/Flat Screen/Rear Projections)
- Lap Top Computers, Tower Computers, **Tablets**
- Radios and Communication Equipment
- Cell Phones/Landline Phones
- Small Appliances such as Microwaves/ Toasters/Toaster Ovens/Vacuums
- Printers/Scanners of any size
- Wire of any type
- Speakers/Audio Equipment Key Boards/Mice
- Hair Dryers/Curling Irons
- Batteries of all size and type
- Small Refrigerators/Air Conditioners/ Dehumidifiers
- Electric Weed Whip/Electric Lawn Mowers

Leelanau County E-Waste Registration

Please use the form below to sign up for this year's electronic waste collection dates. These schedule an appointment or to see a list events will be held at these four locations:

- **Suttons Bay** is at the Leelanau Government Center: 8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, MI
- **Peshawbestown** is in the parking lot of the Leelanau Sands Casino: 2521 N West Bay Shore Dr, Peshawbestown, MI 49682
- Glen Lake School is at 3375 Burdickville Rd, Maple City, MI 49664
- **Elmwood Township** is at the Cherry Bend Community Park at 10071 E. Avondale Ln, Traverse City, MI 49684 Saturday, July 12th 2025 at Glen Lake School

Leelanau County E-Waste Registration Scan QR Code or follow link

PUBLIC SAFETY

Stay Safe When the Air Isn't Clear

Air quality plays a major role in our health, especially during the summer months when heat, pollution, and wildfire smoke can create hazardous conditions. Children, older adults, individuals with asthma or heart conditions, and those who exercise outdoors are at higher risk when air quality levels drop.

Quick Tips for Wildfire Smoke

- Stay Indoors
- Wear an N-95 Mask while Outdoors
- Run your home's forced-air system on fan mode with a clean filter

Check Your Local Air Quality Before Heading Outdoors

Before spending time outside, visit the MiAir website at https://air-egle.hub.arcgis.com to see the current Air Quality Index (AQI) in your area. AQI levels range from Green (Good) to Burgundy (Hazardous), and this tool will help you decide if it's safe to be outdoors or if you should take precautions.

Sign Up for Alerts

You can receive free air quality alerts through the EnviroFlash Program, which provides AQI forecasts and pollution day notifications by email or text message. Visit https://air-egle.hub.arcgis.com/pages/air-quality-notification to sign up.

What to Do on Bad Air Days

Air Quality Index

Hazardous

Unhealthy

Very Unhealthy

Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups

Moderate

Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups

Good

- •Stay indoors when possible, especially if you are in a sensitive group.
- •If you must be outside, avoid strenuous activity and wear an N-95 mask for added protection.
- •Run your home's forced-air system on fan mode with a clean filter or set your air conditioner to recirculate.
- •Avoid creating indoor pollution by limiting frying foods, burning candles, or using gaspowered equipment.

Taking these simple

steps can help you and your family breathe easier when air quality drops.

Preparedness Starts at Home

Emergencies can happen without warning—whether it's a storm, flood, wildfire, or another disaster. Being prepared can save lives and reduce stress when every second counts.

Here are essential steps to build a prepared home:

- Create a family communication plan: Make sure everyone knows how to connect during an emergency.
- Stock an emergency supply kit: Include food, water, medication, batteries, and chargers for several days.
- **Protect important documents:** Store copies in a waterproof container and keep digital backups.
- Check your insurance policy: Make sure you have coverage for natural disasters.
- **Plan and practice evacuation routes:** Test your shelter plans and practice emergency drills.
- **Install safety tools:** Backup generators and smoke detectors can make a big difference.

Practice Your Plan

Refresh supplies every six months, test your communication and evacuation plans regularly, and stay current with community alerts.



Year-Round Preparedness Tips

FEMA recommends a month-by-month plan for preparedness:

Month 1: Sign up for CPR and first aid training.

Month 2: Create and document your family's customized emergency plan.

Month 3: Build financial savings and keep a small amount of cash on hand.

Month 4: Practice your evacuation plan during a drill.

Month 5: Test your communication plan with family.

Month 6: Safeguard important documents and review insurance coverage.

Taking time to prepare now will make your home safer when disaster strikes.

Flooding: The Most Common Natural Disaster

Floods can happen anywhere—and they often occur with little warning. They result from heavy rain, snowmelt, hurricanes, or even dam failures. Floodwaters can damage homes, cause power outages, and contaminate drinking water.

What You Can Do Now

- **Know your flood risk:** Visit FEMA's Flood Map Service Center.
- **Sign up for emergency alerts** from local emergency management offices.
- **Purchase flood insurance:** Standard home insurance policies do not cover flooding.
- **Prepare an emergency kit** with food, water, medication, batteries, and chargers for several days.
- **Protect your property:** Move valuables to higher ground, elevate critical utilities, and install sump pumps.

When a Flood Threatens

Follow evacuation orders immediately—don't wait.

Stay off bridges and never drive through flooded roads. Turn around, don't drown!

If sheltering in place, move to higher ground and avoid basements.

After the Flood

- Return home only when local officials say it's safe.
- Avoid floodwater—it may contain debris, chemicals, and sewage.
- Use generators safely outdoors, at least 20 feet from openings.
- Document damage with photos before cleaning up and file insurance claims promptly.

For more information and resources, visit <u>Ready.gov/</u> floods and download the free FEMA app.



FIRE & RESCUE



On the Front Lines: How GTB Firefighter/EMTs Keep Our Community Safe

By Garrett Fairchild, GTB Fire Rescue Chief

In the heart of every emergency, whether it's a house fire, a vehicle crash, or a medical emergency, Grand Traverse Band Firefighter/EMT's are trained to respond swiftly and effectively. These dual-role individuals combine the skills of firefighting with lifesaving medical care, making them indispensable in today's emergency response systems.

A Dual Role in Public Safety, GTB Firefighter/EMTs are highly trained professionals who serve both as firefighters and emergency medical technicians. When a call comes in, they're prepared for anything, from extinguishing fires to performing CPR, treating traumatic injuries, or assisting patients suffering from heart attacks or strokes.

People often think of firefighters just fighting fires, but more than 70% of our calls are medical-related. GTB Firefighter/EMTs are the first line of care for someone having the worst day of their life.

The workday for a GTB Firefighter/EMT is anything but routine. Shifts often last 16 hours, during which they respond to emergency calls, conduct equipment checks, and train for a variety of scenarios. Between calls, they may inspect fire hydrants, visit schools to teach fire safety, or assist with community outreach.

When responding to medical emergencies, GTB Firefighter/EMTs assess the situation, provide critical care on the scene, and stabilize patients for transport to the hospital. They often work closely with paramedics, police, and other first responders.

Becoming a firefighter/EMT requires rigorous training. Candidates must complete both fire academy and EMT certification, which includes courses in anatomy, trauma response, and emergency procedures. Many departments now require continuing education in advanced life support and hazardous materials. Training consists of over 500 hours of initial education and then yearly required continuing education.

Firefighter/EMTs are pillars of their communities. They not only save lives in emergencies but also build trust through community involvement. From helping an elderly resident who has fallen at home to pulling victims from a burning building, their dedication goes far beyond duty.

In times of crisis, GTB Firefighter/EMTs bring more than just skill. They bring compassion, courage, and an unwavering commitment to service. As we face increasing demands on emergency services, the role of firefighter/EMT continues to evolve, ensuring help is always just a call away.



Garrett Fairchild GTB Fire Rescue Chief

What You Need to Know During Peak Wildfire Season



August is one of the driest and hottest months in northern Michigan, and with it comes an increased risk of wildfires—especially in rural and wooded areas like those around Peshawbestown. The Grand Traverse Band Fire Rescue team urges all community members to stay vigilant and prepared.

WHY AUGUST IS RISKY:

Dry Conditions: Less rainfall and high heat dry out grass, leaves, and brush, making them more flammable.

Windy Weather: Gusts can quickly spread a small flame into a dangerous wildfire.

Outdoor Activities: Campfires, fireworks, and grilling are more common in the summer—and a single spark is all it takes.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR AUGUST:

Check Fire Danger Ratings: Always check the local fire danger level before burning yard debris or having a campfire.

Use Campfires Responsibly: Keep them small, attended, and fully extinguished with water—never just sand.

Dispose of Cigarettes Safely: Never toss them from vehicles or on the ground, especially near grassy areas.

Maintain Equipment: Sparks from lawnmowers, chainsaws, and ATVs can ignite dry grass—inspect and clean equipment regularly.

The GTB Fire Department is constantly monitoring conditions and ready to respond—but prevention starts at home. Protect your family, your property, and our forests by staying alert during fire season.

Is Your Home Fire-Safe? 5 Things Every Household Should Check Before Fall

Fire prevention begins long before a 9-1-1 call—and with summer winding down, now is the perfect time for a fire safety checkup at home. GTB Fire Rescue encourages all tribal members to take these five simple steps before the busy fall season begins:

1. Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Test all alarms monthly and replace batteries at least once a year. If your detector is older than 10 years, it's time for a replacement.

2. Clear Brush and Debris

Keep your yard clear of dry grass, leaves, and sticks—especially near your home, garage, or propane tank. This can help prevent a wildfire from spreading to your home.

3. Create an Escape Plan

Every family should have a plan in case of fire. Choose two exits from each room and a meeting spot outside. Practice it together, especially with children and elders.

4. Inspect Electrical Cords and Outlets

Frayed wires, overloaded power strips, and malfunctioning outlets are all fire hazards. Replace anything

that looks worn or hot to the touch.

5. Keep Fire Extinguishers Accessible

Make sure you have at least one extinguisher in the kitchen, garage, and near any heat sources. Check the pressure gauge regularly and know how to use it (PASS: Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep).

GTB Fire Rescue is here to help. If you need assistance checking alarms or creating an evacuation plan, call us—we're happy to visit and help make your home safer.



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100 Employment

Government **Operations**

Assistant General

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

Behavioral Health

Therapist (FT)
Master's Degree A 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 and/or mental health counseling of high-risk populations including mental health, substance abuse & addictive disorders, and/ prevention/community education services required Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug (CAADC), or abit to obtain within (1) Drug Counselor ability) yr. valid Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$91,639/yr. - until filled

Bookkeeper/Assistant Program Director (FT)

Associates Accounting, Business Administration or Public Administration is required. Must have a minimum of 3 years of experience working in bookkeeping, prefer working with multiple grants/contracts Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$18.55/hr. - until 8.5.25

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

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

EHS Education & Family Services Coordinator (FT)

Must have a BA in Human Services or Social Work field. Must have experience in a supervisory position, with strong team leadership skills. One to three years experience in working in an Early Head Start and/or Head program preferred. Previous experience in the field, with skills in management, classroom and curriculum planning.

Must obtain CPR/ First Aid certification. -\$44,595.20/yr. - until filled

EHS/HS Bus &

Classroom Aid (PT)
Must have High School
diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with children and 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 and as well as obtain a CDA within first two years of hire.. -\$15.55/hr. - until filled

EHS/HS Bus Driver -

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

EHS/HS Health & Disabilities Coordinator (FT)

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

(2) EHS/HS Home Visitor (FT) An Associates Degree in

Early Childhood Education required. A Bachelor's Degree & (1) yr. of direct of direct experience (3) yrs.. related (3) yrs.. of directly related experience. -\$19.98/hr. - until filled

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

Head Start Assistant

Teacher (FT)

Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must have a Child Development Association (CDA) within two years or an Associate' Degree in early childhood development within three years of employment. Classroom experience with 3-5 year old children preferred. Must be willing to participate in training to participate in training sessions and seek further education. Must obtain CPR/first aid certification. -\$16.55/hr. - until 8.5.25

Head Start Teacher (FT) Associates Degree, with a Child Development Certification,

emphasis in early childhood Bachelor's development, Degree preferred. Previous 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 & long term educational goals. Good observational skills & ability to summarize observed learning/social behaviors in children. -\$19.98/hr. - until filled

Housing Development

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

(2) Housing Maintenance

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

(2) Housing Maintenance II (FT)

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

On-Call Receptionist -

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

(2) Police Officer (FT) Must be at least 21 Years of Age at the time of hire High School diploma required, Associates Degree preferred in law enforcement, justice, corrections or related field. One-year prior experience working in a law enforcement setting preferred. Must be certified or certifiable by Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (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 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 Children's Code, Tribal Constitution, Michigan Motor Vehicle, GTB Personnel Policy, Police

Department Organic Resolution and Code, and all other applicable rules, regulations and statutes. -\$21.58/hr. (non control of the control of regulations and statutes. -\$21.58/hr. (non-certifiable) - \$27.58/hr. - until filled

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

Purchased/Referred Care

Representative (FT) Must have a High School diploma or GED. School diploma
School diploma
Minimum of one-year
post high school in
Business Administration
or health related fields.
Must have a valid

Driver's
Table by unrestricted Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier -\$17.29/hr. - until filled

Revenue Cycle and Data

Manager (FT)
Bachelor's Degree in
Business Administration 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 analysis, interpreting data systems. several systems. years' progressive successful billing cycle and data management Must have a volid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$69,450/yr. - until filled

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

Student Support Advisor - Grand Traverse (FT)

Associates Degree is required in social work, education, ion, counseling, related field* Must have a unrestricted Must valid Driver's license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must have a valid Chauffeur Driver's 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. - until filled

Teacher (FT) Must have a Bachelor's Degree and a valid Michigan Secondary Certificate. Teaching Must have one year min.
of teaching experience
working with
Must have a valid
unrestricted Driver's license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must be able to attain and have a valid Chauffeur driver license.

Must be able to attain and maintain current CPR/ First Aid certification. -\$43,750/yr. - until filled

Youth Intervention

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

(NON-GTB) SEEDS Various Positions

We're seeking passionate & ambitious people (16 & older) to help solve global issues with local solutions.

> Government **Operations** RFP

RFP - Dental Hygienist

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

120 Announcements

VACANCY ON THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

One (1) appointment to be filled by the Tribal Council by majority vote for a 2-year term starting August 31, 2025 going through August 30, 2027. Interested registered voters of the GTB membership who are not currently employed by the GTB government, EDC gaming enterprises, or the Grand Traverse Resort are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to the Legal Department. Please note: you must reside in GTB's six-county service area to serve on this committee. The Tribal Councilors' Salary Ordinance states that the establishment of the Compensation that the Committee is to address the questions of compensation, allowances and benefits for Tribal Council positions. The open committee positions will be filled according to 1 GTBC § 404(

d) of the GTB Code: The Compensation Committee shall be composed of seven registered voters of the Tribe. (1) Two shall be selected by the Tribal Chair and have a term of offices for four (4) years. Three Tribal Council by a majority vote and have a term of office for two (2) years. The other two committee members shall be selected by majority vote of the five selected members and have a term of office for three (3) years. (2) Vacancies shall be selected in the same manner as the position which was vacated by term of office,

resignations or death.

Please send your letter of interest for the Compensation Committee appointment to:

Attention:
Compensation Committee
c/o Legal Department
GTB of Ottawa &
Chippewa Indians
2605 NW Bayshore Drive Peshawbestown, MI 49682

NREC COMMITTEE VACANCY

One (1) Seat Open May 8th until filled. As approved by the NREC Bylaws: This is a compensation committee. Regular meetings of the committee shall be held at such times and places as the committee determines: Regular Session Meetings are once a month - second Thursday of each month. Each committee member shall hold office for a term of four (4) years. This position will hold the believe of the state of th the balance of the vacant member ending 10-16-2028. Committee members shall be appointed/ reappointed and approved by the Tribal Council as needed to carry out the functions of the committee as required. Must have an interest in tribal culture, to protect our homeland, to conserve, to develop, and protect our treaty rights with the federal government constitutional committee member and an advisory group member to recommend policy to the Tribal Council.

Please submit letter of interest: NRD@gtb-nsn.gov

Hunt.gtbindians.org Questions, please call (231) 534-7500

VACANCY ON THE ELDERS ADVISORY ORGANIZATION

OKGANIZATION
Two (2) seats available.
Seeking individuals to
provide strategic guidance
and make a difference. If
you are interested in filling a seat on the Board of Directors. Interest letters will be accepted until the position(s) are filled.

position(s) are filled.

Please submit letter of intent:

EAO Chairperson,

845 Business Park Drive,
Traverse City, MI 49686 by

August 12, 2025. or attend the meeting on August 12 at the 3-Mile office, to express your interest.

If you aren't a member yet, please contact Linda Green (616) 308-5748, for more information.

For questions on the please call Wasageshik, vacancies, Karen Chairperson, (231) 357-8485 or email kwasageshikelders@gmail.com

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Danielle Marie Mohn **GTB Tribal Member**

Saginaw, MI 6/14/1991-5/30/2025 Respectfully Acknowledging Our Loss



John Norman John **GTB Tribal Elder**

Northport, MI 1/10/1968-6/29/2025 Respectfully Acknowledging Our Loss





Grand Traverse Band Government Offices

CLOSED FRIDAYS

Beginning Friday, July 11, 2025

In alignment with the 34-Hour Work Week Pilot Program Please note: Government offices participating in the pilot program will be closed on Fridays.

However, departments providing essential services—including the Health Clinic (Providers Only), Dental Clinic (Providers Only), Pharmacv (Providers Only), Law Enforcement (Officers Only), Fire Department, & Tribal Council —will continue to operate Monday through Friday.

Emergency numbers are posted at office entrances. For immediate assistance, refer to the emergency number list.



FOLLOW QR CODE OR LINK FOR EMERGENCY NUMBERS.

https://bit.ly/GTB_EPN_073025

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CATEGORIES

WOODLAND

Golden Age (55+):

Women's: Combined Men's: Combined

\$700 | \$600 | \$500

Sr. Adults (35-54) & Jr. Adults (18-34):

Women's: Fancy, Jingle, Traditional, Woodland Men's: Fancy, Grass, Traditional, Woodland

\$700 | \$600 | \$500

Teens (13-17):

Girl's: Fancy, Jingle, Traditional, Woodland Boy's: Fancy, Grass, Traditional, Woodland

\$300 | \$250 | \$200

Juniors (6-12):

Girl's: Fancy, Jingle, Traditional, Woodland Boy's: Fancy, Grass, Traditional, Woodland

\$200 | \$150 | \$100
All Specials Must Be Approved by POWWOW COMMITTEE

SINGING CONTEST

1ST PLACE • \$10,000 2ND PLACE • \$8,000 3RD PLACE • \$6,000

NO DRUM SPLIT FOR NON-PLACING DRUMS NO DRUM HOPPING

GRAND ENTRY

SATURDAY

1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

1:00 p.m.

DANCER REGISTRATION

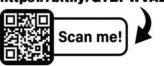
\$10 Per Person - Online Registration

Dancers Register Using the Link or Scan the QR Code! https://bit.ly/GTBPWDSR25



VENDORS

Vendors Register Using the Link or Scan the QR Code!



All Vendors Must be Approved Vendor Contact: Ta'Shena Sams TaShena.sams2@gtb-nsn.gov

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians POWWOW Committee will not tolerate any drug or alcohol use while on property. Fighting or any related activities to promote a negative atmosphere will not be allowed. Any violators will result in removal from the POWWOW grounds by security and/or on-site law enforcement personnel. The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians is not responsible for accidents, damages, and/or stolen items.