

GTB NEWS



A publication of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians All Rights Reserved ©

https://bit.ly/GTB_NEWS

July 2025
Miin Giizis (Berry Moon)



Chairwoman Address,
Motions, Meetings, &
Attendance
Page 2 - 5



Annual Water Reports
Page 6-7



Human & Behavioral
Health Services
Page 12 - 13

Public Safety
Page 20 - 21

GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS CELEBRATES THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2025!

MORE PHOTOS BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR FOLLOW THE LINK:

https://bit.ly/GTB_Photos



PRE-SORT STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Traverse City, MI 49684
PERMIT NO. 23



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



Greetings Tribal Citizens,

Here is the Tribal Council’s year review of progress and accomplishments related to governance, community well-being, and economic development. These accomplishments are summarized below:

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 meetings are:

Grand Traverse – July 17th
4:00PM - 6:00PM
Grand Traverse Satellite Office

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

GTB OPPOSITION TO
THE EXTENSION OF
TRAIL (SEGMENT 9) IN
SLEEPING BEAR DUNES
NATIONAL PARK BASED
ON ENVIRONMENTAL
CONCERNS AND TREATY
RIGHTS

In August 2024, GTB voiced opposition to the proposed extension of the trail due to concerns regarding the potential impacts on wetlands, tree removal, and the treaty gathering rights of our Tribal

members. The proposed extension encroached upon areas protected under treaty rights that guarantee our Tribal members the ability to gather resources for subsistence and cultural practices. These rights are the foundations of our way of life and are legally protected. The extension has since been paused.

NATIVE AMERICAN
GRAVES PROTECTION
& REPATRIATION ACT
(NAGPRA) DESIGNEE

In September 2024, the Tribal Council named Sammie McClellan-Dyal as the GTB NAGPRA Designee, with Aaron Chivis, Isadore Toulouse, and Mary “Pat” Osawamick as authorized designees to administer the NAGPRA work, which is critical to GTB’s sovereignty, political integrity, economic security, and overall well-being. Notably, in January 2024, GTB was notified by the Kalkaska County Sheriff’s Office that they’ve been in possession of Native American skeletal remains since 1999. These remains were found to belong to an adult and two youth. As of November 2024, these Ancestors were respectfully returned to the Earth.

PESHAWBESTOWN
BEACH NAMING

In September 2024, the Tribal Council requested membership assistance in naming the beach front on M-22 in Peshawbestown. This was the beach commonly referred to as ‘No Name Beach’. We received 64 submissions, Tribal Council selected the top two,, and then let Membership have the final vote at the October Annual Membership Meeting. The beach is now called Giizismookse Jigbiik – Sunrise Beach. A special thanks to Debra GreenSky, Desiree Schocko, Sandra Yannott, and Scott Schwander for their submissions.



TRIBAL GENERAL
WELFARE EXCLUSION
ACT

In November 2024, the Tribal Council adopted an amendment to the Revenue Allocation Ordinance to utilize the terms of the IRS provision known as the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act. Based on federal and tribal law, this process exempts the RAO payment from federal income tax (with certain limited exceptions related to Child Support, Tribal Court Judgement, and contract agreements). Minor payments into the existing minor trusts will be

segregated from May 2025 on under the theory that their future distribution will qualify for the RAO amendments.

TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION
CARDS

In December 2024, the Tribal Council approved a form that allows tribal members to update their tribal IDs by mail. A change was also made in January 2025 to pause the cost for one complimentary Tribal ID for FY 25.

ANCESTRAL LAND
RETURNED TO GTB -
MASHKIIGAKI

In December 2024, 188 acres of land along West Grand Traverse Bay, once known as Timber Shores, was returned to GTB. The purchase and transfer of this land back to the tribe was made possible through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) FY 23 Transformational Habitat and Coastal Resilience grant opportunity and efforts from a Northport based non-profit, New Community Vision. This culturally important land is named Mashkiigaki (Mashkeeg-aki) which means the place of the medicines and represents the importance of these wetlands as a traditionally significant location for hunting, fishing, gathering, and collecting medicines. Mashkiigaki is one of the last remnants of undeveloped coastal land within GTB’s ancestral homelands and historic 1855 Reservation on Grand Traverse Bay, Lake Michigan. The land will now be restored and protected through GTB stewardship in perpetuity.

CRYSTAL SHORES
CASINO

In January 2025, we opened Crystal Shores Casino in Benzie County. Gaming is our most significant source of revenue for the tribe, enabling us to meet the unique needs of our tribal members. We continue to build economic independence on tribal trust land. The opening of the new Crystal Shores Casino has proven to be a successful endeavor for GTB. Crystal Shores Casino is located at 7282 Hoadley Road in Benzonia.

GTB PHARMACY

A GTB Pharmacy Grand Opening was held in March 2025, almost 30 years after the Grand Opening of the Medicine Lodge in 1996. The pharmacy will assist us in broadening our healthcare services, while also helping with our overall budget..

GTB INVESTMENT
POLICY FOR MINOR
TRUST ACCOUNTS
REVISION

In April 2025, a change was made to the GTB Investment Policy for Minor

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

Trust Accounts. Instead of four age-based pools, there are now seven. This will create a smoother transition from long-term investment considerations to short-term distribution requirements. Age-based pools are established to set appropriate investment strategies, time horizons, and to align risk and return objectives more reasonably with the life cycle of the Minors Trust.

GTB HONORED
AT 36TH ANNUAL
ENVIRONMENTALIST OF
THE YEAR AWARDS

In May 2025, GTB was recognized by the Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council with two prestigious honors at the 36th Annual Environmentalist of the Year Awards and Celebration, held at the Dennos Museum. GTB received the **Environmentalist of the Year Award** in the **Public Service or Public Office** category in recognition of GTB’s leadership and commitment to environmental stewardship in Northern Michigan. In addition, GTB was honored with the **John Nelson Water Service Award** for its efforts to preserve, protect, and restore our region’s most vital resource—**water**. We are deeply honored to receive these meaningful recognitions, as we all know that **Water is Life**.



CITY OF TRAVERSE
CITY – HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION
HUMANITARIAN AWARD

In June 2025, the City of Traverse City Human Rights Commission presented GTB with the 2025 Business/Organization Humanitarian Efforts Award. This recognition affirms our core values: human rights, inclusivity, and service. Humanitarianism is not just a goal – it is a way of life grounded in our teachings, our sovereignty, and our duty to care for one another and future generations.

LEELANAU SANDS
LODGE

In June 2025, a Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony was held at the Leelanau Sands Lodge. All 51 rooms were renovated and refreshed. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this day filled with celebration, pride, and community spirit. We’re excited for you to enjoy this stunning new space for years to come!

KCHI-NOODIN
KAAMDAAKIING
(WINDY HILLS) HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT AT
HERKNER ROAD

This 72 acre development is located just off Herkner Road in Traverse City. In 2019, 16 Market Rental Units were constructed. Since then, we’ve been working on two Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments, which, when completed, will comprise of 72 units, a community center and a housing office. The 72 units include a mixture of townhouses, apartments, duplexes, and stand-alone units. An issue with the water supply caused delays, but we continue to work diligently to get these units completed as soon as possible.

Additional Topics:

- Congressional Designated Spending Requests
- UNITED Tribes – Medicaid
- NARF Amicus Brief on Apache Oaks Flats Case
- Eagle Feathers Resolution
- Line 5 Opposition
- 6th Tax Agreement Amendment
- Gift Card Policy
- ARPA Funding
- Paid off the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa
- Hunting/Gathering Licenses are available online
- Kewadin Indian Church Property Acquisition
- Turtle Creek Casino RV Park
- Traverse City Fish Pass Partnerships
- TART Trail Birchbark Canoe Mural
- NIIJII Restaurant Opening at Grand Traverse Resort & Spa

Ongoing Priorities Include:

- Financial Security
- GTB Compensation Study
- Condition of Facilities
- Youth Work Learn Positions

- Camp Alden
- M-22 Sidewalks
- GTB Cultural Committee
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Firekeeper Shelter
- GTB Cemetery
- Cross Creek Use Plan
- Company K Highway Designation
- Lowering the Speed Limit through the Village of Peshawbestown

A SHARED PATH
FORWARD

In these challenging times, it is more important than ever that we stand together. Let us not forget how far we’ve come in the past 45 years.

We are blessed to walk upon the land of our Ancestors. With humility and respect, we honor their legacy through our ongoing work, growth, and commitment to one another.

Our journey is ongoing. There is more to do—but together, we will protect our rights, uplift our communities, and shape a strong, vibrant future for the generations yet to come.

TO ALL OUR TRIBAL
CITIZENS AND
EMPLOYEES

Chi-miigwetch for your continued dedication and unwavering commitment to the success and well-being of our people.

Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. This year, GTB has received recognition for the positive impact we make through compassion, inclusivity, and service.

When one of us does good, it uplifts us all. Together, we create a stronger, more just community - for today and for future generations.



TRIBAL COUNCIL HYBIRD RECORDED SESSIONS						
Tribal a.m.	Council on the	Regular third	Sessions Wednesday	occur of every	at month.	9:30
Tribal a.m.	Council on the	Special last	Sessions Wednesday	occur of every	at month.	9:30
Sessions will be held in Council Chambers. Meetings are open to Tribal Members.						
Regular Council Sessions https://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCRS25 7/16 • 8/20 • 9/17 • 10/15						
Special Council Sessions https://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCSS25 7/30 • 8/27 • 9/24 • 10/29						

Tribal Council Emergency Session
June 5, 2025
[**http://bit.ly/GTB Member**](http://bit.ly/GTB_Member)

III. New Business. A- **Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Report** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Government-wide audit report. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Frankenberger, Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

Tribal Council Regular Session
June 18, 2025
[**http://bit.ly/GTB Member**](http://bit.ly/GTB_Member)

II. New Business. A- **FY2025 Indirect Cost Proposal** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the submission of the Fiscal Year 2025 Indirect Cost Proposal to the US Department of Interior-Interior Business Center. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. B- **FY2025 Midyear Requests/Realignment** This item was Tabled.

II. New Business. C- **Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #25-43.3769 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$6,673 from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. D- **Affirmation of Chairwoman’s Signature on Letter regarding IHS Funding Protection Request** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to affirm the Chairwoman’s signature on the letter to Senators Slotkin and Peters of June 5, 2025 regarding protecting IHS Funding. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. E- **Fiscal Year 2025 NRCS RCPP or EQIP Funding Request** Motion made by Tribal Council and Supported by Tribal Council to approve Resolution #25-43.3770 to apply for the amount of \$2,844,912 from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) or Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. F- **Tribal Opioid Settlement Fund Request** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #25-43.3771 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$153,846 from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the Tribal Opioid Settlement Fund grant. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. G- **Election Board Appointments** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to appoint Stephen McClellan to the Election Board term ending on December 15, 2025 and to appoint Lawrence “Camp” Bailey to the Election Board term ending on October 18, 2027. **4-FOR; 1-AGAINST (Swallows); 1-ABSENT(Raphael); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. H- **USDA Request for Voluntary Termination of the RCPP Grant/Contract** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by

Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to send the declination letter to USDA on voluntary termination of the RCPP grant/contract. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. I- **Late 2% Applications** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to extend the deadline for those 2% applications that have been submitted as of today, June 18, 2025, excluding #65 and pending the receipt of proper documentation on #66 prior receiving the final numbers from EDC; extension deadline is prior to receiving the final numbers from EDC. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

Tribal Council Special Session
June 25, 2025
[**http://bit.ly/GTB Member**](http://bit.ly/GTB_Member)

II. Unfinished Business. A- **Title 14 Amendment Enactment** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to approve Resolution #25-43.3767 enacting the Title 14 Amendment. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. A- **Tribal Victim Services** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #25-43.3773 for funding in the amount of \$92,740 from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Victims Services, Tribal Victim Services VOCA Victim of Crimes Act Grant Program.**6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. B- **FY2025 Midyear Requests and Realignment** This item was deleted.

III. New Business. C- **Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #25-43.3779 for funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, through the Child Care and Development Fund’s three-year plan for FY 2026 to FY 2028. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. D- **Change G/L Account for Barton Contract** This item was deleted.

III. New Business. E- **RAP Revenue Allocation Plan** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to direct the Legal Department to develop a non-Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. F- **Update to PRC Program/Dental Priorities** This item was deleted

III. New Business. G- **PPG and Supplemental IIJA Grant Funding** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #25-43.3776 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$783,289 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Performance Partnership Grant and supplemental funding from IIJA. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. H- **FY 2025 Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #25-43.3774 to seek approval

and funding in the amount of \$837,834 from the DOJ office on Violence Against Women. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. I- **OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #25-43.3775 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$1,089,648 from DOJ- Office on Violence Against Women for the Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction grant. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. J- **Updates to GTB Property Management Manual** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the updates to the GTB Property Management Manual. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. K- **Health Administrator Contract** This item was deleted

III. New Business. L- **34-hour Work Week Pilot Program** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the 34-hour work week Pilot Program. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. M- **Compensation Committee Upcoming Vacancy Solicitation of Letters of Interest** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to approve solicitation of letters of interest for 30 days. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Frankenberger, Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. N- **FY2026 Indian Housing Plan** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the submission of the FY2026 Indian Housing Plan. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. O- **Residential Lot Transfer- Scott Lewis to Jody Schneider** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to transfer the assignment of lot #15 on GTB Parcel 1 in Block 1, Section 2 of the Village of Peshawbestown from Scott Lewis to Jody Schneider with the stipulation that if Mr. Schneider’s financing is denied, or he decides not to purchase the home, then this lot transfer can be voided and the lot will be assigned back to Mr. Lewis. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. P- **BIA Residential Lease (J. Schneider)- Resolution #25-43.3772** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #25-43.3772. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. Q- **Chief Judge Appointment** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to rescind the Tribal Council Regular Session Motion of April 16, 2025 appointing Ken Akini as Chief Judge, by a Roll Call Vote: Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl: **YES**
Tribal Council Secretary Miller: **YES**
Tribal Council Member Raphael: **YES**
Tribal Council Member Frankenberger: **YES**
Tribal Council Member Napont: **YES**
Tribal Council Chairwoman Witherspoon: **YES**
6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries



THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY IS TO GET
A PERSON OF COLOR'S PERSPECTIVE
ON A PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTION



Use the QR code to take the survey!

For questions or concerns, contact Kayla Johnson at
kayla.e.johnson@wmich.edu

PAID
RESEARCH
STUDY

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?
Anyone who is 18+ and identifies
as a person of color or minority

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?
The survey takes less than 10 minutes.
If you are eligible for the second phase
of the study, that phase will take 45
mins to 1.5 hours on Webex

COMPENSATION?
Participants who complete the first
and second phase of the study will
receive a \$25 gift card



Call for
Indigenous Artists

Anishinaabek:
The Original People of This Place
Beadwork Project

Submissions open now until June 1, 2026.



Scan here for more information & guidelines!
Compensation is available at the rate of
\$100 per 4" x 4" tile.

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

GRAND RAPIDS
PUBLIC MUSEUM

Be curious.


grpm.org

TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
MAY 29 - JUNE 25, 2025

There were (3) Tribal Council Regular/Special/Emergency Sessions, (2) EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and (14) Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Chairwoman Witherspoon attended 3 of 3 Tribal Council Regular/Special/Emergency Sessions, 1 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 14 of 14 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** United Tribes of Michigan meeting on 5/29-5/30/25 & Charlevoix Community Meeting on 6/19/25

Vice Chair Rohl attended 3 of 3 Tribal Council Regular/Special/Emergency Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 13 of 14 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Charlevoix Community Meeting on 6/19/25

Treasurer Swallows attended 3 of 3 Tribal Council Regular/Special/Emergency Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 13 of 14 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Secretary Miller attended 3 of 3 Tribal Council Regular/Special/Emergency Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 10 of 14 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** NREC Regular Session on 6/12/25, Charlevoix Community Meeting on 6/19/25 ***Scheduled:** out of office 6/24/25

Councilor Raphael attended 3 of 3 Tribal Council Regular/Special/Emergency Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 12 of 14 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** United Tribes of Michigan meeting on 5/29-5/30/25 & Charlevoix Community Meeting on 6/19/25

Councilor Frankenberger attended 2 of 3 Tribal Council Regular/Special/Emergency Sessions, 1 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 5 of 14 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** NREC Regular Session on 6/12/25 ***Scheduled:** out of office 6/24/25

Councilor Napont attended 2 of 3 Tribal Council Regular/Special/Emergency Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 4 of 14 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** GTRS Board Meeting on 6/9/25, NREC Regular Session on 6/12/25, Charlevoix Community Meeting on 6/19/25.

Oil & Water Don't Mix

Keep Oil Out of the Great Lakes

Aging pipelines threaten pristine waters of the Straits of Mackinac

Help to prevent a disastrous oil spill now



GTB NEWS 5

2024 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR PESHAWBESTOWN WATER SYSTEM

This report covers the drinking water quality for Peshawbestown water system for the 2024 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2024. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

Your water supply is from Jacobsville Aquifer. Our community water system consists of three groundwater wells, each over three hundred feet deep. There are no significant sources of contamination in our water supply. If you would like to know more about the report, please contact: Joe Burfield, Grand Traverse Band Department of Public Works

(231-534-7376) or joe.burfield@gtb-nsn.gov

Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking Water: including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised people such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from them health care providers.

U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means

to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- ◆ **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- ◆ **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- ◆ **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- ◆ **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- ◆ **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

WATER QUALITY DATA

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2024 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2024. The EPA allows us to monitor certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

- ◆ Parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l): one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- ◆ Parts per Billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/l): one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- ◆ Picocuries per liter (pCi/L): Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- ◆ Millirems per year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.
- ◆ Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ◆ Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- ◆ Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of contaminants in drinking water.
- ◆ Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- ◆ Level 1 Assessment: A study of the water supply to

Monitoring Data for Regulated Contaminants							
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	0	N/A	2024	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0	N/A	2024	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.86	N/A	2024	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	5.1	N/A	2024	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
HAA5 Halo acetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	<2	N/A	2024	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	0.2	0.03–0.48	2024	NO	Water additive to control microbes.
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	2.37	N/A	2016	NO	Erosion of natural deposits.
Combined radium (pCi/L)	5	0	1.28	N/A	2016	NO	Erosion of natural deposits.
Total Coliform (total number or % of positive samples/month)	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A	2024	NO	Naturally present in the environment.
E. coli in the distribution system (positive samples)	See E. coli note ¹	0	0	N/A	2024	NO	Human and animal fecal waste.
Fecal Indicator – E. coli at the source (positive samples)	TT	N/A	0	N/A	2024	NO	Human and animal fecal waste.
Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water ²	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Sample Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	0	0	0	2022	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.15	0.00–0.16	2022	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
1. The Chlorine "Level Detected" was calculated using a running annual average.							

identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

◆ Level 2 Assessment: A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/ or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Information about lead: If present, elevated

levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. GTB Department of Public Works is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

2024 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER REPORT
EAST BAY WATER WORKS

Violations: = 0

East Bay Water Works performs bacteriological and water chemistry sampling every month or as required by the (EPA) Environmental Protection Agency. The water chemistry samples are taken to SOS Laboratory in Traverse City, MI for analysis. The bacteriological water samples are taken to the Traverse City water treatment plant for testing. Reports are sent to the East Bay Water Works for review and then sent to the EPA for monthly compliance.

For more information contact:
East Bay Water Works, Mike Skrzypczak
231-534-7496 Mike.Skrzypczak@gtb-nsn.gov

Is my water safe? I'm pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets all federal and state requirements. During 2024, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water safety standards. The East Bay Water Works community water system routinely monitors contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table below shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2024.

Where does my water come from? Your water supply is groundwater from the Jacobsville Aquifer. Our community water system consists of five wells, ranging in depth from 115 feet to over 300 feet deep, that provide water for our system. These wells produce between 315 to 475 gallons/minute.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water? All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring, or man-made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental

Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Do I need to take special precautions? Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised people such as people with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, people who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

MCL’s are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Source water assessment: We have a **source water protection delineation and plan** available at the Tribal Water Utilities office that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination. Mike Skrzypczak can be contacted at 231-534-7496 for information on the source water protection plan.

Important information about your drinking water: Availability of Monitoring Data for Unregulated Contaminants for East Bay Water Works. Our water system has sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants are those that don’t yet have a drinking water standard set by EPA. The purpose of monitoring these contaminants is to help EPA decide whether the contaminants should have a standard. As our customers, you have a right to know that these data is available. If you are interested in examining the results, please contact Mike Skrzypczak at 231-534-7496 or mike.skrzypczak@gtb-nsn.gov. This notice is being sent to you by East Bay Water Works. State Water System ID #5293603. Date distributed: 07/01/2025.

TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

Water Quality Data

Table In the following table you will find terms and abbreviations you may not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions. The Safe Drinking Water Act identifies several chemicals and microorganisms that are found in drinking water supplies. These substances can be classified in the following groups:

Inorganic Contaminants: This group is composed mainly of heavy metals such as lead, copper, arsenic etc. They can enter the water supply naturally, from some mining runoff or industrial discharges.

Organic Contaminants: These contaminants are grouped into two categories Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOCs). They include such compounds as Benzene, Styrene etc. They include herbicides and insecticides that are used in agriculture solvents in industrial and other compounds. There are 21 regulated VOCs and 30 SOCs that are required to be analyzed.

Radioactive Contaminants: Most of these substances occur naturally in ground water but can also come from nuclear power plants and some mining areas.

Microbial Contaminants: Include bacteria and viruses which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Terms and abbreviations associated with water samples

TEST RESULTS FOR THE EAST BAY WATER WORKS SYSTEM 2024							
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants							
Total Coliforms	N	Not present	Positive / Negative	0	0	Eight monthly	Naturally present in the environment
Inorganic Contaminants							
TTHM	N	1.2	ppb	80	80	8/6/24	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5	N	1.5	ppb	60	60	8/6/24	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Copper	N	0.13	ppm	1.3	AL = 1.3	9/20/23	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead*	N	5	ppb	0	AL = 15	9/20/23	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	N	28.6	ppm	N/A	N/A	8/14/24	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate	N	34	ppm	N/A	N/A	8/14/24	Erosion of natural deposits
Iron	N	1.6	ppm	N/A	N/A	8/14/24	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	N	0.82	ppm	4	4	8/14/24	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	N	0.59	ppm	10	10	3/28/24	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Asbestos	N	ND	mfl	7	7	12/12/22	The major sources of asbestos in drinking water are decay of asbestos cement water mains; and erosion of natural deposits.
Organic Contaminants							
SOCs	N	ND	ppb			6/7/22	Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOCs) are carbon-based compounds of man-made origin that can get into water through runoff from croplands or discharge from factories.
VOCs	N	ND	ppb			8/6/24	VOCs are found in a variety of commercial, industrial, and residential products, including gasoline, solvents, cleaners and degreasers, paints, inks and dyes, and pesticides.
IOC	N	ND	ppm			8/6/24	Inorganic Chemicals (IOCs) consist of salts and metals, which may be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
Radioactive Contaminants							
Gross Alpha	N	-1.45	pCi/l	0	15	4/24/23	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Uranium	N	0.085	ppb	0	30	4/24/23	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	N	0.66	pCi/l	0	5	3/29/16	Erosion of natural deposits

*If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The East Bay Water Works System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

What does this mean?

The table shows that our system has some minor contaminants in the water. The potential adverse health effects are shown in the above explanation. We are continuing to monitor the water for any changes in these parameters and will notify the community if the levels significantly increase. If you have any questions, please call Mike Skrzypczak at: 231-534-7496. Or the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Million Fibers

per Liter (mfl)
No Detect (ND)

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of contaminants in drinking water.
Maximum Contaminant Level - The “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The “Goal” (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

ELDERSDiv>



CULTURAL
& LANGUAGE

https://bit.ly/GTB_Cultural



Kchi -Wiikwedong Ngodweyaangizowin Enoweying

July 10, 2025



- 10:30_ Registration
- 11am— Opening Prayer
- Welcome Address— Chairwoman Witherspoon & Council
- 11:30-12:30am —Lunch

	Tent 1	Tent 2	Tent 3	Tent 4	Tent 5
12:30-2:00 PM	Barbara Nolan (Taage-daa Let's Play Bingo)	Rhonda Hopkins (Niibin Dibaajimataadiwin-Summer Conversations)	Angie Sanchez (Breastfeeding Is Ceremony)	Tom Peters (Pipe Teachings)	Ryan Memberto (Drumstick making)
	Break (2:00-2:15 PM)				
2:15-3:45 PM	Martina Osawamick	Brian Peltier (Niin, Kiin, Wiin-Anishinaabe Personhood & Personal Pronouns)	Misty Callaway (Beading Project-TBD)	Paul Raphael (Sacred Fire Teachings)	Myna/Theodore Toulouse (Birch Bark/Porcupine Quillwork)
	Break (3:45-4:00 PM)				
4:00-5:30 PM	Gerard Sagassige (4 Levels, 4 Medicines, 4 Colors)	Leilani Defoe (Anishinaabemowin Introduction's/Animals)	Elizabeth Osawamick (Children's Songs)	Joann Cook (Berry Fasting)	Bernice Trudeau (Simple Phrases/Conversation)
	Ricky Woods (Lacrosse— History and Ball Handling) Strongheart Field				
	Dinner (5:30-6:30 PM)				
6:30 PM	Ricky Woods- Lacrosse Game- Camp Shirts				

Kchi -Wiikwedong Family Language Camp Agenda

July 11, 2025

	Tent 1	Tent 2	Tent 3	Tent 4
10:00-11:30 AM	Rhonda Hopkins (Niibin Dibaajimataadiwin-Summer Conversations)	Brian Peltier (Niin, Kiin, Wiin-Anishinaabe Personhood & Personal Pronouns)	Martina Osawamick	Paul Raphael (Health/Unhealthy Community)
	Lunch (11:30 AM -12:30 PM)			
12:30-2:00 PM	Gerard Sagassige (4 Levels, 4 Medicines, 4 Colors)	Bernice Trudeau (Simple Phrases/Conversation)	Isadore/Pat (Baby Moccasins)	Misty Callaway (Beading Project-TBD)
	Break (2:00-2:15 PM)			
2:15-3:45 PM	Barbara Nolan (Taage-daa Let's Play Bingo)	Joanne Cook (Moon Teachings)	Elizabeth Osawamick (Children's Songs)	Ryan Memberto (Singing/Drumming)
	Break (3:45-4:00 PM)			
4:00-5:30 PM	Angie Sanchez (Breastfeeding Is Ceremony)	Tom Peters (Asema Teachings)	Leilani Defoe (Anishinaabemowin Introduction's/Animals)	Myna/Theodore Toulouse (Birchbark & Quillwork)
	Ricky Woods (Lacrosse-History/Ball Handling) Strongheart Field			
	Dinner (5:30-6:30 PM)			
6:30 PM	Family Event— Anishinaabemowin Games			



July 12, 2025

	Tent 1	Tent 2	Tent 3	Tent 4
10:00-11:30AM	Angie Sanchez (Breastfeeding Is Ceremony)	Martina Osawamick	Gerard Sagassige (4 Levels, 4 Medicines, 4 Colors)	Elizabeth Osawamick (Children's Songs)
	Lunch (11:30-12:30PM)			
12:30-2:00PM	Barbara Nolan (Taage-daa Let's Play Bingo)	Myna/Theodore (Birchbark & Quillwork)	Joanne Cook (Water Teachings)	Bernice Trudeau (Simple Phrases/Conversation)
	Ricky Woods (Lacrosse-History/Ball Handling) Strongheart Field			
	Break (2:00-2:15 PM)			
2:15-3:45 PM	Paul Raphael (Rights of Passage)	Brian Peltier (Niin, Kiin, Wiin-Anishinaabe Personhood & Personal Pronouns)	Rhonda Hopkins (Niibin Dibaajimataadiwin-Summer Conversations)	Leilani Defoe (Anishinaabemowin Introduction's/Animals)
	Break (3:45-4:00 PM)			
4:00-5:30 PM	Tom Peters (Pipe & Asema Teachings)	Isadore & Pat (Baby Moccasins)	Ryan Memberto (Singing/Drumming)	Misty Callaway (Beading Project-TBD)
	Dinner (5:30-6:30 PM)			
	Family Event— Movie Night -TBD – @ Dusk 9 PMish POW WOW GROUNDS			



Kchi Wiikwedong Anishinaabek

Grand Traverse Band-Cultural Department

NEW DATE

Family Language Camp

SAVE THE DATE

July 10, 11, 12, 2025

Pow-wow Grounds
2585 E Waabno Makwa Mi-kun

Peshawbestown, MI



Pre-register now using the link or QR code for a **FREE** shirt!

bit.ly/3XY5Zt5



More information
TaShena Sams
231-534-7766

TaShena.Sams2@GTB-nsn.gov

Anishinaabemdaa-pane
Made with PosterMyWall.com

Let's speak our language always!

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians

Anishinaabemowin Conference

Ezhi-maamoweziying Gdi-nonweninaa nji
"How we come together for the sake of our language"

SAVE THE DATE

November 20-22, 2025

Grand Traverse Resort & Spa

100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd, Acme
231-534-6000

Room Rates

GTB Members group: GTBLANG

<https://book.passkey.com/go/GTBLANG>

Non-GTB group: LAN1125

<https://book.passkey.com/go/LAN1125>

Hotel:\$119/night plus taxes and fees
Tower:\$149/night plus taxes and fees

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO PRESENT BASED ON THEME

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL:

Friday, August 1, 2025.

Presenters accepted will be notified by August 30, 2025

Email proposals to GTB Cultural Department: [Gov. Cultural@GTB-nsn.gov](mailto:Gov.Cultural@GTB-nsn.gov)

More information contact:

TaShena.Sams2@GTB-nsn.gov
231.534.7766



DEADLINE TO REGISTER ONLINE: July 11th



37th Annual

Michigan Indian
Family Olympics

Friday, July 18, 2025


Central Michigan University's
Bennett Track & Field


SCAN ME

TEAM GTB Registration is now open! | https://bit.ly/GTB_MIFO_REG25

For more information, please contact: Leanne Alber at (231) 534-7551





Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
"Working Together for Our Future"

7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
989-775-4000
www.sagchip.org


GOLF COMPETITION

Earn points
for your Tribe!

Thursday, July 17, 2025

The Pines Golf Course

1022 Clubhouse Dr., Lake Isabella, MI 48893

Check-in opens at 8 a.m. | Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Age groups:

- Youth 17 and under
- Mens 64 and under
- Seniors 65 and over
- Ladies all ages
- Coed: all ages invited


SCAN ME

Cost: \$35* per player

Admission includes:

- 18 holes of golf
- Cart
- Lunch
- Skins
- Proximities


Format: Two person scramble

TEAM GTB register online: https://bit.ly/GTB_MIFO_REG25



Note: This number is based off of 82 players, the price may increase if more than 82 players register

For more information, please contact:
Leanne Alber at 231.534.7551 (Team GTB) or Bernie Sprague at 989.775.5309 or 989.400.1838 or BSprague@sagchip.org



Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
"Working Together for Our Future"

7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
989-775-4000
www.sagchip.org

MEET US AT STRONGHEART!



MIFO Events

Baby Crawl - Babies

Tot Trot - 1-2 Years

Bean Bag Toss - 1-4 Years

20M Run - 3-4 Years

Jump Rope - 5-6 Years

Softball Throw - 5 & Up

Obstacle Course - 5-12 Years

50M Run - 5-12 Years

Long Jump - 5-18 Years

Jump Rope & Fitness Circuit - 7-9 Years

MIFO Events Cont.

Lacrosse Speed Shot - 7-18 Years

Obstacle Course - 7-12 Years

Team Tug-of-War - 7-18 Years

3-Point

Basketball Shot - 10-18 Years

Fitness Circuit - 10-15 Years

400M Run - 13-18 Years

1 Mile Run - 13-18 Years

100M Run - 13-18 Years

TEAM GTB

Youth Enji-Gagwejiing Days

(Practice)

Monday July 7

Tuesday July 8

Wednesday July 9

Monday July 14

Tuesday July 15

For 0-18 youth in the
6 county service area

wear athletic clothes and shoes
and bring your water bottle!

12 & under
1:30pm-3:00pm
13 & up 3:30pm-5pm

8 and under must be
accompanied by an adult

Snacks provided!

For more information contact:
Cathy Crowley 231-534-7751
Kaylie Hutcheon 231-534-7755

Movie Passes, Gift Cards,
and more incentives for
multiple day participation!

LIVE • LOVE • KAYAK.



Kayaks Available for Tribal Member Use!

GTB Community can sign out (2) Kayaks with valid tribal ID, Phone Number, Address, and Signed User Agreement (2-Day Usage)

For More Information Call
(231) 534 - 7457

LAKE ANN
Camp

EST. 1948

SUMMER CAMP
2025

GTB Tribal Youth rising grades 4-12 (including recent grads) in the 6-county service area can attend camp for FREE! USE CODE: GTB100

Register Today!

✓ Discover Life at its Best

✓ Week-long Programming

✓ Happy Camper Guarantee

Behavioral Health Presents

Alternative Therapies

Energy Healing

Debbie Peterson, ADS, HIA Certified Energy Healer

Debbie will be taking appointments on

July 7th and July 21st

9 am - 4:00 pm

Please call or email:

Marion Wabanimkee-Minzey

(231) 534-7091

Marion.Wabanimkee-Minzey@gtb-nsn.gov

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

ITC-White Bison Training (on site)

Warrior Down / Recovery Coach

Bay Mills Resort & Casino
Brimley, MI

Save the Date: July 22-24, 2025

The Warrior Down / Recovery Coaches program provides a relapse prevention and recovery support program for Native Americans who are completing treatment, returning from incarceration or who are working on recovery using a traditional 12-step method.

- Earn 24 NAADAC CEUs for attendance the full three days.
- Bay Mills Resort & Casino Hotel Accommodations: (888) 422-9645
Code: White Bison Warrior Down Training- BKG295 @ \$131 + tax.
Room block closes: July 7, 2025.
- NO Registration Fee.
- Limited to 20 participants
- Use QR Code or link below to register:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G99RBGL>

Contact: Arlene Kashata
Email: akashata@itcmi.org
Phone: 231-735-0491

Sponsored by:
Inter-Tribal Council of MI
ACOIPP- DHHS Contract # H1H5IHS0053-01-00

Native Connections and
Niizh Animikiig presents

EBIMAADIZIIG

"THE ONES WALKING
A GOOD LIFE"

A men's group
series
with Joe Syrette

LEARN ABOUT:

- IDENTITY AND SPIRITUAL CONNECTION
- THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES YOU HAVE AS MEN TO YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND TO YOUR COMMUNITY
- rites of passage

POTLUCK STYLE MEAL, bring a dish to pass

Location: 3-Mile Time: 6pm-8pm

Date Change!!

Updated Date for June

June
3rd

July
8th

For More Info:

***open to men in GTB community

Christa Gasca 231-499-7368
Native Connections

Leilani DeFoe 231-492-9956
Niizh Animikiig

Made with PosterMyWall.com

GTB NEWS 12

NENAANDAWE'IWEJIG

TRADITIONAL HEALING

WITH

JOE SYRETTE

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

HEALING SESSIONS DATES & TIMES

MAY
28th & 29th - Peshawbestown
***SWEAT on 28th at 6:00 pm**

JUNE
3rd & 4th - Traverse City
24th - Peshawbestown
~~***SWEAT on 24th at 6:00 pm**~~
NO SWEAT FOR JUNE

SEPTEMBER
2nd & 3rd - Charlevoix
16th* & 17th - Peshawbestown
***SWEAT on 16th at 6:00 pm**

JULY
8th & 9th - Charlevoix
22nd* & 23rd - Peshawbestown
***SWEAT on 22nd at 6:00 pm**

AUGUST
5th & 6th - Traverse City
19th* & 20th - Peshawbestown
***SWEAT on 19th at 6:00 pm**

PROTOCOLS

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

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

HEALING REQUESTS

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

CO-ED SWEATS

Co-Ed Sweat May 28th, June 24th, July 22nd, August 19th, & September 16th at 6:00pm in Peshawbestown. Limited capacity, **must pre-register by calling (231) 534-7247**

Reserve Your Spot in Co-ed Sweat Today!

(231) 534-7247
bit.ly/GTB_BH
GOVBehavioralHealth@gtb-nsn.gov

2300 N. Stallman Road
Peshawbestown, MI 49682

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







HUMAN SERVICES

FY25 Client Application
Scan QR Code or follow the link!

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

<https://bit.ly/3zAPJVS>

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 virtual talking circle Wellbriety meeting.

Questions, contact Scott

231-534-7247 or

scott.scholten@gtb-nsn.gov

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

Niizh Animikiig and Native Connections Presents

Aambe Nagamo-daa!

Come, let's sing!

What you'll learn:

- How to sing/drum
- Teachings about the drum
- Powwow etiquette when it comes to singing/drumming
- Forming a drum group
- making a drum as a team



July Schedule

5pm-7pm

Location:	Date:	Location:	Date:
Powwow Grounds	Wednesday, July 2	3-Mile	Monday, July 21
Charlevoix	Thursday, July 3	Powwow Grounds	Wednesday, July 23
3-Mile	Monday, July 7	3-Mile	Monday, July 28
Powwow Grounds	Wednesday, July 9	Powwow Grounds	Wednesday, July 30
John Hall - Kewadin	Thursday, July 10	John Hall - Kewadin	Thursday, July 31
3-Mile	Monday, July 14		
Powwow Grounds	Wednesday, July 16		
Charlevoix	Thursday, July 17		

Open to GTB community & families

Subject to Change

For more information:
Ryan Memberto | 231-866-0324





Niizh Animikiig and Native Connections presents

BAAGAADOWE-DAA

LET'S PLAY LACROSSE



Dates and Location:

July 6th	12843 Wiingash Mikun - Rapid City
July 13th	12843 Wiingash Mikun - Rapid City
July 20th	Strongheart Center - Peshawbestown
July 27th	12843 Wiingash Mikun - Rapid City

Come learn and play the game of baagaadowewin (lacrosse) with Ricky Woods

Time: 6pm-8pm

Open to GTB community

For More Info:
Leilani DeFoe 231-492-9956





GTB NEWS 13

Life Long Learning

P R E S E N T S

Family

BEACH DAYS



August 5 - Beulah Beach

August 7 - Cross Creek

August 12 - Kewadin Beach

August 14 - Sutton Park

HYDROBIKES
CLEAR KAYAKS
CLEAR STAND UP
PADDLE BOARDS

12 pm
to
3 pm

BURGERS
HOTDOGS
AND MORE!

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

For more information contact:

Cathy Crowley 231-534-7751

Kaylie Hutcheon 231-534-7755

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

Events Subject to Change

HERITAGE LIBRARY PRESENTS

SUMMER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

Beaded Bracelet/Necklace Workshop: 5PM - 7PM

Come and make a Beaded Bracelet or Necklace. Supplies are limited so RSVP the tribal library to secure a spot.

Heritage Library • July 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
2821 N. West Bay Shore Dr., Suttons Bay MI 49682

Peshawbestown & Charlevoix Elders Workshops

Elder's Complex Walking Stick Decorating Workshop

July 16th & 23rd • 12-3 PM

11201 E. Ki-dah-keh mi-kun, Peshawbestown

Charlevoix Medicine Wheel Workshop

July 9th & 30th • 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



Free Online Tutoring for GTB Students!

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



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

Register Today!

Leelanau

Ms. Catherine: (231) 534-7751 | Cell: (231) 492-5337

Ms. Kaylie: (231) 534-7755 | Cell: (231) 631-1672

Grand Traverse

Mr. Tony: (231) 534-7747 | Cell: (231) 499-8218

Benzie / Manistee

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

Antrim / Charlevoix

Ms. Melissa: (231) 534-7765

Ms. Dana: (231) 534-7356

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

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

GTB BENODJENH CENTER

IS HIRING!!

We are looking for Teachers & Assistants, Classroom/Bus Aides, EHS & Family Spirit Home Visitors, Education & Family Services Coordinators, and a Health & Disabilities Coordinator.

NEW COMPETITIVE WAGES!!!

MONDAY - FRIDAY SCHEDULES ONLY! NO WEEKENDS!!

We are looking for candidates who are:
RELIABLE, PATIENT, KIND & CARING, AND
KNOWLEDGEABLE OF CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Full Benefits for Full Time Employees: Health & Dental, 401K, Generous PTO, 15 Paid Holidays

Limited Benefits for Part Time Employees: PTO



For Open Positions, Job Descriptions, and Wages, Refer To
gtbindians.applicantpool.com



GTB NEWS 14

GTB LIFE LONG LEARNING INVITES ALL KIDS TO

HOTDOGS!
SNACKS!
TREATS!

SLIP N SLIDE
KICKBALL

1:30 - 4:00 pm

24 JULY @ PTOWN HOUSING BUILDING

MORE INFO:
Catherine Crowley 231-534-7751
Kaylie Hutcheon 231-534-7755

SUBJECT TO
CHANGE DUE TO
WEATHER



GTB Life Long Learning
Invites you to:

Calling
All
Kids!



SLIP AND
SLIDE
KICKBALL

July 22nd @ Kewadin Beach

1:30pm-4pm

Hotdogs, RootBeer Floats and Snacks!

More Info:
Catherine Crowley 231-534-7751
Kaylie Hutcheon 231-534-7755

Subject to Change due to
Weather



Sponsored by GTB Education and Housing Departments



Back to School
EXTRAVAGANZA
Pre-Kindergarten* - 12th grade
for GTB and Tribal Housing Students in the 6-county service area

BENZIE
Memorial Park Pavilion
6847 South St.
Tuesday, July 29
4-6pm

CHARLEVOIX
Office
Thursday, July 31
4-6pm

PESHAWBESTOWN
Housing Office
Monday, August 4
4-7pm

TRAVERSE CITY
3 Mile Office
Thursday, August 7
4-7pm

*FOR PRE-K STUDENTS, PLEASE PROVIDE ENROLLMENT
DOCUMENTATION & BE 3-4 YEARS OLD

GIFT CARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL
ELIGIBLE STUDENTS - FOOD PROVIDED!

QUESTIONS:
DANA MCCLELLAN (231) 534-7356
LILYAN ALLARD (231) 534-7805 (HOUSING RESIDENTS)
KIMBERLY HINMON (231) 534-7825 (BENZIE)
CATHERINE CROWLEY (231) 534-7751

Family
CANOE/KAYAK
TUBING
drug and alcohol free event

Friday, August 22nd

Open to all GTB members and their families living within the six-county service area. Must have ONE Tribal member per canoe/kayak/tube
Must choose your launch site and sign up by August 4th:

Riverside Canoe
5042 N Scenic Hwy
Honor, MI
<http://bit.ly/4kfw7rl>

Lunch 11:00am-12:00pm,
at the park across the street
LAUNCH AT 12:30PM

Jordan Valley Outfitters
311 N Lake St
East Jordan, MI
<https://bit.ly/46h6KSN>

Lunch 11:00am-11:45am,
at the park across the street
LAUNCH AT 12:00PM

MORE INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE:
Dana McClellan 231.534.7356 Kaylie Hutcheon 231.534.7755
Catherine Crowley 231.534.7751 Kimberly Hinmon 231.534.7825

Subject to Change



1ST AMERICAN INDIAN DENTIST, DR. GEORGE BLUE SPRUCE JR., PASSES AWAY AT 94



Dr. Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach, is the first female American Indian Dentist, a member of the Prairie Band Pottawatomini Nation.

She attended the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and practiced in private practice and at the Family Health Care FQHC located in Baldwin.

HONOR THE ENDURING LEGACY ESTABLISHED BY DR. BLUE SPRUCE

The Society of American Indian Dentists (SAID) announced the passing of Dr. George Blue Spruce Jr., DDS, MPH—a groundbreaking figure in Native American health care. Of Laguna and Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo heritage, Dr. Blue Spruce made history in 1956 as the first American Indian dentist. He passed away on June 3, 2025, at the age of 94.

"As we approach our 35th anniversary next week, SAID members and students honor the enduring legacy established by Dr. Blue Spruce. We are deeply appreciative of his

contributions, which include founding the organization in 1990, and leading initiatives such as scholarship, networking, and mentorship opportunities for future American Indian dental students," the SAID said in a statement.

In his autobiography, *Searching for My Destiny*, Dr. Blue Spruce remarked, 'I spoke about the critical need for American Indian dentists to serve our people and encouraged Indian students to consider this career path... I believed that an organization like SAID, once it gained visibility and credibility, would have more influence than a single person in persuading more American Indians to become dentists' (*Searching for My Destiny*, University of Nebraska Press, 2009)," the statement continued.

Dr. Blue Spruce’s path to dentistry began with an early dental experience under the care of a skilled and compassionate dentist. That pivotal encounter inspired him to dedicate his life to serving others through dentistry, despite the cultural and racial barriers he faced throughout his life.

A high school valedictorian, Dr. Blue Spruce went on to earn his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1956. His DDS was followed by a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of California, Berkeley.

His career began with the Indian Health Service (IHS), where he witnessed firsthand the lack of dental care in Native communities. In a past interview with *Winds of Change*, he described how dental services were often tucked away in remote corners of medical facilities and rarely prioritized. “Dental care was not an integral part of the Indian Health Service before it became part of the Public Health Service,” he said. “Most American Indians never had an opportunity to receive

any dental care at all.”

As a most respected figure in the dentistry, Dr. Blue Spruce remained the sole Native American dentist in the country until 1975, when Dr. Jessica A. Rickert (Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation) became the second—and the first Native American woman—to enter the profession.

Dr. Rickert remembered her mentor and friend, sharing a tribute with Native News Online:

“His ready smile brought joy wherever he traveled. His warm personality put everyone at ease—babies, teens, kids, grandparents, chiefs, senators, even presidents. His true compassion touched all his patients, staff, family, community, and colleagues.”

She also recalled how, while founding the Society of American Indian Dentists, Dr. Blue Spruce tracked her down from Arizona to Michigan in 1992 to invite her to join the SAID, “As the first and second American Indian dentists, Dr. George Blue Spruce and I faced dreadful challenges,” Dr. Rickert said. “As a consummate professional, his intelligence always impressed. Yet, Dr. Blue Spruce’s quick wit, humor and perfect timing brought us all together.”

Throughout his life, Dr. Blue Spruce remained a passionate advocate for Indigenous representation in health professions. His enduring legacy lives on through generations of Native health care professionals and the ongoing mission of the SAID.

Today there are approximately 450 American Indian dentists, according to the SAID. Thanks in part to Dr. Blue Spruce’s tireless advocacy, any AIAN can learn how to become a dentist with a SAID mentor.

UNDERSTANDING DENTAL CROWNS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the world of dentistry, various procedures are performed daily, and one of the most common is the dental crown, also known as a “cap.” Whether you’re new to dental terms or have some experience, it’s essential to understand what this procedure entails and why it may be recommended for you.

WHEN A DENTAL CROWN IS NECESSARY

A dental crown is necessary when a tooth has significant decay, requires replacement of a large filling, or needs extra protection following a root canal. Unlike a standard filling, a crown covers the entire tooth, providing strength and stability, especially when the tooth is compromised due to missing cusps or failing restorations.

CROWN PREPARATION

During your crown preparation appointment, you’ll receive anesthesia to ensure comfort. The dentist will then reshape the tooth to create space for the crown, take digital impressions, and design the crown to fit

perfectly with your neighboring teeth. At our in-house lab, your crown will be fabricated and polished, ensuring a seamless fit upon delivery.

CROWN DELIVERY

Once ready, the crown will be cemented onto your tooth, and you’ll be instructed to avoid chewing on it for about an hour to allow the cement to set properly. The great news? At GTB, we complete this procedure in one visit, eliminating the need for a temporary crown!

CROWN MAINTENANCE

After receiving your crown, maintaining excellent oral hygiene is crucial. Brush and floss your crowned tooth just like your natural teeth, as crowns can still be susceptible to decay at the tooth-crown interface. Remember, consistent care with fluoridated toothpaste will help preserve the integrity of your new crown.

If you have any questions about dental crowns or other procedures, don’t hesitate to reach out to our team. Your dental health is our top priority!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know? Since GTB Dental Clinic began making crowns on site, we have performed over 240 crowns in-house. That **saved over \$48,000** by not paying lab fees to perform this service. (Pictured above: Crown on the left; traditional filling on the right).

SCHEDULE TODAY!
(231) 534-7721



Pictured above: Crown on the left; traditional filling on the right.



GTB HEALTH SERVICES



ATTENTION
CLINIC AND DENTAL
PATIENTS!

To stay in compliance with our Clinic and Dental Patient Policies and a provide an easy patient check-in:

- ◆ All GTB Tribal Members and members of other Federally-recognized Tribes are required to bring in **current non-expired Tribal ID, Driver’s License/State ID, and insurance** to every visit.
- ◆ GTB Employees, must bring in **employee ID, Driver’s License/State ID, and Insurance** to every visit.

Your appointment may be cancelled and/or rescheduled if you do not bring these with you.

ATTENTION
PRC-ONLY CLIENTS
(Those with no other insurance)

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE PRC APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FILED WITH PRC.

YOU MUST CALL-IN ALL MEDICAL-DENTAL-OPTICALAPPOINTMENTS at least **48-hours before your appointment**. If you were in an emergency visit, you will call-in your visit within 72-hours of release.

THIS WILL ENSURE THAT YOUR AUTHORIZATION FOR CARE IS SUBMITTED TIMELY FOR BILLING.

ATTENTION
PRC CLIENTS
(With a primary insurance of Medicare, Medicaid, or Employee insurance)

- ◆ PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FILED WITH PRC.
- ◆ CALL-IN ALL DENTAL-OPTICAL APPOINTMENTS: At least 48-hours before your appointment

CALL PRC HOTLINE (231) 534-7223 or EMAIL PRC: PRC@PRC@gtb-nsn.gov

ATTENTION
CLINIC AND DENTAL
PATIENTS!

PRC is not an insurance or entitlement program, and it does not guarantee payment of services. PRC is the absolute payer of last resort, which means that all other healthcare coverage options must be used before PRC can be considered. This includes:

- ◆ Health insurance through your employer,
- ◆ Health insurance through your spouse’s employer,
- ◆ State or Federal health plans (Medicare, Medicaid, Marketplace Sponsorship/subsidies)

It is your responsibility to provide accurate and up-to-date insurance information to

all outside healthcare providers. Failure to do so could result in a denial of payment through PRC.

Please make sure that you have an up-to-date application with support documents filed with PRC. For more information call the **PRC Hotline (231) 534-7223** with any questions or appointments or email prc@gtb-nsn.com

MAKE THE GTB FAMILY
HEALTH CLINIC
YOUR PRIMARY CARE
PROVIDER

We invite you to make the GTB Family Health Clinic your primary care provider, please come and meet our providers and nurses who will take great care of you. Please call the numbers below for appointment information:

- Brandi Wilson (Clinic)**
(231) 534-7200
- Amanda Adams (Dental)**
(231) 534-7211
- Mary Agosa (Patient Registration)**
(231) 534-7556

GTB PHARMACY

The GTB Pharmacy reminds everyone that you must be a patient of the GTB Clinic or Dental Clinic or Behavioral Health to have prescriptions filled in the pharmacy. **No co-pays, deductible, fast service, bubble-packs, and mail delivery.**

Call the Pharmacy today (231) 534-7350!
BENEFITS COORDINATOR,
DAVID WONEGESHIK

We have a new Benefits Coordinator, David Wonegeshik, and he can assist with Medicare, Medicaid, SSA, SSI, VA, and PRC coordination for benefits. Please call (231) 534-7354 for more information.

TRANSPORTATION

Just a friendly reminder to use the Transportation Hotline for any requests for medical appointments or prescription pick-ups (231) 534-7222. Michelle would appreciate a 24-hour notice to plan for your transportation needs.

GTB CLINIC
SPORTS PHYSICAL
APPOINTMENTS
AVAILABLE

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

Call (231) 534-7200 TODAY to
schedule pre-participation physical!

TRIBAL MEMBER
MICHIGAN TECH
STUDENT SHARES
EXPERIENCE IN THE GTB
HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Hi, my name is Maggie Napont, and I’m a tribal member currently entering my junior year at Michigan Tech, where I study human biology with a minor in pre-health. This summer, I had the opportunity to shadow several departments in our Tribal Health Clinic. It’s been an eye-opening experience that gave me a deeper understanding of the many roles involved in providing healthcare—both on the administrative side and in outpatient care.

I spent time observing nurses, learning about the day-to-day operations, and witnessing direct care, as well as the diverse roles that support our community’s health. I was fortunate to gain insight into how the clinic is managed behind the scenes and each area offered its own valuable perspective.

Shadowing the RN nurses was especially interesting. I had the opportunity to see the direct care they provide to patients and how versatile their role is in supporting our community’s health. Spending time in the pharmacy taught me just how complex medication management and distribution can be. On the administrative side, I learned how important organization and policy are in making sure healthcare services run smoothly and effectively.

Being able to learn from all these departments not only expanded my knowledge of healthcare—it also strengthened my motivation to keep pursuing this career path. Seeing how much collaboration and effort goes into taking care of our community was inspiring, and I’m truly thankful for the experience.

On behalf of the GTB Health Department we would like to extend our heartfelt MEGWETCH to Maggie for joining us and engaging in meaningful dialogue around the complex role our department plays within the GTB Community. It was a privilege to share this experience with her, and we deeply appreciate her insight, openness, and presence. Maggie’s inspiration and drive are evident, and we are confident she will continue to be successful in all her future endeavors.

- Sonya Zotigh, GTB Health Administrator

AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

As we immerse ourselves in the vibrant season of summer, the Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Department is alive with a host of exciting opportunities and events designed to engage and inspire our community. From Traditional farm-to-table cookout that celebrate the joy of cultivating our land to invaluable funding opportunities that empower local initiatives, there’s truly something for everyone to participate in and benefit from this month. Join us as we come together to nurture our connection to the earth and each other!

TRADITIONAL SUMMER COOKOUT!

On July 14th from 5:00 – 7:00PM at the Peshawbestown Farm (North of Strongheart Center 2700 Strongheart Way) Clay Clifford and Tanya Raphael will be hosting a summer cookout! The grill will be hot and include summer cookout favorites like bison burgers, bison steak, smoked jerky, and smoked fish. Some side dishes like salad and fruit salad will be available too. Come learn how to incorporate traditional foods into your summer cookout and enjoy a selection of freshly harvested food from the farm. Participants will be able to take home crops such as carrots, tomato, cucumber, summer squash, potato and more! Please come join us for a true farm-to-table Anishinaabe style!

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR GTB YOUNG CITIZENS

Submit Applications at:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/cf827ec3c2fb4dcea1fba2ca599fb9b5>

Great news for young entrepreneurs! Project LEAP is now offering **grants of up to \$500 to GTB youth aged 14-26**. If you are an enrolled member or a direct descendant of a Federally Recognized Tribe, you can apply for funding that supports various agricultural and livestock-related expenses. Whether you need help with agricultural supplies, livestock purchases, or registration costs, this grant could provide the financial boost you need. Remember, applications must be fully completed and can only be submitted once per calendar year. Don’t miss out on this amazing opportunity—submit your application today at

Only applications that are fully completed will be considered. Supporting documents may be required, like receipts or a budget outline. **Awards will be granted on a rolling basis until all funds have been distributed.**

FREE DONATED PLANTS FROM FOREST GARDEN FARM



Peshawbestown Farm benefited from a generous donation. Forest Garden Farm, known as the first organic certified farm in Michigan, located in Maple City, reached out to GTB Agriculture in June with a wonderful offer. They provided over 1,000 leftover vegetable plants, which included a variety of produce such as winter and summer squash, peppers, herbs, onions, and eggplant.

On June 18th, GTB Agriculture staff visited Forest Garden Farm to collect the donated plants, which will play a crucial role in the farm’s next planting cycle. This infusion of fresh plants is expected to

create a robust final push for planting this season, positioning Peshawbestown Farm for a potentially productive 2025.

With these new tools and the abundance of donated plants, the future looks bright for Peshawbestown Farm. The community is eagerly anticipating the upcoming harvest and the positive impact these developments will have on local food sovereignty and agricultural practices.

Stay tuned for more updates on the farm’s progress and new initiatives!

NEW EQUIPMENT AT PESHAWBESTOWN FARM

In 2024 GTB Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Department was awarded \$205,000 to support the continuation of fish waste management programming that has been taking place since 2021. This funding came from the State of Michigan Department of EGLE Organic Waste Management grant. In June GTB Agriculture received a brand new topsoil/compost screen and a compost spreader. These two tools allow GTB Agriculture to more efficiently sift compost and apply compost to our fields. In addition to these two new pieces of equipment GTB Agriculture is also receiving a 90HP tractor to allow us to more easily manage our fish waste compost piles. Here are photos of the new screen and compost spreader!



TRADITIONAL COOKOUT

Celebrate Food, Culture, & Community

Monday, July 14, 2025

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Peshawbestown Gitigaan Garden
Located north of the Strongheart Center
(2700 Strongheart Way, Peshawbestown, MI)

Come enjoy a feast of traditional foods and Anishinaabe culinary knowledge:

Live Demonstrations:
Fish filleting & whole-fish prep using traditional knives
Seasonal cooking techniques from the land and water

Featured Foods:

- Bison burgers & steaks
- Smoked fish & bison jerky
- Grilled garden vegetables
- Fresh salads & fruit salad

Maple syrup-infused dishes

Contact:
William Derouin
William.Derouin@gtb-nsn.gov
(231) 534-7023

What to Expect:

- Open to all ages – bring your family and friends
- Outdoor seating in the garden space
- Opportunity to learn and ask questions about traditional food preparation — a gathering rooted in health, heritage, and harvest

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 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

LEELANAU
COUNTY
ELECTRONIC
WASTE DAYS

Bay Area Recycling for Community has partnered with [eRecycleTC](#) to 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>

- Electronic Materials ACCEPTED:**
- ◆ TV’s & Computer Monitors (CRT/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

- ◆ And More!
Remember, we accept 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 Leelanau County HHW 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

Leelanau County E-Waste Registration

<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.

- ◆ July 12th: Elk Rapids DPW Station
- ◆ July 19th: Bellaire High School
- ◆ 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.

- ◆ July 19th : Frankfort High School
- ◆ August 23rd: Honor Road Commission

CHARLEVOIX
COUNTY

Dates have not been published for Charlevoix County. To get more information please call (231) 547-0080 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 schedule an appointment or to see a list of accepted materials, please contact Leelanau County Planning and Community Development at (231) 256-9812 or visit the Leelanau County HHW website.

- ◆ 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.

TICKS, OH MY!

PROTECT YOURSELF THIS SUMMER

Check for ticks daily, especially after time outdoors.

Wear light colored clothes to make ticks easier to spot.

Long sleeves and long pants when weather permits.

Tick Repellent like DEET, Picaridin, or Permethrin. Essential Oils like Cedar have short term effects.

Pets. Apply prevention to your dogs, cats, etc. Ex. Nexguard, Bravecto, Frontline Plus

HOW TO REMOVE A TICK

- Using tweezers, grasp tick close to skin. No pinching tight.
- Pull the tick up with steady pressure. No twisting.
- Wash bite site (and hands) with soapy water.
- Place tick between two pieces of tape and throw in trash.
- Send photo of tick to TickSpotters to help in identification.

COMMON MICHIGAN TICKS

Please use the form below to sign up for this year’s electronic waste collection dates. These 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 W 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

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors: Lightning Safety for Outdoor Gatherings

As summer events and outdoor gatherings increase, it’s crucial for our community to stay weather-aware—especially when thunderstorms are in the forecast.





KNOW THE RISK

Thunder = Immediate Danger

If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike. Even if it’s not raining yet, lightning can strike 10–15 miles from a storm—what meteorologists call a “bolt from the blue.” Don’t wait until the rain starts to take cover.

SAFE SHELTER TIPS

Seek shelter in:

- A sturdy building with plumbing and electricity (homes, schools, rec centers).
- A fully enclosed, hard-topped metal vehicle with windows closed.

AVOID:

- Picnic shelters, beach pavilions, dugouts, tents, and open garages.

Motorcycles, golf carts, and other open vehicles.

Using plumbing, corded phones, or electronics indoors during a storm.

CAUGHT OUTSIDE?

If there’s no shelter:

- Get off hills and away from water.
- Avoid tall, isolated trees or metal objects (fences, poles).
- Crouch low with feet together—never lie flat.

AFTER THE STORM

Wait at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder before resuming outdoor activities. Lightning can linger behind the storm.

Remember: No place outside is safe during a thunderstorm.

For more info, visit: weather.gov/safety/lightning-tips

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



CAN'T BE SEEN



CAN'T BE SMELLED



CAN'T BE HEARD



CAN BE STOPPED

Boating, Camping, & Carbon Monoxide: Don’t Let a Silent Killer Ruin Outdoor Fun

Michigan’s waters and forests offer endless summer adventure—but there’s a hidden danger that comes with boats, grills, generators, and camp stoves: carbon monoxide (CO). This odorless, colorless gas can be deadly in minutes.

CO on Boats

- Stay away from exhaust vents and don’t swim near the swim platform when the engine is running.
- Never block exhaust outlets with gear or canopies.
- Install marine-rated CO detectors and test them often.

CO at the Campsite

- Don’t use generators near tents, RVs, or windows.
- Never cook or heat with grills or gas stoves inside a tent or trailer.

- Avoid sleeping near running generators or fuel-burning heaters.
- Alcohol use can increase CO effects—be extra cautious.

Know the Symptoms

Mild: Headache, dizziness, nausea

Severe: Confusion, fainting, vomiting, loss of muscle control

If multiple people feel sick at once, or you suspect CO poisoning, get to fresh air and call 911 immediately. Don’t wait—it can be fatal.

More info:

michigan.gov/carbonmonoxide

boatus.org/carbon-monoxide/checklist

ACT FAST

- Move to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing
- Sip cool water
- Seek medical help if symptoms don’t improve



ACT FAST

CALL 911

- Move person to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing and remove extra layers
- Cool with water or ice

Beat the Heat: Protect Your Health During Summer’s Hottest Days

Michigan summers can bring dangerous heat waves that increase the risk of heat exhaustion or heat stroke—especially for elders, young children, outdoor workers, and those without air conditioning.

KNOW THE SIGNS

Heat Exhaustion: Faintness, excessive sweating, cool or clammy skin, nausea, rapid pulse.

Heat Stroke: Confusion, red/hot skin, body temp over 103°F, vomiting, unconsciousness—this is a medical emergency. Call 911.

TIPS TO STAY COOL AND SAFE

- Drink water frequently—don’t wait until you’re thirsty.
- Avoid alcohol and sugary drinks.

- Stay in air-conditioned places like libraries or stores.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Use a buddy system—check in on elders and neighbors.
- Never leave children, pets, or vulnerable adults in cars—temperatures can rise to deadly levels within minutes.

IF YOU WORK OR PLAY OUTSIDE:

- Take breaks in the shade.
- Schedule strenuous activity for early morning or evening.
- Apply and reapply sunscreen.

Need help finding a cooling center or assistance? Call or text 211, or visit mi211.org

For data and resources: michigan.gov/mitracking



FIRE & RESCUE



Firework Safety – Celebrate Safely this Fourth of July

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day, the Grand Traverse Band Fire Department reminds everyone that fireworks can pose serious fire and injury risks—especially in dry summer conditions.

Did you know? Fireworks cause an average of 19,000 fires each year nationwide, including hundreds of wildfires and thousands of emergency room visits. In Northern Michigan, where dry grasses and forests surround many communities, the risk is even greater.

Firework Safety Tips:

- Only use legal, consumer-grade fireworks.
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Always keep a bucket of water or hose nearby.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move away quickly.
- Soak used fireworks in water before discarding.
- Avoid lighting fireworks during dry, windy weather.

If you plan to attend a firework display, consider leaving it to the professionals. Tribal and regional events offer spectacular shows without the danger.

Let’s celebrate safely and protect our land, homes, and loved ones.



WILDFIRE SAFETY

- Properly discard cigarettes.
- Keep vehicles off of dry grass.
- Avoid activities with open flames or sparks.
- Avoid power equipment that creates sparks .
- Obey burn bans.
- Evacuate if fire/smoke is heading your way.
- Evacuate if ordered to do so by local officials.

Wildfire Awareness – Protecting Our Lands in Peak Fire Season

July marks the peak of wildfire season in Northern Michigan, especially during hot, dry spells. Even a small spark—whether from a campfire, vehicle, or discarded cigarette—can quickly ignite a wildfire that threatens lives, homes, and culturally significant landscapes.

What You Can Do:

- Always fully extinguish campfires with water—until ashes are cold to the touch.
- Never burn leaves, brush, or debris on windy days.
- Don’t park or drive on dry grass; hot vehicle parts can start fires.
- Check with GTB Fire or your township for burn restrictions.
- Report smoke or suspicious fire activity immediately by calling 911.

Our forests are sacred, and fire safety is a community responsibility. Let’s all do our part to keep the land safe for future generations.

Emergency Access – Clear Driveways & Roads for First Responders

Summer brings backyard barbecues, camping gear, and extra cars in the driveway—but it’s also a season when **every second counts** for fire and medical emergencies. One growing issue across tribal neighborhoods and rural roads is **blocked or narrowed access for emergency vehicles**.

Why It Matters:

Fire trucks and ambulances are large and require a minimum 12-foot-wide clear path to access homes, cabins, and community buildings. Overgrown brush, parked vehicles, and tight driveways can delay response time—and in emergencies, even a short delay can cost lives.

What You Can Do:

- Keep driveways and roadways clear of vehicles and equipment.
- Trim trees and brush along private roads and easements.
- Ensure your house number is clearly visible from the road.
- Avoid parking on both sides of narrow roads during gatherings.
- If you’re having a large event, notify the local fire department in advance.

SEE THESE?

DO THIS...

MOVE OVER

We're on our way to help someone's loved one.

100 Employment	130 Services
105 Lost and Found	135 Events
115 For Sale	140 Legal Notice
120 Announcements	145 Mino-Dibishkaan
125 Miigwech	150 Bereavement

100 Employment

Government Operations

Agricultural Coordinator (FT)
Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Science or related field is recommended. Must have some experience in harvesting and inspecting crops. Must have knowledge of soil health indicators, fertilizer, and pesticides to control insects, fungi and weeds to ensure crop health and crop harvest feasibility. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by GTB's insurance carrier. -\$47,987/yr - until filled

Behavioral Health Therapist (FT)
A Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling, Social Work, Psychiatric Nursing, or related field required. State of Michigan full Licensure required. A min. of (2) yrs. experience providing substance abuse and/or mental health counseling of high-risk populations including mental health, substance abuse & addictive disorders, and/ or prevention/community education services required. Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC), or ability to obtain within (1) yr. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$91,639/yr - until filled

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

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

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

EHS/HS Bus & 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/FirstAid certification (within 30 days). Ability to observe & evaluate children in a non-biased manner. Must be willing to & as well as obtain a CDA within first (2) yrs. of hire. -\$18.55/hr - until filled

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

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

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

Grants and Contracts Coordinator (FT)
Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or Public Administration required. Associates Degree required. Must have at least three years of professional experience in the management or administration of federal, state or tribal grants. Must have experience in budgeting or accounting. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$57,729/yr - until filled

Head Start Teacher (FT)
Associates Degree, with a Child Development Certification, with emphasis in early childhood development, Bachelor's Degree preferred. Previous experience preferred with skills in classroom management & 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

Health Transporter (FT)
Must have high school diploma or GED. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$15.06/hr - until filled

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

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

On-Call Receptionist - Charlevoix
Must have High School Diploma or GEDequivalent. Prefer (1) yr experience 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, criminal 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 thoroughly familiar with all applicable policies and procedures, Federal Regulations, GTB Tribal Police Department Policies and Procedures, Tribal and State Criminal Codes, Children's Code, Tribal Constitution, Michigan Motor Vehicle, GTB Personnel Policy, Police Department Organic Resolution and Code, and all other applicable rules, regulations and statutes.. - \$21.58/hr (non-certifiable) - \$27.58/hr - until filled

Police Officer COPS (FT)
Must be at least 21 Years of Age at the time of hire High School diploma required, Associates Degree preferred in law enforcement, criminal justice, corrections or related field. (1) yr 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 thoroughly familiar with all applicable policies and procedures, Federal Regulations, GTB Tribal Police Department Policies & Procedures, Tribal & State Criminal Codes, Children's Code, Tribal Constitution, Michigan Motor Vehicle, GTB Personnel Policy, Police Department Organic Resolution & Code, & all other applicable rules, regulations & statutes.

-\$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. Minimum of one-year post high school in Business Administration or health related fields. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$17.29/hr - until filled

River Restoration Project Manager (FT)
Master's Degree in Science Field or Natural Resources related field required. Minimum 3 to 5 years of related field experience in developing and implementing on the ground habitat projects. This experience should include proposal development (grant writing), direct project management responsibilities, and coordination with contractors and project partners, in collaboration with tribal governments and/or non-profit restoration and restoration/ conservation-based organizations. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier.. -\$63,318/yr - until filled

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

Teacher (FT)
Must have a Bachelor's Degree and a valid Michigan Secondary Teaching Certificate. Must have one year min. of teaching experience working with students. 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

Utility Worker 2nd Shift (FT)
High school diploma or GED is preferred. Knowledge of safety procedures and safety equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. Must have good work habits, i.e., punctuality, & low absenteeism. -\$16.17/hr - 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. <https://ecoseeds.org/about-us/jobs/>

Government Operations RFP

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

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 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 shall be selected by the 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

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

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 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 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

150 Bereavement

Daniel Eugene DeVerney
GTB Tribal Elder
United States Army
Marne, MI
12/1/1938 – 5/31/2025
Respectfully
Acknowledging Our Loss



Eliza J. Burns “Tootsie”
GTB Tribal Elder
Peshawbestown, MI
8/16/1960– 6/25/2025
Respectfully
Acknowledging Our Loss



Interested in placing an advertisement in the GTB NEWS? Do you have photography, graphic design or print needs?

GTB COMMUNICATIONS IS HERE TO HELP!

GRAPHIC DESIGN

High Quality
Creative & Unique
Unlimited Changes
All File Formats Included

PRINT

Eye-catching Business Cards, Postcards, Brochures, and other print materials that distinguish and market your brand!

PHOTOGRAPHY

High Quality
Professional Equipment & Set Up
Digital & Print
Minimal Photo Editing

Ps Ai Photoshop Creative Cloud Id Pr

Contact Us

GTBGovt.News@gtb-nsn.gov
231-534-7008



Skegemog Raptor Center

Education, Conservation, and Research

BALD EAGLES IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Presented by Skegemog Raptor Center & Green Elk Rapids

Join us for an engaging afternoon celebrating the past, present, and future of bald eagles in our region.

FEATURED SPEAKER

Julie Melotti
Pathologist, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)

Talk: "Bald Eagles: From Recovery to Recent Threats"

Discover how the MDNR Wildlife Health Section monitors eagle populations, the latest findings on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), and the continuing challenge of lead toxicosis.

SPECIAL GUEST

Jefferson R. Ballew IV - Pokagon Potawatomi, Bear Clan.

Jefferson is a cultural and diversity speaker who shares the history, traditions, and life ways of Indigenous peoples of the Great Lakes Basin. For over 20 years, he has presented to schools, university/college classes, civic groups, and community organizations, using story, song, and ceremony to connect past and present.

ALSO FEATURING

The Skegemog Raptor Center will bring two educational ambassador birds and host a Q&A on raptor conservation.

More Information
www.skegemograptorcenter.org
www.greenelkrapids.org



1 PM, SUNDAY

13

JULY

EDWARD C. GRACE
MEMORIAL HARBOR PAVILION
129 NORTH CEDAR STREET,
ELK RAPIDS, MICHIGAN



don't worry beach happy

recreational cannabis



drive-thru
window

weekly deals
rewards
locally owned
231.534.7420



beach fire cannabis

6038 W Turtle Creek Dr, Williamsburg, MI 49690

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians



TRIBAL ID

NOW AVAILABLE BY MAIL



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/GTB_TID_MAIL](https://bit.ly/gtb_tid_mail)

(231) 534-7670
enrollment@gtb-nsn.gov



Grand Traverse Band News

Submissions due by the 3rd Friday each month

Editor: Victoria Alfonseca
Victoria.Alfonseca@gtb-nsn.gov
Phone: (231) 534-7366

Find us on Facebook:
"facebook.com/GrandTraverseBand"

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel:
"Grand Traverse Band Communications"

2605 N West Bay Shore Drive,
Peshawbestown, MI
49682-9275



©, Grand Traverse Band News, all rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or in part without permission of the editor is prohibited. The Grand Traverse Band does not assume liability for unsolicited materials. Materials submitted for publication become the property of the Grand Traverse Band. The right to edit or refuse to print is maintained. Subscriptions are \$24 per year. Please contact the editor for assistance.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR THE NEWSPAPER MUST BE DONE THROUGH THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE.



\$225,000 SLOT TOURNAMENT

July 2 - August 23

SATURDAYS 6PM-10PM

PLAY EVERY WEEK TO WIN & QUALIFY!
FREE TO PLAY • OPEN TO 18+

CASH PRIZES PAID EACH QUALIFYING ROUND!
TOP SCORE OF EACH ROUND AND WILD CARD WINNERS
RECEIVE A SUMMER SLOT KEY INTO THE GRAND FINALE!

\$42,000 GRAND FINALE WITH A TOP PRIZE OF \$7,500
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 | 11AM-3PM AT TURTLE CREEK CASINO

LEELANAU SANDS CASINO
LeelanauSandsCasino.com | 800.922.2WIN

Please see Players Club for promotional rules and details. GTB Gaming employees are not eligible. Management reserves the right to alter or withdraw this promotion at any time. Owned and Operated by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.



GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS
PRESENTS

KCHI WIIKWEDONG ANISHINAABEK MAAWNJIDOWIN CONTEST POWWOW



AUGUST 16TH & 17TH, 2025
PESHAWBESTOWN POWWOW GROUNDS
MINO MI-KUN • 2585 WAABNO MAKWA ROAD
NO ALCOHOL, DRUGS, FIREARMS, WEAPONS, OR DOGS

HEAD STAFF

EMCEES

Jackson Tahuka
Michael Medawis

ARENA DIRECTOR

Cetan Thunder Hawk

HOST DRUM

Meskwaki Nation

HEAD VETERAN

Armando Lucio

HEAD DANCERS

Cheyenne Hopps
Devon Pitawanakwat

HEAD DANCE JUDGE

Koonce Santos-McCauley

SOUND

ReZonance Productions



SCAN ME

For More Information:

Aaron Chivis • (231) 534-7764

Or Reach Out On Facebook At:

https://bit.ly/FB_GTBPW25



CATEGORIES

NEW CATEGORY ADDED:

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!

<https://bit.ly/GTBPWVA25>



Scan me!

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.