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**HONORING OUR GRADUATES
WITH EVERY STEP, WE CARRY THE STRENGTH OF OUR ANCESTORS.
CONGRATUALTIONS, CLASS OD 2026!**

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As summer begins to unfold, we continue to witness the many ways our people honor the past while investing in the future. Over the past month, our tribal community has had opportunities to celebrate our veterans, support our students, and witness important moments in Indigenous representation and storytelling.

A woman in a blue jacket and patterned skirt holds a large feathered headdress in a museum hall, with a man standing nearby.

The ceremony brought together veterans, families, community members, and descendants to remember the sacrifices of these warriors. Hearing the names of all 140 known Company K soldiers read aloud was a powerful reminder that our history lives on through the stories we continue to tell. The new commemorative designation along M-22 serves as a lasting tribute to these Ogitchidaw who protected not only a nation, but also the people and homelands they carried in their hearts.

A group of approximately 20 people, including students and staff, are standing in a line in a large room with large windows. They are holding various flags, including the American flag and traditional Hawaiian flags. Some individuals are wearing traditional Hawaiian attire, such as leis and skirts. The room has a high ceiling and large windows that look out onto a green landscape.

As we move through the summer season, let us continue to celebrate our students, honor our veterans, and support opportunities that preserve history while inspiring future generations. Miigwech to everyone who contributes their time, knowledge, and service to our community each day.

Tribal Chairwoman



The Grand Traverse Band is pleased to share information about a unique opportunity being offered through the Mid-Michigan Honor Flight program. The Honor Flight recognizes and honors veterans for their service by providing them with a trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials dedicated to their sacrifices and achievements.

Mid-Michigan Honor Flight has been working with Michigan tribes to coordinate participation in a special Honor Flight for tribal veterans. Organizers report that several Michigan tribes have already committed to participating, and planning for transportation, accommodations, and other event logistics is well underway.

At this time, the Tribe is gathering interest from eligible veterans and their guardians. Veterans who may wish to participate are encouraged to complete the application materials so that interest can be assessed and future planning can continue.

Additional information regarding eligibility, timelines, and next steps will be shared as it becomes available. Tribal veterans and potential guardians are encouraged to submit their applications and watch for future announcements. We are grateful for the service and sacrifice of our tribal veterans and look forward to sharing more details about this opportunity in the coming months. For physical applications, please call Dena Wilson (231) 534-7216, email Dena.Wilson@gtb-nsn.gov or visit the Peshawbestown Admin office!

MID-MICHIGAN HONOR FLIGHT			
VETERAN APPLICATION			
WORLD WAR II (1939-1945)	☐	KOREAN WAR (1946-1958)	☐
VIETNAM WAR (1959-1975)	☐	TERMINALLY ILL (Any Era)	☐
The mission of Mid-Michigan Honor Flight is to transport World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and Terminally Ill Veterans from any war, to Washington, D.C. to see their memorials <u>free of charge</u>. It is a small way to say thank you to all the brave men and women in Michigan who served our country so selflessly. To help us achieve our goal, Guardians are assigned to accompany Veterans on every flight to provide assistance and to ensure our Honorees have a safe and memorable Tour of Honor.			
FULL NAME: _____ (Please print your full name as it appears on your ID)			
NICKNAME: _____		DATE OF BIRTH: _____	
ADDRESS: _____			
CITY: _____		COUNTY: _____	
PHONE: HOME _____		CELL _____	
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____			
T-SHIRT SIZE: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____			
BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____		DATES OF SERVICE: _____	
DUTIES DURING WAR: _____			

INTERESTING EXPERIENCES DURING WAR: _____			

MEDALS/AWARDS/COMMENDATIONS RECEIVED: _____			

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION			
Contact Name: _____		Relationship: _____	
Address: _____			
Home Phone: _____		Cell Phone: _____	

Secondary Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

ALL VETERANS OVER 70 YEARS OLD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A GUARDIAN!

Are you requesting to travel with a specific *Guardian? _____ Yes _____ No

Your Guardian MUST have an application on file with MMHF prior to the Veteran being notified of their Honor Flight.

If yes, what is that Guardian's Name? _____

Phone: _____

*Guardians must be between 18-70 years of age, cannot be a spouse, and must have a Guardian Application on file with us before you are notified for a flight.

PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY AND SIGN

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that:

1. I understand that medical insurance is my responsibility and I understand that neither MMHF nor the aircraft provider provides medical coverage. .
2. I have been informed that Mid-Michigan Honor Flight strongly recommends that I discuss this trip with my private physician prior to flight date.
3. I hereby give permission for my name to be released to other veterans via a flight roster. Information provided to other veterans will include: name, phone number, hometown and branch of service.

Signature of Veteran

Date

Please mail this form to:

Mid-Michigan Honor Flight
Attn: Dena Wilson
2005 N. West Bay Shore Drive
Peshawbestown, MI 49662
dena.wilson@gtb-nsn.gov

Questions? Call our office at 231-803-4255 or visit
our web page www.midmichiganhonorflight.org

Tribal Council Special Session
May 27, 2026
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I. Call to Order. D. **Review of Written Management Reports. 6- Natural resources & Environmental Committee** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to reaffirm the Natural Resources and Environmental Committee Motion to recommend to Tribal Council that NREC approves dropping the word “Boardman” from all GTB Communications in reference to the Ottaway River until Grand Traverse Band (GTB) determines a permanent name. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**
Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to reaffirm the Natural Resources and Environmental Committee Motion to recommend that Tribal Council approves Steve Feringa’s plan of action to begin drafting plans for the Grand Traverse Band (GTB) commercial fishermen memorial plaque. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. A- **Request to Solicit Letters of Interest for 2 Upcoming Appellate Judge Vacancies** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to solicit letters of interest for 2 Appellate Judge vacancies coming up on November 17, 2026. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. B- **Appointment of EDC Executive Director of the Commission of Marijuana Regulation as the Sole Member of the Marijuana Regulatory Commission** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3891. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. C- **FY2026 Mid-Year Requests/Realignment** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve the FY26 mid-year requests and realignment, with the correction. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. D- **USDA Rural Development Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants FY26** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3890 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 from USDA Rural Development. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. E- **Organizational Restructuring Updates** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve the proposed updates to the Organizational Chart with updates as mentioned. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. F- **Approval of Market Wage Study** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve

and adopt the market study, including the pay ranges and pay philosophy as presented, including retro payment to all of those receiving an increase back to October 1, 2025 **4-FOR; 1-AGAINST (Raphael); 1-ABSENT (Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. G- **Arthur Duhamel Marina Walk-in Freezer & Whole Building Backup Generator** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3889 to approve funding in the amount of \$230,958.50 from Account #150 1040 for the purchase of a walk-in freezer and generator for the Arthur Duhamel Building. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. H- **Charter Communications- Franchise Agreement** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger for approval to sign the agreement. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. I- **Authorization for SSBCI Collateral Support for BSSW** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3893. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**
Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3894, by a Roll Call Vote:
Vice Chair Rohl: **YES**
Secretary Miller: **YES**
Treasurer Swallows: **YES**
Councilor Raphael: **YES**
Councilor Frankenberger: **YES**
Chairwoman Witherspoon: **YES**
6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

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II. Unfinished Business. A- **Compensation Committee Appointments** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to appoint Tom Shomin and Tara McCollum to the Compensation Committee for a term of four years, starting June 30, 2026 and ending June 29, 2030. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. Unfinished Business. B- **Reaffirmation of Motion and Resolution #26-44.3891 passed on may 27, 2026 for a Full Council Vote per 15 GTBC section 1014(e)** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to reaffirm Resolution #26-44.3891. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. A- **FY2027 Budget Hearing** No Motion

III. New Business. B- **Government Wage Study** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to amend the May 27 Motion that we made for the wage study, to separate out the contracts individually for approval. **4-FOR; 2-AGAINST (Frankenberger, Rohl); 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary

Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to amend the retro payments that were approved on May 27, 2026, to go back to the week of January 28, 2026, which was the date the reorganization was approved, instead of October 1, 2025. **4-FOR; 2-AGAINST (Frankenberger, Rohl); 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to accept the contact for Angela Schaub, FNP, adjusted per the wage study. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to accept Kimberly Oldenburg’s contract as updated per the wage study. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to accept Robert Schulte’s contract as updated per the wage study. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to accept Kimberly McClellan’s contract as updated per the wage study. **5-FOR; 1-AGAINST (Swallows); 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to accept John Petoskey’s contract as updated per the wage study. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Swallows) Motion Carries**
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to accept Sonya Zotigh’s contract as updated per the wage study. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. C- **Payment for Employees at Market Rate** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve a payment of \$1,000.00 for employees who are already compensated at market, with the funding to be allocated from the ARPA interest, and for those individuals with a small increase that has not reached the \$1,000 to bring them up to the \$1,000.00 **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. D- **Cash Collateral and Guaranty for BSSW LLC** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve Resolution #26-44.3896 to provide cash collateral for a loan from Fifth Third Bank to BSSW LLC. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. E- **IHS Capital Infrastructure Funding FY26** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3888 to apply for the FY2026 Capital Infrastructure Program through Health Services for the purpose listed, for the amount of \$2,049,650.00. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. F- **One-time PTO Buyback Funding Request** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve a one-time buyback of accrued hours for all employees Government wide, provided

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each employee retains a minimum balance of 80 hours. This program will be in effect from June 17, 2026 through June 30, 2026 using ARPA Interest. **5-FOR; 1-AGAINST (Swallows); 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. G- **BIA One-Time Funding Request** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the submission of the BIA One-Time Funding Request. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

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II. Unfinished Business. A- **Clarification to Motion made at the Tribal Council Regular Session of June 17, 2026** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve a one-time appreciation bonus, funded from the interest earned on ARPA funds, in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 per employee who did not receive a wage increase, as well as those employees retroactive wage payment that was less than \$1,000.00. For employees who received retroactive wage payments less than \$1,000.00 the appreciation bonus shall be reduced dollar-for-dollar in the amount of the retroactive pay received, so that the combined total does not exceed \$1,000.00. This one-time appreciation bonus shall not alter an employee’s wage classification, pay rate, base rate of pay for future wage calculations. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. A- **5 Year Arthur Duhamel Marina Spill Plan** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Councilor Raphael to Table this item. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. B- **MEDC Tribal Business Development Grant Program** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3895 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 from Michigan Economic Development Corporation Tribal Business Development Grant Program. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. C- **GTB 477 Program** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve Resolution #26-44.3886 to request funding through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs Job Placement and Training (JP/T) through P.L.102-477. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. D- **Michigan Indian Family Olympics 2026** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve the request for GTB employees to participate and/or assist with the events with compensation at the 38th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics- Friday, July 17, including the golfing event for Thursday, July 16. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. E- **2026 Michigan Indian Family Olympics** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to approve a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Michigan Indian Family Olympics. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. F-**Crime Victim Sustainability Fund (CVSF 27)** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #26-44.3900 for funding in the amount of \$37,372 from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Crime Victim Sustainability Fund 2027. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. G- **Letter from Greenspire School** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to Table this

item. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**
III. New Business. H- **General Welfare Distribution- June 2026** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #26-44.3884 for the June distribution. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. I- **GTB PRC Priority Levels** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve the PRC IHS Priority Levels to include lenses for cataract surgery. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. J- **Title 18 Amendments- Request for Legislative 30-day Posting** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #26-44.3903. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. K- **FY 2026 Community Funds** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3901 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the FY 2026 Community Fund from the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. L- **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Assistance** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve non-emergency medical transportation assistance up to \$500.00 per fiscal year for eligible GTB clients. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

TRIBAL COUNCIL HYBRID RECORDED SESSIONS

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

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

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TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE: MAY 27, 2026 - JUNE 22, 2026

Tribal Council attendance from Wednesday, May 27, through Monday, June 22, 2026. There were (2) Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, (2) EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and (19) Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Chairwoman Witherspoon attended **2 of 2** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **2 of 2** EDC Regular Special Sessions, and **13 of 19** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Permanent Supportive Housing Community meeting 6/8/26 & Obama Presidential Center Grand Opening Ceremony 6/18/26 ***Scheduled Out of Office:** 6/9/26 - 6/12/26

Vice Chair Rohl attended **2 of 2** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **1 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **12 of 19** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Health Director Meeting 6/9/26 - 6/11/26 ***Scheduled Out of Office:** 6/22/26 - 6/23/26

Treasurer Swallows attended **2 of 2** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **17 of 19** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Permanent Supportive Housing Community meeting 6/8/26

Secretary Miller attended **2 of 2** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **18 of 19** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Obama Presidential Center Grand Opening Ceremony 6/18/26

Councilor Raphael attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 17 of 19 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings

Councilor Frankenberger attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 0 of 2 EDC regular/Special Sessions, and 2 of 19 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Peace Makers Conference at GTRS 6/15/26 - 6/16/26 ***Scheduled Out of Office:** 6/8/26 - 6/12/26

Councilor Napont attended 1 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 0 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 16 of 19 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) 5/28/26 & Peace Makers Conference at GTRS 6/15/26 - 6/16/26

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT CEO KIMBERLY MCCLELLAN



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians is experiencing an exciting period of growth, investment, and transformation as Government Operations continues to strengthen member services, invest in its workforce, and prepare for the future.

HELPING SHAPE A STRONGER PATH FORWARD

Over the past year, Tribal Council and Government leadership have undertaken several significant initiatives aimed at enhancing how we serve Tribal Citizens, support our workforce, and position the organization for long-term success. Together, these efforts represent one of the most substantial periods of organizational advancement in recent years. Many of these accomplishments would not have been possible without the support, leadership, and forward-thinking vision of Tribal Council. Through their commitment to investing in both the people who serve our community and the future of Government Operations, Tribal Council has helped lay the foundation for meaningful improvements that will benefit Tribal Citizens, our workforce, and future generations alike.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE REORGANIZATION

One of the most impactful accomplishments came earlier this year when Tribal Council approved a comprehensive

government-wide reorganization, the first of its kind in many years. The initiative was designed to improve operations, strengthen collaboration across departments, and better align services with the evolving needs of our community. Through this process, reporting structures were streamlined, resources were more strategically aligned, and opportunities to enhance service delivery and organizational effectiveness were identified. The reorganization also generated significant annual budget savings while ensuring that no employees experienced a loss of employment or wages during the transition. In addition, several job titles were updated to better reflect current responsibilities and align with modern workforce standards, many of which had remained unchanged for decades. What made this effort especially successful was the level of collaboration involved. Leaders, managers, and staff from across Government Operations worked closely alongside experienced organizational consultants to evaluate current operations, identify opportunities for improvement, and help shape a stronger path forward. Their insight and participation played a critical role in ensuring the changes reflected the realities of the work being performed every day.

COMPREHENSIVE GOVERNMENT-WIDE WAGE STUDY

Building upon that momentum, Tribal Council approved a comprehensive government-wide wage study in May, representing a major investment in the workforce and a renewed commitment to remaining competitive in today's employment market. Working with a specialized compensation consulting firm, Government Operations conducted an extensive review of positions, responsibilities, market benchmarks, and internal equity considerations. Departments actively participated throughout the process to ensure positions were accurately represented and compared against relevant market data. The updated compensation structure also recognizes employee tenure and experience, helping address pay compression and create a more equitable wage system.

Prior to the study, many government positions were still based on wage structures established in 2017. As a result of this initiative, employee wages have now been adjusted to at least the 25th percentile of current 2026 market rates, which is a widely recognized and strategic benchmark that establishes a strong, competitive foundation for compensation. Positioning wages at this level helps ensure Grand Traverse Band remains competitive in the regional labor market, enhances our ability to recruit and retain qualified employees, and supports the continued delivery of high-quality services to Tribal Citizens.

NEW SHARED SERVICES BUILDING

GTB is also investing in the future of Government Operations through the development of a new Shared Services Building. Centrally located and designed to improve accessibility, the facility will bring services closer together, enhance collaboration between departments, and create a more convenient experience for Tribal Citizens seeking services. Additional details regarding the building, including naming and transition plans, will be shared in the coming months.

BUILDING A STRONGER FOUNDATION

While many of these initiatives focus on strengthening internal operations, their purpose is simple: to improve services, increase accessibility, and create a stronger government for Tribal Citizens. By investing in our workforce, modernizing organizational structures, and improving how we operate, Government Operations is building a stronger foundation to serve the community both today and into the future.

HELP SHAPE FUTURE WORKPLACE INITIATIVES 36-HOUR WORKWEEK PILOT PROGRAM SURVEY COMING SOON!

Looking ahead, Community Members will also have an opportunity to help shape future workplace initiatives through an

upcoming survey regarding the 36-hour workweek pilot program. Feedback received through the survey will play an important role in evaluating the program and guiding future decisions.

MORE SUSTAINABLE GOVERNMENT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

The progress made over the past year reflects a shared commitment to continuous improvement, responsible stewardship, and investment in both people and services. While there is still important work ahead, these accomplishments represent meaningful steps toward building a stronger, more responsive, and more sustainable government for future generations. Government Operations extends its sincere appreciation to Tribal Council, our workforce, and the community for their continued support throughout these efforts. The progress achieved over the past year reflects what can be accomplished when leadership, staff, and the community work together toward a shared vision. Together, we are building a stronger foundation for the Grand Traverse Band and future generations to come.

Since stepping into this role in November 2024, I have had the honor of serving a community that means so much to me. As we wrap up several major projects, I'm proud of the progress we've made together and the momentum we've built for what comes next. As a mother, a wife, and a member of the Grand Traverse Band, my connection to this community runs deep, and it's incredibly meaningful to be back working with our government to help modernize and strengthen the services we provide for our people.

Kimberly McClellan, MPA

Tribal Government CEO



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Antrim/GT Elders Events & Activities Monday's Office Tasks Friday's Offices CLOSED *Notes: Lunch Provided **12:00PM - 1:00PM Wednesday; July 1st Craft Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM** Thursday; July 2nd Ride to Farmers Market 1:00PM - 3:00PM** Tuesday; July 7th Cherry Festival Pow Wow Sack Lunch 11:00AM - 3:00PM* Wednesday; July 8th Sew Seat Covers 1:00PM - 3:00PM** Thursday; July 9th Thrifting 1:00PM - 3:00PM** Tuesday; July 14th Elders Advisory 10:00AM - 4:00PM** Wednesday; July 15th Sew Seat Covers 1:00PM - 3:00PM** Thursday; July 16th Turtle Creek Casino 1:00PM - 3:00PM** Friday; July 17th Family Olympics Day Trip 6:00AM* Tuesday; July 21st Turtle Creek Retirement Workshop 11:00AM - 3:00PM* Wednesday; July 22nd Birthday Bingo @ Saylor Park w/CVX 1:00PM - 3:00PM** Thursday; July 23rd Farmers Market 1:00PM - 3:00PM** Tuesday; July 23rd Bryant Park Picinic 11:00AM - 3:00PM** Wednesday; July 24th Corn Hole & Lunch @ Leelanau 11:00AM - 3:00PM** Thursday; July 30th Thrifting 1:00PM - 3:00PM**	Benzie Elders Events & Activities Monday's Office Tasks Friday's Offices CLOSED *Notes: Lunch Provided *12:00PM - 1:00PM Wednesday's in July Lunch Served 12:00PM - 1:00PM Questions, please contact Agnes Glinski (Temp.) (231) 534-7821 (231) 631-6795 agnes.glinski@gtb-nsn.gov		

Mino-Dibishkaan! Happy Birthday!

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

Let us take a moment to recognize and celebrate the birthdays of our beloved elders this month. May each of these special days be filled with abundant joy, unforgettable memories, and an abundance of love, peace, and happiness!

Donna	Squires	1-Jul	Virginia	Fields	13-Jul	Angela	Johns	19-Jul
Debra	Gunderson	1-Jul	William	Lyons	13-Jul	Janeane	Bastien	20-Jul
Cathrine	Bixler	1-Jul	Dennis	DeVerney	13-Jul	Joseph	King	20-Jul
Brenda	Scott	1-Jul	Cheryl	Madagame	13-Jul	Gloria	Ptak	20-Jul
Rodney	Koon	2-Jul	Glenn	Petoskey	13-Jul	James	Mahn	21-Jul
Catherine	Weitz	2-Jul	Clint	Boulton	14-Jul	Karen	Marjan	21-Jul
Katherine	Coonrod	3-Jul	Phillip	Wright	14-Jul	Kimberly	Eastabrook	21-Jul
Charles	Brown	3-Jul	Jody	Schneider	15-Jul	Gregory	Peplow	22-Jul
Tera	Shimizu	3-Jul	Tammy	Nadeau	15-Jul	James	Galligan	23-Jul
Sandra	Bennett	4-Jul	Mark	Bixler	15-Jul	Gregory	Petoskey	23-Jul
Diana	Simpkins	5-Jul	Michael	Shomin	15-Jul	Joseph	Alexander	23-Jul
Rhonda	Draper	6-Jul	Roseanne	Raphael	15-Jul	Paul	Alker	24-Jul
Pearly	Tyler	6-Jul	Janet	Winters	16-Jul	Jeffrey	Eaton	24-Jul
Francis	Menefee	6-Jul	Carolyn	Murguia	16-Jul	Bertha	Fox	25-Jul
Karen	Moritz	6-Jul	Kevin	Geiger	16-Jul	Richard	McSauby	26-Jul
Tara	McCollum	6-Jul	April	Klepac	17-Jul	James	Williams	26-Jul
Sandra	McSawby	7-Jul	Janet	Gibson	17-Jul	Cheryl	Quayle	26-Jul
Ronald	Menefee	7-Jul	Mary	Pelcher	17-Jul	Jo Anne	Cook	26-Jul
Delores	Wabanimkee	8-Jul	Sheri	Erfourth	18-Jul	Joseph	Nault	26-Jul
James	Mitchell	8-Jul	Timothy	Wyatt	18-Jul	Scott	Bailey	27-Jul
William	Sky-Eagle	8-Jul	Michelle	Dumonte	18-Jul	Ronald	Harp	27-Jul
Scott	Schwander	8-Jul	Pauline	Barber	18-Jul	Scott	Niewiadomski	27-Jul
Anita	Nelson	9-Jul	Eugene	Norton	18-Jul	Roger	Lovell	27-Jul
Preston	Tyler	9-Jul	Karyn	Johnson	18-Jul	Juanita	Hawes	27-Jul
Dawn	Shenoskey	9-Jul	Jennifer	Raphael	18-Jul	Layne	Dancz	28-Jul
Carla	Tanner	10-Jul	Christine	Jacko	18-Jul	Diana	McMiller	28-Jul
Valerie	Maidens	10-Jul	Melvin	Case	18-Jul	Raymond	Warren	29-Jul
Catherine	Smeltzer Ward	11-Jul	William	Osredkar	18-Jul	Sheryl	Townsend	29-Jul
Mari	Raphael	11-Jul	Christal	Smith	19-Jul	Mary	Sitter	30-Jul
Michael	Rilling	12-Jul	William	Barber	19-Jul	Terry	Antoine	30-Jul
Angus	DeVerney	12-Jul	Linda	DePetro	19-Jul	William	DeVerney	30-Jul
Marilyn	Crosby	12-Jul	Henry	Lewis	19-Jul	Freddy	Raphael	31-Jul
Brian	Napont	12-Jul	Debra	Jones	19-Jul	Dorothy	Christy	31-Jul



Hosted by GTB Elders Program

PLANNING TODAY FOR
A SECURE TOMORROW!

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 | 11am-3pm

Turtle Creek Conference Room - 7741 M72 E. Williamsburg

Complimentary lunch will be provided - RSVP REQUIRED

Get Informed:

• Understand Medicare Options

• Maximize Social Security

• Access elder resources

• Secure your future

CONTACT YOUR ELDER'S SITE COORDINATOR TO RSVP

Antrim/Grand Traverse

Benzie/Manistee

Charlevoix County

Leelanau County

Tanya Tanner

Delora Wilson

Agnes Glinski (interim)

Barbara Kenwabikise

Melissa Martinez

Lisa Shawandase

(office) 231-534-7710

(office) 231-534-7769

(office) 231-534-7821

(office) 231-534-7066

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(cell) 231-631-6095

Contact for More Information:

Dee Niigaanakwad

Office: 231-534-7748 | Cell: 231-631-0398



Call for Vendors

Set up and sell crafts at Elders All Site Parties



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

Antrim/Grand Traverse

Benzie/Manistee

Charlevoix

Leelanau

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Lisa Shawandase (231) 534-7744

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GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS
PRESENTS

KCHI WIIKWEDONG ANISHINAABEK MAAWNJIDOWIN TRADITIONAL POWWOW



AUGUST 15TH & 16TH, 2026
PESHAWBESTOWN POWWOW GROUNDS
MINO MI-KUN • 2585 WAABNO MAKWA ROAD
NO ALCOHOL, DRUGS, FIREARMS, WEAPONS, OR DOGS

HEAD STAFF

EMCEES

Francis Wanageshik
Michael Medawis

ARENA DIRECTOR

Aaron Chivis

INVITED DRUMS

Dusty Bear
Ribbon Town
Mountain Town
Under the Pines

HEAD VETERAN

Mikki Pino

HEAD DANCERS

Desiree Schocko & James Broome
Jada Diaz & Kris Anderson
Dawn Shenoskey & Tom Shomin

SOUND

ReZonance Productions



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For More Information:
gtbpowwow@gtb-nsn.gov

Or Reach Out On Facebook At:
https://bit.ly/FB_GTBPW26



SPECIALS

STREET CLOTHES SPECIAL

\$300 | \$200 | \$100

HAND DRUM SPECIAL

\$300 | \$200 | \$100

POTATO DANCE

\$200

SPOT DANCES

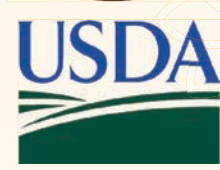
All Specials Must Be Approved by POWWOW

COMMUNITY FEAST SATURDAY DINNER BREAK SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

FEATURING GTB MAPLE SYRUP!

Join us during the Saturday Dinner Break for a special Community Potluck Powwow Feast on **Saturday, August 15!** Community members are encouraged to bring their Feast

Bundle and a dish to pass, but it is not required.



Main dishes will be provided by the GTB Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Program, which will feature a selection of local foods, including lake trout, rice, potatoes, and maple products, all funded by the USDA Grant.

GTB is proud to acknowledge that the maple syrup used in this feast comes from our community's Sugar Bush Camp, organized by the GTB Agriculture Dept., who will also provide cooking instructions for all featured items.

KCHI WIIKWEDONG ANISHINAABEK SOBRIETY WALK SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

STARTS AT 10AM AT THE POWWOW GROUNDS PAVILION

Ends in the Arena with a talking circle to show appreciation for what the walk is for, GTB programs that have helped with sobriety, & an opportunity to tell your story.

Contact: Marion Wabanimkee-Minzey
Marion.Wabanimkee-Minzey@gtb-nsn.gov

GRAND ENTRY

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

1:00 p.m.

DAY PAY

Must Register before Grand Entry

VENDORS

Vendors Register Using the Link or Scan the QR Code!

<https://bit.ly/GTBPWVA26>



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All Vendors Must be Approved

Vendor Contact: Ta'Shena Sams
TaShena.sams@gtb-nsn.gov

LODGING

RUSTIC CAMPING

Tuesday, August 11 - Monday, August 17
Open for Language Camp, Powwow weekend, and Monday after.

Camping Permit Required: Call Tribal Police at 231-534-7777

Showers Available at Strongheart

RV CAMPING

Power & Dump Station Available

Visit or Call Leelanau Sands Casino for more information at 231-534-8100

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians POWWOW 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.

Powwow Dance Classes with Vanessa Schocko

Charlevoix Gym

- June 15, June 23, June 30
- July 6, July 14, July 21, July 28
- Aug 4, Aug 11, Aug 18, Aug 25

10am-11:30am

Strongheart Dance Room

- **June 17**, June 24
- July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29
- Aug 5, Aug 12, Aug 19, Aug 26

Class Cancellation Today 6.17.26

10am-11:30am

3-Mile

- June 15, June 29
- July 6, July 20
- Aug 3, Aug 17

4pm-5:30pm

Snacks and drinks provided

John Hall

- June 25
- July 23
- Aug 13, Aug 27

10am-11:30am

Open to GTB youth girls, women, descendants and community members

For More Information:
Leilani DeFoe 231-492-9956

Ptown Powwow Grounds

- June 15, **June 22**, June 29
- July 6, July 9th, July 13, July 20, July 27
- Aug 3, Aug 10, Aug 17, Aug 24

6pm-8pm

3-Mile Building

- June 16, June 23, June 30
- July 7, July 14, July 21, July 28
- Aug 4, Aug 11, Aug 18, Aug 25

6pm-8pm

John Hall

- June 25
- July 2, July 23, July 30
- Aug 6, Aug 13, Aug 27

6pm-8pm

Charlevoix Satellite Building

- June 18
- July 16
- August 20

6pm-8pm

Open to GTB youth boys, men, descendants, community members

****Snacks provided**

INSTRUCTOR: DEVYN MCKEEVER

For More Information:
Leilani DeFoe 231-492-9956

Powwow Dance Classes with Jared Broome

3-Mile

- June 16, June 23, June 30
- July 7, July 9, July 14, July 21, July 28
- Aug 4, Aug 11, Aug 18, Aug 25

3pm-4:30pm

Strongheart Center - Dance Room

- June 17, June 24
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NIIZH ANIMIKIIG, COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT, AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT & YOUTH SERVICES PRESENTS

Pre-Powwow Festivities

COMMUNITY POTLUCK & BEACH NIGHT

New Location! Recently acquired land by GTB

August 14th, 2026 | 4pm-7pm

Food | Live Music | Swimming | Door Prizes

Don't miss this chance to view our recently acquired land and enjoy some live music, swimming, food and the possibility of winning a prize!

Bring your own lawn chair, enjoy the views and start off this powwow weekend in community

Earn an extra raffle ticket when you bring a dish to pass!!

Location: MASHKIIG AKI
8000-8040 N Indian Camp Rd, Northport, MI, 49670

Once at the address, follow signage to parking area, and then follow signage to the beach/natural area for the event

For More Information:
Leilani DeFoe 231-492-9956

POWWOW GIVEAWAY CRAFTING SOCIAL

Help create giveaway items for the August powwow

Come Sew With Us!

MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS
Starting July 1

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

Cultural Building by powwow grounds
2585 Waabno Makwa

WHAT WE'LL BE MAKING:

- ✓ GIVEAWAY ITEMS
- ✓ COMMUNITY CRAFTS
- ✓ POWWOW DONATIONS
- ✓ BEGINNER FRIENDLY

ALL SKILLS LEVELS WELCOME

Questions?
Isadore Toulouse
231.534.7252

2026 FAMILY ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE CAMP

2585 WAABNO MAKWA ROAD, PESHAWBESTOWN MI

Gchi-Wiikwedoong Gbeshiwin Maawniidowin Temgok Anishinaabemowin
(GTB Language Camp Gathering Where the Language is at)

Wednesday, August 12th
Thursday, August 13th
Friday, August 14th

More Information:
gtblanguagedepartment@gtb-nsn.gov | Isadore Toulouse 231.534-7252

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DEPARTMENT STAFF & SERVICES

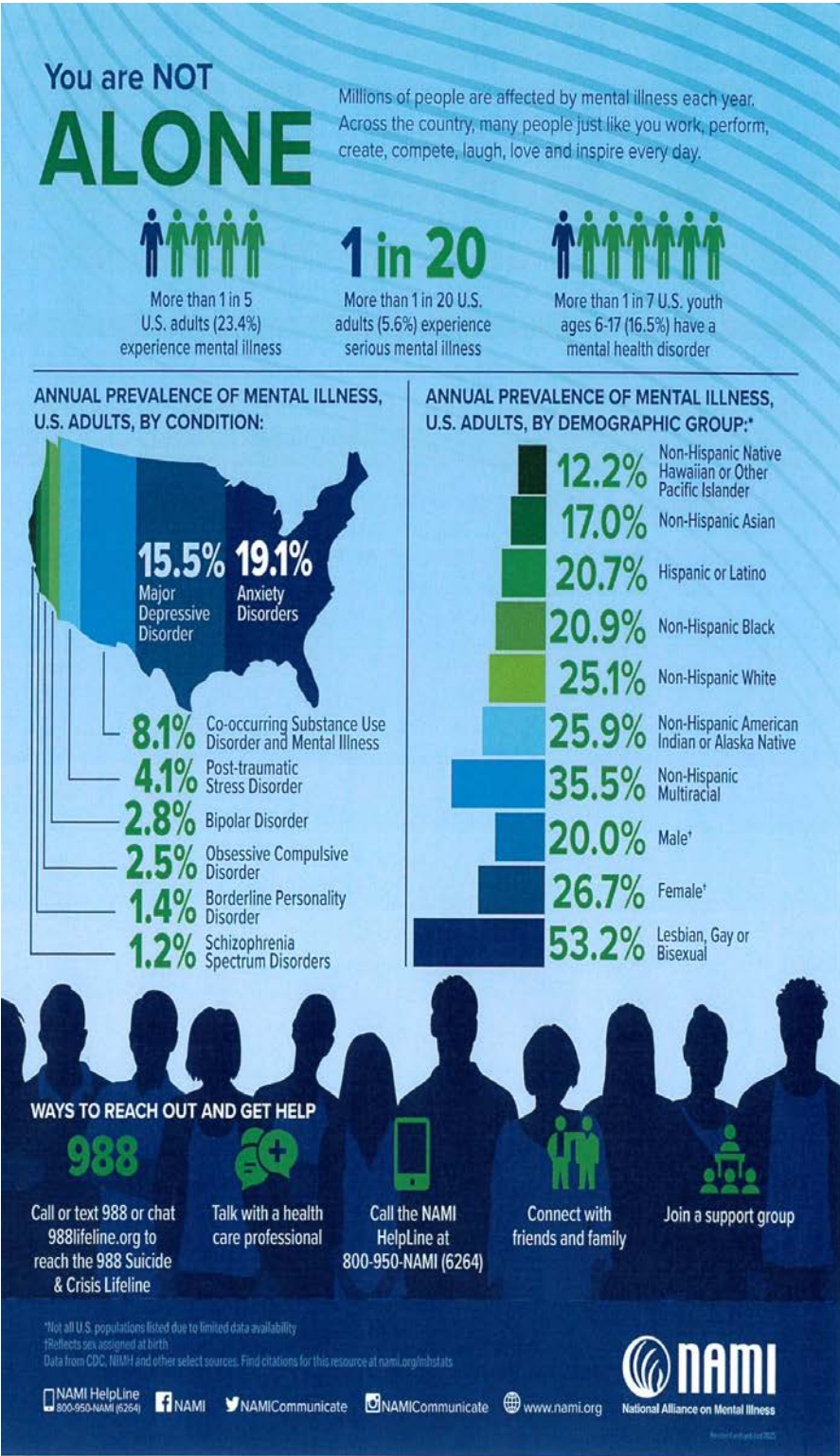
The Human Services Department is committed to enhancing or improving the overall quality of life and wellness for all Members of GTB. We will incorporate cultural teachings and ceremonies within treatment modalities to foster optimum balance in the mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual aspects of the whole person and their family.

STAFFING INFORMATION

- Human Services Division Director
Joanie Blamer-Eisner, LMSW, CAADC
- Behavioral Health Therapist
Bill Martell, LMSW, CAADC
- Behavioral Health Caseworker
Marion Wabanimkee-Minzey
- Psychiatric Provider
Rosalyn Stringer, PMHPNP-BC
- Traditional Healer
Gerard Sagassige
- Massage Therapist
Dennielle Russ
- Energy Healer
Debbie Peterson
- Acupuncturist
Bob Storrer

WE PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE ARRAY OF SERVICES

- ◆ **Prevention Events & Educational Activities:** Prevention events and activities for tribal community members.
- ◆ **BH Assessment, Case Management, Referrals:** Licensed Counselors referrals for therapy, screening, assessment, mental health/addictions counseling, case management, and referrals to detox & treatment services.
- ◆ **Michigan Driver License Assessments:** Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor provides evaluation and assistance in completing driver’s license re-instatement paperwork.
- ◆ **Access to Traditional Healing:** Traditional Healers provide their services monthly. Requests for names, colors, & clans. Healing ceremonies, Traditional medicines, & Spiritual guidance.
- ◆ **Alternative Therapies:** Providing a variety of treatment modalities, such as Auricular Acupuncture, Massage Therapy,Energy Healing, and more.
- ◆ **Psychiatric Services:** Psychiatric care is through contracted services with an experienced provider who serves clients with a wide range of mental health disorders.



7 KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE 2025 NIIZH ANIMIKIIG COMMUNITY SURVEY

Survey respondents were mostly older, female, and retired.

- ◆ When looking at survey findings, keep in mind that information might not reflect the entire community.

Community connection is linked to participation in programming.

- ◆ Most people only felt somewhat connected to the community because they could not attend many events.

The most well-attended events were large-scale community events.

- ◆ Powwows & the MMIP event, which reached a wider range of ages & interests, were the most attended.

Utilizing the Tribal website could help reach a wider audience.

- ◆ About 25% of people use the Tribal website for information on

events but don’t see Niizh Animikiig events on it.

Scheduling conflicts and cost of gas were barriers to attendance.

- ◆ Holding events in more counties may reduce transportation-related barriers and better align with schedules.

The community is most concerned about alcohol and opioid use.

- ◆ People believe that those age 18-26 are misusing substances the most and using the greatest variety.

People would like to see more substance-free family programming.

- ◆ Some people wanted to attend family activities but couldn’t because their children are descendants.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS IS IMPORTANT TO EACH OF US INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A COMMUNITY

I hope we can all take time to reflect on what a “good” day looks for ourselves, as well as our community! Together, we can use our insights to make connections, to support others, and to shape our educational and advocacy activities to engage our community in a way that will make more good days a possibility for all of our community members!Keep these things in mind:

- ◆ Mental health conditions are medical conditions and people living with them are more than a diagnosis. Let’s lead with understanding. Learn more: <https://www.samhsa.gov/mental-health>
- ◆ Serious mental illnesses such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and major depression are medical conditions, not personal failures. Learning helps increase understanding. <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-support/helping-someone>

- ◆ Supporting someone living with a serious mental illness starts with understanding. Learning about mental health conditions can help you respond with empathy and confidence. Learn more: <https://www.samhsa.gov/mental-health/serious-mental-illness/managing-life>
- ◆ Mental health conditions can affect anyone. Compassion, understanding, and access to care can make a meaningful difference. There is treatment available: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/locators/esmi>
- ◆ More than 1 in 4 adults with serious mental health conditions also experiences a substance use issue. These two are often part of the same story. Whole-person care addresses both. Learn more: <https://www.samhsa.gov/co-occurring-disorders>

IT IS OKAY TO CALL FOR HELP! GTB INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE IS AVAILABLE

Behavioral Health Services
231-534-7090

Health Services
231-534-7200

Nurse Care Navigation
231-534-7237

CRISIS PHONE LINES AVAILABLE 24/7

National Crisis Lifeline
988 or 1-800-273-8255

National Crisis Text Line
Text NATIVE to 741741

Antrim County
877-470-4668

Benzie County
877-398-2013

Charlevoix County
877-470-4668

Grand Traverse County
833-295-0616

Leelanau County
833-295-0616

Manistee County
877-398-2013

GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Farmers Market Drop Off

OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS
EVERY FRIDAY FROM JUNE - AUGUST
2PM-3PM

- Rescued items change weekly.
- May include local fresh produce.
- May include fresh bakery items.



GTB Medicine Lodge Human Service Pantry
Lower level, loading dock
2300 Stallman Road, Suttons Bay

Andrea Arroyo: 231-534-7910
Wendi Wilson: 231-534-7906

Grants to Indian Tribal Government Project & Niizh Animikiig presents

Women Supporting Women

Building a healthy community through:

- Cultural crafts like beading, necklace making, painting
- Connection i.e. auntie jokes, talking, sharing

There are no expectations to talk or share. Any woman in GTB community is welcome to come sit, craft, talk or just enjoy the vibes

GTB Peshawbestown Library

Every Tuesday

5:30pm - 7:30pm

April 7th-July 28, 2026

NO CLASS on June 16th, June 23rd, and July 28th

For More Information:

Yvette Weese 231-534-7381

3-Mile Satellite Office

Every Thursday

5:30pm - 7:30pm

April 2th-July 30th, 2026

Leilani DeFoe 231-534-7093



This event was created in collaboration with GTB grant # 15 JOVW-22-GG-03376-TRIB awarded by the Office of Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this publication are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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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

Move Better. Feel Stronger. Live Freely.

STARTING JUNE 17TH

EVENING CLASS FOCUS

HEART COHERENCE YOGA & MEDITATION

WEDNESDAYS • 5:30-6:30 PM
JUNE THROUGH SUMMER

Join Mariann (*Selphica*) for a deeply nourishing evening practice designed to help you reconnect to the wisdom of your heart, calm the nervous system, and restore inner balance.

This gentle all-levels class weaves together:

- Heart-centered yoga movement
- Guided meditation
- Breathwork & relaxation techniques
- Sound healing with vibration and tone to help support the nerves system.
- Practices for emotional balance and stress reduction

MORNING CLASS FOCUS

FUNCTIONAL STRENGTH & MOBILITY YOGA

WEDNESDAYS • 8:00-9:00 AM
JUNE THROUGH SUMMER

Come join Mariann (*Selphica*) for an energizing yoga class designed to build strength, improve mobility, and support the body you move through life with. This energizing yoga class is designed to enhance the key muscle groups and movement patterns used in:

- Running
- Biking
- Weight Training
- Everyday Movement & Active Living



Strongheart Center
2700 Strongheart Way, Peshawbestown
Telephone: 231-534-7456



HUSTLE FOR THAT MUSCLE.

New Strongheart Hours
Starting May - October

MONDAY - THURSDAY
6:30AM - 7:00PM

FRIDAY
6:30AM - 6:00PM

SATURDAY
9:00AM - 1:00PM

**CLOSED SUNDAYS
& MAJOR HOLIDAYS**
SUBJECT TO CHANGE



FRONT DESK: (231) 534-7457
2700 STRONGHEART WAY, PESHAWBESTOWN





38th Annual

Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Friday, July 17, 2026

Central Michigan University's Bennett Track & Field

Team GTB Registration is now open! | https://bit.ly/GTB_MIFO_REG26



SCAN ME

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





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GOLF COMPETITION

Earn points for your Tribe!

Thursday, July 16, 2026

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

Format: Two person scramble

Cost: \$35* per player

Admission includes:

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

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



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Team GTB Register Online:
https://bit.ly/GTB_MIFO_REG26

Team GTB, for more information, please contact: Leanne (Tana) Alber at 231-534-7551 or 231-631-5268 or leanne.alber@gtb-nsn.gov





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DENTAL CONNECTIONS

Dental Connections! Challenge yourself to create four groups of four from the following word bank to see if you can find the connections. Each group contains four unique words, and once a word is used, it cannot be used within another category. The solution is inverted at the bottom of the puzzle if you get stumped. Good luck!

FANG	MASK	GLOVES	BABY
ZIRCONIA	EYE	FLOSS	SURGICAL GOWN
TOOTHPASTE	COMPOSITE	AMALGAM	GOLD
TOOTHBRUSH	WISDOM	WATER PICK	GLASSES

Solution: Dental Restorative Materials – Amalgam, Composite, Gold, Zirconia; Nicknames For Teeth – Baby, Eye, Fang, Wisdom; PPE Worn By Dental Staff – Glasses, Gloves, Mask, Surgical Gown; Dental Hygiene Supplies – Floss, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Water Pick

HEALTH FAIR

We hope you are enjoying the start of summer and are making time to enjoy the trails, beaches, and sunshine with your friends and family. Be sure to come by the GTB Health Fair and mingle with the health care staff on **August 14th from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM** to celebrate 30 years of patient care at the Medicine Lodge. There will be many vendors and staff onsite to promote a healthy lifestyle. This event is open to everyone and will include different activities and raffles.

BENEFITS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Indian Health Services Mission: to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.

Let's take a moment and bring awareness about the benefits of being physically active. Most often when we think of physical activity, cardiovascular health, weight control, blood sugar and blood pressure control, building muscle and getting in shape come to mind. Physical activity also provides many benefits to mental wellbeing.

Being physically active helps in gaining self-confidence, being happier, and even smarter thinking. Regardless of age or fitness level getting inspired to exercise can lead to a healthier and happier life overall.

Benefits of Physical Activity Include:

- ◆ **Children & adolescents** – Improves muscular fitness and bone and heart health.
- ◆ **Adults** – Can lower risk for heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and some types of cancer.
- ◆ **Older adults** – Can lower risk of falls and improve cognition.
- ◆ **Stress Reduction** – Increase levels of norepinephrine, which can improve response to stress.
- ◆ **Boost overall mood** – Release endorphins, which can create feelings of happiness.
- ◆ **Improve self-confidence** – Can elevate a person's perception of their self-worth.
- ◆ **Prevent cognitive decline** – Can prevent degeneration of the hippocampus; important to memory and learning.
- ◆ **Alleviate anxiety** – Release of brain chemicals during and after can have a calming effect and decrease anxiety.
- ◆ **Boost brainpower** – Cardiovascular exercise can help in creating new brain cells, improve overall brain performance and is believed to help with decision-making.
- ◆ **Get more done** – Workers who take time for exercise on a regular basis are more productive and have more energy than their more sedentary peers, according to research findings.

NOTICE

Additionally, we ask patients to please give adequate notice if you will not be able to attend your scheduled appointments. It is difficult to get patients scheduled on a short notice if there is a no show for an appointment, and it will help us treat our patients in a timely manner if we are given ample notice to fill the schedule. Thank you for your consideration in this request!
Have a great summer!

We look forward to seeing you soon in the GTB Dental Clinic. Schedule your next visit by calling (231) 534-7211

GTB CLINIC SPORTS PHYSICAL APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

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

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

MHSAA Form: <https://www.mhsaa.com/sites/default/files/Administrators/physical2page.pdf?time=1782431041355>



MEDICAL HISTORY: Completed by Parent or Guardian or 18-Year-Old

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Doctor: _____ Date of Exam: _____

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION & MEDICAL CLEARANCE Completed by MD, DO, PA or NP RETURN DIRECTLY TO PATIENT

Examiner: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Examiner: _____ (Check One) ☐ MD ☐ DO ☐ PA ☐ NP

EMERGENCY INFORMATION COMPLETED BY PARENT or GUARDIAN or 18-YEAR-OLD

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Doctor: _____ Phone: (____) _____

IN EMERGENCY (2) _____ Name of (____) _____ Cell of (____) _____

IN EMERGENCY (2) _____ Name of (____) _____ Cell of (____) _____

Drug Reactions: _____ Current Medications: _____

Allergies: _____

PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL - CONSENT - INSURANCE

Shaded headline areas are to be completed by student, parent/guardian or 18-year-old

There are FOUR (4) signatures on this page (1) to be completed by student, parent/guardian and/or 18-year-old

A CURRENT-YEAR PHYSICAL IS ONE GIVEN ON OR AFTER APRIL 15 OF THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR

Student Name: _____ LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

Student Address: _____ STREET CITY ZIP

Sex: ☐ M ☐ F Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth (City/State): _____

School: _____ Circle Grade: 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____ (Cell): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____ (Cell): _____

Email Address: Parent/Guardian/18-Year-Old: _____

STUDENT PARTICIPATION & PARENT or GUARDIAN or 18-YEAR-OLD CONSENT

The information submitted herein is truthful to the best of my knowledge. By my/our child's signature below, I/we acknowledge that I/we have received concussion educational information that meets Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and MHSAA requirements.

Further, in consideration of my/our child's participation in MHSAA-sponsored athletics, I/we do hereby agree, understand, appreciate, and acknowledge that participation in such athletics is purely voluntary; that such activities involve physical exertion and contact and that there is inherent risk of personal injury associated with participation in such activities, which risk I/we assume, and that I/we agree to, and hereby waive any and all claims, suits, losses, actions, or causes of action against the MHSAA, its members, officers, representatives, committee members, employees, agents, attorneys, trustees, volunteers, and affiliates based on any injury to me, my child, or any person, whether because of inherent risk, accident, negligence, or otherwise, arising or arising in any way from my/our child's participation in an MHSAA-sponsored sport.

I/we understand that I/we are expected to adhere firmly to all established athletic policies of my school district and the MHSAA. I/we hereby give my consent for the above student to engage in interscholastic athletics and for the disclosure to the MHSAA of information otherwise protected by FERPA and HIPAA for the purpose of determining eligibility for interscholastic athletics. My child has my permission to accompany the team as a member on its out-of-town trips.

(1) Signature of STUDENT: _____ Date: _____

(2) Signature of PARENT or GUARDIAN or 18-YEAR-OLD: _____ Date: _____

INSURANCE STATEMENT

Our son/daughter will comply with the specific insurance regulations of the school district.

The student-athlete has health insurance: ☐ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, Family Insurance Co: _____ Insurance ID #: _____

Additionally, I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, my answers to the medical history questions (see reverse) are complete and correct.

(3) Signature of PARENT or GUARDIAN or 18-YEAR-OLD: _____ Date: _____

MEDICAL TREATMENT CONSENT COMPLETED BY PARENT or GUARDIAN or 18-YEAR-OLD

I, _____ at 18 years old, or the parent or guardian of _____, acknowledge that as a result of athletic participation, medical treatment on an emergency basis may be necessary, and further recognize that school personnel may be unable to contact me for my consent for emergency medical care. I do hereby consent in advance to such emergency care, including hospital care, as may be deemed necessary under the then-existing circumstances and to assume the expenses of such care.

(4) Signature of PARENT or GUARDIAN or 18-YEAR-OLD: _____ Date: _____

East Bay Beach day!

220 E BAY BLVD S, TRAVERSE
CITY, MI 49686

July 15, 2026

1pm-3pm

snacks and activity provided
subject to change

If you have the day off
bring your family for
snacks and play!



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CLINCH PARK SPLASH PAD SOCIAL

111 E Grandview Pkwy,
Traverse City, MI
49684

July 21st 2026

1pm-3pm

Activity and snacks provided
subject to change

If you have the day off bring your
family for snacks and play!



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Clinch Park Beach day

111 E Grandview Pkwy, Traverse
City, MI 49684

July 28th, 2026

1am-3pm

Activity and snack provided
subject to change

If you have the day off bring your
family for snacks and play!

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ANISHINAABEK

BACK TO SCHOOL

PRE-K* Thru
12th
Grades

**Pre-K students must
have enrollment
documentation & be 3-
4 years old.

FOR GTB AND TRIBAL HOUSING STUDENTS IN
THE 6-COUNTY SERVICE AREA

- Gift Cards will be distributed to all eligible students
- Food Provided

BENZIE

Memorial Park Pavilion
6847 South St.
Monday July 27
4-6 P.M.

PESHAWBESTOWN

Housing Office
Tuesday July 28
4-6 P.M.

ANTRIM/ CHARLEVOIX

Kewadin Beach
Thursday, July 30
4-7 P.M.

TRAVERSE CITY

3 Mile Office
Wednesday, July 29
4-7 P.M.

Contact Information: Aaron Chivis (231) 534-7764
Lilyan Allard (231) 534-7805 (Housing Residents)

AAMBE GIIGOOKEDAA!

"LET'S GO FISHING"
WITH YOUTH SERVICES



Join us for a presentation on
fish species found in our
area, presented by the GTB
Natural Resources
Department

WEDNESDAY JULY 29, 2026
12-3PM

Call or Email to
sign-up
Ages 8-17

Subject to change due to
weather or closure

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Youth Services DAY CAMP
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
11AM - 3PM

JULY AND AUGUST

Ages 10 - 17

Fun Activities

Creative Activities

field trips

OUTDOOR

PLAYING

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



Youth Services Day Camp
JULY 14 THROUGH AUGUST

Ages 8-17
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
11-3

SPACE FOR 10 CHILDREN
PICK UP 10:30 - 11AM

AFTER PICK UP WE WILL TRAVEL AND JOIN OUR NORTHWESTERN COUSINS IN PTOWN (2821 NW BAYSHORE DR. PESHAWBESTOWN, MI 49682)

before our outdoor events(1-3) we will practice anishinaabemowin, have lunch, and small crafts/short teachings

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BENZIE & MANISTEE COUNTY ACTIVITY DAY CAMP
JUNE 22 - AUGUST 27
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
10AM-4:30PM

GRADES K-6

HIKING

READING

CRAFTS

Get ready for a summer full of fun!

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday at Benzie Outpost.
7282 Hoadley Road, Benzonia, MI 49616

Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided.
Closed toe shoes please.

Sign up today for a summer they won't forget!

Join us!

- BREAKFAST 9:30-10:30 T/W/TH
- LUNCH @LOCAL LIBRARY
- OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES & FUN CRAFTS
- HELD RAIN OR SHINE (ACTIVITIES MAY VARY)

For more information or to volunteer contact:
KIMBERLY.HINMON@GTB-NSN.GOV
(231) 534-7825



PLEASE JOIN YOUTH SERVICES FOR A **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Tuesday, July 14, 2026
12:00 - 3:00 PM

ICE CREAM | HOT DOGS
MUSIC | GAMES

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Subject to change due to weather or closure



GTB Housing

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Peshawbestown, MI 49682

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Youth Services Day Trip to Tahquamenon Falls
Thursday July 23, 2026

we will explore and hike the lower and upper falls.

Weather Permitting
Alternate Date For trip is July 27, 2026

Ages 10-17 Tahquamenon river michigan
Paradise MI 49769

Limited space please use QR code or Link to sign up
<https://forms.gle/nNQzBCsL6LDEMDNd6>

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NATURAL RESOURCES

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- ♦ Elk and Bear lottery winner(s) will be drawn – Date TBD.
- ♦ Inland Hunting, Fishing, Gathering and Trapping Surveys are sent out.

NREC Regular Session Meeting

August	NREC	Thursday 9:00 AM	8/6/26	7/29 9:00 AM
September	NREC	Thursday 9:00 AM	9/3/26	8/26 9:00 AM
October	NREC	Thursday 9:00 AM	10/1/26	9/23 9:00 AM
November	NREC	Thursday 9:00 AM	11/5/26	10/28 9:00 AM
December	NREC	Thursday 9:00 AM	12/3/26	11/25 9:00 AM

GREAT LAKES COMMERCIAL FISHERY

For Commercial Fishermen, if you are utilizing a GTB Marina building/unit and if you haven’t done so already; please stop by NRD to make sure your Building Use Application is up to date for this 2026

NRD Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday
8:00AM – 5:00PM
You can always email your requests to
NRD@gtb-nsn.gov
P: (231) 534-7500

RENEW HUNTING, FISHING, GATHERING, AND TRAPPING LICENSES

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

<https://hunt.gtbindians.org/> or by scanning the department’s QR code with a smartphone and following the prompts in the online portal. Members may also contact the Natural Resources Department directly by phone or email for assistance with renewals.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:
Please ensure your contact information is updated directly with the Natural Resources

Department. Because departmental systems operate independently, updates made through other GTB departments will not be reflected in Natural Resources records. For questions or assistance, contact:
NRD@gtb-nsn.gov | 231-534-7500





Rural Community Assistance Partnership



Private Well Testing

Are you a private well homeowner or environmental health professional residing in or serving Michigan?

Great Lakes RCAP offers contaminant testing for private wells in Michigan, USEPA NPA 3 PW granted-funded, a \$100+ value *at no cost to you!*

The tests look for water contaminants including coliform bacteria, nitrate, nitrite, lead, copper, and others.



Claim your spot in our regional testing group!
Contact Brenden Rauch to register.

Great Lakes Community Action Partnership’s Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) helps small communities identify solutions to local needs. RCAP provides a variety of helpful services such as data collection, project development, trainings, comprehensive community development, operational guidance, and more to help rural communities grow and thrive.



More Information

Brenden Rauch - Bgrauch@glcap.org - (810) 772-1483

Great Lakes Community Action Partnership/GLRCAP - 1-800-775-9767 - www.glcap.org/rcap



TRADITIONAL COOKOUTS

Celebrate Food, Culture, & Community

 Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

 Peshawbestown Gitigaan Garden

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

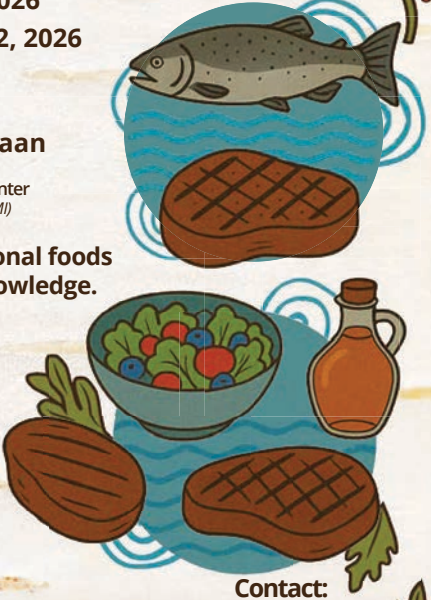
Come enjoy a feast of traditional foods and Anishinaabe culinary knowledge.

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

Contact:

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



AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER COOKOUTS!

See flyer above for the Peshawbestown Farm Cookouts. Last year we held 3 cookouts July-September and we had a great turnout. The cookouts will feature veggies from the farm as well as fish from the Peshawbestown docks, and a little bison from Oleson’s in Traverse City. These cookouts are a celebration of the harvest season, and all are welcome.

DISC GOLF COURSE READY

The relocated Peshawbestown/Strongheart Disc Golf Course is now open for play. The course follows a course that was originally installed in 2012. This course was moved in 2019 after the emerald ash borer insect brought down many of the ash trees that made the old course impassable. The course offers huge bay views, includes new water holes and was designed with local disc golfer input. We also were able to pour concrete T pads for over half of the holes. The new course map is posted on the entrance sign at the T pad of hole one. Enjoy the new course and stay tuned next month for a complete course map!

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SERVICES & SUPPORT FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

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

RENTAL SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE

NAHASDA Rental Subsidy Program

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



Housing Assistance for Low-Income & Market Rental Units

GTB Housing offers two pathways for rental assistance:

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

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



Rental Deposit Assistance

Moving into a rental home often requires a security deposit, a barrier for many. This program helps cover that upfront cost, making it easier for Tribal Members to access stable rental housing. The funds are paid directly to the landlord. Application (PDF): [Rental Security Deposit Assistance Application](#)



ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORT

Handicap Accessibility Program

For Tribal Members with disabilities or mobility limitations: this program assists with home modifications that improve accessibility and safety — such as ramps, wider doorways, accessible bathrooms, and other necessary adjustments so you can live comfortably in your own home. Application (PDF): [Handicap Accessibility](#)



HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE

Emergency Home Repair Program

This program provides assistance when urgent home repairs are needed to keep a home safe and livable. Examples include

critical plumbing, heating, roofing, or structural repairs — especially for Tribal homeowners who might otherwise struggle to cover these costs. Application (PDF): [Emergency Home Repair Application](#)



Down Payment Assistance Program

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



ADDITIONAL SERVICES & SUPPORTS

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

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

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

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



HOW TO GET STARTED

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

Main Office Location:

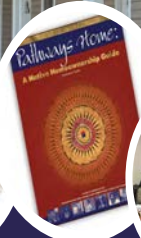
11244 Ki-Dah-Keh Mi-Kun, Peshawbestown, MI 49682
Stop by to speak with a Housing Department

staff member in person, review program materials, or pick up forms.

Main Phone Line: (231) 534-7800

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

Direct contact can be found below!



Pathways Home: For the Homebuyer

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

Target Audience

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

REGISTER ANYTIME!

www.naihc.net/elearning

National American Indian Housing Council
122 C Street NW, Suite 505 | Washington, DC 20001 | 202-789-1754 | naihc.net

Cost: **\$20** /course



Grand Traverse Band Job Shadowing Program

Program: The Grand Traverse Band Housing Department is launching a Job shadowing program. It will be a short-term 4-week work-based learning experience that allows participants to follow an assigned Tribal Department employee during a typical day. Job Shadowing Participants, between the ages of 17-24. Individuals will observe and participate in daily activities and ask questions in a particular career. We are hoping to encourage the building of lasting partnerships among the participants, parents, and departments through education and knowledge.

Benefit: Job shadowing provides valuable experience by offering a glimpse into the realities of different professions, helping participants make informed career decisions, and developing essential skills.

Impact: Participants will gain a realistic understanding of the tasks, work environment, and required skills for different careers allowing the participant to assess their own strengths and area of development. Participating leads to valuable connections with professionals in the field, potentially opening doors for future opportunities within the workforce.

Requirements & Payment: Program participation is up to 4 weeks. Participating Students who are in school must be able to participate 6 hours a week maximum, have a parent's signed consent and will be eligible for a stipend payment up to \$120 per week. All other participants must be able to work 24 hours a week minimum and will be eligible for a stipend payment of up to \$500 per week.



Application: Job Shadowing applications are available from Housing and HR. Additional paperwork will be required for each job shadowing position and evaluations to be turned into Housing for stipends to be issued.

Contact for application and questions:
Housing-(231) 534-7800 Lori Dudley, (231) 534-7805 Lilyan Allard
HR -477 Darrell Shaw at (231)534-7767

This program is open to GTB Tribal Members Only. A Tribal ID will be required.

ICBG Grant 21-GC-2625480 This grant will end on 3.31.27 04/14/2026

After Hours Emergency Hot Line	(231) 866-1290
Lori Dudley - Administrative Assistant (Front Desk)	(231) 534-7800
Joe Kaubenaw - Lead Occupancy Specialist & GTB Rental Info/ Down Payment/Homebuyer Education	(231) 534-7803 (231) 883-1328
Danielle Chippewa - Occupancy Specialist (Low-Income)	(231) 534-7385
Sharon Wasageshik - Occupancy Specialist (LIHTC)	(231) 534-7800
Tarik Bouguettaya - Emergency Home Repair & Handicap Accessibility Program	(231) 534-7886 (231) 866-1107
Steven Alberts - Program Director Procurement Coordinator	(231) 534-7804 (231) 360-3478
Lilyan Allard - Assistant Manager	(231) 534-7805
Jodi Lewis - Interim Department Manager	(231) 534-7218 (231) 357-2185

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

100 Employment	management is required. A minimum of one year experience working in the with substance abuse treatment, recovery, and mental health centers is required. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier.. -\$23.30/hr - until filled	Advertisements, call 231-534-7008 or Email: GTBGovt.News@gtb-nsn.gov Subject: “Classifieds”. Please have all submissions & payments sent by the 3 rd Friday of each month. Classified rates: \$10 for 15 words or less, and 75 cents per additional word. Any thumbnail image costs an additional \$15. *Postings are subject to change daily.	skills in classroom management, and curriculum planning. Must obtain CPR/First Aid certification. -\$50,525/yr. - until filled	and maintain a BIA (Special Law Enforcement Commission. Must become LEIN certified. -\$22.12-27.92/hr. - until filled
Government Operations	Communications Associate (FT) High School diploma or GED required. One (1) to two (2) years of experience in a print shop, communications office, administrative support role, or similar environment. Demonstrated proficiency with computers and common office software applications. Ability to communicate clearly and professionally, both verbally and in writing. Valid, unrestricted Michigan Driver's License and ability to be insured under the GTB insurance carrier. -\$21.00/hr. - until 6.29.26	Apply Online: https://gtbindians.applicantpool.com/jobs/ Request for Proposals (RFP): https://gtbindians.applicantpool.com/internaljobs/	Infrastructure Director (FT) Bachelor's degree in Facilities Management, Construction Management, Engineering, Public Works, Public Administration, or a closely related field. Minimum five (5) years of supervisory or management experience in infrastructure, facilities, public works, fleet, or utility operations. Demonstrated experience coordinating multiple technical trades or service departments under a unified operational plan. Knowledge of safety, environmental, and operational regulatory requirements applicable to infrastructure systems. Valid, unrestricted Michigan driver's license and ability to be insured under GTB's insurance carrier. -\$DOE - until filled	Probation Officer (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. -\$26.35/hr. - until filled
Assistant General Counsel I (FT)	J.D. from an accredited law school required. Michigan State Bar license or ability to obtain within 1 year. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$145,882/yr. - until filled	EHS/HS Bus & Classroom Aide (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. -\$16.55/hr. - until filled	Recruiting Specialist (FT) Bachelor's degree in Human Resources, Business Administration, or related field preferred. Three (3) years of recruitment or talent acquisition experience required. Demonstrated experience in full cycle recruiting and use of applicant tracking systems (ATS). Understanding of (or commitment to learn) TERO requirements and tribal hiring preferences. Excellent communication and relationship building skills. Proficiency in social media recruiting, digital sourcing, and networking for hard to fill roles. Valid driver's license and acceptable driving record required. -\$60,670/yr. - until filled	
Automotive Technician I (FT)	High School Diploma or GED. Must have at least 2 years of automobile repair experience. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$18.55/hr. - until filled	EHS/HS Bus Driver (PT) High School diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with children & adults in an appropriate manner. Must have First Aide Certification or obtain a CPR/ First Aid certification (within 30 days). Ability to observe & evaluate children in a non-biased manner. Must be willing to & as well as obtain a CDA within first (2) yrs. of hire. -\$18.55/hr. - until filled	Medical Director/Physician (FT) Must have an active State of Michigan Physician License, State of Michigan Controlled Substance License, and Federal DEA License, with Board Certification in Family Practice. Must have Community Staff Privileges at Munson Medical Center or obtain within a reasonable time. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE - until filled	Registered Nurse (FT) Bachelor's Degree in the Registered Nurse Program, with a current State of Michigan RN License. Three to five years of nursing experience in a family clinic setting. Must have current BLS Certification. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$70,033/yr. - until filled.
Benodjenh Center Bus Driver (FT)	High School Diploma or GED required. Must possess a valid Michigan Driver's License and ability to be insured under the GTB insurance carrier. Must obtain and maintain a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with Passenger ("P") and School Bus ("S") endorsements within the first twelve (12) months of employment, or sooner if required by program operations. Must meet all Federal DOT drug and alcohol testing requirements Current CPR and First Aid certification for infants and children, or ability to obtain within 30 days of hire. Previous school bus, passenger transportation, or childcare experience preferred Ability to work effectively with young children and families. Strong communication and interpersonal skills. -\$21.21/hr. - until filled	Elders Site Coordinator - Benzie (FT) High School diploma or GED certificate required. Minimum three years experience working with Native American Elders. -\$22.46/hr. - until filled	Medical Records Clerk/Clinic Support (FT) High School Diploma or GED equivalent. Prefer (1) yr. experience in office management. Prior experience working in a family practice setting preferred. Must have knowledge of medical terminology. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$19.57/hr. - until filled	Revenue Cycle and Data Manager (FT) Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or Finance. Thorough understanding billing, collections and payment posting, revenue cycle, & third-party payers. Thorough understanding of budget management and reporting for business planning and development, as well as program specific management and reporting. Thorough understanding of Database creation, data analysis, compiling and interpreting data from several systems. (2-3) years' progressive and successful billing cycle and data management experience preferred. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$71,913/yr. - until filled
Central Patient Registration (FT)	High School diploma or GED certificate. Must have at least one year of experience in an office or medical setting with database development and management. Must understand medical terminology. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must have great Customer Service. -\$19.58/hr - until filled	Firefighter II/EMT (FT) High School diploma or GED Valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must have State agency, and Northwest Regional Medical Control requirements and certifications for EMT/B Licensure and maintenance of same pursuant to NRMCA policy. Including but not limited to CPR/AED card, Blood Borne Pathogens. Must have Firefighter II certificate and maintenance of it pursuant to Department policy. Must have current Emergency Vehicle Driver certification. -\$20.19/hr. - until filled	On-Call Receptionist - Charlevoix High School Diploma or GED equivalent. Prefer (1) yr. experience in office management. Must have basic math skills & written skills. -\$21.24/hr. - until filled	
Chief Court Clerk (FT)	Associate Degree required. Preference in Criminal Justice, Paralegal, Business, Social Work or Administrative Services but not required. A combination of education and experience may be considered in lieu of an Associate's Degree. General knowledge of applicable law, regulations, rules, policies, procedures and administration is required. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$26.00/hr - until 6.29.26	(2) Housing Maintenance I (FT) High School diploma or GED. Previous experience in the repair and maintenance of housing units. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance. Must have appropriate endorsements for all vehicles required to operate in the performance of duties, within 6 months. -\$22.64/hr. - until filled	Peer Recovery Coach/Peer Support Specialist (FT) High School graduate or equivalent required. A min. of one year experience of proven experience as a Peer or Recovery Coach required. A minimum of one year experience working in a drug treatment environment or with substance use disorders required. Must be currently certified and maintain requirements as a State and/or National Peer or Recovery Coach. Knowledge of substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders required. Knowledge of the principles, philosophies, practices, and procedures involved at inpatient and outpatient drug treatment facilities is required. Successful in own recovery for a minimum of three years and have a proven ability to share experience and knowledge with others required. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$21.75/hr. - until 5.4.2026	Student Support Advisor- Grand Traverse (FT) Associates degree is required in social work, education or related field. 1-3 years' experience working with Native American Youth. Must have a valid Michigan Chauffeur Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must have and maintain current CPR/First Aid certification. -\$22.30/hr. - until filled
Clinical Coordinator (FT)	Associate degree in in a human services field is required. A minimum of three years' experience in office administration is required. A minimum of two years' experience in electronic records	Housing Maintenance II (FT) Must have a High school diploma or GED. Be certified in an area related to maintenance or building trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical or HVAC or have demonstrated experience/ knowledge in one or more areas. Five years' experience in residential unit maintenance. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$26.19/hr. - until filled	(3) 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	Teacher (FT) Must have a Bachelor's Degree and a valid Michigan Secondary Teaching Certificate. Must have one year minimum of teaching experience working with students. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license and 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. -\$48,218/yr. - until filled
	Early Head Start Assistant Teacher (FT) Child Development Associate (CDA) required. Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field required. Experience working with infants/children. -\$16.55/hr. - until filled	HS Education & Family Services Coordinator (FT) Must have BA in Education or related field and be a certified teacher, preferably with Early Childhood (ZA) endorsement. 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		

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Truancy Intervention Specialist (FT)
Must possess a bachelor's Degree in Counseling, Social Work, Psychology, Education, or a related field. Must have 3-5 years of experience working with youth. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier..
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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.
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RFP - 2026 Personal Trainer
The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB, Grand Traverse Band) is requesting bid proposals from companies or adult individual/s for a Certified Personal Trainer at the Strongheart Civic Center located in Leelanau County.
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RFP - 2026 Pilates Instructor
GTB is requesting bid proposals for a Certified Pilates Instructor to offer classes at the Strongheart Center dance room. Each class will be offered once a week for 1 (one) hour duration on day/time agreed upon.
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GTB is requesting bid proposals from companies or adult individual/s for yoga instructor(s) for Leelanau county.
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(4) Open vacancies on the Compensation Committee
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