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



Greetings Tribal Citizens,

On May 27, 1980, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians became federally recognized, being the first tribe in the Nation to petition for federal recognition successfully. Three tribal members from Leelanau Indians, Inc., Dodie Harris, Lou Scott, and Greg Bailey, and an attorney from Michigan Indian Legal Service drove to Washington, D.C., to deliver the petition personally to the Department of the Interior. I want to acknowledge and express my gratitude for their leadership and for all of those who followed in their footsteps to serve the people of the Grand Traverse Band.

This year, we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of Federal Recognition. When I first arrived here in 1983, Peshawbestown was a small village. There was one building (now the Court) that housed most of the programs, and as I mentioned last month, Contract Health and Substance Abuse Services were located in downtown Suttons Bay. The Tribe had one van, and youth activities were conducted in the basement of the church. We've come a long way since then. It's been amazing to witness the growth of our Tribal Nation, and it's been a privilege to witness the growth and accomplishments of the young people that I've had the honor of working with over the years. Time flies!

As we look ahead to June, I'd like to say Congratulations to the Class of 2025! Graduations, open houses, and reflecting on your accomplishments will be a busy, fun, and exciting time. Congratulations to you and your family as you celebrate your success and achievements.

Here is a summary of Council activities:

NORTHERN MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COUNCIL

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians has been awarded the Environmentalist of the Year in the Public Service or Public Office category by the Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council. Councilor Tina Frankenberger accepted the award on behalf of GTB during the 36th Annual Environmentalist of the Year Awards and Celebration held at the Dennos Museum on May 16th. We are honored to be the recipient of such a prestigious award.



TRIBAL COUNCIL COMMUNITY MEETINGS

In April, the Tribal Council resumed Community meetings. We will visit a different community each month to listen to concerns and discuss them openly. We have provided answers to concerns noted during past community meetings, and we will have updates available at future community meetings. Please remember that you can submit questions, comments, and/or concerns directly to the Tribal Council by emailing members.speak@gtb-nsn.gov

The upcoming meetings are:

Charlevoix – June 19th Charlevoix Satellite Office

Grand Traverse – July 17th Grand Traverse Satellite Office

Leelanau – August 28th Tribal Council Chambers

ELDERS OPEN FORUM

This is a reminder that the Council holds a special Open Forum for Elders on the second Tuesday of the month from 10 to noon at the Traverse City office.

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE (MMIP) AWARENESS EVENT

On May 5th, an MMIP Awareness event was held at the M-22 Library in Peshawbestown. We gathered to honor the memory of our Missing & Murdered family members and

friends across Turtle Island, around the world, and here at home. The MMIP awareness movement has shone a national spotlight on this injustice, and it is making a huge difference in the way these cases are being handled. In May 2024, the Tribal Council attended a consultation with Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel to establish a Michigan MMIP Task Force with Tribal, Federal, and State Leaders. GTB representatives on this task force include David Crockett, Captain of Police, Troy Lamerson, Detective, Jackelyn Barnowski, Victim Advocate Director, and Leona Burfield, Victim

Chi-miigwetch to our task force members for their commitment and service.



PESHAWBESTOWN MASTER PLAN

The first public input session was held on Wednesday, April 30th, at Tribal Council Chambers.

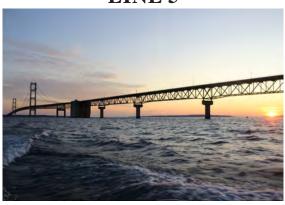
There were good discussions regarding the land use, goals, and strategies for the Peshawbestown Master Plan. Tribal Member input is an essential step in this process. Survey results are being worked on. Please join us at the next session to share your ideas and concerns. The time and place of the next public input session will be posted in the newsletter, and on Regroup. We look forward to your participation.

GENERAL WELFARE EXCLUSION DISTRIBUTIONS

Tribal General Welfare (GWE) benefits are funds that tribal governments provide to their citizens to support their overall well-being. Based on federal and tribal law, this process exempts the RAO payment (AKA Per Capita Distribution) from federal income tax (with certain limited exceptions related to Child Support, Tribal Court Judgement, and contract agreements to pay debts back to the tribe). RAO distributions are not subject to federal income tax because the RAO distributions are Tribal General Welfare Distributions. Another advantage to General Welfare Exclusion Distributions is that they will not be counted as income and disrupt services for those on public assistance. The first GWE payment was issued on May 21st.

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LINE 5



For the Anishinaabe people of the Bay Mills Indian Community, life began in the Michilimackinac (Place of the Great Turtle), now known as the Straits of Mackinac. BMIC shares this sacred space with the U.S. by treaty. A proposed oil and gas tunnel at the Straits threatens fish, plants, animals, fishing rights, the Anishinaabe way of life and Tribal sovereignty. Time is running out to share your thoughts on the project. The proposed tunnel would keep Line 5 operating for another century, keeping Tribal Nations on the frontline of a potential oil spill for generations. Studies show that Line 5 can be shut down with almost no impact on Michigan prices or fuel supply. Say



no to the Line 5 tunnel. **Call 517-335-7858** to tell Gov. Whitmer to REJECT the Line 5 tunnel project or submit comments at: https://bit.ly/no-tunnel

UNITED TRIBES OF MICHIGAN

Gun Lake Casino Resort hosted the Spring meeting of the UNITED Tribes of Michigan on May 29-30. I attended with Councilor Raphael. Meeting topics included Tribal Leadership discussions on a variety of topics affecting Tribal Nations in Michigan, including Federal budget cuts, Michigan Economic Development, Tribal-State partnerships and updates, the MI Indian Tuition Waiver, and the Mid-Michigan Honor Flight.

MDHHS BRIEFING – POTENTIAL IMPACT OF FEDERAL CUTS TO MEDICAID

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Office of Tribal Government Services & Policy held a briefing to discuss the potential impact of federal cuts to Medicaid. These potential cuts would significantly affect all Michigan residents, health systems, hospitals, providers, and more. The Tribal Council is working with management to closely monitor any cuts to Medicaid that will negatively impact tribal members.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is Monday, May 26th. This federal holiday is observed yearly "to mourn and honor the deceased service men and women," according to the National Cemetery Administration.

It is a day to remember all of the fallen men and women warriors who gave their lives defending the freedom of this country, and in other countries around the world. I am forever grateful. Please hold these Heroes close in your hearts, in your thoughts and in your prayers so that their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

I also want to take a moment to say Chimiigwetch to the Ogitchdaw and the Ogitchidawkwe – the men and women warriors. Miigwetch for your service to this great nation.



MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE BETSY COFFIA & CONGRESSMAN JACK BERGMAN





Tribal Council met with Representative Betsy Coffia in Council chambers, and

Jack Bergman via Zoom to discuss current issues. We are working diligently to ensure that the State of Michigan recognizes its historical responsibilities and acknowledges our inherent sovereignty, and we are committed to holding the federal government accountable for its trust responsibility to our Tribal Nation.

We continue to work closely with our legal team in Washington, D.C.
- Governor Whitmer and the Tribal Liaisons of Michigan. We are also monitoring President Trump's executive orders to determine their potential impacts on our Tribal citizens and Tribal Government. We will provide updates as they become available.

We have received reports of I.C.E. (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) being in the area. We want to stress the importance of keeping your Tribal IDs, State IDs, and Passports current and valid. These can provide crucial proof of citizenship and protection during immigration enforcement actions. It is always good to carry these IDs, especially when traveling or when proof of citizenship is required.

In these challenging times, we need to stand together, support one another, and reflect on how far we've come in the last 45 years. We are truly blessed to still be here on the land of our Ancestors. I hope that our Ancestors are proud of the progress and accomplishments achieved in the past 45 years. Looking to the future, we still have a lot of work to do and improvements to make. Together, we will continue to honor our ancestors and uphold the rights preserved for our Tribal Nation, as we strive to ensure a prosperous future for the coming generations.

We sincerely appreciate our Tribal Citizens, and our Tribal employees, for their contributions to the future of GTB.

Chi-miigwetch!

TRIBAL COUNCIL HYBIRD RECORDED SESSIONS

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

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

Regular Council Sessionshttps://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCRS25
6/18 • 7/16 • 8/20 • 9/17

Special Council Sessionshttps://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCSS25
6/25 • 7/30 • 8/27 • 9/24

June 2025 (Strawberry Moon)

Tribal Council Special Session May 14, 2025 http://bit.ly/GTB Member

II. New Business. A- General Welfare Distribution- June 2025 Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to approve Resolution #25-43.3766 June 2025 General Welfare Distribution. 6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

II. New Business. B- June 2025
General Welfare Distribution Letter
to Membership Motion made by Tribal
Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported
by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to
approve the June 2025 General Welfare
Distribution letter; and changing the text
of the computation that is provided by
OMB, consistent with the amendments
that were done in November and
approved by Department of Interior.
6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT;
0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

II. New Business. C- Account Name Change- Per Capita Fund Account and Per Capita Checking Account Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to change the GTB accounts labeled PNC Per Capita Fund Account ending in xxxxxx4617 and the Fifth Third Per Capita Checking Account No. xxx6264 to PNC General Welfare Account ending in xxxxxx4617 and to Fifth Third Bank General Welfare Checking Account No. xxx6264.
6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

Tribal Council Regular Session May 21, 2025 http://bit.ly/GTB Member

II. Unfinished Business. A- Gaming Commissioner Vacancy Appointment of Candidate This item was deleted.

III. New Business. B- Appointed
Contractual GTB Employee Positions
Motion made by Tribal Council Vice
Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal
Council Member Raphael to direct
Legal to create a uniform policy for the
notice and posting of jobs for appointed
contractual employees to bring back
to Council. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST;
1-ABSENT (Frankenberger);
0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

III. New Business. C- 30-day Posting Request on Amendments to Title 14, Chapter 2 Public Safety and Regulation

Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to post the proposed amendments to Title 14, Ch. 2 for 30 days pursuant to Title one, Ch. 1 § 106. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

III. New Business. D- Resolution Authorizing the Receipt and Custodianship of Eagle Feathers from Non-Indian under Tribal Law Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve Resolution #25-43.3765. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

III. New Business. E- Grantor Minors Trust Distribution Procedures Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to adopt these procedures as the rules for administering grantor trust for minors. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

III. New Business. F- MOA for FishPass Operations and Maintenance Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl

and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC), City of Traverse City, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for the Operations and Maintenance of FishPass.

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

III. New Business. G- GTB Health Fair Vendor and Solicitor Letters Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to send out the vendor and solicitation letters for the GTB Health Fair. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

III. New Business. H- Letter of
Permission NAIG Representative
Motion made by Tribal Council Vice
Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal
Council Treasurer Swallows to approve
a formal letter stating Jordan Anderson
has permission from the tribe to act
as Head Representative for the newly
formed region of Michigan at the NAIG.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT
(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

Tribal Council Special Session May 28, 2025 http://bit.ly/GTB Member

II. Unfinished Business. A- NTIA Middle Mile Fiber Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve updated CCI contract for middle mile fiber through NTIA grant.

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

II. Unfinished Business. B- Herkner Fiber Infrastructure Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the updated CCI contract for Herkner fiber infrastructure through IHBG competitive grant. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries

III. New Business. A- Revised CCDF Policy
This item was Tabled.

III. New Business. B- FY2025 Indirect Cost Proposal

This item was Tabled.

III. New Business. C- MIFO
Motion made by Tribal Council Member
Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council
Secretary Miller to receive compensation
for Grand Traverse Band employees for
Michigan Indian Family Olympics; must
have prior approval from your Supervisor
or Department Manager to participate
and/or assist; employees must sign in and
out with Strongheart staff.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT;

1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE APRIL 28 - MAY 28, 2025

There were (4) Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, (3) EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and (21) Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Chairwoman Witherspoon 3 of 4 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 3 of 3 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 17 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Scheduled: out of office 5/28.

Vice Chair Rohl attended 4 of 4 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 3 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 13 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Scheduled: out of office 4/28-29 & 5/12 *Attended: Benzie Community Meeting 5/15

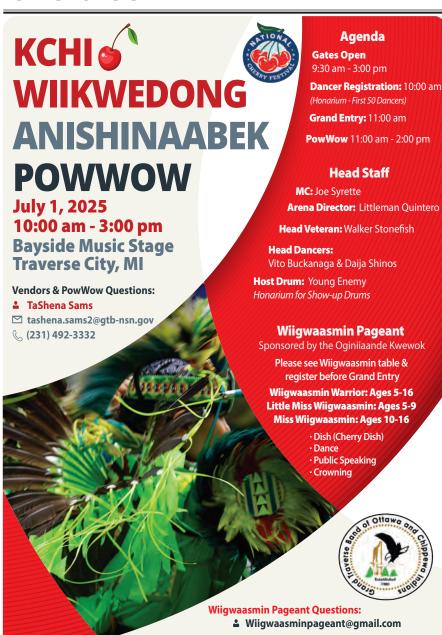
Treasurer Swallows attended **4 of 4** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **3 of 3** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **21 of 21** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Benzie Community Meeting 5/15

Secretary Miller attended **4 of 4** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **3 of 3** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **21 of 21** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Benzie Community Meeting 5/15

Councilor Raphael attended 4 of 4 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 3 of 3 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 18 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Councilor Frankenberger attended **3 of 4** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **1 of 3** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **6 of 21** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Scheduled: out of office 5/19-23

Councilor Napont attended **4 of 4** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **3 of 3** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **21 of 21** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Benzie Community Meeting 5/15



Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians

Anishinaabemowin Conference

Ezhi-maamoweziiying 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



Grand Traverse Band- Culture Department

EMKOWAATAAGOZIJIG-14 MNOOKIMI SERIES

"Sharing their knowledge"

SERIES OF ANISHINAABEMOWIN

Moderated by Isadore Toulouse & Patricia Osawamick

June 3, 2025 (5 pm - 7 pm) Frybread Making June 19, 2025 (1 pm - 3 pm) June 26, 2025 (10am -12 pm)

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 871 7923 9451
Passcode: GTBAnish
bit.ly/GTBEmko14

More information
TaShena Sams
231.534.7766
TaShena.Sams2@GTB-nsn.gov









Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

GRADUATES OF 2025

FEATURED GRADUATES



Jada Charlize Diaz

Accomplishments: "I was Miss Wiigwaasmin 2023-2024. I went on a Costa Rica school trip in 2021. I attend as many powwows and round dances as I can. I'm an active participant in LIFT. I was the junior representative for snowball. I have attended a youth group called Cru for all my highschool years."

Post Graduation Plans: "My post graduation I plan to take things one step at a time, learning to trust that life will work out. I'm excited to explore new opportunities and see where they lead!"

Quote: "Everything will be okay in the end so if it's not okay, then it's not the end" Graduated: Diploma

Kitchi Minogining Tribal School



Damien Chippewa

Post Graduation Plans: "Go straight into work." Quote: "Just Get Through It" **Graduated:** Diploma Suttons Bay High School



Anthony Robert John Wasageshic

Accomplishments:

"Completing high school is an accomplishment in itself." Post Graduation Plans:

"Attend NMC part-time for music production."

Quote: "Not a quote, but an acknowledgment to Anthony-Our family is so proud of you, Anthony! You persevered through all the changes, the ups, and the downs! You did it! Anthony is the first of our family to receive a diploma, and receive it on time! I love you, Son! Love, Mom!"

Graduated: Diploma Central High School



Dyer

Accomplishments: "Bachelors in Communication Leadership and Strategy, with a Business minor. Traveled study abroad to Mexico my senior year. Joined a real estate club and had the opportunity to be a part of FLI Spartan, a first generation group on campus." **Post Graduation Plans:**

"Planning to do real estate school and get my real estate license. Potentially may work towards doing some work with Native American tribes.

Quote: "College has been an amazing experience and opportunity. I've learned so much and will continue to grow in the future, building on everything I gained during my time in college?

Graduated: Bachelor's of Communication Leadership & Strategy

Michigan State University



Carrie Lynn Kent

Accomplishments: "Graduated Summa Cum Laude (4.0 GPA)." **Post Graduation Plans:** "Continue my career at Munson as a RN-Case Manager."

Quote: "This is directly quoted from my Center for Native American studies academic achievement certificate from Northern Michigan University Minowaan'mewizing bmi'iyaang maampii akiing "The gift is in the journey" Graduated: Bachelor of science in Nursing Northern Michigan University

> **Josephine Petoskey**

Post Graduation Plans:

"Employment." **Quote:** "Finally made my dreams come true!" Graduated: Nail Course

Epiphany Advanced Academy No photo provided.



Raquel Memberto

Graduated: Diploma Suttons Bay High School

Michelle Marie Simms

Accomplishments: "New leadership role: CMTED (Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Departments) Vice-Chair"

Post Graduation Plans: "I plan to continue working as the Prek-12 Education Specialist at NHBP. I also plan to continue advocating for our Indigenous students."

Quote: "Earning this degree has allowed me to grow in my leadership in Indigenous Education. I have found my voice through this education and hope to spend many more years advocating for our Indigenous students.

Graduated: Master of Arts Western Michigan University No photo provided.

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2025

Preschool Graduates

- Ophileah Alberts Lakeland Elementary
- Jeanette Borrowdale Benodjenh Center Athena Cryderman - Traverse Heights NMCAA Pre-K
- Joplin-Jayne Davis NMCAA Boyne City
- Ezmae Durr Suttons Bay Elementary
- **Seabequa Fox** Suttons Bay Elementary Anora Hopps - Suttons Bay Elementary
- Maddox Manzano Long Lake Elementary Aakwade'win McCann Lakeland Elementary School
- Azalyia McCann Mill Creek Academy
- Adonis Mitchell Benodjenh Center
- Homestead Hills Leroy Schwander Elementary School
- Analeise Shananaquet Elementary School
- Memingwanhs Sheahan Benodjehn Center • Pablo Shomin - Lakeland Elementary School

High School Graduates

- Anthony J Agosa Suttons Bay High School
- Michelle Arroyo Suttons Bay High School
- Dakota Burnett Boyne City High School $\textbf{Damon Cavasos} - SOS \ Learning \ Lab$
- Damien Chippewa Suttons Bay High
- School Elaina Chippewa - TC Central High School
- Parker Davis Suttons Bay High School
- Claire Derrer TC West High School • Jada Diaz - Kitchi Minogining Tribal School
- 🗪 Randall Gunderson Kitchi Minogining Tribal School
- James Kewagshken Insight School Online Isabella King - Central High School
- Roxy McClellan TC Central High School
- **Isaiah McGrath** Suttons Bay High School Raquel Memberto -Suttons Bay High School
- Nigel Nolan Suttons Bay High School
- Anthony Oskaboose Northport
- Raven-Moon Parker Tri County Virtual School
- Madeline Petoskey Northport School Dayton Petoskey - Suttons Bay High
- School Winona Raphael Suttons Bay
- High School Cheveyo Reyes - Leland
- Zachary Schlappi - Kitchi Minogining Tribal School
- **Shomin** TC High School Waawii

- Haylie Spears - Northport School
- Anthony Wasageshic TC Central High School
- Aiden Wilson Boyne City High School
- Brooke L Wilson Suttons Bay High School

Higher Education Graduates MASTER & DOCTORATE

- Marcia Gould Doctorate in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner and Master Science in Nursing - Michigan State
- Brooke Wilson Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies -Michigan University
- Ellen Plesko Master of Occupational Therapy and Graduate Certificate in **Gerontology -** Eastern Michigan University

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

- Jillian Avis Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies -Ferris State University
- Mary Colon Bachelor of Science in Psychology - University of Michigan
- Vivian Dyer Bachelor of Arts in Communication Leadership and Strategy -Michigan State University
- Alexis Jacko Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice - Northern Michigan
- Carrie Kent Bachelor of Science in Nursing Northern Michigan University
- Clairessa Kenwabikise Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Management – Lake Superior State University
- Justin McSawby Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Ferris State University (Cum Laude)
- Xander Napont Bachelor of Arts in Theatre – Grand Valley State University
- Aivree Raphael Bachelor of Arts in **Elementary Education -** Michigan State
- Jadyn Smith Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering - University of
- Tyler Vezina Bachelor of Arts in Economics - University of Michigan Lexia Wabindato - Bachelor of Science in
- **Psychology –** University of Michigan Mya Weidenhamer - Bachelor of Arts in Project Management - Ferris State

University

Jacob Wilson - Bachelor of Science in Technology Northwestern Michigan College (Magna Cum Laude)

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

- Leilani DeFoe Associate of Arts in Anishinaabe Language Instruction - Bay Mills Community College
- Moria Genereaux Associate in Applied Science in Dental Assisting - Northwestern Michigan College
- Alex Kenwabikise Associate of Applied Arts and Sciences in Culinary Arts and Culinary Arts Certificate - Grand Rapids Community College
- Alicia Manzano Associate of General Studies - North Central Michigan College
- Elijah Otto Associate of Arts in Native American Studies - Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
- Christian Pelcher Associate of Applied Science in Office Administrative Services (Medical Office Emphasis) and Salesperson's Fundamentals of Real Estate Certificate North Central Michigan College / Real Estate One Academy
- Amanda Thiebaut (Deverney) Associate of Arts in Native American Studies - Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
- Jewel Wonegeshik Associate of Science and Arts in General Liberal Arts & Sciences – Northwestern Michigan College

CERTIFICATES / VOCATIONAL (AVT)

- Corey Duncan Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Certificate - Suburban Truck Driving School
- Jaedyn Dyal Nurse Aide Program **Certificate** – Agape Health Care Schools
- Josephine Petoskey Nail Technician Certificate - Epiphany Advanced Academy Kateri Rueckert - Medical Assistant
- Certificate Ross Medical Education Center Tristen Santos - Welding Certificate -
- Industrial Arts Institute Klayton Wiatrolik - Automotive Technology **Certificate** - Northwestern Michigan

College

Janette Winters - Administration of Local Anesthesia for the Dental Hygienist **Certificate** – Ferris State University



HEAD STAFF

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Or Reach Out On Facebook At: https://bit.ly/FB_GTBPW25





Age (55+): Golden

> 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 Bov'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

CE • \$10,000 PLACE • \$8,000 3RD PLACE • \$6,000

NO DRUM SPLIT FOR NON-PLACING DRUMS

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

SUNDAY

1:00 p.m.

DAN GER RIEGI STRATII

\$10 Per Person - Online Registration **Dancers Register Using the**

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

Vendors Register Using the Link or Scan the QR Code! https://bit.lv/GTBPWVA25



Scan me!

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.

Antrim/GT Elders Events & Activities

Monday's & Friday's Office Tasks 8AM - 5PM *Notes: Lunch Provided **11:30AM - 12:45PM

Tuesday; June 3rd

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

Wednesday; June 4th

Memory Games 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; June 5th

Shopping / Thirfiting (East) 1:00PM - 4:00PM**

Tuesday; June 10th

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

Wednesday; June 11th

Craft - Finish Painting 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; June 12th

Food Handler Class 9:00AM - 2:00PM Yoga Class 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; June 17th

Senior Expo 10:00AM - 2:00PM**

Wednesday; June 18th

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

Thursday; June 19th

Memory Games 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; June 24th

Foot Clinic Day 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; June 25th

Thursday; June 26th

Chair Pilates 12:45PM - 1:30PM**

Benzie Elders Events & Activities

Call Dee Wonegeshik,

Elders Department Manager for assistance.

Office (231) 534-7748

Cell (231) 631-3908

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

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ELDERS SITE COORDINATOR

SIGN UP REQUIRED!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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(231) 534-7769 (231) 492-9932

Benzie/Manistee

CJ Minzey

(231) 534-7824 **Agnes Glinski** (231) 534-7821

Charlevoix

Barb Kenwabikise

(231) 534-7066 (231) 631-0281

Leelanau

Melissa Martinez

(231) 534-7743 (231) 631-6095

Lisa Shawandase (231) 534-7744

Elders Dept.

Delores Wonegeshik

Manager

(231) 534-7748 (231) 631-3908

*SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CALL FIRST.

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE DRUG & ALCOHOL-FREE!

Charlevoix Elders Events & Activities

Monday's Office Tasks 8AM - 5PM *Notes: Lunch Provided **12:00PM -1:00PM

Tuesday; June 3rd

Craft Time 1:30PM**

Wednesday; June 4th

Yahtzee 1:30PM**

Thursday; June 5th

Walk & Talk in Gym 1:30PM**

Friday; June 6th

Open Community Room 10:00AM Popcorn & Movie 1:30PM

Tuesday; June 10th

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

Wednesday; June 11th

Card Games 1:30PM**

Thursday; June 12th

Ice Cream Social 1:30PM**

Friday; June 13th

Open Community Room 10:00AM Activity 1:30PM

Tuesday; June 17th

Craft Time 1:30PM**

Wednesday; June 18th

Bingo Birthday Bash 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

June 19th & June 20th

Barb Out of Office 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Tuesday; June 24th

TC AMC Movie BYOLunch 10:30AM

Wednesday; June 25th

Thursday; June 26th

Card Games 1:30PM**

Friday; June 13th

Open Community Room 10:00AM Activity 1:30PM

Leelanau Elders Events & Activities

Friday's Office Tasks 8AM - 5PM *Notes: Lunch Provided **12:00PM -1:00PM

Tuesday; June 3rd

Board Games 1:00PM**

Wednesday; June 4th

Strongheart Track Walk 1:15PM**

Thursday; June 5th

TC Store Run 1:00PM**

Friday; June 6th

Pit Spitter Game 11:05AM**

Tuesday; June 10th

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

Wednesday; June 11th

Food Handler Class

@ M22 Building

10:00AM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; June 12th

Thrifting 1:00PM**

Tuesday; June 17th

Senior Expo 10:00AM - 2:00PM**

Wednesday; June 18th

Corn Hole 1:00PM**

Thursday; June 19th

Strongheart Track Walk 1:15PM**

Tuesday; June 24th

Craft Day 1:00PM**

Wednesday; June 25th

ALL SITE BIRTHDAY /
FATHER'S DAY BINGO BASH
@CHARLEVOIX
11:00AM - 3:00PM*

Thursday; June 26th

Strongheart Track Walk 1:15PM**

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Mino-Dibishkaan! Happy Birthday!

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

Elders Birthdays!

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



Joseph

reserve your ticket.

Benzie / Manistee

Antrim / Grand Traverse

Tanya Tanner – 534-7710

Delora Wilson – 534-7769

Agnes Glinski – 534-7821

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Area Coordinators:

Sponsored by: TCC Marketing & the GTB Elders Program

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Elder Father's Day Party



June 25, 2025

11am-3pm

Charlevoix Satellite Office

Charlevoix Satellite Office
10085 Wa-Ba-Noong Mi-Kun, East Jordan, MI 49727

For more information, contact your Elder Coordinator

All sites welcome!

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Tanya Tanner (231) 534-7710 & Delora Wilson (231) 534-7769

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Bring your water bottle and feast bag!

Food, Bingo, Small Craft & Prizes









https://bit.ly/GTB_Cultural







June 12 9:00am-5:00pm (Cultural Building-by powwow grounds)

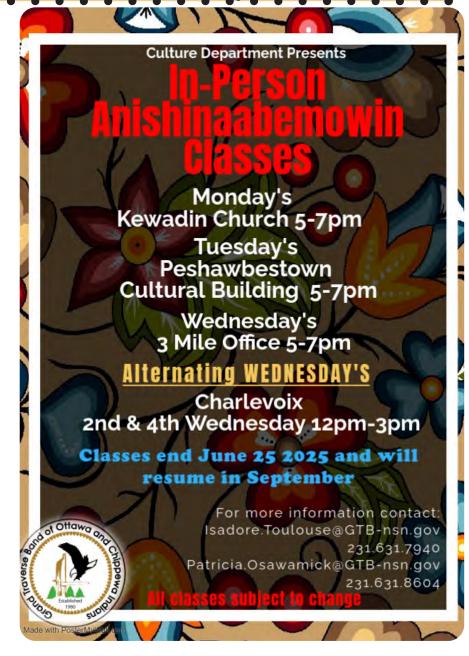
Drop in during the avaialable times and come learn some Anishinaabemowin with Isadore and Pat as you work on your project.

Anishinaabemowin to get you started...

Zipnigan- Scissors Dibizhan- Measure it Giizhkwadan- Cut it Naadimooshin-Help me Zhinoomooshin-Show me Daapinan-Pick it up

More Information TaShena Sams TaShena.Sams2@GTB-nsn.gov 231-534-7766

Made with Aamboo Anishinaabemadaa- Let's go speak the language



Kchi Wiikwedong Anishinaabek Grand Traverse Band-Cultural Department Family Language Camp

SAVE THE DATEJuly 10, 11, 12, 2025

Pow-wow Grounds 2585 E Waabno Makwa Mi-kun

Peshawbestown, MI

Family Language Camp 2025 bit.ly

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

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Let's speak our language always!

Building & Lodge Teachings



June 9th-13th & June 16th -20th

Powwow Grounds

9:00am -2:00pm

More Information: TaShena Sams 231-534-7766

TaShena.Sams2@GTB-nsn.gov

Come, learn and lend a hand- help build the lodge from the ground up. No need to sign up, just show up in outside working clothing. We will be in the woods.





Central Michigan University's Bennett Track & Field

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





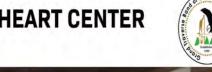
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Mount Pleasant, MI 48858





GTB STRONGHEART CENTER PRESENTS





TRIBAL MEMBER

- Take advantage of this partnership to stay active, build strength, and prioritize your well-being.
- Invest in your health-join today!
- Betsie Hosick Health & **Fitness Center**

102 Airport Rd, Frankfort, MI 49635

Strongheart Center has partnered with Betsie Hosick Health & Fitness Center to offer GTB Benzie area residents an exclusive gym membership opportunity in support of your health and wellness goals!

Call Leanne or Dawn for the Details & Questions!

Leanne.Alber@gtb-nsn.gov

www.gtbindians.org/strongheart.asp

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE

Contact: Leanne (Tana) Alber

Dawn Shenoskey

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or text (231)313-8609 www.gtbindians.org/strongheart.asp

one of GTB Fitness Centers.

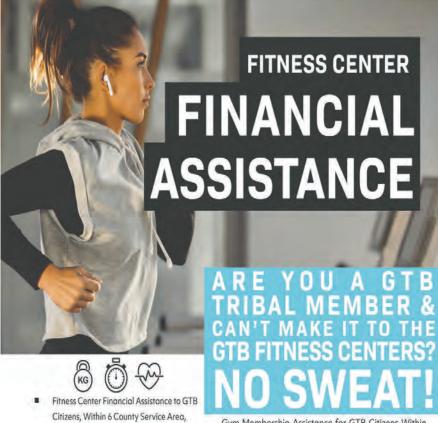
Limited Gym Membership During Winter

Significant Others

GTB STRONGHEART CENTER PRESENTS







Gym Membership Assistance for GTB Citizens Within That Do Not Live Near or Have Access to Antrim, Grand Traverse, & Manistee County That Don't Have Access to One of the GTB Fitness Centers & Are Antrim, Grand Traverse, & Manistee Eligible! Interested in Joining a Local Gym. Discounts Are Also Available for GTB Spouses and/or Significant Others Discounts Also Available for Spouses & to Encourage & Support One Another on Your Wellness

> Call Leanne or Dawn for the Details & Questions! Contact: Leanne (Tana) Alber

(231) 534-7551 Leanne.Alber@gtb-nsn.gov

Dawn Shenoskey

(231) 534-7753 or text (231)313-8609





Debbie will be taking appointments on

June 13th and 27th

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/





NATIVE GAMES



Come play anishinaabemowin card games facilitated by Tony Drews, the creator of these card games



GAMES THAT SAVE OUR WAYS

Open to the GTB community, all ages



Time: 2pm-4pm

Place: Eyaawing

Museum









HUMAN SERVICES

FY25 Client Application Scan OR Code or follow the link!

- · Food Rescue (All community members Mondays after 11am)*
- Food Pantry (application & appointment)*
- · Food Assistance (application)
- · 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 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, cooccurring disorders and intergenerational trauma.

Nilzh Animikiig and Native Connections Presents

Aambe Nagamo-daa! Come, let's sing!

What you'll learn:

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



June Schedule

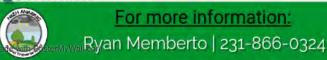
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Location:	Date:	
EDUATION:		
3-Mile	Monday, June 2	
M-22 Youth Building	Wednesday, June 4	
John Hall - Kewadin	Thursday, June 5	
3-Mile	Monday, June 9	
M-22 Youth Building	Wednesday, June 11	
M-22 Youth Building	Wednesday, June 18	

Location:	Date:	
Charlevoix	Thursday, June 19	
3-Mile	Monday, June 23	
M-22 Youth Building	Wednesday, June 25	
John Hall - Kewadin	Thursday, June 26	
3-Mile	Monday, June 30	

Open to GTB community & families

Subject to Change







Leilani DeFoe 231-492-9956





SUMMER EUENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

Youth 3PM - 5PM & 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.

Anishinaabek Makerspace: Graduation/Baseball Cap Beading Workshop: 4PM - 7PM

Bead the brim of a graduation cap or baseball cap. Bring your own cap. Beads, colors and supplies are limited. Space is limited, RSUP with the Tribal librarian TODAY! No RSUPs by the day of the event, event will be canceled.

Heritage Library

June 4th

2821 N. West Bay Shore Dr. Suttons Bay MI 49682

3-Mile Office

June 5th 845 Business Park Dr, Traverse City, MI 49686

More Information:

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







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



GIB 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

Grand Traverse

Ms. Catherine: (231) 534-7751 | Cell: (231) 492-5337 Ms. Kaylie: (231) 534-7755 | Cell: (231) 631-1672

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





Commercial Fishing Event!

Wednesday, June 18th • 5:30p − 7p Tuesday, July 1st • 5:30p − 7p

M-22 - Library/Youth building

2821 N. West Bay Shore Dr., Peshawbestown, MI 49682

Youth and Families,

Come join to learn about commercial fishing from a GTB commercial fisher's point of view. At the event, we'll share knowledge of where tribal members get their reserve treaty right to fish, regulation overview, equipment overview, and the business aspect of commercial fishing.



If interested, sign up for fish based on availability use QR code or leave name and number with Dana McClellan, 231.534.7356.





For more information: Dawn Shenoskey Call 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



\$ 200 GIFT CARD

FOR GTB YOUTH TRIBAL MEMBERS WITHIN THE G-COUNTY SERVICE AREA

Youth Ages 0 - 18

18 year old must be attending K-12 school

PARENTS/GUARDIANS drop in/pick up dates within your designated county below: (call or text if needed)

- * Benzie/Manistee: Benzie Office, 1/13/25 @ noon 6p 7282 Hoadley Road, Benzonia Ms. Kim (231) 463-5797
- * Charlevoix: Charlevoix Office, 1/13/25 @ noon 6 p 10085 Wa-Ba-Noong Mi-Kun, East Jordan Ms. Dana (231)534-7356 or text Dawn (231)313-8609
- * Grand Traverse and Antrim: Traverse City 3 Mile, 1/14/25 @ noon - 6p 845 Business Park Drive, Traverse City Mr. Tony (231)499-8218
- * Leelanau: M-22 Library, 1/14/25 @ noon 6p 2821 NW Bay Shore Dr, Peshawbestown Ms. Catherine (231)492-5337



By appointment after the scheduled date.

JESSICA RICKERT, DDS AWARDED MDA PUBLIC RELATIONS



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

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

CELEBRATING DR. JESSICA RICKERT: A TRAILBLAZER IN DENTISTRY & ADVOCACY FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

The MDA Public Relations Award was given to **Jessica Rickert**, **DDS** by Dr. Todd Christy, DDS, MDA president presented the MDA Public Relations Award with this introduction:

Dr. Jessica Rickert is a name that is well-known not just to Michigan dentists, but whose outstanding reputation extends

across our nation. She first gained fame as the United States' first female American Indian dentist, but in recent years has grown in prominence as a tireless advocate for improved dental care and for encouraging dental careers among American Indian populations.

Following a lengthy career as a practicing dentist, Dr. Rickert now keeps busy as a keynote speaker, panelist, presenter, and interviewee at conferences, educational institutions, and media events, always promoting the need for more American Indian dentists and for improved dental care. She is the author of dental columns published by fourteen tribes and American Indian Centers and is a frequent author whose articles have appeared in numerous publications. She has served as a consultant on diversity committees with the MDA and private industry, as well. In her role as an adviser to Interlochen Public Radio, she has helped develop Anishinaabe radio programming, featuring Great Lakes American Indian news. She also has served on the Board of Directors of the Society of American Indian Dentists.

As the Anishinaabe Dental Outreach specialist, she has reached out to the Grand Traverse Band youth by presenting dentistry as a noble career and providing dental supplies at health fairs, member events, and other gatherings.

Her many awards include the ADA's Access Award, the University of Michigan's Ida Gray Diversity, Equity,

and Inclusion Award, the American Dental Education Association Gies Award for Innovation and Community Involvement, and a number of others – now including this MDA award. Notably, she has also been inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

DR. RICKERT'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Prior to 1492, what did the people living in Michigan call themselves? The Anishinaabe.

How many Anishinaabe tribes are in Michigan? How many Anishinaabe community colleges? How many Anishinaabe charter schools?

As the Anishinaabe dental outreach specialist, I am connected to the twelve Anishinaabe tribes, the urban Indian centers, the three community colleges & the three charter schools.

The monthly dental columns I write are published in these Anishinaabe newspapers. The language the Anishnaabe spoke on this very spot next to this very river for hundreds of years is Anishinaabemowin.

"Zhaazhoomingwenwok Anishinaabe gewe binojiinhak" What did I say to you? "The Anishinaabe children have beautiful smiles."

(Translation by Kenny Pheasant, the Anishinaabemowin expert, from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.)

JUNE CELEBRATES DENTAL SMILES ELEVATE YOUR ORAL HEALTH!

As June rolls in, it brings with it the joyful observance of Dental Smiles Month—an ideal occasion to reflect on and elevate your oral health habits. A brilliant, healthy smile begins at home with mindful daily care, making it all the more important to prioritize your dental routine.

PREVENTATIVE DENTAL CARE

Preventive dental care serves as the cornerstone of oral wellbeing, and it can seamlessly weave into your everyday life. Here are some enriching practices to embrace:

- Armed with fluoride toothpaste, dedicate two minutes to this daily ritual—it's your frontline defense against cavities and decay.
- ▶ Flossing Daily: Don't underestimate this crucial step! Flossing not only removes stubborn plaque and food remnants but also reaches those tight spaces



between your teeth, especially after indulging in sticky treats.

- ♦ Using Mouth Rinses: Incorporate a fluoridated mouth rinse into your routine for added protection, ensuring that every corner of your mouth benefits from the extra layer of defense.
- ♦ Regular Dental Cleaning: Schedule appointments with your dentist to experience professional cleaning that can remove calcified plaque and catch unseen cavities before they develop into bigger concerns.

By weaving these enriching techniques into your daily habits, you can significantly enhance your oral health while radiating confidence with every smile. This Dental Smiles Month, let's commit to nurturing our smiles and celebrating the joy of a radiant, healthy grin all year long!

SCHEDULE YOUR DENTAL APPOINTMENT TODAY! (231) 534-7721



GTB HEALTH SERVICES



ATTENTION CLINIC AND DENTAL **PATIENTS!**

easy patient check-in:

- 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.
- 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 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 entitlement program, an insurance plan, or a guarantee of payment. IHS and Tribal funding fund the PRC program. PRC is the absolute payer of last resort. This means that if you have access to any other type of health coverage health insurance through your employer, your spouse's employer, State or Federal health plans (Medicare, Medicaid, MI Child, Tricare, etc.) - It must be billed before PRC. It is your responsibility to provide insurance information to all outside providers. You are required to apply for Medicaid if you have no other health insurance.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES MISSION

Indian Health Services Mission: to raise To stay in compliance with our Clinic and the physical, mental, social, and spiritual Dental Patient Policies and a provide an health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.

All GTB Tribal Members and members 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 GTB Employees, must bring in 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

BENEFITS OF PHYSICAL **ACTIVITY INCLUDE:**

- Children & adolescents Improves muscular fitness and bone and heart
- 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.

- cognitive Prevent 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.

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!

MEASLES

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory virus that causes febrile rash illness. Measles has been eliminated (no sustained circulation) in the United States for decades. However, there can still be measles cases, as **it is easily imported by unvaccinated travelers and can spread in under-immunized communities.**

DISEASE COURSE

The incubation period is typically 11–12 days from exposure to measles virus until the first symptoms appear (prodromal symptoms). A rash follows the prodromal symptoms 2–4 days later and usually lasts 5–6 days. Measles is infectious 4 days before and 4 days after

SYMPTOMS

Prodromal: Fever, cough, coryza, or conjunctivitis. Koplik spots (tiny white spots inside the mouth) may also appear 2—3 days after symptoms first appear.

Rash: A maculopapular rash (rash of both flat and raised skin lesions) begins on the head and face and then spreads downward to the neck, trunk, arms, legs, and feet. The spots may become joined together as they spread from the head to the body.

Fever may spike to more than 104° F when rash appears

****** COMPLICATIONS

Most common complications: Diarrhea and otitis media. Most severe complications: Pneumonia, encephalitis, and death. Patients may require hospitalization. Children younger than 5, adults older than 20, pregnant women, and immunocompromised persons are at most risk of serious complications.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE A SUSPECTED CASE

- 1. Immediately mask and isolate the patient in a room with a closed door (negative pressure room if available). Follow standard and airborne precautions.
- 2. Only allow health care workers with presumptive evidence of measles immunity* to attend the patient; they must use N-95 masks.
- Evaluate the patient and order measles confirmatory testing (collect a throat or nasopharyngeal swab for RT-PCR and serum for IgM measles testing).
- 4. Contact infection control if available at your facility.
- 5. Immediately report this suspected case to your local and/or state health department.

For questions regarding specimen collection, storage, and shipment, please visit https://www.cdc.gov/measles/php/ laboratories/

** RESOURCES

Measles information for healthcare providers: https://www.

Measles vaccine recommendations: https://www.cdc.gov/ measles/hcp/vaccine-considerations/

Infection control guidelines for measles: https://www.cdc. gov/infection-control/hcp/measles/

Surveillance manual chapter on measles: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/surv-manual/chpto7-measles.html



Presumptive evidence of measles immunity for healthcare workers (one of the following): documentation of two doses of measles-containing vaccine, laboratory evidence of immunity (positive Igo), laboratory evidence of disease, or birth before 1957. Consider vaccinating healthcare workers born before 1957 who do not have other evidence of immunity to measles. Self-reported doses and a history of vaccination provided by a parent or oth caregiver, or a clinical diagnosis of measles, should not be accepted.





Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Immunization
and Respiratory Diseases

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 hands-on planting days 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!

CORN PLANTING DAY

Mark your calendars for June 10th 4:00 -**6:00 PM** as we gather for a hands-on Corn & Squasfor an engaging and educational experience at our hands-on Corn & Squash Planting Day! Under the expert guidance of Clay Clifford, our esteemed Traditional Agriculture Workshop Instructor with years of experiential knowledge, this event promises to be a fantastic opportunity for both novice and experienced gardeners to deepen their understanding of traditional seeding techniques.

Participants will have the chance to get their hands dirty by planting heirloom corn seeds by hand, gaining insights into the unique characteristics of different corn varieties and their significance in

our agricultural history. You will also have the opportunity to try out a walk-behind seeder, a tool that enhances while efficiency maintaining traditional farming practices.

Additionally, Clay will lead a demonstration on sowing a delightful of traditional array squash varieties, sharing tips on plant spacing and care. As a special attendees treat, also explore a unique harvest, sweetgrass learning about its cultural importance practical and uses. This event is not just about planting; it's a wonderful chance to connect with nature, with fellow engage community members, and celebrate our rich agricultural heritage. Don't miss out on this enriching experience!.

AGRICULTURE PROUDLY HÖSTS NORTHERN **MICHIGAN** SMALL FARM CONFERENCE TOUR

Exciting developments are on the horizon! On August 19th, right after the GTB Pow Wow, the GTB Peshawbestown Farm will be hosting a tour during the Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference. Our Agriculture Manager will be a featured speaker, sharing insights and information on the impactful programs developed by GTB Agriculture. The more we share our story, the greater the possibilities for funding

and collaboration. Additionally, stay tuned for updates on our proposal to present at the International Maple Syrup Industry Conference this October.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR GTB YOUNG **CITIZENS**

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,

applicant may submit only one application per calendar year.

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.

Submit Applications at:

https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ cf827ec3c2fb4dcea1fba2ca599fb9b5

FRESH OFFERINGS FROM THE GTB FOOD PANTRIES

In exciting news for the community. the GTB Food Pantries have secured

a substantial funding increase through the USDA's Local Food Purchasing Assistance Grant, which has now been extended through 2026. This important development means that GTB citizens will have access to highquality, nutritious food purchased at market value—eliminating the previous reliance on outdated or damaged items that some may have encountered.

Recent purchases have included premium products such Oleson's Bison, ensuring that you and your family can enjoy a variety of top-quality meats, fresh eggs, seasonal vegetables, and essential staple foods. To make the most of these fresh offerings, we encourage community members to reach out to the Satellite Office or Medicine Lodge in advance. Our staff will be more than happy to assist you in planning your visit to one of our food pantries, making sure you can take full advantage of excellent resources for healthier meals and food



PROJECT LEAP





Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC), with support from Newman's Own Foundation and our expansive network of partners, encourages youth to LEAP into the world of agriculture.

Project LEAP provides resources to support Native youth investments in their professional development across agriculture. For projects and opportunities related to agriculture, natural resources, and food systems, a maximum of \$500 may be awarded. Awards will be granted on a rolling basis until all funds have been distributed.

Examples of projects that can be awarded under LEAP:

- Livestock
 - Feed costs, processing fees, show fees, general upkeep
- Payment on existing youth loans
 - Akiptan, Farm Service Agency
- **Agriculture supplies**
 - Small machinery, garden tools, seeds, soil
- Registration costs
 - Conferences, workshops, trainings



APPLY & LEARN MORE AT bit.ly/2025ProjectLeap

> **QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT** YOUTH@INDIANAG.ORG

Eligibility:

Youth and young professionals ages 14-26 who are enrolled members/citizens of a Federally Recognized Tribe or are direct descendants of an enrolled member/citizen of a Federally Recognized Tribe.

Guidelines:

- Each applicant may submit only one application per calendar year.
- Only applications that are fully completed will be
- Supporting documents may be required, like receipts or a budget outline.



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

(see flyer for more details and examples)

security.

As we embrace the warmth of June, let's come together to strengthen our community through agriculture, resources, and shared knowledge. Whether you're planting seeds, applying for grants, or enjoying fresh local food, there's never been a better time to engage with GTB Agriculture. Here's to a vibrant season ahead!

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**

Bay Area Recycling for Community has partnered with <u>eRecycleTC</u> 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**
- Weed Whip/Electric Lawn Electric 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 HHWLeelanau County **Events** (https://hhwappointments.as.me/ schedule/063cf782)
- Large Refrigerators (coordinate directly with BARC for drop off or pick up, or your power supplier for Large Refrigerators and Freezers for a rebate)
- Mattresses (Please coordinate with Leelanau County or contact BARC at any time for drop off and pick up times)
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs/Light Bulbs, please take to HHW Event

Leelanau County E-Waste Registration 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, June 14th 2025 at Glen Lake School

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



https://mybarc.org/leelanau-countyelectronic-waste-days/

Leelanau County E-Waste Dates

- June 30th,2025 in Peshawbestown
- 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.

- June 14th: 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.

- June 21st: 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.

- April 10th: 1pm 6pm*
- May 15th: 1pm 6pm*
- June 26th: 12pm 6pm*
- 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.

- May 17th: Leelanau County Govt. Center
- June 21st: 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.

x Tribal Fishing, Hunting, Trapping, Gathering License Renewals x 2025/2026

All GTB Fishing, Hunting, Trapping & Gathering Licenses expire April 1st/EVERY YEAR

- Please call or email the Natural Resources Department for your 2025/2026 renewal sticker.
- Make sure your information is up to date, so you don't miss out on any of your Treaty Rights information and opportunities.

Note: We do not have a shared licensing system with the Membership Department so your information will need to be changed with us (at NRD) as well.



NRD@gtb-nsn.gov (231) 534-7500

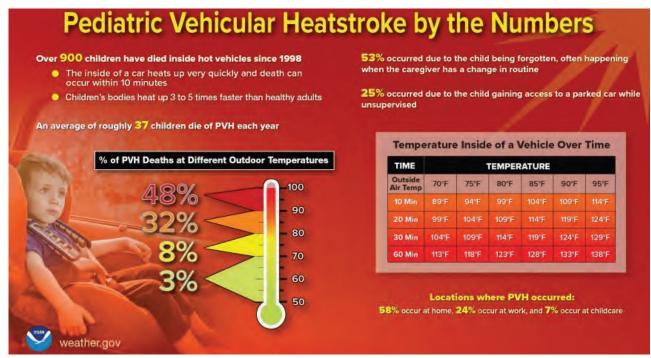


PUBLIC SAFETY

Look Before You Lock Preventing Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke

Every Death is Preventable. Every Moment Matters

As temperatures climb, so does the risk of **pediatric vehicular heatstroke (PVH)** — a tragic and entirely preventable cause of death. Since 1998, over **1,010 children** have died from being left or trapped in hot vehicles. In **2024 alone, 39 children** lost their lives to heatstroke — a 35% increase from 2023.



What You Need to Know:

- A child's body heats up three to five times faster than an adult's.
- **Heatstroke begins** when the body temperature hits 104°F. A core temperature of 107°F or more is often fatal.
- **Temperatures inside cars can rise 50°F higher** than the outside temperature and 80% of this increase occurs in just the first 30 minutes.

How to Stay Safe:

- Never leave a child in a car unattended, not even for a moment. A cracked window does little to help.
- Always check the backseat before locking your car. Leave your purse, phone, or briefcase back there as a reminder.
- Ask your childcare provider to notify you if your child doesn't arrive as expected.
- Lock your vehicle and keep keys out of reach. Many children have died after climbing into an unlocked car and becoming trapped.
- If you see a child alone in a car, call 911 immediately. Fast action can save a life.

It can happen to anyone — teachers, police officers, parents, caregivers — even you. Take the steps now to **look before you lock** and spread awareness in your community.

Visit NHTSA's website for more safety resources.

Look Twice, Save a Life — Share the Road with Motorcyclists

Motorcyclists Are Everywhere — But They're Easy to Miss

Michigan is home to a **quarter million motorcyclists**, and with warm weather returning, more of them will be hitting the roads. Unfortunately, **84% of motorcycle-vehicle crashes occur on city streets**, and most of those happen when a vehicle turns left in front of a motorcyclist.

REMEMBER:

- Motorcyclists are harder to see due to their smaller size.
- Many motorcycle crashes happen because drivers didn't see them coming.
- Rush hour (4–7 p.m.) is the most dangerous time due to congestion and reduced visibility.

Tips for Drivers:

- Look twice before turning or merging especially at intersections.
- **Keep a safe distance** motorcycles often slow down without using brake lights.
- Check your blind spots carefully and regularly.
- Avoid distractions Michigan's Hands-Free Law prohibits holding or supporting a phone while driving.
- Learn motorcyclist hand signals so you can anticipate their movements.

By staying alert and making conscious choices behind the wheel, you can help **prevent** crashes and save lives.

For more safety tips, visit the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Drug-Impaired Driving is Dangerous and Deadly

Driving Under the Influence of Drugs is Still Driving Under the Influence



Many drivers mistakenly believe they can drive safely while under the influence of drugs — legal or not. But the facts say otherwise. Recent data from trauma centers shows that 56% of drivers involved in serious or fatal crashes tested positive for at least one drug.

Driving while impaired by alcohol, marijuana, prescription meds, or overthe-counter drugs—is illegal and dangerous.

Did You Know?

- Drugs can slow reaction time, affect motor coordination, and impair judgment.
- Drug-impaired driving is just as deadly as drunk driving.
- Driving high is driving impaired — there's no safe level of drug use when driving.

Tips to Stay Safe:

- Don't drive under the influence of any impairing substance, even if prescribed.
- If you feel different, you drive different. Wait until you're fully alert and unimpaired.
- Talk with your doctor about how your medications might affect your ability to drive.

Distracted and drowsy driving are also major concerns:

- 3,275 lives were lost in 2023 due to distracted driving alone.
- Avoid phone use, eating, or multitasking while behind the wheel.

Visit <u>NHTSA.gov</u> for more data and tips on how to protect yourself and others on the road.



FIRE & RESCUE





Emergency Readiness Starts Now

Emergencies can strike at any time—without warning and often without mercy. Whether it's a tornado, wildfire, flood, or another unexpected crisis, being prepared can mean the difference between chaos and control. The GTB Fire Department urges all community members take proactive steps toward emergency preparedness.

In collaboration with the Michigan State Police's **MIREADY** program, **Tribal Emergency** the Office Management encourages residents to learn more about the tools and strategies available to protect their families. The MIREADY program provides educational resources and planning guides that help Michigan residents prepare for emergencies, disasters, and threats to public safety.

GTB's Tribal Emergency • Management Office works closely with the Leelanau County 911 Center, supporting a network of tribal, county, and emergency protocols. state

This office also collaborates with neighboring counties including Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, and Manistee, strengthening regional preparedness across northern Michigan.

Start with a Plan:

- Identify the types of disasters most likely in your area
- •Designate a family meeting place
- communication Discuss strategies if separated
- •Practice your emergency plan regularly

Don't wait until it's too late. Make a plan today to protect your family, your home, and your peace of mind.

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

- Michigan MiReady.gov
- Ready.gov
- **CDC** Emergency Site
- National Weather Service
- Michigan NWS Gaylord Office
- **FEMA** Emergency **Preparedness**
 - GTB Tornado Shelter **Locations**

Fire Safety Tips for Summer: Stay Safe While You Enjoy the Sun

Summer is a time for cookouts, campfires, and family gatherings—but it's also one of the most dangerous seasons for accidental fires.

The **GTB** Fire **Department** reminds the community to take precautions to prevent fires during outdoor activities and to stay informed of local burn bans or fire risk levels.

Campfire & Grill Safety:

- Always keep water or a fire extinguisher nearby
- •Never leave a fire or grill unattended
- •Build fires in designated fire rings or pits
- Fully extinguish fires before leaving the area

Check Fire Conditions: Weather conditions like drought, wind, and heat can significantly increase fire risk. Monitor local weather and alerts through the National Weather Service or Ready.

Fireworks Reminder:

The use of personal fireworks is discouraged due to the risk of wildfire, injury, and property damage. If you plan to use fireworks, do so safely and away from structures and vegetation—and be sure to clean up any debris.

If a Fire Breaks Out:

Call 911 immediately. Do not attempt to control a spreading fire on your own.

We wish everyone a safe and joyful summer. Let's all do our part to keep the community protected.

Grilling Safety Tip:

Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill to keep kids and pets safe.



A Day in the Life of GTB Firefighters







They respond to calls in the dead of night, during storms, and on holidays—ready to act when the alarm sounds. The GTB Fire **Department** is made up of highly trained, dedicated professionals who serve our tribal community with pride and care. But what does a typical day look like for our crew?

Early Morning Checks:

The day starts with equipment inspections—vehicles, hoses, breathing apparatus, and medical kits must be ready for action. Firefighters check gear meticulously to ensure everything functions as expected.

Training & Drills:

Continuous education is key. The crew conducts weekly training sessions, covering a range of scenarios—from structural fires and medical emergencies to hazardous material response and rescue operations.

Firefighters also assist with fire safety education, home inspections, and emergency preparedness events. Whether it's teaching kids how to "Stop, Drop, and Roll" or teaching the community how to stop a bleed, service to the community is central to their mission.

Emergency Response:

At any moment, the crew may be called to respond. It's not always a fire—it could be a vehicle accident, a medical crisis, or a weather-related emergency. Each call demands focus, teamwork, and compassion.

We are proud to serve the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Our mission goes beyond extinguishing fires-it's about protecting lives, preserving property, and strengthening the community.

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Government **Operations**

Behavioral Health

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

Court Clerk/Assistant

Probation Officer (FT)
Associate Degree in
Criminal Justice, Paralegal,
Business, or Administrative Services. 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 unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$22.71/hr - until filled

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

EHS Education & Family Services Coordinator (FT)

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

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

EHS/HS Bus Driver -

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

EHS/HS Health & Disabilities Coordinator (FT) Bachelor's Degree with

strong emphasis in Health, Social Services, Psychology or Early Childhood Education. 1-3

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yrs. experience preferred. Advanced knowledge of applicable law, regulations, diploma or GED. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by rules & procedures of the Head Start/Early Head GTB insurance carrier -\$15.06/hr - until filled Head

(2) EHS/HS Home Visitor (FT)

program.

maintain current CPR/ First Aid Certification -\$44,595.20/yr - until filled

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

Facilities Maintenance I HighSchooldiplomaorGED Must have at least five experience in commercial building maintenance Must have carpentry, Must have carpentry, plumbing and electrical experience. repair have Must knowledge safety safety procedures equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. Must pass test with 85% or better, practical test 100%. -\$19.52/hr - until filled

Facilities Utility Worker

1st Shift (Temporary) High school diploma G.E.D. preferred. Experience commercial in building maintenance preferred preferred V pour label of the preferred v pr preferred. Knowledge safety safety procedures equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. -\$16.17/hr - until filled

(2) Facilities Utility Worker 2nd Shift (FT)

uiploma is preferred. of sof High school diploma or GED is preferred. Knowledge of safety procedures safety equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. Must have good work habits, i.e., punctuality, and habits, i.e., punctuality, and low absenteeism. A valid Michigan driver's license is preferred. Employee may not drive any Tribally owned vehicles without being properly insured by the Tribe. -\$16.17/hr - until filled insured by the Tribe. -\$16.17/hr - until filled

Head Start Assistant

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

Head Start Teacher (FT)
Associates Degree, with Development

Development Certification, emphasis in early childhood development, Bachelor's preferred. Degree Previous Previous experience preferred with skills in classroom management & curriculum planning. Must maintain current CPR/ 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 **Housing Development**

Manager (FT)

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

Housing Utility Worker

(FT)
High School Diploma or GED preferred. 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

Human Services Department Manager (FT) Degree

Master's Social Work (social human services), work, , human services), A min. of (3) yrs. experience in a human services/social work field required. A min. of (3) yrs. experience in a supervisory position required. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$83,549/yr - until filled

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

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

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 enforcement, Crimma, 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). 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 and procedures, Federal Regulations, GTB Tribal Police Department Policies Ronce Department Policies
& Procedures, Tribal &
State Criminal Codes,
Children's Code, Tribal
Constitution, Michigan
Motor Vehicle, GTB
Personnel Policy, Police
Department Organic Department Organic Resolution & Code, & all other applicable rules, regulations & statutes. -\$27.58/hr - 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

Apply Online: https://gtbindians.applicantpool.com/jobs/

Advertisements, call 231-534-7008 or Email: GTBGovt.News@gtb-nsn.gov

thumbnail image costs an additional \$15. *Postings are subject to change daily.

Request for Proposals (RFP): https://gtbindians.applicantpool.com/internaljobs/

Subject: "Classifieds". Please have all submissions & payments sent by the 3rd Friday of

each month. Classified rates: \$10 for 15 words or less, and 75 cents per additional word. Any

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 Native American youths. 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) school is preferred. of safety and safety or GED is Knowledge or procedures and equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. Must have good work habits, i.e., punctuality, & low absenteeism. -\$16.17/hr - until filled

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> Government Operations **RFP**

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VACANCY ON THE **ELECTION BOARD**

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

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Marcia Gould GTB Tribal Elder Benzonia, MI 3/7/1956 - 5/7/2025

Respectfully Acknowledging Our Loss



Pamela Antoine **GTB Tribal Member** Peshawbestown, MI

9/11/1972 - 5/24/2025Respectfully Acknowledging Our Loss



Pamela Marie Antoine, 52, of Pesnawucson walked on to be with her relatives on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at Munson Medical Center with her loving family at her side. Pamela was September 11, 1972 Munson Medical Pamela was born on Center the daughter of Mary Ann (Oskaboose) Antoine and the late George Melvin Antoine. Pamela graduated from Suttons Bay High School 1991. During school years, Pamela was a member of the National Vocational/Technical Honors Society. She was also in the first graduating class of the Upward Bound Program. She operated a short-term day-care center at TBA. Pamela also conducted a children's story hour in Peshawbestown. She worked at the first Children's Benodjehn Center as an assistant teacher, and also worked for 33 years at the Leelanau Sands Casino as a Blackjack dealer & her last position at the Leelanau Sands Casino was as a player's club greeter. "Pamela Pooh" was an outgoing, very loving & caring person with a Heart of Gold. She always had a contagious smile that could light up a room. Pamela was spontaneous, loved to dance, always ready for an adventure and loved to do A-Z crafting. She lived life to the fullest and never took life for granted. Pamela was ALWAYS a social butterfly and she never met a person who didn't become her friend or loved her. Pamela went above and beyond for the holidays, celebrating EVERY holiday & birthday. She not only went above & beyond for holidays but also for everyone she loved. She put others before herself when they needed it most. She had a love of the paranormal, not just the TV shows but also traveled to the Michigan Paranormal convention in Sault Ste. loved the National Cherry Festival too, including the midway rides! She also had a mindset of "Shop Until You Drop!" Most importantly, as a single mom with a fulltime job Pamela still found a way to individually express her eternal love for each of her three children and grandkids. Pamela is survived by her Antoine, Drake (Victoria)
Teller, Emily (Romero)
Teller; her mother, Mary Ann Antoine; a brother, Gregory (Valerie) Antoine;

her niece and nephews, Aliyah Carew and Evan

"Ray Ray" Carew, Darin and Alex Antoine; and three grandchildren, Leighana, Nimkiiode, and

Waaseya Mashkawizii. She was preceded in death by her father, George M. Antoine; and a sister, Heather D. Antoine in 2022.

Glenn McSawby GTB Tribal Elder

Charlevoix, MI 10/30/1952 - 5/27/2025Respectfully Acknowledging Our Loss



Loi Chambers **GTB Tribal Elder United States Army** Peshawbestown, MI

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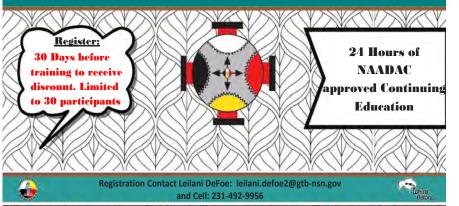
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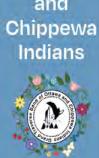
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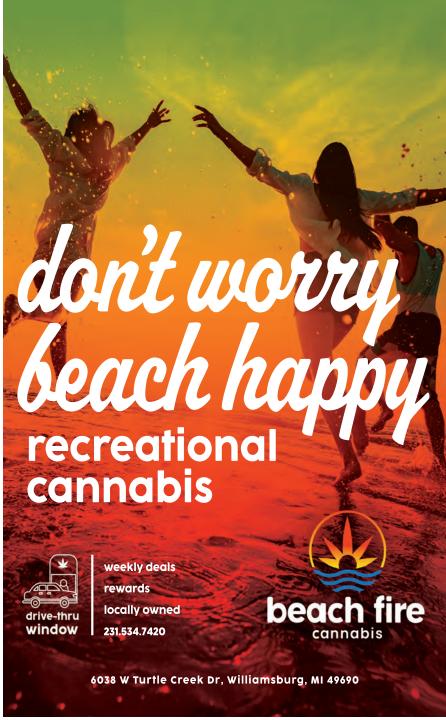
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