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SOVEREIGNTY DAY 5K CELEBRATION WALK/RUN BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN HONOR OF HERITAGE, STRENGTH, AND UNITY!

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Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Hearings TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

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

Copies mailed upon request.

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Subject Line: "FY27 Tribal Budget"

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



Greetings,

Each year on May 27, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians marks an important moment in our history—the day in 1980 when the United States formally recognized our Tribe through federal legislation. For many years, we recognized this day as Federal Recognition Day. Today, we honor it as Sovereignty Day.

While the name has changed, the significance of the day has only deepened.

Federal recognition was an important milestone for our Tribe. It affirmed our government-to-government relationship with the United States and restored access to resources and opportunities that had long been denied. But as we reflect on this moment in our history, it is important to remember something deeper:

Our sovereignty did not begin on May 27, 1980.

Our sovereignty existed long before a federal law acknowledged it.

Long before there were

boundaries, policies, or court decisions, our ancestors governed themselves, cared for the land and waters, protected their families, and upheld responsibilities to one another. They made decisions rooted in community, kinship, survival, and stewardship. They understood that leadership was not about authority alone—it was about responsibility.

As shared throughout Mem-Ka-Weh: Dawning of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and



Chippewa Indians, the path to federal recognition was long, difficult, and deeply personal for many families. Even during times when our Tribe lacked formal federal status, our people never ceased being Anishinaabe. Community members continued gathering, caring for one another, preserving traditions, maintaining family ties, advocating for treaty rights, and carrying forward the belief that our Tribe would once again be formally acknowledged.

The journey toward recognition required perseverance from generations of Tribal citizens and leaders who refused to let our community disappear into history. They organized. They advocated. They endured setbacks. Most importantly, they believed in the future of the Grand Traverse Band—even when that future was uncertain.

We owe much to those who carried that burden before us.

Sovereignty Day gives us an opportunity not only to celebrate what was achieved in 1980, but also to reflect on the responsibility we carry today.

Sovereignty is not simply a legal status or a word used in government meetings. Sovereignty is something we live.

We exercise sovereignty when we make decisions for our own people. We exercise sovereignty when we protect our lands and waters, invest in housing, education, language revitalization, healthcare, and cultural preservation. We exercise sovereignty when we care for our Elders, support our youth, honor our Veterans, and plan thoughtfully for generations yet to come.

Sovereignty is reflected in our Tribal Court, our Constitution, our programs and services, our economic development efforts, and our ability to govern according to our values and priorities. It is present in our continued stewardship of the lands and waters that have sustained our people since time immemorial.

Yet sovereignty also asks something of us.



It calls on us to think beyond today. It asks us to consider what kind of Tribe we are building for our children, grandchildren, and those yet unborn. It reminds us that self-governance comes with the responsibility to listen, to work together, and to make decisions that strengthen our community over the long term.

As we move forward, we must continue asking ourselves: What legacy are we leaving? How are we honoring the sacrifices of those who fought for recognition? Are we building the kind of future they envisioned for us?

The answers to those questions will shape the next chapter of the Grand Traverse Band.

This Sovereignty Day, I encourage all of us to reflect not only on where we have been, but where we are going. Let us remember those who carried our Tribe through difficult times. Let us honor the resilience of our ancestors and the determination of the leaders who helped secure federal recognition in 1980.

And let us recommit ourselves to the work of sovereignty—not as something we celebrate only one day a year, but as something we live together every day.

Happy Sovereignty Day, Grand Traverse Band. May we continue walking forward together with strength, wisdom, and responsibility for the next seven generations.

Sandra L. Witherspoon
Tribal Chairwoman

Tribal Council Special Session
April 29, 2026
http://bit.ly/GTB_Member

II. Unfinished Business. A- **Enactment of GTB Tribal Data Ordinance-30-day Posting Complete** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3861. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

II. Unfinished Business. B- **New Day MOU** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to approve the MOU for New Day that provides inpatient residential care for people with substance use disorders. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Raphael); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. A- **GTB Boardman Lake Campus-Surveys for Separate Deeds** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankeberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to authorize a survey for a separate deed for the 2-3 acres of Parcel 97 with the building on it. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to authorize survey for a separate deed for the 25-26 undeveloped acres of Parcel 97 to be put into the GTB Land Trust. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to enact Resolution #26-44.3877, by which GTB formally requests the United States to accept ownership of Parcel 97 in trust for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. B- **FY26 Cooperative Agreement for Sea Lamprey Monitoring** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3873 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$6,400 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. C- **HUD Note Purchase Agreement- Foreclosed Home on GTB Benzie Property** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to agree to the Note Purchase Agreement from HUD to purchase the house located at 2693 Four Seasons Rd, Benzonia, MI owned by HUD for \$1; payment to be made through the government's Pay.gov website. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Raphael); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. D- **Trust Status Request for NMC Campus Property (GTB Parcel 97)** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to authorize

deeding property Parcel 97 to United States in trust for GTB. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Raphael); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. E- **“Light of the Sun” Donation Application** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3878 to apply for donation of two defender solar lamps with alarms for safety. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. F- **US Department of Education, Office of Indian Education Title VI Education Formula Grant** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to approve Resolution #26-44.3851 for the 2026-2027 formula-based grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education specifically for the Title VI Indian Education Formula Grants to LEAs. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. G- **Tribal Amicus Brief Reaffirmation of GTB Sign on- Robinhood Derivatives vs Dana Nessel** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to support and affirm Chairwoman Witherspoon's signature. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. H- **Gaming Commission**

TRIBAL COUNCIL MOTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Vacancy Appointment Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to appoint Derrell Shaw, from the completed application. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

**Tribal Council Special Session
May 11, 2026
http://bit.ly/GTB_Member**

II. New Business. A- **GWE Distribution to Membership Letter** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve the GWE letter to membership. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to make the date for General Welfare distribution Tuesday, May 19, 2026. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. B- **Permanent Supportive Housing Site Location** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to put this out for a 30-day posting for the Permanent Supportive Housing Project-LIHTC #4, PSH #1; with a flyer to be sent out. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. C- **Rural Health Transformation Program** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #26-44.3887 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$665,878 from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the Rural Health Transformation Program. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. D- **Increase to the Education and Housing, School Clothing, Senior Expenses, and Drivers Education** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the increase to the Education and Housing, School Clothing, Senior Expenses, and Drivers Education as follows: increase in the amount of \$100 for clothing; increase in the amount of \$100 for senior expenses (the new total would be \$400); an increase of \$109 to Driver Education (the new total would be \$559) with the letter to be sent out immediately. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

**Tribal Council Regular Session
May 20, 2026
http://bit.ly/GTB_Member**

II. New Business. A- **Discount for GTB on Manitou/GTB Flag as Courtesy Flag** Information only.

II. New Business. B- **FY 2027 Budget Hearing** Information only.

III. New Business. C- **GTB Government Employee Insurance for New Hires** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger that upon hiring all GTB Member new hires are to be placed on the Government employee health insurance program immediately upon hire date. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 2-ABSTAINING (Napont, Swallows) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. D- **One-Time Economic Hardship Discretionary Award** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve a one-time, per current as of 5/20/2026, employee economic hardship bonus in the amount of \$1,000; to be paid May 27, 2206; plan excludes Tribal Council and Appellate Judges- by a Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Rohl- **YES**;
Treasurer Swallows- **NO**;
Secretary Miller- **NO**;
Councilor Raphael-**NO**;
Councilor Frankenberger- **YES**;
Councilor Napont- **ABSTAIN**;
2-FOR; 3-AGAINST (Miller, Raphael, Swallows); 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING(Napont) Motion Fails

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to provide all GTB

Government employees a one-time \$500 economic hardship discretionary award. **2- FOR; 3-AGAINST (Miller, Raphael, Swallows); 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Napont) Motion Fails**

III. New Business. E- **MOU with The Watershed Center for Boardman-Ottaway River Website** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger for approval to sign the MOU with amendments as proposed by Tribal Council. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. F- **Public Health Emergency Preparedness 2 (PHEP)** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #26-44.3883 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$6,673 from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant 2. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

**Tribal Council Special Session
May 27, 2026
http://bit.ly/GTB_Member**

May 27, 2026 Tribal Council Special Session motions will be included in July News!



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.**

Regular Council Sessions

<https://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCRS26>

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

Special Council Sessions

<https://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCSS26>

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE: APRIL 22, 2026 - MAY 21, 2026

Tribal Council attendance from Wednesday, April 22, 2026, through Thursday, May 21, 2026. There were (3) Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, (1) EDC Regular Session, and (25) Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings

Chairwoman Witherspoon attended **2 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special sessions, **0 of 1** EDC Regular Session, and **18 of 25** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other meetings. ***Attended:** MIEA Spring Conference 4/26/26 - 4/28/26, United Tribes of Michigan Meeting 5/4/26, MMIP Event 5/5/26, 2026 Building Michigan Communities Conference 5/12/26-5/13/26.

Vice Chair Rohl attended **3 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special sessions, **0 of 1** EDC Regular Session, and **21 of 25** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** MIEA Spring Conference 4/26/26 - 4/28/26, MMIP Event 5/5/26, Bay Mills Community College Commencement 5/14/26-5/15/26 ***Out of Office:** 5/21/26

Treasurer Swallows attended **3 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **1 of 1** EDC Regular Session, and **19 of 25** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** Building Michigan Communities Conference 5/12/26-5/13/26.

Secretary Miller attended **3 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special sessions, **1 of 1** EDC Regular Session, and **25 of 25** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** MMIP Event 5/5/26

Councilor Raphael attended **3 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special sessions, **1 of 1** EDC Regular Session, and **25 of 25** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** NAIHC Conference 5/3/26-5/8/26

Councilor Frankenberger attended **3 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special sessions, **0 of 1** EDC Regular Session, and **11 of 25** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** RES Conference 3/23/26 - 3/26/26 & Self-Governance Conference 4/6/26 - 4/10/26

Councilor Napont attended **3 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special sessions, **1 of 1** EDC Regular Session, and **17 of 25** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

**Antrim/GT Elders
Events & Activities**

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

Tuesday; June 2nd
Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; June 3rd
Thrifting
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; June 4th
Sew Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; June 9th
Lunch**
Elders Advisory
10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Wednesday; June 10th
Game Day
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; June 11th
Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; June 16th
Game Day
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; June 17th
Sew Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; June 18th
Thrifting
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; June 23rd
Thrifting
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; June 24th
Corn Hole & Lunch @
Leelanau
11:00AM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; June 25th
Birthday Bingo
@ Charlevoix or Yuba Park
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; June 30th
Sew Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

**Benzie Elders
Events & Activities**

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

Wednesday; June 3rd
Finish Skirts
1:00PM - 3:00PM*

Wednesday; June 10th
Necklaces
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; June 17th
Grocery Store
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; June 24th
Cards
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Questions, please contact

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**SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE. PLEASE CALL
AHEAD. ALL ACTIVITIES ARE
DRUG & ALCOHOL-FREE!*

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

**ADVANCE SIGN-UP
IS REQUIRED!**

**PLEASE CONTACT
YOUR ELDERS SITE
COORDINATOR TO
RESERVE YOUR
SPOT.**

**Charlevoix Elders
Events & Activities**

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

Tuesday; June 2nd
Craft Time
1:30PM**

Wednesday; June 3rd
Yahtzee
1:30PM**

Thursday; June 4th
Walk and Talk in Gym
1:30PM**

Tuesday; June 9th
Elders Advisory
10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Wednesday; June 10th
Card Games
1:30PM**

Thursday; June 11th
Ice Cream Social
1:30PM**

Tuesday; June 16th
TC AMC Movie (BYOLunch)
1:30PM

Wednesday; June 17th
Scrabble
1:30PM**

Thursday; June 18th
Card Games
1:30PM**

Tuesday; June 23rd
Craft Time
1:30PM**

Wednesday; June 24th
Birthday Bingo
@ Charlevoix or Yuba Park
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; June 25th
Outside Activity or Game
1:30PM*

Tuesday; June 30th
Craft Time
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

**Leelanau Elders
Events & Activities**

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

Tuesday; June 2nd
Board Games
1:00PM**

Wednesday; June 3rd
Lunch
12:00PM - 1:00PM

Thursday; June 4th
Store Run
1:00PM**

Tuesday; June 9th
No lunch at Elders complex
Elders Advisory
10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Wednesday; June 10th
Craft Day
1:00PM**

Thursday; June 11th
Craft Day
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; June 16th
Senior Expo
10:00AM - 2:00PM**

Wednesday; June 17th
Craft Day
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; June 18th
Birthday Bingo
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; June 23rd
Local Store Run
1:00PM**

Wednesday; June 24th
Corn Hole with GT/Antrim
Elders
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; June 25th
Lunch
12:00PM - 1:00PM

Tuesday; June 30th
Yahtzee
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Mino-Dibishkaan! Happy Birthday!

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

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

Daniel	Boulton	1-Jun	Sharon	Jenkins	9-Jun	Lynn	Fulcher	21-Jun
Mary	Heintzelman	1-Jun	Michelle	Greco	9-Jun	Lisa	Munnell	22-Jun
Yvette	Isburg	1-Jun	Judy	McLain	10-Jun	Lauri	Holso	22-Jun
Donald	Kenoshemeg	2-Jun	Barbara	Hughes	10-Jun	Barbara	York	22-Jun
Robin	Van Dyke	2-Jun	Beverly	Lewis	11-Jun	Cheryl	Kukla	23-Jun
Charles	Stewart	2-Jun	Lucius	Antoine	11-Jun	Deanna	Sanders	23-Jun
James	Dudley	3-Jun	Lori	McSawby	12-Jun	Christine	Campos	24-Jun
Alvin	Ance	3-Jun	Jack	Chambers	12-Jun	Clifford	Chippewa	24-Jun
Audry	Anderson	3-Jun	Ricarda	Skeba	13-Jun	Leslie	Grant	24-Jun
Thomas	Antoine	3-Jun	Kim	McSawby	13-Jun	Josephine	Moore	24-Jun
Daniel	Bailey	3-Jun	Denise	Edgington	13-Jun	Constance	Stephenson	24-Jun
Anna	Miller	3-Jun	Carol	Adams	14-Jun	Karen	Koon	24-Jun
Samuel	Warren	4-Jun	Joan	Cotter	14-Jun	Christine	Sherman	25-Jun
Mary	Boulton	4-Jun	Peter	DeVerney	14-Jun	David	Brunk	25-Jun
Shelly	Derrer	4-Jun	Susan	Minch	15-Jun	Catherine	Sikora	25-Jun
Amy	Smith	4-Jun	Mary	Ruth	15-Jun	Tammy	Rose	25-Jun
Diane	Taula	5-Jun	Warren	Bailey	16-Jun	William	Selby	26-Jun
Phillip	Bailey	5-Jun	Howard	Martell	16-Jun	Rosella	McSawby	26-Jun
Daniel	Quijas	5-Jun	Anthony	Napont	16-Jun	Pilar	Ramirez	26-Jun
Leonard	Miller	5-Jun	Vincent	Chippewa	17-Jun	Wilmer	Alberts	27-Jun
Rosie	Germain	5-Jun	Malinda	Bassett	17-Jun	Anthony	Stainbrook	27-Jun
Elizabeth	Rodriguez	5-Jun	Leonard	Miller	18-Jun	Celeste	Dipatri	27-Jun
Caroline	Field	6-Jun	Ronald	Peplinski	18-Jun	Lisa	Shawandase	28-Jun
Lynda	Hopkins	6-Jun	Pauline	Anthony	18-Jun	Michael	Benson	28-Jun
Julie	McDonald	8-Jun	Elizabeth	Gibbs	18-Jun	Melissa	Alberts	28-Jun
Jesse	Cabinaw	8-Jun	Kareene	Pelegrino	18-Jun	Gary	Randolph	28-Jun
Karla	Young	8-Jun	Nyla	Warren	19-Jun	Treisa	Kennedy	28-Jun
Eugene	Wabindato	8-Jun	Leonard	Corey	19-Jun	Leslie	Miller	29-Jun
Kerry	Wood	9-Jun	Marcia	Raphael	19-Jun	Gary	Coudron	29-Jun
Joseph	Felice	9-Jun	David	Anderson	19-Jun	Richard	Hart	30-Jun
Randall	Bailey	9-Jun	Dawn	Holtrop	19-Jun	Joan	Myrick	30-Jun
Frederick	Jacko Sr	9-Jun	Chris	Bennett	20-Jun	Lori	Rumsey	30-Jun

ATTENTION GTB TRIBAL HOUSING RESIDENCE

A quiet time window from 10:00 PM until 6:00 AM spans exactly **8 hours**. This specific timeframe is a very common standard used by, apartment complexes, and Home ownership to regulate noise levels and protect sleep.

What This Usually Means

During these designated hours, residents are typically expected to keep sound from traveling past their property line or shared walls. Common restrictions include:

- **No power tools** or loud outdoor lawn equipment.
- **No loud parties** or amplified music that can be heard by neighbors.
- **Lowering the volume** on televisions, sound systems, and musical instruments.

How to Handle Violations

If someone is violating a 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM quiet time policy, you have a few ways to address it:

1. **Talk to the neighbor:** If you feel safe and comfortable doing so, a polite conversation can often resolve a one-off issue.
2. **Review the lease or community rules:** If you live in an apartment, HOA, or rental, document the dates and times of the noise to submit a formal complaint to management.
3. **Check local city ordinances:** Many cities have a non-emergency police line or code enforcement department that handles nighttime noise complaints.

Call for Vendors

Set up and sell crafts at Elders All Site Parties



Call your Elders Coordinator for application & to

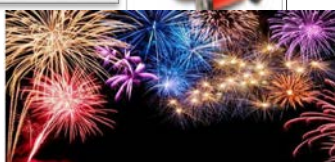
reserve your table to sell your homemade crafts

during our next all site gathering.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

**BE QUIET
BE QUIET
BE QUIET
BE QUIET**

10 PM - 6 AM



Antrim/Grand Traverse

Tanya Tanner (231) 534-7710

Benzie/Manistee

Delora Wilson (231) 534-7769

Charlevoix

Agnus Glinski (231) 534-7821

Leelanau

Barb Kenwabikise (231) 534-7066

Melissa Martinez (231) 534-7743

Lisa Shawandase (231) 534-7744

Cultural Department

Anishinaabemowin

In-Person Language Classes

With Fluent Instructors,
Isadore Toulouse and Patricia Osawamick

Mondays

Kewadin
John Hall
5 - 7 pm

Tuesdays

Peshawbestown
Cultural Building
5 - 7 pm

Zoom Option:
5:30 - 7 pm

Wednesdays

3 Mile Office
5 - 7 pm

Zoom Option:
5:30 - 7 pm

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID : 730 5294 9904
Passcode: GTB2024

bit.ly/GTBAnish

GTB Cultural Department
Isadore.Toulouse@gtb-nsn.gov (231) 534- 7252

Please Note: No Class when GTB offices are closed.
Classes end June 25 2026 and will resume in Fall.

VIRTUAL ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE CLASSES

With Fluent Instructors,
Isadore Toulouse and Patricia Osawamick

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

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

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID : 730 5294 9904
Passcode: GTB2024

bit.ly/GTBAnish

More Information

GTB Cultural Department
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JANUARY-JUNE 25 2026 CLASSES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL

POWOW 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



GRAND TRAVERSE BAND- CULTURAL DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

GRASS DANCE

Teaching & Making Workshop w/
Aydrian Day

MUST HAVE SEWING EXPERIENCE

SIGN UP
bit.ly/3RIG8eg



OPEN TO ALL AGES
LIMITED SPOTS

Cultural Building
June 16th, 17th, 18th
4-8pm

MORE INFORMATION
TASHENA SAMS
231-534-7766




2026
FAMILY
ANISHINAABEMOWIN
LANGUAGE CAMP

2585 WAABNO MAKWA ROAD,
PESHAWBESTOWN MI

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

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

More Information:
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DENTAL CLINIC



CELEBRATE DENTAL SMILES MONTH: PROTECTING YOUR SMILE STARTS AT HOME

June is Dental Smiles Month, a perfect reminder to focus on the health of your teeth and gums while celebrating the confidence that comes with a bright, healthy smile. Good oral health is about much more than appearance — it plays an important role in your overall wellness, comfort, and quality of life. Healthy teeth and gums can help prevent pain, infections, difficulty eating, and other health complications that may develop when dental issues are left untreated.

The good news is that maintaining a healthy smile does not have to be complicated. Small daily habits and regular preventive care can make a lasting difference for individuals and families of all ages.

WHY PREVENTIVE DENTAL CARE MATTERS

Preventive dental care is one of the most important investments you can make in your health. Practicing good oral hygiene every day helps stop cavities, gum disease, and tooth decay before they begin. Prevention is often far easier, more comfortable, and less expensive than treating dental problems after they develop.

When oral health concerns are ignored, small issues can quickly become larger problems. Untreated decay may eventually require fillings, crowns, root canals, or even tooth extractions. Gum disease can also affect overall health and may contribute to other medical concerns if left untreated.

By staying consistent with dental care at home and scheduling regular visits with your dental provider, you can help protect your smile for years to come.

DAILY HABITS FOR A HEALTHY SMILE

Building strong oral health habits into your daily routine is one of the best ways to maintain healthy teeth and gums. Here are several simple but effective steps everyone can follow:

Brush Twice Daily
Brush your teeth at least twice each day using fluoride toothpaste. Dentists recommend brushing for a full two minutes each time to thoroughly clean all surfaces of the teeth. Fluoride helps strengthen enamel and provides added protection against cavities.

Focus on the Gumline
When brushing, angle your toothbrush toward the gumline. This technique helps remove plaque and bacteria that build up where the teeth and gums meet — an area that is especially important for preventing gum disease.

Floss Every Day
Flossing daily removes food particles and plaque from between teeth where toothbrush bristles cannot reach. Flossing is especially important after eating sticky or sugary foods that can increase the risk of decay.

Use a Fluoridated Mouth Rinse
Adding a fluoridated mouth rinse to your

routine can provide additional protection between the teeth and help strengthen enamel. Mouth rinses can also help reduce bacteria and freshen breath.

Schedule Regular Dental Cleanings
Professional dental cleanings are essential for removing hardened plaque, also known as tartar or calculus, that cannot be removed with brushing alone. Regular dental visits also allow providers to detect cavities and other concerns early, when treatment is often simpler and more effective.

ORAL HEALTH SUPPORTS OVERALL WELLNESS

Your mouth is connected to the rest of your body, making oral health an important part of total wellness. Healthy dental habits can improve confidence, support proper nutrition, and reduce the risk of infection and discomfort. Teaching children healthy brushing and flossing habits early in life also helps establish routines that can last into adulthood.

Dental Smiles Month is a great opportunity to encourage family members to refresh their oral hygiene routines, replace old toothbrushes, and schedule overdue dental appointments.

SMILE WITH CONFIDENCE THIS JUNE

A healthy smile can boost confidence, improve comfort, and support overall health. By practicing daily prevention and maintaining regular dental care, you can help keep your teeth and gums healthy throughout the year.

This Dental Smiles Month, take time to recommit to healthy habits, encourage loved ones to do the same, and remember that every small step toward prevention helps create a brighter, healthier smile for the future.

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

The Ultimate Oral Hygiene Blueprint: Tips And Tricks For Optimal Health

Brushing your teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste is the foundation of a good oral hygiene routine. It helps remove food particles, plaque, and bacteria from your teeth and gums.

Professional cleanings and check-ups every six months are crucial for maintaining oral health and catching potential problems early.

Making oral care fun and engaging can help encourage kids to maintain good habits.

Look for toothbrushes and toothpaste with their favorite characters to make brushing more appealing.

Use Mouthguards And Other Protective Gear
Mouthguards for Sports
If you participate in contact sports or activities with a risk of injury, wear a mouthguard. Custom-fitted mouthguards provide the best protection and comfort.

Quitting smoking and reducing alcohol intake can be challenging, but it is essential for improving your oral health.

Brushing your teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste is the foundation of a good oral hygiene routine. It helps remove food particles, plaque, and bacteria from your teeth and gums.

Flossing

Daily flossing is essential for removing debris and plaque from between your teeth and under the gumline, where your toothbrush cannot reach.

Improving Quality of Life

Healthy teeth and gums contribute to better overall health, making it easier to eat, speak, and enjoy life without pain or discomfort.

HEALTH SERVICES

MEDICARE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT AVAILABLE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

Important for self-pay Tribal Members. If you are not currently receiving Social Security benefits, your Medicare premiums are likely not automatically deducted — which means you may be paying them out of pocket. If this applies to you, please be aware that you can still submit your payments for reimbursement. To receive reimbursement, you must submit your Medicare statement showing proof of out-of-pocket premium payment. This statement can be submitted to the Benefits Coordinator.

The Benefits Coordinator, David Wonegeshik, is located in the Medicine Lodge. Any submissions to the Benefits Coordinator can also be routed through your local satellite office as well. If there are any questions, please contact **David Wonegeshik at (231) 534-7354 or david.wonegeshik@gtb-nsn.gov**.

Upper Peninsula of Michigan Family & Friends,
Join us for an exciting day filled with fun and learning. This is an event you won't want to miss!
JULY 11, 2026
Northern Michigan University @ Northern Center

DISCOVERING DENTISTRY SYMPOSIUM
IGNITE IMAGINATION WITH DENTISTRY

Welcome
RISING ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

A one-day comprehensive dentistry program designed to inspire and educate high school students through hands-on learning and creative problem-solving. Click [HERE](#) to watch a video of the event!

Signup to participate in the program here:
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Innovative Curriculum
Our curriculum integrates cutting-edge advancements in dentistry with foundational principles of evidence-based practice and oral health hands-on pathway exploration, providing a comprehensive and well-rounded education.

Expert Instructors
Our team of experienced dental educators and oral health professional students are dedicated to fostering a love for dentistry, innovation and critical thinking in every student through small group case-based learning.

Continued Mentorship
Your child is invited to participate in a 6-session virtual mentorship program designed to guide students in exploring oral health and healthcare careers, planning for high school and college, building a résumé, and identifying shadowing and mentorship opportunities.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

This program is generously funded by the
DELTA DENTAL FOUNDATION

Host
CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH
NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Partner
M DENTISTRY

Email questions to kathryn.pawlak@planetmilesz.org

SOVEREIGNTY DAY 5K CELEBRATION WALK / RUN

Community members, families, and friends came together to celebrate Sovereignty Day during the Grand Traverse Band's annual 5K Celebration Walk/Run in Charlevoix. The event encouraged wellness, unity,

and community spirit while honoring the importance of tribal sovereignty and self-determination. Participants of all ages enjoyed a morning filled with movement, laughter, and celebration, with walking encouraged

so everyone could take part in the festivities. The event also included food, fun, and prize opportunities, making it a meaningful and family-friendly gathering for the community.



TURTLE BALL CLASSIC 2026

FATHER'S DAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

JUNE 20TH, & 21ST
Games Start 9AM Saturday

\$100 Entry Fee

**4 Brackets,
4 Teams per Bracket
3 Game Guarantee**

REGISTRATIONS DUE JUNE 8TH

MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION	HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION
Boys & Girls Includes classes of 2031, 2032, & 2033!	Boys & Girls Includes classes of 2027, 2028, 2029, & 2030

LAST GAME STARTS AT 3PM SUNDAY

TO REGISTER VISIT THE STRONGHEART CENTER OR CALL 231-534-7456

Strongheart Center
2700 Strongheart Way, Peshawbestown
Contact: Jordan Anderson | (231)534-7456 | jordan.anderson4@gtb-nsn.gov

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

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

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

HUSTLE FOR THAT MUSCLE.

New Strongheart Hours Starting May - October

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

FRIDAY
6:30AM - 6:00PM

CLOSED SUNDAYS & MAJOR HOLIDAYS
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SATURDAY
9:00AM - 1:00PM

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

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

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

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

SCAN ME

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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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO ENHANCING OR IMPROVING THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE AND WELLNESS FOR ALL GTB MEMBERS

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.

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.

**NENAANDAWI'IWED
TRADITIONAL HEALER**

Gerard Sagassige

Gerard Sagassige is from Curve Lake First Nation with family connections to Serpent River and Wikwemikong. With over 20 years of experience in traditional healing practices across Anishinaabek communities in the United States and Canada, Gerard is dedicated to cultural revitalization, holistic wellness, and community-based healing. For the past seven years, he serves as the Traditional Practitioner for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, providing culturally grounded healing services, ceremonies, and teachings that support the spiritual and emotional well-being of community members.



Call Marion Wabanimkee-Minzey to schedule 231-534-7091

Or schedule online at:

<https://massageGTBbh.as.me/>



Gerard also serves as the Cultural Director for Anishinaabemowin-Teg Inc. He is a first-language fluent speaker of Anishinaabemowin, with English as his second language. Gerard believes language is central to Anishinaabe identity, wellness, and spirituality, and Anishinaabe worldview and traditional healing practices are inseparable from our language.

Gerard's responsibilities include guiding fasting camps, sweat lodge ceremonies, sunrise ceremonies, sacred fires, and offering spiritual guidance, traditional teachings, healing, and medicines. He works with individuals of all ages and support staff and organizations in learning and integrating Anishinaabek traditional ways of life into their lives and work.

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 6-16-26 and 7-28-26

3-Mile Satellite Office
Every Thursday
5:30pm - 7:30pm
April 2th-July 30th, 2026

For More Information:
Yvette Weese 231-534-7381 Leilani DeFoe 231-534-7093

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Niizh Animikiig presents

MANIDOO-MINES-KE-DAA

Let's bead

Come join this beading circle, supplies limited.
Can bring your own beading projects.
Please call to reserve a spot

13 MAY	CHARLEVOIX WEDNESDAY 5:30 PM	03 JUN	CHARLEVOIX WEDNESDAY 5:30 PM
18 MAY	3-MILE MONDAY 5:30 PM	10 JUN	EYAAWING WEDNESDAY 5:30 PM
		15 JUN	3-MILE MONDAY 5:30 PM

***Kewadin TBD for June**

Beads and supplies limited to 20 participants per site
Snacks provided | open to GTB community and families

Charlevoix: 10085 Wa-Ba-Noong Mi-Kun, East Jordan
Eyaawing: 2304 N West Bay Shore Dr, Peshawbestown
3-Mile: 845 Business Park Dr, Traverse City
John Hall: 7095 Cairn Hwy, Kewadin located behind the cemetery on 7248 Cairn Hwy, Kewadin.

For More Information & To Reserve Spot:
Leilani DeFoe 231-492-9956

GTB
ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES
MASSAGE THERAPY

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

THERAPEUTIC SESSIONS

Great for stress relief & muscle tension

MANUAL LYMPH DRAINAGE

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

FACIAL GUA SHA

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

CUPPING

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

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



Youth Services
SCAVENGER HUNT

photo scavenger hunt in the village of Suttons Bay

Bring your friends and family for a fun-filled day of adventure, laughter!

Thursday June 4th
5PM-7PM
2821 NW Bayshore Dr.
Peshawbestown MI, 49682

Light Dinner at 5-5:30 we will depart at 5:35 to go to Suttons Bay for our photo scavenger hunt.

Torie Chippewa
Ph: 231.534.7230
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Email: victoria.chippewa@gtb-nsn.gov





Youth Services presents
ARNOLD AMUSEMENTS
Wristbands

DEADLINE: June 24, 2026

Pick up Locations
3Mile Office
845 Business Park Dr.
Traverse City, MI 49686

Pick up Dates and Time
July 6, 2026 & July 8, 2026
Times 10AM-4PM

To register your GTB youth ages 2 to 18 (18 year olds must be in High School) please use QR code or link provided

JULY 7, 2026 AT HERITAGE DAY POW WOW
10AM - 3PM

<https://forms.gle/HM2b3ntR1gH6ZzK9>

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Youth Services




open craft night
Wednesday nights
June Dates: 6/3 - 6/10 - 6/17 - 6/24
Light Dinner 5-8pm

Start a craft or Finish a craft
types of crafts to start or finish

*beadwork *regalia making *moccasins
*paint * anything from previous week crafting

if you have nothing to do and want to come visit that is fine too!

Subject to change
due to weather or closure



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Office: 231.534.7230
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M22 Youth building
2821 NW Bayshore Dr.
Peshawbestown MI 49682

Youth Services

Join us and make a ribbon skirt or a ribbon shirt

Thursday June 11, 2026




*boys bring a nice button up

5-8 PM **PotLuck Dinner**

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

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Youth Services




Father's Day

5PM - 7PM

Pancake Dinner
Ft. our very Own GTB made Maple syrup!

June 18th at M22 Youth Building
2821 NW Bayshore Dr.
Peshawbestown MI 49682

Join us for pancake dinner and a craft just in time for Fathers day!

Uncles, Grandfathers, and Father figures welcome!

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YOUTH SERVICES
MOVIE
ON THE **LAWN**

A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS!

YARD GAMES AVAILABLE TO PLAY BEFORE MOVIE BEGINS

THURSDAY JUNE 25, 2026
8:30 PM
MOVIE STARTS AT DUSK

M22 YOUTH BUILDING
2821 NW BAYSHORE DR
PESHAWBESTOWN, MI 49682

Bring Your Blankets & Chairs!
FAMILY FUN • FOOD • POPCORN

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WILD RICE CASSEROLE MAKING

I WILL HAVE A CASSEROLE
MADE BUT HAVE SUPPLIES TO
MAKE SINGLE SERVING TAKE
HOME TRAYS

ALL DATES 5-7PM

6/8/26 - CHARLEVOIX - SMALL ROOM

6/22/26 - TRAVERSE CITY - 3 MILE OFFICE

6/24/26 - KEWADIN - JOHN HALL

LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HANNAH PELCHER

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COME MAKE A PAPER BUTTON FIDGET

boredom cure, emotional
regulating tool/ toy

All dates 5pm-7pm

6/1/26 - Charlevoix - Small room

6/3/26 - Kewadin - John Hall

6/4/26 - Traverse City - 3 mile Office

light dinner provided

Subject to change

GET IN TOUCH

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Noos Giizhigad

Father's Day

Let's decorate hats for your Dad, Grandpa,
uncle, or a special male role model.

light dinner provided

All dates 5:00-7:00pm

6/10/26 - Charlevoix - Small room

6/17/26 - Kewadin - John Hall

6/18/26 - Traverse City - 3 mile

office

Subject to change



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Come make a ribbon skirt or shirt!

dates: 6/11, 6/16, 6/23

Traverse City- 3 mile office

5:30pm-8:30pm

light dinner provided

Subject to change due to weather or closure



SLIME MAKING

ALL DATES 5-7PM

6/29/26 - CHARLEVOIX - SMALL

6/30/26 - TRAVERSE CITY - 3 MILE

7/1/26 - KEWADIN - JOHN HALL

LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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NATURAL RESOURCES

WHITE BISON CALF WAS BORN AT THE NEAL SMITH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A truly rare and powerful moment has captured the attention of Indigenous communities across the country with the recent birth of a white bison calf at the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge. The calf was born on April 30, 2026, during the refuge's spring calving season and is being recognized as an extraordinarily uncommon occurrence.

According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and staff at the refuge, white bison births are exceptionally rare, as most calves are born with a reddish-brown coat. Refuge staff shared that the calf appears healthy and continues to stay close to the herd as it grows on the restored prairie lands of Iowa.

For many Tribal Nations, the white bison carries deep spiritual and cultural meaning. Often viewed as a sacred symbol of hope, renewal, balance, and unity, the birth of a white buffalo is considered a blessing and reminder of the importance

of caring for one another, the land, and future generations. The story has inspired many people across Indian Country, serving as a reminder of resilience, cultural teachings, and the sacred relationship Indigenous peoples continue to hold with buffalo. Buffalo have long provided sustenance, ceremony, teachings, and connection for Native communities throughout history, making this birth especially meaningful.

Information for this article was provided by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge. Community members interested in learning more, viewing photos, or following updates on the calf can visit the official White Bison Calf Story.



<https://www.fws.gov/page/white-bison-calf-born-neal-smith>

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.

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

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



LEARN ABOUT & BATTLE INVASIVE SPECIES

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) partners with the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network (ISN) on the treatment of invasive species within GTB's service area and the Ceded Territory. If you are interested in learning more about and assisting in the treatment of invasive



Baby's Breath Workbee

Join ISN to remove baby's breath from Elberta Beach in Benzie County! Spreading over northwest Michigan's beaches and dunes, baby's breath crowds out native plants and degrades important habitat. Help restore Elberta Beach back to a diverse, healthy landscape! With a deep taproot, removal is hard work but extremely rewarding. Shovels and other tools will be provided but please bring your own work gloves to protect your hands while using shovels. Long pants are recommended as there is some poison ivy on the beach. Registration appreciated.



naturechange.org

Where to Meet: Elberta Beach parking lot in Elberta
When: Wednesday, June 17th from 10am-noon
 Tuesday, July 7th from 10am-noon
 Saturday, July 25th from 10am-noon

Autumn Olive Community Workshops

Autumn olive is a troublesome invasive species that can quickly take over a landscape and crowd out native plants and animals. With thousands of seeds and an extensive root system, management can seem overwhelming – especially once plants grow to be quite large. Fortunately, with some effort and the right knowledge, autumn olive can be controlled with chemicals or using mechanical methods. ISN is hosting two workshops to communicate the options available to landowners struggling with the plant. They will review how to identify autumn olive at various stages of growth and provide hands-on removal demonstrations. There will also be information available regarding landowner assistance programs if the outbreak is too large to personally handle. Registration required.



www.michigan.gov

Manistee County Workshop

Where: Orchard Beach State Park in Manistee
When: Thursday, August 27th from 5:30-7:30pm

Leelanau County Workshop

Where: Leelanau Government Building in Lake Leelanau
When: Wednesday, September 2nd from 5:30-7:30pm



www.michigan.gov

LAND BACK SUCCESS! MASHKIIGAKI COASTAL WETLAND RESTORED TO GTB

188 acres of land along the Leelanau peninsula shoreline is back under the protection and stewardship of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, after an illegal transfer under the 1855 Treaty of Washington and over 160 years of private ownership. This coastal wetland is one of the last areas of relatively undeveloped shoreline within the GTB's ancestral homelands. It is being referred to as Mashkiigaki (marshland and place of medicines).

and preserve this land for all generations!

We invite you to share your thoughts on the past, present, and future of Mashkiigaki:

- ◆ Fill out a brief questionnaire using the QR code below
- ◆ Contact Madeline Baroli or Brett Fessell at the NRD at (231) 534-7500 or madeline.baroli@gtb-nsn.gov & brett.fessell@gtb-nsn.gov
- ◆ Look out for ways to share at upcoming community events, including events hosted at Mashkiigaki this upcoming spring and summer!

Most recently, the Timber Shores Campground and RV park operated at this site from 1964 to 1988. A 2020-2022 proposal to establish a 400-site RV park faced significant community opposition and environmental concern. In 2024, a strategic partnership between the GTB and a local non-profit, New Community Vision, combined federal grant funding from NOAA and community donations to purchase the title to the land and deed it to the GTB. **The GTB community is now able to reconnect with, restore,**

Scan for questionnaire

<https://forms.gle/guLTUkCvL4zGFMqg7>



Chi-miigwech!

AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

SUPPORTS THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY AND HELPING FAMILIES GROW FOOD AT HOME

3 SISTERS PLANTING

The Agriculture Department will host 2 afternoons of 3 Sisters Planting on June 4th and 5th from 4:00 – 6:00PM at the Peshawbestown Farm. Tera John will host this event where participants will learn techniques for planting 3 sisters on a large and small scale. We have Anishinaabe red beans, corn from the Raphael Family, and Gete Okosomin squash seed that was found to have been grown in the Great Lakes region for over 4,000 years! Come join us and learn how these plants provide food, medicine, and guide traditional life-ways.

JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER COOKOUTS!

Stay tuned to the July Newsletter for the dates of 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 GOLD 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. 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!

Public Safety Reminds Community to Practice Bicycle Safety



As warmer weather brings more bicyclists to Michigan roadways, the Grand Traverse Band Public Safety Department is reminding both drivers and cyclists to share the road safely

and responsibly. Understanding Michigan bicycle laws and practicing safe habits can help prevent crashes and serious injuries for everyone traveling on local roads and communities.

Under Michigan law, motorists are required to give bicyclists at least three feet of space when passing them on the roadway. Several Michigan communities, including Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Dearborn, have adopted stricter ordinances requiring five feet of passing distance. While these local laws may vary, the message remains the same: bicyclists deserve safe space on the road.

Bicyclists are considered vehicles under Michigan law and are expected to follow the same rules of the road as motorists. Cyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic, obey traffic signals and roadway signs, and use hand signals when turning or stopping. Riders may travel no more than two abreast and are required to have a white front light and red rear reflector when riding at night or during low-light conditions.

Public Safety officials also encourage bicyclists to make themselves as visible as possible by wearing bright or reflective clothing and always wearing a properly fitted helmet. Riders should remain alert for road hazards such as wet leaves, branches, potholes, or debris that could cause a crash or force sudden swerving into traffic. Extra caution should also be used near intersections and driveways where turning vehicles may not see approaching bicyclists.

Drivers also play an important role in bicycle safety. Motorists are reminded to obey speed limits, stay alert, and

avoid distractions while driving. Intersections, parking lots, driveways, and stop signs are all areas where bicyclists can be easily overlooked. Drivers should yield to bicyclists just as they would another motor vehicle and avoid turning in front of cyclists traveling along the roadway or sidewalk.

One common but preventable hazard is “dooring,” which occurs when a parked driver opens a vehicle door into the path of a bicyclist. Safety experts recommend using the “Dutch Reach” method — opening the driver’s door with the right hand instead of the left. This naturally turns the body and encourages drivers to check for approaching traffic before opening the door.

Helmet safety is another important part of preventing serious injuries. Safety officials recommend using the “two-finger rule” to ensure proper helmet fit. The helmet should sit level on the head with two fingers’ width above the eyebrows, the straps forming a “V” shape around each ear, and no more than two fingers fitting between the chin and the strap. Helmets should fit snugly and should never be purchased with the intention of “growing into them.”

Before every ride, bicyclists should also complete a quick “A-B-C” safety check:

- Air: Check tire pressure and inspect tires for damage or worn tread.
- Brakes: Test brakes to ensure they stop the bike properly and inspect brake pads and cables for wear or looseness.
- Chains: Make sure the chain is clean, lubricated, rust-free, and moving smoothly through gears.

A safe ride starts with a safe bicycle — and a properly fitted helmet.

For additional bicycle safety information and free educational materials, including the Michigan Bicyclist Laws Guide for the Public, visit the Michigan Traffic Safety Materials Catalog.

PUBLIC WORKS

Peshawbestown Water System Meets Safety Standards in 2025



The Grand Traverse Band Water Utilities Department has released its 2025 Consumer Confidence Report for the Peshawbestown

water system, providing community members with important information about local drinking water quality and safety.

According to the report, the Peshawbestown water system continues to provide safe drinking water that meets federal and state standards. The system’s water comes from three groundwater wells, each more than 300 feet deep. Officials reported that there are currently no significant sources of contamination affecting the water supply.

The annual report serves as a snapshot of the water quality provided throughout the 2025 calendar year and includes information about where the water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the State of Michigan.

While drinking water, including bottled water, may contain small amounts of contaminants, the presence of these substances does not necessarily indicate a health risk. Water naturally travels through rivers, lakes, streams, reservoirs, springs, and underground aquifers, where it can dissolve minerals and encounter naturally occurring substances or

contaminants from human and environmental activity.

Possible contaminants found in source water can include microbial contaminants such as bacteria and viruses, inorganic substances like salts and metals, pesticides and herbicides, radioactive materials, and organic chemicals associated with industrial processes or petroleum production. Federal regulations are in place to ensure that public drinking water remains safe by limiting the amount of these contaminants allowed in public water systems.

The report also notes that certain individuals may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised individuals, older adults, infants, and people undergoing medical treatments such as chemotherapy or organ transplants are encouraged to consult with healthcare providers regarding drinking water safety precautions.

The Grand Traverse Band Water Utilities Department encourages residents to stay informed about local water quality and the ongoing work being done to maintain a safe and reliable water system for the community.

Community members with questions regarding the report or local water utilities may contact the Grand Traverse Band Water Utilities Department at (231) 534-7376 or by email at Joe.burfield@gtb-nsn.gov.

The full 2025 Consumer Confidence Report and additional Public Works information can be found through the QR code or at: <https://www.gtbindians.org/publicworks.asp>



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Government Operations

Administrative Assistant (FT)
 High School Diploma or GED required; Associate degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, Human Services, or related field preferred. Min. three (3) years of progressively responsible administrative experience. Experience supporting executive or senior-level leadership preferred. Strong proficiency in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, Publisher) and database systems. Demonstrated ability to manage confidential and sensitive information. Strong organizational and time management skills. Valid unrestricted Driver's License and ability to be insured under GTB policy. -\$18.55/hr. - 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

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

Benodjenh Manager (FT)
 Bachelor's degree required, with emphasis in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, Education, Human Services, or a related field preferred. Min. five (5) years of progressively responsible experience in early childhood education, human services, or program administration. Min. five (5) years of experience in a supervisory or management role. Demonstrated experience overseeing Head Start, Early Head Start, Child Care, or similar federally or state-funded programs preferred. Knowledge of applicable federal, state, Tribal, and funding-agency regulations governing early childhood programs. Current CPR and First Aid certification or ability to obtain within a specified time frame. Valid, unrestricted Michigan Driver's License and ability to be insured under the GTB insurance carrier. -\$57,729-87,482/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. -\$DOE - until filled

Dental Hygienist (FT)
 Associates Degree in Dental Hygiene and Licensure in State of Michigan. Twenty-four hours of biennial

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

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

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

EHS/HS Bus & 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

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 Aid 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

Elders Site Coordinator - Benzie (FT)
 High School diploma or GED certificate required. Minimum three years experience working with Native American Elders. -\$18.55/hr. - until filled

(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. -\$19.52/hr. - until filled

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. -\$19.52/hr. - until filled

Housing Utility Worker (FT)
 High School Diploma or GED preferred. Must have some housekeeping experience. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by

the GTB insurance carrier. -\$16.17/hr. - until filled

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 skills in classroom management, and curriculum planning. Must obtain CPR/First Aid certification. -\$44,595.20/yr. - until filled

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

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

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

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

Membership Supervisor (FT)
 High School diploma or GED required; Bachelor's degree in Human Services, Public Administration, Business Administration, or a related field preferred. Min. three (3) to five (5) years of progressively responsible experience in membership, enrollment, genealogy, or records management. Min. three (3) years of supervisory or lead experience in an office or public service environment. Demonstrated knowledge of Tribal enrollment processes and genealogical research methods. Genuine interest and demonstrated aptitude in genealogy and historical record analysis. Strong interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills. Ability to manage multiple priorities, maintain attention to detail, and handle sensitive matters with discretion. -\$57,729/yr. - until filled

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

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

PRC Manager/PD (FT)
 Bachelor's Degree in Health Administration or equivalent education and experience. Minimum of and Associates Degree and five (5) years of experience in Purchased Referred Care. Minimum of five (5) years of experience with Health Database and Financial budget management skills. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$21.75/hr. - 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. -\$21.71/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. -\$43,750-73,062/yr. - 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. -\$63,318/yr. - until filled.

Revenue Cycle and Data Manager (FT)
 Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or Finance. Thorough understanding billing, collections and payment posting, revenue cycle, & third-party payers. Thorough understanding of budget management and reporting for business planning and development, as well as program specific management and reporting. Thorough understanding of

Database creation, data analysis, compiling and interpreting data from several systems. (2-3) years' progressive and successful billing cycle and data management experience preferred. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$69,450/yr. - until filled

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 and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must have a valid Chauffeur Driver's License. A min. of (3) years 'experience working with Native American youths. Must maintain current CPR/First Aid certification. -\$19.52/hr. - until filled

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

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. -\$43,750.00/yr. - until filled

Government Operations RFP

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

RFP - 2026 Personal Trainer
 The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB, Grand Traverse Band) is requesting bid proposals from companies or adult individual/s for a Certified Personal Trainer at the Strongheart Civic Center located in Leelanau County. -\$RFP - until filled

RFP - 2026 Pilates Instructor
 GTB is requesting bid proposals for a Certified Pilates Instructor to offer classes at the Strongheart Center dance room. Each class will be offered once a week for 1 (one) hour duration on day/time agreed upon. -\$RFP - until filled

RFP - 2026 Yoga Instructor
 GTB is requesting bid proposals from companies or adult individual/s for yoga instructor(s) for Leelanau county. -\$RFP - until filled

120 Announcements

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 June 17 10am-11am
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MONDAY Early Art Exploration 1:30 - 3 PM Friendship Center Suttons Bay June 1 & 15 LUNES	TUESDAY Glen Lake Playgroup 10-11 AM Myles Kimmerly Park June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 MARTES	WEDNESDAY Northport Playgroup 10-11 AM NPS Gym June 3, 10, 17, 24 MIÉRCOLES	THURSDAY Suttons Bay Playgroup 10-11 AM Sutton Park Beach St. SB June 4, 11, 18, 25 JUEVES	FRIDAY Cedar Playgroup 10-11 AM Bee Well 9044 S Kesson St June 12 & 26 VIERNES
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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.
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