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**TAKE A LOOK AT THE BREATHTAKING MOMENTS DURING THE
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Tribal Council Sepcial Session
February 10, 2025
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II. Unfinished Business. A- **Chief Judge and Interim Chief Judge- Options**
This item was moved into Closed Session

II. Unfinished Business. B- **401k Fund Change** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve the 401k fund change as recommended.
4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries

II. Unfinished Business. C- **Myrick Petition Response Letter** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve the letter for the Chairperson’s signature.
4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries

II. Unfinished Business. D- **Revised Travel Policy** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve the revised Travel Policy effective 1/1/2025.
3-FOR; 1-AGAINST (Swallows); 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries

III. New Business. A- **FY2025 CORA Subcontract for Administrative and Biological Services** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve the 2025 Subcontract for Administrative and Biological Services with the Chippewa

Ottawa Resource Authority. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)Motion Carries**

III. New Business. B- **Environmental Program Title Change and Job Description Changes.** This item was deleted

III. New Business. C- **IHS Multi-Year Funding Agreement 2025-2030** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to submit the final draft of the IHS Self Governance Multi-Year Funding Agreement 2025-2030 for signature.
4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries

III. New Business. D- **Rescind Tribal Council Regular Session August 17, 2022 Motion regarding Meeting Attendance for GTB News.** This item was deleted.

III. New Business. E- **Appointments to the Election Board.** This item was tabled.

III. New Business. F- **Family Violence Prevention and Services** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #25-43.3738 for formula funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Family Violence Prevention and Services program. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. G- **IMLS native American Library Services Basic Grant** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #25-43.3741 to seek approval and funding

TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 21, 2025
There were (2) Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, (2) EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and (5) Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.
Chairwoman Witherspoon attended 1 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 1 of 5 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Out of office: Family emergency
Vice Chair Rohl attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 3 of 5 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Scheduled out of office 2/3/25.
Treasurer Swallows attended 1 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 3 of 5 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings *Attended United Tribes of Michigan meeting in Lansing, MI 2/19/25.
Secretary Miller attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 3 of 5 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Scheduled out of office 2/3/25.
Councilor Raphael attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 5 of 5 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.
Councilor Frankenberger attended 1 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 0 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 0 of 5 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.
Councilor Napont attended 2 of 2 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 4 of 5 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

III. New Business. H- **Pumper/Tanker Purchase** This item was deleted

III. New Business. I- **Team Elmers Contract 2022-150 Change Order #1** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to Table.
4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries

III. New Business. J- **Contract Clark Modular Home** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve the contract with Clark Modular Home in the amount of \$208,000.
4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)Motion Carries

III. New Business. K- **Northport School District Impact Aid Waiver** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to reaffirm Vice Chair Rohl’s signature on the 2025 impact aid waiver letter to Northport Public School to accompany their application. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. L- **Suttons Bay School District Impact Aid Application** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to reaffirm Vice Chair Rohl’s signature on the 2025 impact aid waiver letter to Suttons Bay Public School to accompany their application. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. M- **Amend Tribal Council Regular Session Motion of November 18, 2025 regarding Tribal IDs** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to pause the cost for one complimentary Tribal ID for Fiscal Year 2025. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

Tribal Council Regular Session
February 19, 2025
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II. Unfinished Business. A- **Team Elmers Contract 2022-150 Change Order #1** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Contract 2022-150 change order #1 with Team Elmers for the Herkner Housing Phase II Water & Sewer. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows) 0-ABSTAININGMotion Carries**

III. New Business. A- **Pumper/Tanker Purchase.** This item was deleted.

III. New Business. B- **Update Police Sergeant Job Description** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to approve the updated Police Sergeant Job Description with required qualifications as presented. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows) 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. C- **Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Contribution Request** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to approve a contribution to the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) in the amount of \$2,500.00 in accordance with previous years’ contributions; to be paid from 100.1202.8320.10 Contributions Charitable. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows) 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. D- **Tribal Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program & MTERA Consortium** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #25-43.3745. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. E- **Residential Lot Transfer- from Estate of Donald Yannett to Edward Yannett** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to transfer the assignment of Lot #1C on GTB Parcel 1 in Block 6 of Section 10 in the Village of Peshawbestown from the estate of Donald G. Yannett, Sr. to Edward C. Yannett per the Tribal Court Order dated 4/29/2024. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. F- **GTB Health and 340B Program Requirements Resolution** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #25-43.3750 to end the 340B contract immediately. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. G- **Great Start Readiness Program Start up Grant** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to approve Resolution #25-43.3743 to request funding in the amount of \$25,000 from Northwest Education Services through the Michigan Department of Education’s Great Start Readiness Program **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to approve the contract between the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the Northwest Education Services. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. H- **Support of United Tribes of Michigan Resolution to Request Consult re: Medicaid** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to approve Resolution #25-43.3751. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. I- **Cannabis Company Update** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #25-43.3753 as presented. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

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February 26, 2025
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II. New Business. A- **BIA GLRI Category 1: 1836 Treaty Ceded Waters Commercial Sampling for the Protection and Management of Great Lakes Native Species** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #25-43.3749 to request \$432,823 in funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the GLRI Category 1:1836 Treaty Ceded Waters Commercial Sampling. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Miller); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. B- **Approval of 2025 Tribal Council Goals and Objectives** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to approve the 2025 Tribal Council Goals and Objectives. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Miller); 1-ABSTAINING (Frankenberger) Motion Carries**

II. New Business. C- **SMART FY25 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #25-43.3748 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$340,261 from Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Miller); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. D- **Head Start/Early Head Start** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #25-43.3746 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$1,140,130 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start with a match of \$285,033, with the corrections as noted. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Miller); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. E- **US Department of Education, Office of Indian Education Title VI Indian Education Formula Grant** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve Resolution #25-43.3747 for the 2025-2026 formula-based grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education, for the Title VI Indian Education Formula Grants to LEAs. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Miller); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. F- **SAMHSA Circle of Care** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve Resolution #25-43.3752 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$1,050,000 from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the SAMHSA Circle of Care. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Miller); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. G- **Subrecipient Agreement between GTB and Great Lakes Fishery Commission** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve the Sub-Recipient Agreement in the amount of \$1,432,090, with the language added as discussed. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Miller); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. H- **Behavioral Health JD and Org Chart Changes** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve the job descriptions as presented. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Miller); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve the Organizational Chart changes as presented **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Miller); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. I- **FY26 Proposed Budget** Information only.

TRIBAL COUNCIL HYBRID MEETINGS	
<div>Registration Process</div> <div>1. Registration Required for both sessions! Follow link(s) for each registration form.</div> <div><div>• TCRS Registration Link: https://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCRS25</div><div>• TCSS Registration Link: https://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCSS25</div></div> <div>2. Once registered & cross-referenced with Membership, you will receive a confirmation email with link & password good for the entire series of registred meetings. <i>2025 Meetings have been added the exiting links.</i></div> <div>Questions or need assistance? (231) 534-7008 or gtbgovt.news@gtb-nsn.gov</div>	
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS RECORDED SESSIONS	
Tribal Council Regular Sessions occur at 9:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month.	We, the Tribal Council of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, a Sovereign
Tribal Council Special Sessions occur at 9:30 a.m. on the last Wednesday of every month.	Nation, honor to empower the wellbeing of our
Both sessions will be held in Council Chambers.	present and future members. Our ultimate goal
Upcoming meetings are open to Tribal Members.	is to advance our Nation into an era of increased
Regular Council Sessions 3/19 • 4/16 • 5/21 • 6/18	governmental vigilance that promotes and protects
Special Council Sessions 3/26 • 4/30 • 5/28 • 6/25	our culture, sovereignty, health, education, treaty
	rights, natural resources and financial stability.

PLACE

THE BOARDING SCHOOL ERA
Truth-Telling, Lament & Healing

March 12

Vicky Wilson
Shares history of
local Grove School

March 19

Panel of Survivors
Share experiences from
Holy Childhood School of
Jesus at Harbor Springs

April 2

Celebration
of culture &
resilience

Dinner 5:30 Program 6:30

701 Westminster Rd, Presbyterian Church of TC

Join us in this 3 part series as we examine the injustice of colonization, celebrate the resilience of Indigenous peoples, and work toward truth and restoration.

More Info:
<https://tinyurl.com/yeyv7xfc>
Questions Contact:
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OUR NEXT MEETING

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Amy Sommer Applewhite

Member Name

Gender: Female DOB: 11/26/1971

Enrollment Number: 7777

Enrollment Date: N/A

Physical Address: 2576 Hartnell Ave Ste 5 Redding, CA 96002-2345

Member's Signature

ISSUE DATE 01/31/2025

EXPIRE DATE 01/31/2027

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HOUSING

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HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE
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EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR

- ✓ \$15,000 available to household in any rolling 5 year period.
- ✓ Completed application & attachments are required at time of requested service. Please review ALL regulations of the program.
- ✓ Must be primary resident of the home and within 6 county service area.



SEPTIC PUMPOUT

- ✓ Must be primary resident of the home & within 6-county service area.
- ✓ Eligible for (1) pumpout every other year.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE PROGRAM

- ✓ \$20,000 total lifetime availability for Elders or certified disabled tribal member homeowner.
- ✓ Must be primary resident of the home & within 6-county service area.



DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE/
HOMEBUYER EDUCATION

- ✓ Available to Tribal Members purchasing a home within 6-county area
 - ✓ Pathways Home Classes (online)
 - ✓ Limited to a One Time Use (lifetime)
 - ✓ Cannot access the Emergency Home Repair for 5 years
 - ✓ Qualified Tribal Member Households receive **\$5,000 or \$10,000***
 - ✓ Single wide trailers may receive up to 10% of the purchase price (Trailer must be 10 years old or newer)
- *Based on income*



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Importance of Insurance and
Keeping Your Information Updated

In today's fast-paced world, safeguarding your belongings and ensuring your well-being begins with a comprehensive insurance policy tailored to your needs. If you haven't yet explored your options, now is the ideal time to reach out to your local insurance carrier for a detailed quote. By investing in a renters insurance policy, you not only protect your personal property—such as electronics, clothing, and furniture—but also gain liability coverage in case of accidental damage to someone else's property or injuries that occur in your home. This protection provides invaluable peace of mind and acts as a safety net against unexpected events, such as theft, fire, or water damage.

For more insights, see below for prevalent myths and facts related to renters insurance, which can help you make an informed choice about your coverage needs.

In addition to securing the right insurance, maintaining accurate and updated contact information is essential for your household's safety. The Housing Department highlights the critical nature of keeping your entire household's contact information current with your Occupancy Specialist. By doing so, you ensure effective communication, which is vital for receiving timely updates about housing policies, emergencies, and available assistance programs.

By taking these proactive steps—investing in an appropriate insurance policy and ensuring your information is up to date—you can greatly enhance your preparedness for any challenges that life may present. Being well-informed and protected allows you to focus on what truly matters, turning your attention to enjoying life to its fullest. Make the most of the resources available to you to ensure a secure and worry-free living environment!

Renters Insurance
Myths & Facts

People often tend to hold wrong opinions regarding renters insurance. Read this infographic to know the facts that govern this policy and its benefits.



Myth- Your landlord will replace the stolen and damaged belongings.

The insurance policy only safeguards the structure and not renter's belongings. **-Fact**

Myth- Renters insurance is over expensive.

The insurance policies are affordable and cost less than every week's coffee. **-Fact**



Antrim/GT Elders Events & Activities	Benzie Elders Events & Activities	Charlevoix Elders Events & Activities	Leelanau Elders Events & Activities
<div>Monday's & Friday's Office Tasks 8AM - 5PM *Notes: Lunch Provided **11:30AM - 12:45PM</div> <div>Tuesday; March 4th Open Sew 11:30AM - 3:00PM**</div> <div>Wednesday; March 5th Craft Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM**</div> <div>Thursday; March 6th Cards 11:00AM - 3:00PM**</div> <div>Tuesday; March 11th Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile 10:00AM - 4:00PM*</div> <div>Wednesday; March 12th Elders Lunch & No Activity 11:30AM - 12:45PM**</div> <div>Thursday; March 13th Elders Lunch & No Activity 11:30AM - 12:45PM**</div> <div>Tuesday; March 18th Tax Day 1:00PM - 3:00PM**</div> <div>Wednesday; March 19th Craft Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM**</div> <div>Thursday; March 20th Birthday Bingo & Cake 1:00PM - 3:00PM**</div> <div>Tuesday; March 25th Cards 1:00PM - 3:00PM**</div> <div>Wednesday; March 26th Open Sew 1:00PM - 3:00PM**</div> <div>Thursday; March 27th Crafy Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM**</div>	<div>Call Dee Wonegeshik, Elders Department Manager for assistance. Office (231) 534-7748 Cell (231) 631-3908</div> <div>Interested in attending an activity/event or need a ride to the activity/event? PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ELDERS SITE COORDINATOR SIGN UP REQUIRED! CONTACT INFORMATION <u>Antrim/ Grand Traverse</u> Tanya Tanner (231) 534-7710 (231) 463-7858 Delora Wilson (231) 534-7769 (231) 492-9932 <u>Benzie/Manistee</u> Agnes Glinski (231) 534-7821 <u>Charlevoix</u> Barb Kenwabikise (231) 534-7066 (231) 631-0281 <u>Leelanau</u> Melissa Martinez (231) 534-7743 (231) 631-6095 <u>Elders Dept. Manager</u> Delores Wonegeshik (231) 534-7748 (231) 631-3908 *SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CALL FIRST. ALL ACTIVITIES ARE DRUG & ALCOHOL-FREE!</div>	<div>Monday's Office Tasks 8AM - 5PM *Notes: Lunch Provided **12:00PM - 1:00PM</div> <div>Tuesday; March 4th Open Elders Community Room & Craft Time 1:30PM</div> <div>Wednesday; March 5th Movie & Popcorn Social 1:30PM**</div> <div>Thursday; March 6th Coffee & Chat 1:30PM**</div> <div>Friday; March 7th Community Room Open Puzzle Time</div> <div>Tuesday; March 11th Through Friday; March 14th BARB KENWABIKISE OUT OF OFFICE 8:00AM - 5:00PM</div> <div>Tuesday; March 18th Open Elders Community Room & Craft Time 1:30PM</div> <div>Wednesday; March 19th Bingo 1:00PM - 3:00PM**</div> <div>Thursday; March 20th Coffee & Chat 1:30PM**</div> <div>Friday; March 21st Community Room Open Puzzle Time</div> <div>Tuesday; March 25th Craft CANCELED Available by Cell Phone</div> <div>Wednesday; March 26th Birthday Bash 1:30PM**</div> <div>Thursday; March 27th Card Games 1:30PM**</div> <div>Friday; March 28th Community Room Open Puzzle Time</div> <div>Monday; March 31st BARB KENWABIKISE OUT OF OFFICE 8:00AM - 5:00PM</div>	<div>Monday's Meal Delivey 1PM - 4PM Friday's Office Tasks 8AM - 5PM *Notes: Lunch Provided</div> <div>Tuesday; March 4th TAX DAY @Leelanau Sands Showroom 9:00AM - 5:00PM (By Appointment)</div> <div>Wednesday; March 5th TAX DAY @Leelanau Sands Showroom 9:00AM - 5:00PM (By Appointment)</div> <div>Thursday; March 6th TC Store Run 9:15AM</div> <div>Friday; March 7th Bargain Store 9:15AM</div> <div>Tuesday; March 11th Through Friday; March 14th MELISSA MARTINEZ OUT OF OFFICE 8:00AM - 5:00PM</div> <div>Tuesday; March 18th Game Day/ Board Games 1:00PM</div> <div>Wednesday; March 19th Puzzle Day@ Elders Complex 1:00PM</div> <div>Thursday; March 20th Birthday & St. Patricks Day Bingo Lite Lunch & Cake 12:00PM</div> <div>Tuesday; March 25th Dream Catchers @ Elders Complex 11:00AM - 3:00PM</div> <div>Wednesday; March 26th Office CLOSED 8:00AM - 5:00PM</div> <div>Thursday; March 27th Completion of Craft @ Elders Complex 1:00PM</div>

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!

Michael	Petoskey	1-Mar	James	Walker	10-Mar	Larry	Koon	21-Mar
Richard	Bailey	1-Mar	Thomas	Jacko	10-Mar	Barbara	Ance	21-Mar
Christina	Wright	1-Mar	Ted	Lamp	11-Mar	Kirk	Ance	22-Mar
Stanley	Anthony	1-Mar	Francis	Shomin	11-Mar	Rose	Marshall	22-Mar
Michael	Pedwaydon	1-Mar	Thomas	Kutchey	11-Mar	Wayne	DeVerney	22-Mar
Janet	Fehler	2-Mar	Miki	Garcia	11-Mar	Melvin	Gossett	23-Mar
Sandra	Tiffany	3-Mar	Roger	Bartholomew	12-Mar	Steven	Lewis	23-Mar
Michelle	Madrigal	3-Mar	Kathleen	Callaway	12-Mar	Raymond	Chippewa	23-Mar
Cathy	Griffes	3-Mar	Lilyan	Allard	12-Mar	Lili Mae	London	23-Mar
David	Traylor	4-Mar	Roger	Gunderson	13-Mar	Alvin	Ance	24-Mar
Thomas	Alexander	4-Mar	Randall	Gunderson	13-Mar	Carolyn	Bailey	24-Mar
Joseph	Kenwabikise	4-Mar	Lon	DeVerney	13-Mar	Lisa	Smith-Leaureaux	24-Mar
Stanley	Antoine	4-Mar	Eileen	Rasmussen	13-Mar	Mary	Miller	25-Mar
Tina	McSawby	5-Mar	Christina	Seeley	14-Mar	Elizabeth	Cook	25-Mar
Frank	Shinos	5-Mar	Michelle	Stranger	14-Mar	Glen	Bennett	25-Mar
Elizabeth	Yates	5-Mar	Mark	Sherman	14-Mar	Manuel	Reyes	25-Mar
Alexander	Page	5-Mar	Carole	Kiewiet	15-Mar	Thurlow	McClellan	26-Mar
Alfred	Campbell	5-Mar	Dennis	Jacko	15-Mar	Thomas	Shomin	26-Mar
Sylvester	Paul	6-Mar	Lynda	Stapleton	16-Mar	Ruth	Anderson	26-Mar
Alice	Schmidt	6-Mar	Karen	Stevens	16-Mar	Robert	Osborne	26-Mar
Barbara	Wheeler	7-Mar	Lolita	Claucherty	16-Mar	Jolanda	Murphy	27-Mar
Marcia	Gould	7-Mar	Cathy	Alexander	16-Mar	Harold	Winters	28-Mar
Donna	Chippewa	7-Mar	Stephen	McClellan	16-Mar	Joseph	Stevens	28-Mar
Mitchell	Gauthier	7-Mar	Patrick	Wabanimkee	17-Mar	Kim	Goddard	28-Mar
Dennis	Miller	7-Mar	Katherine	Kissee	17-Mar	Ronald	Metcalf	28-Mar
Lisa	Rodriguez	8-Mar	Stacey	Bryant	17-Mar	Frederick	Harter	29-Mar
Janice	Chippewa-Weber	8-Mar	Leanne	Snowden	18-Mar	Peggy	Hardley Schmidt	29-Mar
Leisa	Kennedy-Gidner	8-Mar	Patricia	Norton	18-Mar	Arthur	Dembinski	29-Mar
Sandra	Witherspoon	8-Mar	Joanne	Tuck	19-Mar	Vicki	Dome	29-Mar
David	Boda	8-Mar	Timothy	Miller	19-Mar	Linda	Green	30-Mar
Gissele	Massey	8-Mar	James	Brunk	20-Mar	Linda	Woods	30-Mar
David	Crawford	8-Mar	Travis	Page	21-Mar	Penny	Tunnicliff	31-Mar
Laurie	Hershberger	9-Mar	Ron	Scott	21-Mar	Timothy	Winters	31-Mar
Linda	Snellenberger	9-Mar	Victoria	Martin	21-Mar	Larry	Beaver	31-Mar

2nd quarter Movie Tickets available

Elders

in the 6-county area

January 20 - March 28, 2025

- * Antrim/Grand Traverse

* Benzie/Manistee

* Charlevoix

* Leelanau

Please contact your Area Coordinator

Antrim/GT – Tanya T. 231-534-7710
cell 231-463-1791

Delora W. 231-534-7769

Benzie/Manistee Office Manager, Agnes Glinski
231-534-7821

Charlevoix – Barb K. 2312-534-7066
Cell 231-631-0281

Leelanau – Greg B. 231-534-7740
cell 231-492-4976

Melissa M. 231-534-7743
cell 231-631- 6095

Dee Wonegeshik 231-534-7748

\$200

visa

gift card



\$200 Gift card

available for GTB Elders in the 6-county service area.

New elders bring an updated ID

Starting from January 20, 2025, until September 30, 2025, at your local Elder Office.

Antrim-Grand Traverse – (3-mile office)

Tanya 534-7710; Delora 534-7769

Benzie – Manistee office

Agnes 534-7821

Charlevoix (East Jordan)

Barbara 534-7066

Leelanau (Elders Complex)

Greg 534-7740; Melissa 534-7743

Seriously

Don't Miss Out!

CAUTION:

Don't let lack of transportation be the barrier between you and attending substance use treatment. If you do not have Medicaid and need assistance to getting to treatment in the six-county area, please call for more information.

Dan DeKorse 231-463-9536

dan.dekorse@gtb-nsn.gov



Behavioral Health Presents



ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES MASSAGES FREE SESSIONS!



The Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is now offering appointments for Alternative Therapies to the community. All services will be provided in BHS offices, including CTB Satellite offices. Services & providers subject to change.


**SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE LINK TO
LEARN MORE & SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT:**
https://bit.ly/GTB_MESSAGE



MORE DATES & LOCATIONS TO BE ADDED FOR SERVICES

*All services dependent on provider availability, contracts, funding & are first come first serve by signing up.
Please limit appointments to one per person per 30-days to allow others access the services.*

ENERGY HEALING RESTARTING IN 2025

CONTACT:
Marion Wabanimee-Minzey
 (231) 534-7091

 Marion.Wabanimkee-Minzey@gtb-nsn.gov

**Native Connections and
Niizh Animikiig presents**

EBIMAADIZIIG

**"THE ONES WALKING
A GOOD LIFE"**

A men's group
series
with Joe Syrette

LEARN ABOUT:

- IDENTITY AND SPIRITUAL CONNECTION
- THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES YOU HAVE AS MEN TO YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND TO YOUR COMMUNITY
- RITES OF PASSAGE

Location: 3-Mile

Time: 6pm-8pm

Feb
4th

Mar
4th

Apr
1st

May
13th

Jun
10th

Jul
8th

***light meal provided and open to men in GTB community

For More Info:

Christa Gasca 231-499-7368
Native Connections

Leilani DeFoe 231-492-9956
Niizh Animikiig



TALKING CIRCLE

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

Join Scott via Zoom for a virtual talking circle Wellbriety meeting.

Questions, contact Scott

231-534-7247 or

scott.scholten@gtb-nsn.gov



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

NENAANDAWE'IWEJIG TRADITIONAL HEALING

WITH
JOE SYRETTE

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



LOCATION CHANGES HEALING SESSIONS DATES & TIMES

JANUARY
8th - Peshawbestown
21st* & 22nd - Peshawbestown
*SWEAT on 8th & 21st at 6:00 pm

FEBRUARY
4th & 5th - Peshawbestown
17th* & 18th - Peshawbestown
*SWEAT on 17th at 6:00 pm

MARCH
4th & 5th - Traverse City
18th* & 19th - Peshawbestown
*SWEAT on 18th at 6:00 pm

APRIL
1st & 2nd - Benzie
15th* & 16th - Peshawbestown
*SWEAT on 15th at 6:00 pm

PROTOCOLS

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

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

(231) 534-7247

**CALL TO
REGISTER
FOR A SESSION
OR SWEAT**

HEALING REQUESTS

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

CO-ED SWEATS

Co-Ed Sweat November 18th, December 18th, January 21st, February 18th, March 18th, & April 15th at 6:00pm in Peshawbestown. Limited capacity, must pre-register by calling (231) 534-7247

Reserve Your Spot in Co-ed Sweat Today!



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

2300 N. Stallman Road
Peshawbestown, MI 49682

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

**Foster Truth.
Foster Wisdom.
Foster Bravery.
Foster Humility.
Foster Respect.
Foster Honesty.
Foster Love.**

Join AFS March 12, 2025 at 6pm At the Medicine Lodge Kitchen for an informational meeting for prospective Foster Parents.

Dinner will be provided. Please contact Bob Downen at 231-534-7345 or Denise Johnson at 231-534-7124 to register.



HUMAN SERVICES

FY25 Client Application
Scan QR Code or follow the link!

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



**MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
ANDREA 231-534-7910**

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

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

Anishinaabek Family Services and Behavioral Health Department presents...



Growing Anishinaabe Families Together



Please register (headcount for food)



Scan me
<https://bit.ly/4hgPjG3>

***attendance to all classes not required

five-part series

Jan 14	6:00 PM	Parental Resilience	3-Mile
Jan 28	6:00 PM	Social Connections	3-Mile
Feb 11	6:00 PM	Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development	3-Mile
Feb 25	6:00 PM	Concrete Supports In Times of Need	3-Mile
Mar 11	6:00 PM	Social-Emotional Competence of Children	3-Mile

Light dinner will be provided

Open to ALL adults in GTB community - grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, caregivers, cousins

For More Information:
Jennifer Ray 231-463-7917
jennifer.ray@gtb-nsn.gov

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Cultural Department, Native Connections and Niizh Animikiing

**Kehi Wiikwedoong Anishinaabek
Federal Recognition Day
Traditional Pow Wow**

Save the date

May 31st-June 1st, 2025



CULTURAL & LANGUAGE

CULTURAL
& LANGUAGE

https://bit.ly/GTB_Cultural



GTB CULTURAL DEPARTMENT

FANCY FEATHER
BUSTLE WORKSHOP

WITH WILLIAM "BILLY" MARSHALL

3 MILE OFFICE

THURSDAY'S @ 5:30PM

MARCH 13, 20

APRIL 3, 10, 17

LIMITED SPOTS

[BIT.LY/2BUSTLE](https://bit.ly/2BUSTLE)



MORE INFORMATION:

TASHENA SAMS

TASHENA.SAMS2@GTB-NSN.GOV

231-534-7766



Cultural Department Presents In-Person

Anishinaabemowin
Classes

Tuesday -Peshawbestown Cultural Building 5-7pm

Wednesday - 3 Mile Office 5-7pm

Alternating WEDNESDAY'S

Charlevoix

2nd & 4th Wednesday 12pm-3pm

Benzie via Zoom

1st and 3rd Wednesday 11am-12pm

Benzie Classes & Inclement weather (Charlevoix @11am-12pm) evening in-person classes will be held by Zoom at the times above.

Meeting ID: 730 5294 9904

Password: GTB2024

bit.ly/GTBanishinaabemowin

For more information contact:

Isadore.Toulouse@GTB-nsn.gov

231.631.7940

Patricia.Osawamick@GTB-nsn.gov

231.631.8604

All classes subject to change



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Grand Traverse Band- Cultural Department

EMKOWAATAAGOZIJIG-13 SERIES

"Sharing their knowledge"

SERIES OF ELDERS TALKING IN
ANISHINAABEMOWIN

Moderated by Isadore Toulouse & Patricia Osawamick

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

March 6, 2025 (5pm-7pm)

March 20, 2025 (10am-12pm)

Meeting ID: 871 7923 9451

Passcode: GTBANish

<https://bit.ly/GTBEmS13>

[More information](#)

231.534.7766

Gov.cultural@GTB-nsn.gov



Kchi Wiikwedong Anishinaabek

Grand Traverse Band-Cultural Department

E-mko-waa-taa-go-zi-jig 14

Sharing their Knowledge 14

Ziigwan-Maawnjidowin - Spring Gathering

May 16-18 2025

Strongheart Center

Peshawbestown, MI

Anishinaabemdaa-pane Let's speak our language always!



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GTB Cultural Department

Bi-Odaawek

(Come and Sell/Trade)

Eyaawing Museum

April 12, 2025

9:00am-3:00pm

Bi-Odaawek is to give GTB and community crafters/vendors the opportunity to sell their items to the surrounding community.

If you would like to be a vendor please register: <https://bit.ly/3Qsq196>



For information contact:

TaShena Sams

TaShena.Sams2@GTB-nsn.gov

231-534-7766

2304 N. West Bay Shore Dr, Peshawbestown, MI

FITNESS CLASSES
RESUMING SOON!

We are thrilled to announce that fitness classes will be resuming in soon!

If you have a passion for fitness and are interested in becoming an instructor, we encourage you to explore the RFP (Request for Proposal).

For further information, please follow the link provided or scan the QR code below. We look forward to seeing new faces in our instructor lineup and can't wait to kick off the classes!

Current RFP Listings:

Corrective Exercise Instructor
Personal Trainer
Yoga Instructor



<https://gtbindians.applicantpool.com/internaljobs/>



FREE SNOWSHOES
EQUIPMENT RENTAL
FOR GTB TRIBAL
MEMBERS

It's time to lace up those snowshoes and embrace the winter wonderland! We are thrilled to offer FREE snowshoe equipment rentals exclusively for GTB tribal members! Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

Call the Strongheart Center today for details: 231-534-7457 or 231-534-7551

Check out this link for Pure Michigan snowshoeing trails and info:

<https://puremi.ch/4fNJj4K>



So grab your gear, lace up your boots, and get ready for an adventure! Remember to let someone know where you're headed and most importantly, HAVE FUN!

GTB STRONGHEART CENTER
PRESENTS



- Fitness Center Financial Assistance to GTB Citizens, Within 6 County Service Area, That Do Not Live Near or Have Access to one of GTB Fitness Centers.
 - Antrim, Grand Traverse, & Manistee Eligible!
- Discounts Also Available for Spouses & Significant Others
- Limited Gym Membership During Winter Months

ARE YOU A GTB
TRIBAL MEMBER &
CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE
GTB FITNESS CENTERS?
NO SWEAT!

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

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

www.gtbindians.org/strongheart.asp

WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

Mind • Body • Heart • Spirit

8-Week Challenge

OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN
January 20th
Strongheart
6:30am-6:30pm

2 Person Team
(Any Gender)
\$20/person

FINAL WEIGH-IN
March 17th
Strongheart
6:30am-6:30pm

100% PAYOUT

1st PLACE 50%
2nd PLACE 35%
3rd PLACE 15%

WEIGH-IN PROCESS

CONFIDENTIAL
Determined **ONLY** by
Strongheart Tanita Scale
Attire t-shirt & shorts

WEIGH-IN PENALTY

NO SHOW/DROP OUT
Start Weight + 8lbs =
Final Weigh-In

Prizes for ALL Participating Teams!
Lose HIGHEST % of Weight*

Can't make the official weigh-in?
Please call (231) 866-0954 and make appointment on or before **Friday, January 24th**

QUESTIONS
Strongheart Center
(231) 534-7457
2700 Strongheart Way, Peshawbestown

*Calculation figured by www.fitwatch.com weight loss %

STRONGHEART CENTER

Hours Starting

NOVEMBER 4, 2024

UNTIL APRIL 2025

HOURS:
MON. - THUR.
6:30 AM - 8:00 PM

FRIDAY
6:30 AM - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

CLOSED SUNDAYS & MAJOR HOLIDAYS

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

FRONT DESK: (231) 534-7457

2700 STRONGHEART WAY, PESHAWBESTOWN







AFTER SCHOOL AUNTIE HOUR
AT THE M22 BUILDING
2821 N. West Bay Shore Drive
Peshawbestown, MI 49682
TUESDAY NIGHTS - GIRLS
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - BOYS
Grades 9th - 12th / ages 13 - 18
4:00-5:30PM
STARTING FEB 11 THROUGH MARCH

WE OFFER :

- HEALTHY SNACK
- EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



LIMITED TO 15 SPACES PER CLASS REGISTER NOW!

Catherine Crowley Leelanau SSA
(231)534-7751 cell# (231)492-5337
Catherine.crowley@gtb-nsn.gov

Kimberly Hinmon Benzie/Manistee SSA
(231)534-7825 cell# (231)463-5797
kimberly.hinmon@gtb-nsn.gov



SPRING BREAK MOVIE COUPON GIVE AWAY

TRAVERSE CITY AMC*CHARLEVOIX CINEMA III

Open to GTB Youth aged 2-18 Still in High School who reside in the 6 county service area

Pick up Day:
MARCH 13-14
10AM-4:30PM

Pick up Locations:
3 Mile Office
M22 Office
Benzie and Charlevoix
BY APPOINTMENT

Register Here



CONTACT:
Kimberly.Hinmon@gtb-nsn.gov 231-534-7825



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

Events Subject to Change

March 2025

HERITAGE LIBRARY PRESENTS

Spring EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Spring Music Lessons: Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 10AM - 5PM @ Heritage Library
30-Minute Guitar, Piano, and Voice lessons by appointment. Zoom Lessons Available. Music lessons are open to 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.

Spring 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.

Medicine Wheel Workshop: 5PM - 7PM
Come learn to make Medicine Wheels at the Heritage Library Anishinaabek Makerspace Workshop. All materials provided. Space is limited. RSUP with the Tribal librarian TODAY! No RSUPs by the day of the event, event will be canceled.

Heritage Library March 5 th 2821 N. West Bay Shore Dr. Suttons Bay MI 49682	3-Mile Office March 12 th 845 Business Park Dr. Traverse City, MI 49686	Charlevoix Office March 19 th 10085 Wa-Ba-Noong Mi-Kun, East Jordan, MI 49727
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Leelanau Elders Dreamcatcher Workshop: March 25th 11AM - 3PM @ Elders Complex
Lunch will be provided by the Elders Program.

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



HERITAGE LIBRARY PRESENTS

SPRING MUSIC LESSONS

GUITAR, BASS, PIANO, & VOICE LESSONS
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - CALL OR EMAIL
(231) 534-7752 or Francis.Carew@gtb-nsn.gov



ZOOM LESSONS AVAILABLE!

MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY

ADULTS 10AM - 5PM
CHILDREN 3PM - 5PM
ACCORDING TO TEACHER AVAILABILITY

MUST BRING YOUR OWN INSTRUMENT
Guitar, Bass, Piano, & Voice lessons by appointment at the Heritage Library Monday, Tuesdays, & Thursdays. Sign up for a weekly 30-minute time slot.

Must bring your own instrument - The Heritage Library has 1 electric keyboards/piano, children-sized classical guitars, and 2 full-sized classical guitars to borrow for lessons.

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

Heritage Library Address: 2685 Waab No Makwa Mi-Kun, Peshawbestown, MI



2024-2025 Graduates

Higher Education, High School & Adult Vocational Training Graduates

HIGHER EDUCATION BANQUET

Saturday, June 7th, 2025

Hagerty Center
Traverse City, MI

RSVP will be sent out.







GTB BENODJENH CENTER

IS HIRING!!



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

NEW COMPETITIVE WAGES!!!

MONDAY - FRIDAY SCHEDULES ONLY! NO WEEKENDS!!

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

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

Limited Benefits for Part Time Employees: PTO



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





2025 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

\$ 200 GIFT CARD

FOR GTB YOUTH TRIBAL MEMBERS
WITHIN THE 6-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.



GTB NEWS 15

THE HISTORY OF DENTAL FLOSS



Dr. Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach, is the first female American Indian Dentist, a member of the Prairie Band Pottawatomie 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. She is an adjunct faculty instructor and preceptor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry and University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She is also a past president of the Resort District Dental Society. She is the author of Exploring Careers in Dentistry, has written numerous articles, and has served as a speaker and consultant. She has been inducted in the Michigan’s Women’s Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the Ida Gray Award from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

TRADITIONAL TO CONTEMPORARY FLOSSING



After working outside, those mud-caked hands require thorough handwashing. It is important to clean between all the fingers by opening and soaping between the fingers.

When we clean our teeth, it is likewise important to clean between the teeth. Flossing removes debris and other particles from between your teeth that a toothbrush cannot reach.

Before Columbus, arrived Native Americans used pine needles, hair, thin sticks and the fibers from wood to clean

between the teeth. These chewsticks and other methods were used by Indigenous tribes for hundreds of years.

SILK THREAD TO FLOSS

In 1815, a New Orleans dentist, Dr. Levi Spear Parmly, began advising his patients to use a thin silk thread to clean between their teeth. In 1882, the Codman and Shurtleff Company in Massachusetts began mass marketing an unwaxed silk dental floss on store shelves, and in 1896, the first dental floss made by Johnson & Johnson was made from the same material that doctors used for silk sutures. In the 1940s, nylon replaced silk as the material of choice for dental floss due to shortages and the rising costs caused by World War II. Waxed floss soon followed, and in the 1950s, dental tape debuted.

James B. Kirby, the inventor of the Kirby vacuum, created the first floss pick in 1963. The floss pick is a small, angled dental flossing tool that doubles as a toothpick.

Today, there are many types of dental floss available – some are made with newer material like Kevlar, Gore-Tex and offer different textures, such as extra-soft or spongy floss. Floss with stiffened ends is intended to aid in getting around braces or other dental devices.



To make it easier to clean between the teeth, consider floss holders, interdental plaque removers or a water flosser.

ORAL HEALTH ISSUES CAN DISTRACT FROM SCHOOLWORK

Can flossing really increase life expectancy and improve health? YES! Because excellent dental health is closely linked to improving overall physical health, well-being, and quality of life.

Here are some surprising uses for dental floss:

1. Slice foods such as soft cheese, cake, eggs, banana bread, and canned cranberry sauce.
2. Sliding floss under cookies can work better than a spatula.
3. Jewelry making and restringing broken jewelry.
4. Emergency shoelace: you may have to double for added strength.
5. Hang Christmas ornaments and string popcorn. The option of green color will compliment any Christmas décor.
6. Hang picture frames; you may have to double for added strength.
7. Ring remover.
8. Cleaning crevices such as stove dials and other tight places with spongy floss.
9. Sewing repairs.
10. Prisoners have managed to escape from jail by weaving dental floss into a rope as thick as an electrical cord (not recommended).

Dental floss is produced in almost every country in the world. The USA and China are the largest floss manufacturers, and there are thirty-three manufacturers in USA. Toof for Tribes is a program specifically designed by and for Native Americans.

Floss the teeth you plan on keeping and improve your physical health!!!

Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach jrickert@deltadentalmi.com
231-313-8407

1. <https://www.backthenhistory.com/articles/the-history-of-dental-floss> 2. <https://blog.deltadentalmi.com/the-history-of-dental-floss> & <https://www.deltadentalmi.com/blog/entry/2021/original-tooth-brushing-habits-of-native-americans> 3. <https://oralteeth.com/when-did-flossing-teeth-become-popular/#:-:text=Prehistoric%20Times> 4. <http://www.historyofdentistry.net/dentistry-history/history-of-dental-floss/> 5. <https://www.speareducation.com/spear-review/2013/01/a-brief-history-of-dental-floss#:~:text=1882%3A%20Unwaxed%20silk%20floss%20is,development%20is%20credited%20to%20D,https://oralb.com/en-us/oral-health/dental-floss-history/> 6. <https://www.aarp.org/home-family/your-home/info-2022/uses-for-dental-floss.html?msckid=0e9d40c285b36f0c1ee252a984606e4d> 7. <https://www.openpr.com/news/2734084/dental-floss-market-top-leading-countries-companies-revenue> 8. <https://www.thomasnet.com/suppliers/usa/dental-floss-30530604?msckid=0e9d40c285b36f0c1ee252a984606e4d> 9. <https://www.tooffortribes.com/about-tft>

NATIONAL DENTAL ASSISTANT’S WEEK: MARCH 2ND - MARCH 8TH

The team at the GTB Dental Clinic hope you have all been having a fun and safe winter with all the snow! We are celebrating National Dental Assistant’s week during this first week of March so please, if you have an upcoming appointment, join us in recognizing the hard work that our assistants do at the GTB Dental Clinic to make sure our patients get top notch dental care. Without them, none of the hard work

that we do would be possible. Angela Mercado has been an integral part of our operations since the dental clinic opened, and Lyndsay Collins has been with our team for nearly a year and is a great fit with our team. We are so lucky to have them as part of our team here at GTB. Thank you Angela and Lyndsay!

As a reminder for your upcoming dental appointments, please be sure to

bring updated Tribal ID so we can have accurate records for our patient records. Without updated and valid Tribal ID, you may have your appointment rescheduled until accurate ID is obtained. This is to keep our records updated and ensure we can continue treating our members in a timely and efficient manner. Thank you!

GTB Dental Team
(231) 534-7211



GTB HEALTH SERVICES



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REMINDER

The GTB Health Department is committed to providing health-related transportation services to GTB members.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURES:

1. Prioritize **GTB Elderly and Disabled members, and GTB members** with NO OTHER means of transportation.
2. Must schedule at least **24 hours in advance** by calling the Transportation Hotline: **231-534-7222** with appointment(s) date and time and a follow-up phone number.
3. Transportation is based on the **availability of the Transporter.**
4. All rules pertaining to the availability

of other means of transport must be exhausted prior to the transport.

5. **All patients under the age of 18 must be accompanied** by a parent.
6. For a **prescription pick-up**, please **call** the Transporter at **231-534-7222 BEFORE 10 am or BEFORE 3 pm.**
7. In the event that GTB offices are closed due to inclement weather and holidays, no transportation will be provided.

REMINDER GTB HEALTH CLINIC & DENTAL CLINIC PATIENTS


The Grand Traverse Band Health Services Department (Manoomin-Rice) would like to remind all GTB Family Health Clinic and Dental Clinic patients

to bring their unexpired driver's license/IDs with any insurance coverage to each visit.


We also want to let you know that we are closing in on final efforts to open the GTB Pharmacy. We will keep everyone informed as the date gets closer to the Grand Opening. If you have questions, please use the following staff to assist with your needs.

Benefits
Stella Bailey (231) 534-7931
Clinic/Dental Patient Registration
Mary Agosa (231) 534-7556
Transportation Hotline
(231) 534-7222

Chi-Megwetch!
Sonya Zotigh, MPA
GTB Health Administrator
Sonya.Zotigh2@gtb-nsn.gov
(231) 534-7241 or cell (231) 463-7193



Grand Traverse Band Family Health Clinic 2025 Immunization Schedule



GTB FHC is pleased to offer seasonal Flu shots and COVID-19 booster vaccines to our clinic eligible clients. This includes GTB tribal members, any Federally recognized tribal member, GTB tribal member spouses, and GTB employees. Updated registration and consent form required prior to services.

DATE/TIME	LOCATIONS	OTHER INFORMATION
Available during regularly scheduled provider visits, and may receive during nurse walk-in hours M-F 9-11am and 2-4pm <i>while supply lasts</i>	Medicine Lodge Clinic 2300 N Stallman Rd Peshawbestown, MI	HIGH-risk are people aged 55 or above, chronic health problems such as diabetes, heart or kidney disease, asthma, people with weakened immune systems due to cancer, HIV/AIDS, long-term corticosteroid therapy, pregnant women, Health care workers; and children under 2 years old, children on aspirin therapy, or with sickle-cell anemia, or caregivers of these children and of children less than 6 months of age.
Every Friday 2-4pm at drive-thru outside shelters- as weather and staffing permits		

2nd COVID boosters available at GTB Clinic now!!

"Within our bodies, each of us has warrior cells that stand guard and attack diseases when they try to infect us.

For example, the flu shot provides instructions to our warrior cells on how to identify and fight the flu.

In some cases, we need more than one shot so our warrior cells can more fully protect us from illness. "

<https://www.indiancountryecho.org/vaccinative/>

CDC Summary of recent changes (last updated October 31, 2024):

People ages 65 years and older, vaccinated under the routine schedule, are recommended to receive 2 doses of any 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine separated by 2 to 6 months...

People ages 6 months and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised are recommended to receive 2 age-appropriate doses of 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine 2 to 6 months apart; may receive additional doses under shared clinical decision making.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html#print>

Place Your Order for Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests!

- As of late September 2024, residential households in the U.S. are eligible for another order of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com.
- Each order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. Orders will ship free. Go to website <https://covidtests.gov/>

Need help placing an order for your at-home tests? Call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

Questions, please call GTB CLINIC
Phone: (231) 534-7200
Toll-free: 866-534-7750 ext. 7200
Fax: (231) 534-7460
E-mail: Mari.Raphael@GTB-nsn.gov



AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY MARCH NEWS



CORN ASHING WORKSHOPS

The 2nd Annual Corn Ashing Workshops in February had a great turnout. Tanya and Wasinade Raphael worked diligently to provide a wonderful experience complete with a delicious batch of corn soup and home-made bread. Enough corn was processed to feed over 100 people! Other activities included ash sifting, corn shucking, and storytelling about corn-related traditions. An immense amount of information was shared between participants including corn propagation tradition, corn storage tradition, and meal preparation traditions. We had many new faces from the GTB community and several people who regularly attend GTB Agriculture Programming. Participants were offered ash, corn, wild rice, squash, onions, and potatoes all provided by GTB Agriculture.



2025 GTB SUGAR BUSH – COMING SOON!

The 2025 GTB Sugar Bush is on track to be the best we have had. With the help of Tanya and Wasinade Raphael, we are planning a “Sugar Bush Camp” that will take place at the Putnam Road Sugar Bush located directly in front of the GTB Natural Resource Department Office. In the fall of 2024 Tom Shomin and Fred Raphael helped us assemble a new 12’ x 20’ at the GTB Sugar Bush that will help us host more community members comfortably during the cold late winter weather. The pavilion was paid for with our Native American Agriculture Fund grant we concluded in 2024. We are also finishing the inside of the Sugar Shack building with tongue and groove pine; it is looking nice so far! Tanya will be cooking breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the Sugar Bush during the Sugar Bush Camp, and she will be hosting several guest speakers that will be teaching about all topics sugar bush related: from traditional tools to storytelling and cooking over the fire.

Below GTB Iskigamizigan (Sugar Bush) Camp Flyer

APRIL 17TH & MAY 1ST FISH FERTILIZER PROMOTIONAL EVENTS

April 17th: The Botanic Gardens at The Historic Barns Park in Traverse City is hosting GTB Agriculture for an evening event that will focus on promoting the new Fish Waste Hydrolysate Fertilizer and Fish Waste Compost that GTB Agriculture has developed over the last 3 years. This event will take place at the Historic Barns Park –Botanic Gardens Building. The gathering will commence with a presentation by GTB Agriculture staff discussing this program and how it represents a movement across the continent of Tribal Nations advancing goals of food sovereignty and forming stronger connections with traditional food life ways. The presentation will then focus in on this new GTB-produced fertilizer products that will be for sale at the event and are soon to be for sale at local farm and garden retailers.

May 1st: The Great Lakes and Saint Laurence Governors and Premiers Conference is Co-Hosting this afternoon event at the Peshawbestown Farm. The event will culminate with a tour of the fish hydrolysate production facility and a tree-planting ceremony that will utilize the fish waste fertilizer produced by GTB Agriculture. Participants will be able to see side-by-side planting comparisons in the hoop house showcasing the effectiveness of these fertilizer products. Please stay tuned to the April Newsletter for information on the exact time of both of these events. Fertilizer products will be made available for free to all GTB Citizens.



Celebrate the SWEET SEASON at GTB Iskigamizigan Camp! (Sugar Bush)

The 2025 GTB Sugar Bush is shaping up to be our best season yet! With the help of Tanya and Wasinade Raphael, we are excited to host a **Sugar Bush Camp** at the **Putnam Road Sugar Bush**, located directly in front of the GTB Natural Resource Department Office.

This year, we’ve made big improvements, including a **new 12’ x 20’ pavilion**, built with the help of Tom Shomin and Fred Raphael, to provide warmth and comfort for community members. We’re also upgrading the **Sugar Shack** with beautiful tongue-and-groove pine.



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- 🔥 Cooking Over the Fire
- 🔪 Traditional Tool Making & Woodworking
- 🍯 Making Maple Sugar & Candy
- 🍳 Birch Bark Basket Making
- 🥾 Sugar Bush Snowshoe Hike
- 🌱 Learning Modern Sugar Bush Practices
- 📖 Anishinaabe Storytelling
- 🍷 Bottling Syrup
- 👦 Suttons Bay School Youth Field Trips

Tanya Raphael will be preparing delicious, **maple-inspired meals each day**, and guest speakers will **share their knowledge on Sugar Bush traditions, tools, and techniques**.

With over 550 taps, this season is expected to be our most productive and exciting one yet!

Mark your calendars and join us to learn, share, and celebrate this important Anishinaabe seasonal tradition.

GTB ISHIGAMIZIGAN CAMP DATES OPEN TO PUBLIC

🏠 **March 13th - 15th**
9am - 6pm
(3-4 Sessions/Day)

🏠 **March 20th - 22nd**
9am - 6pm
(3-4 Sessions/Day)

JOIN 4 SESSIONS & RECEIVE A PARTICIPATION PACKAGE!

Participants who attend four sessions will receive a special Sugar Bush Participation Package, which includes:

- ✓ GTB Sugar Bush T-Shirt (Artwork by Paul Raphael)
- ✓ Tote Bag
- ✓ Maple Candied Pecans
- ✓ Birch Bark Basket
- ✓ Sumac Spiles
- ✓ Wooden Stir Paddle
- ✓ Step-by-Step Sugar Bush Guide

CONTACT US

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- 📍 3505 N Putnam Rd, Suttons Bay MI 49682

OTHER UPCOMING GTB AGRICULTURE EVENTS

GTB Agriculture staff will be providing food for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) event again in early May. For 2 years now GTB Agriculture has provided a meal at the event using traditional food sourced through the USDA – Local Food Purchasing Assistance grant. GTB Agriculture will then be hosting the 5th Annual GTB Plant Give-Away in late May. This event will offer all GTB Citizens and Employees vegetable plants, seed, and compost to help make home gardening a success in our community. Stay tuned to the April and May GTB News for more details on these events.

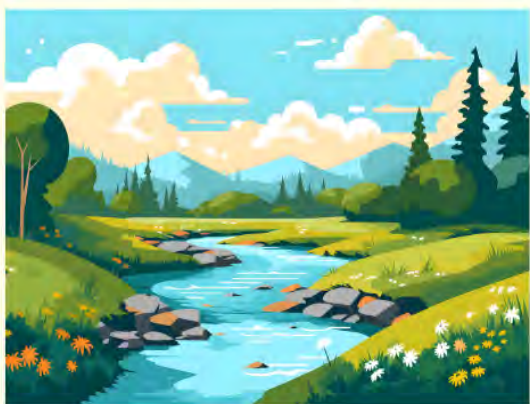


MARCH 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DAYS

MARCH 3

World Wildlife Day
Raise your voice for earth's
flora and fauna while
celebrating its biodiversity

<https://wildlifeday.org/en/about>



MARCH 14

**International Day of Action for
Rivers**

Healthy rivers and access to clean
water is a fundamental human right

<https://www.internationalrivers.org/>

MARCH 18

Global Recycling Day
Reduce
Reuse
Recycle

<https://www.globalrecyclingday.com/about/>



MARCH 21

International Day of Forests
Celebrate the crucial role of
forests in food security, nutrition,
and our livelihood

<https://www.fao.org/international-day-of-forests-2025/en>

MARCH 22

World Water Day
Focuses on the importance of fresh
water and the global safe drinking
water crisis.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day/background>



PUBLIC SAFETY

Navigating the Freeze-Thaw Cycle – Winter Safety Tips for GTB Community

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Public Safety Department urges all community members to remain vigilant as Michigan’s fluctuating winter weather creates hazardous conditions. Rapid cycles of freezing and thawing can lead to icy roads, ice jams, and increased risks for flooding and roof damage.

One significant concern is **ice jams**, which occur when floating ice accumulates and obstructs a stream’s flow. This can result in flooding upstream and potential flash floods if the ice suddenly breaks. With temperatures rising and falling unpredictably, ice jam formation is a real threat. Residents living near waterways should remain alert and prepared.

Another common winter hazard is **roof ice dams**—formed when melting snow refreezes at the edges of a roof, causing water to back up under shingles and leak into homes. Preventative measures include keeping gutters clear, minimizing snow buildup with a roof rake, and ensuring proper attic insulation and ventilation.

For winter driving, **black ice and slushy roads** pose significant risks. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) advises drivers to slow down, increase following distances, and avoid sudden stops or turns.

Are You Ready for the Next Winter Storm? Myths vs. Facts

Winter storms can be unpredictable, and misinformation about preparedness can put lives at risk. The Grand Traverse Band Public Safety Department wants to set the record straight on some common winter weather myths.

MYTH: My homeowners’ insurance covers everything if a winter storm damages my home.

FACT: Standard homeowners’ insurance does not cover flood damage, including flooding from ice jams or rapid snowmelt. Check your policy and talk to your insurance provider about additional coverage if necessary.

MYTH: If I have an emergency kit, I am fully prepared for a winter storm.

FACT: While an emergency kit is essential, **preparedness**

Winter Storms – The Hidden Dangers of Snowmelt and Ice Jams

As Michigan experiences drastic shifts between freezing and thawing, the Grand Traverse Band Public Safety Department warns of **hidden winter hazards** that come with temperature swings.

One of the most overlooked dangers is flooding caused by snowmelt. A deep snowpack in late winter increases the flood potential, especially if followed by heavy rain.

Did you know? Just three consecutive days with temperatures around **50°F** can create enough melting to break up ice on small streams, leading to possible **ice jams** and flooding.


What You Can Do:

- **Monitor Waterways** – If you live near a river or stream, be on the lookout for ice buildup. If you notice sudden changes in water levels, report them to local authorities.
- **Keep Drains Clear** – Ensure that storm drains, gutters, and downspouts remain free of ice and debris to prevent localized flooding.
- **Prepare for Power Outages** – Melting snow combined with strong winds can bring down power lines. Have flashlights, extra batteries, and a backup heat source ready.

For more winter safety tips and real-time weather alerts, visit the **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) website** at www.noaa.gov. Stay safe and stay prepared!

How Do Ice Dams Form?

Attic air warms up, heating the underside of the roof. This causes snow on top of the roof to thaw.



Melting snow runs down the roof until it hits an eave or roof edge with a temperature below freezing. The melted snow then refreezes, creating an ice dam.


As more snow melts, it can seep under shingles and into the house, causing damage.

Preventing Ice Dams

Clean gutters **before winter**

Remove snow from roof edges with a **roof rake**. don't chip away at already formed dams, as this can cause **more damage**

Insulate and ventilate your attic thoroughly




Hire a **licensed and insured professional** who can:

Use high-pressure steam or other specialized treatments to remove ice


Add additional attic insulation, if needed

Inspect your roof and make any repairs


Ice Dam Indications




Stained ceilings and walls near the ice dam



Dripping water, or stained rafters and insulation in your attic



Ice formed around the base of your chimney where it meets the roof



Dislodged shingles and drooping gutters

Before heading out, check road conditions at www.weather.gov.

Residents are encouraged to prepare for winter emergencies with a well-stocked emergency kit, a family communication plan, and by signing up for local weather alerts. For more information on winter preparedness, visit www.ready.gov/winter-weather.

goes beyond supplies. A communication plan, knowledge of local shelters, and understanding how to stay warm without power are just as critical.

MYTH: If an emergency occurs, first responders will be there immediately.

FACT: Severe winter storms can delay response times for hours or even days. Having a plan in place ensures you and your family stay safe until help arrives.

To stay informed, consider downloading the **FEMA Mobile App** (fema.gov/mobile-app) for real-time alerts. You can also learn more about winter safety at www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies.





FIRE & RESCUE



The Hidden Fire Hazards of Winter to Spring Transition

As Michigan shifts from winter to spring, the Grand Traverse Band Fire Department urges community members to remain vigilant about seasonal fire hazards. The fluctuating temperatures and melting snow can create **unexpected fire risks** in homes and outdoor spaces.

One major concern is **chimney and heating system fires**. Many residents continue using fireplaces and space heaters into early spring.

Did you know? Creosote buildup in chimneys is a leading cause of house fires during this time of year. Regular

chimney cleaning and proper heater use can prevent dangerous flare-ups.

Another overlooked risk is **dry grass fires**. As snow melts, dormant grass and vegetation become exposed. A single spark from a **burning brush pile, discarded cigarette, or outdoor fire pit** can quickly ignite a fast-moving fire. The Michigan DNR urges residents to check local burn restrictions before starting outdoor fires, especially on windy days.

To keep your home and community safe:

- Have chimneys and heating systems inspected and cleaned.
 - Never leave space heaters unattended.
 - Keep fire pits at least **10 feet away** from buildings and flammable materials.
 - Always **check burn permits** at www.michigan.gov/dnr before burning yard debris.
- Stay fire-aware as we move into spring! For more safety tips, visit the **U.S. Fire Administration website** at www.usfa.fema.gov/winter.

What Causes Wildfires?

A spark, in the presence of fuel and oxygen, can cause a fire, which can further spread depending on various weather conditions.

A SPARK

Fires can be sparked by natural causes, but most wildfires in the U.S. are caused by human activity.

Natural causes:

Lightning strikes

Heat from the sun

Human activity:

Vehicles & machinery

Cigarette butts

Fireworks

Campfires & burning brush

+ FUEL & OXYGEN = FIRE!

Fuel is usually dry vegetation:

Grass

Brush

Trees

Oxygen is almost everywhere.

X WEATHER CONDITIONS

Certain weather conditions can make fires bigger, faster, and more dangerous.

Strong wind

Drought

High temperatures & low humidity

Ice Jams and Flooding – The Fire Department’s Role in Water Rescues

As Michigan’s temperatures fluctuate, the Grand Traverse Band Fire Department prepares for an increase in **water-related emergencies** caused by **ice jams and flooding**. These seasonal hazards can put homes, roads, and lives at risk.

An **ice jam** forms when chunks of ice block the normal flow of a river or stream. This can lead to **rapid flooding** both upstream and downstream. Once the obstruction gives way, floodwaters can **rush in unexpectedly**, creating dangerous conditions.

The GTB Fire Department **works closely with local emergency teams** to monitor potential flood zones and respond to water rescues. However, **community preparedness is just**

as important.

How You Can Stay Safe:

- **Stay Off Frozen Rivers & Streams** – Ice can weaken quickly, increasing the risk of falls through thin ice.
- **Be Ready to Evacuate** – If you live in a flood-prone area, have an emergency bag packed with essentials.
- **Keep Roads Clear for Emergency Crews** – Never drive through floodwaters; just six inches of moving water can sweep a vehicle away.

If flooding threatens your area, **call 911 immediately** for assistance. Stay informed by signing up for weather alerts at www.weather.gov.

Springtime Wildfire Risk – Don’t Let Winter Fool You

Many people associate wildfires with hot summer months, but in Michigan, **spring is one of the most dangerous seasons for wildfires**. The Grand Traverse Band Fire Department warns that as **snow melts and dead vegetation dries out**, even a small spark can cause a **rapidly spreading wildfire**.

What Makes Spring So Risky?

- **Dead, Dry Vegetation** – Last year’s dried grass and leaves become highly flammable before new green growth

- appears.
- **Low Humidity & Wind** – Warm, dry air combined with spring winds can **spread flames quickly**.
 - **Human Activity** – Backyard burning, campfires, and discarded cigarette butts are leading causes of Michigan’s **spring wildfires**.
- Prevent Spring Wildfires:**
- **Obey Local Burn Restrictions** – Check www.michigan.gov/dnr before burning yard debris.

- **Use Fire Pits Responsibly** – Keep a bucket of water nearby and fully extinguish flames before leaving.
 - **Never Burn on Windy Days** – Gusty conditions can carry embers far beyond your intended burn area.
- Spring is a time for renewal, not destruction. Let’s work together to keep our forests, homes, and community safe! For more information, visit the **Michigan DNR Fire Safety page** at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

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Government Operations

Benefits Coordinator - PRC (FT)
Associate's Degree in Business Administration, Social Work, Health Administration or related field required. Must have direct experience and demonstrated proficiency working with Medicare Part A, B & D, Medicaid, SSI, VA, and other medical billing. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$47,987/yr - until filled

Chief Financial Officer (FT)
Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or Finance Must demonstrate at least three (3) years' experience in leading a team in an accounting related field. Must have at least three (3) years of governmental accounting. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE - until filled

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

Community Health Representative - Charlevoix (FT)
Must have high school diploma or GED. Must have current Michigan Certified Nurse Aide certification, or completion of CNA training within 90 days of hire date. Must be able to use blood sugar monitor, and to monitor basic vital signs, etc. Must have basic knowledge of meds. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$18.55/hr - until filled

EHS Education & Family Services Coordinator (FT)
Must have a BA in Human Services or Social Work field. Must have experience in a supervisory position, with strong team leadership skills. One to three years experience in working in an Early Head Start and/or Head Start program preferred. Previous experience in the field, with skills in classroom management, and curriculum planning. Must obtain CPR/First Aid certification. -\$43,750/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 yrs. experience preferred. Advanced knowledge of applicable law, regulations, rules & procedures of the Head Start/Early Head Start program. Must maintain current CPR/First Aid Certification -\$43,750/yr - until filled

(2) EHS/HS Home Visitor (FT)
An Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education required. A Bachelor's Degree & (1) yr of direct experience preferred. (3) yrs. of directly related experience. -\$19.52/hr - until filled

Facilities Utility Worker 2nd Shift (FT)
High school diploma or GED is preferred. Knowledge of safety procedures and safety equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. Must have good work habits, i.e., punctuality, 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

Gym Attendant (FT)
High School diploma or GED required. Some experience working with exercise, gym and cardiovascular equipment preferred. Must have and maintain current CPR/First Aid certification. -\$15.06/hr - until filled

Head Start Teacher (FT)
Associates Degree, with a Child Development Certification, with emphasis in early childhood development, Bachelor's Degree preferred. Previous experience preferred with skills in classroom management & curriculum planning. Must maintain current CPR/First Aid certification. Must be proficient in the use of computers & programs such as word processing. Able to develop & implement short & long term educational goals. Good observational skills & ability to summarize observed learning/social behaviors in children. -\$19.98/hr - until filled

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 - 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 Bus & Classroom Aide (PT)
Must have High School diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with children & 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 & as well as obtain a CDA within 1st 2yrs of hire. -\$16.17/hr - until filled

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

(2) Police Officer (FT)
Must be at least 21 Years of Age at the time of hire High School diploma required, Associates Degree preferred in law enforcement, criminal justice, corrections or related field. (1)yr prior experience working in a law enforcement setting preferred. Must be certified or certifiable by Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) required. Must obtain and maintain a BIA (Special Law Enforcement Commission Must become LEIN certified. Must complete Field Training Officer (FTO) Program for continuation of employment. Must be thoroughly familiar with all applicable policies and procedures, Federal Regulations, GTB Tribal Police Department Policies & Procedures, Tribal & State Criminal Codes, Children's Code, Tribal Constitution, Michigan Motor Vehicle, GTB Personnel Policy, Police Department Organic Resolution & Code, & all other applicable rules, regulations & statutes. -\$27.58/hr - until filled

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

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 & 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 & reporting. Thorough understanding of Database creation, data analysis, compiling and interpreting data from several systems. Two (2) to three (3) yrs. progressive & successful management experience preferred. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$69,450/hr - until filled

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

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

Teacher (FT)
Must have a Bachelor's Degree and a valid Michigan Secondary Teaching Certificate. Must have one year min. of teaching experience working with students. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must be able to attain and have a valid Chauffeur driver license. Must be able to attain and maintain current CPR/First Aid certification. -\$43,750/yr - until filled

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Government Operations RFP

RFP - 2025 GTB Family Health Clinic Claims Processing and Billing Service Provider
Requesting proposals from MEDICAL CLAIMS BILLING SERVICE PROVIDERS interested in providing medical billing claims services for our Family Health Clinic, for patients that are seen at the GTB Family Health Clinic, a Tribal Health Clinic and FQHC. -\$SRFP - until 03.10.25

RFP - Corrective Exercise Instructor
Requesting bid proposals for a Certified Corrective Exercise Specialist to offer low-intensity classes for all fitness levels at the Strongheart Center. Each class will be offered once a week for 1 (one) hour duration on day/ time agreed upon. The contract performance dates are tentatively November 2024 through May 2025. -\$SRFP - until filled

RFP - Personal Trainer 2024-2025
Requesting bid proposals from companies or adult individuals for a Certified Personal Trainer position at the Strongheart Civic Center in Leelanau County. -\$SRFP - until filled

RFP - Snow Removal and Lawn Maintenance 2024
Lawn maintenance for sidewalks and common areas by site. Snow removal for sidewalks. Liability insurance is required. -\$SRFP - until filled

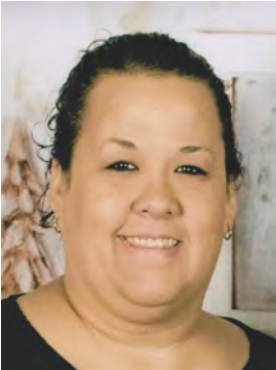
RFP - Survivor Legal Aid Attorney
All applicants must be State of Michigan bar licensed attorneys in good standing. All applicants should have experience with GTB Tribal laws, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), Custody, Personal Protection Orders, Divorce, and the State of Michigan Laws, as well as be willing to apply and gain admission in The Grand Traverse Band Tribal Court if not already. -\$SRFP - until filled

RFP - Yoga Instructor 2024-2025
GTB is looking to contract yoga instructor(s) for Leelanau County to lead yoga/meditation courses. Yoga classes will be one (1) hour sessions, held once a week at the Strongheart Civic Center. The contract will run from November 2024 through May 2025. -\$SRFP - until filled

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

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