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November 2026
Baashkaakodin Giizis (Freezing Moon)



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ANNUAL GTB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 2026

Turtle Creek Casino & Hotel 7:30am - 12:00pm

7:30am - 8:30am
Registration - Buffet Breakfast

8:30am - 11:30am
Opening Ceremony - Invocation - Honor Song - Posting of Flags

Chairwoman's Welcome

Introduction of Tribal Council

Staff Presentations
- Government Presentation - CEO (Tribal Manager)
- EDC Presentation - CEO
- GTR&S Presentation - General Manager
- GTB LLC (D/B/A: GTED) Presentation - President

Open Forum: GTB Members only - Elders First Then Open To All
Three (3) Minute Maximum - Please State Name and Tribal ID #
The Tribal Council invites members to submit questions in advance of the Membership Meeting to allow time to prepare responses and provide answers during the meeting.
Please email your questions to ***Members.Speak@gtb-nsn.gov***

11:30am - 12:00pm
Closing Remarks - Adjournment and Retirement of Flags

NOTE: PNC Bank Will Be On-Site to Answer Questions About Trusts

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



Greetings,

As we welcome November and Baashkaakodin Giizis, the Freezing Moon, we are reminded that winter is just around the corner. I hope everyone is doing well and preparing for the colder months ahead.

It has been a busy few months for our Tribal government, and I appreciate the continued involvement of our membership. I want to thank everyone who attended our recent community meetings and took the time to share questions, concerns, and suggestions. These meetings provided valuable opportunities for Tribal Council to hear directly from our membership about the issues affecting our families and communities.

Several common topics emerged throughout the meetings, including housing, health care, elder services, government operations, Tribal finances, community facilities, and communication, which are listed here:

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Housing continues to be a major concern for our membership. Discussions include housing availability, waiting lists, maintenance and repairs, accessibility, rental rates, and the need for additional housing opportunities. Members also asked about the Herkner housing development, the Community Center and other projects utilizing Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. What is causing the construction delay? When is the anticipated move-in date, and which departments will be housed there? Here are some answers to your questions:

The original usage of the Herkner Community kitchen was for occasional parties and events - not weekly scheduled Elders meals. The kitchen was not designed as a commercial kitchen. To bring the kitchen into compliance as a commercial kitchen will take time. Currently the design modifications are being worked on and have not been finalized.

The following Departments will be housed in the Herkner Community Center:

- Housing Manager
- Education
- Elders (2)
- Community Health Representative (CHR)
- Lands & Roads
- Intake Coordinator
- Housing (2)
- Project Coordinator

LIHTC Units: Of the 32 new LIHTC #2 units, 7 are currently occupied. The remaining 25 units will occupied by the end of October. LIHTC #1 is delayed due to DTE, and a target ETA is mid to late December for the remaining 16 units currently unoccupied.

We recognize the continued need for safe, affordable housing and the importance of keeping members informed about future developments.

HEALTH CARE AND ELDER SERVICES

Members raised concerns about access to dental care, Purchased/ Referred Care (PRC), behavioral health services, and timely medical authorizations. Updates were shared regarding efforts to improve the PRC process, including email notifications and staffing needs.

Our Elders also expressed the need for additional assistance with household chores, yard work, transportation, and long-term care. Discussions include exploring expanded elder services and the possibility of a Tribal long-term care facility.

Members also requested improvements to the burial assistance process, including clearer information and a single point of contact. **The burial benefit has recently increased to $10,000.**

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND TRIBAL FINANCES

The government reorganization, wage study, and 34-hour work week were among the topics discussed. Members asked about employee compensation, staffing, and how organizational changes affect services. Questions were also raised about the Tribal budget, gaming revenues, investments, and the use of Tribal resources. Members requested additional financial information and emphasized the importance of transparency and accountability. More information will be forthcoming.

TRIBAL PROPERTIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Members asked about the future use of several Tribal properties, including Camp Pugsley, Camp Alden, Eagles Ridge, Automotive, and the former NMC University Center.

Preparations are underway to relocate government administrative functions to Eagle Ridge, along with plans to relocate Tribal Court operations to the current Administration building. Automotive will be in the Bingo Hall, and Camp Alden is currently undergoing renovations. Our new Traverse City office, the former NMC property, is currently being renovated and will provide space for additional Tribal services. Efforts are also underway to place the property into trust. Earlier this year, we asked membership to submit suggestions for building and road names. Tribal Council will pick the top few and then let membership vote for the winning names at the November 21st Annual Membership Meeting.

Additional discussions included community gathering spaces, building maintenance, accessibility, and improvements to existing facilities.

INFRASTRUCTURE, YOUTH, AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Concerns included the proposed natural gas extension in Benzie County, broadband development, drinking water quality, and emergency preparedness. Members requested additional information about project timelines, costs, and available assistance.

There was also interest in expanding youth activities, transportation opportunities, in-person Anishinaabemowin language classes, cultural programming, and community events.

COMMUNICATION AND FOLLOW-UP

One of the most consistent messages we heard was the importance of better communication. Members want timely updates about Tribal programs, projects, services, and decisions, along with meaningful responses to their questions.

Listening is only part of the process. Following up on concerns and keeping our membership informed is equally important.

During the meetings, the possibility of holding community meetings quarterly was also discussed. Continuing these conversations would provide more opportunities to share information, answer questions, and hear directly from our membership.

We will continue working with Tribal administration and our departments to review concerns raised during the meetings and provide updates as information becomes available.

I appreciate everyone who participated, whether you brought forward a concern, offered a suggestion, or shared your appreciation for the work being done. Your involvement helps to guide our work as we move forward together.

Miigwech to everyone who took the time to participate.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we look ahead, I encourage everyone to stay involved and informed about the work of our Tribal government. Our Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for November 21 from 7:30 a.m. to noon at Turtle Creek Casino, and I look forward to another opportunity to come together, share updates, and hear from our membership.

As always, it is an honor to serve as your Tribal Chairwoman. I wish you and your families continued health, happiness, and well-being.

Miigwech,

Sandra L. Witherspoon

Tribal Chairwoman

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
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11/18/26 • 12/16/26 • 1/20/27 • 2/17/27 • 3/17/27 • 4/21/27

Special Council Sessions
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11/25/26 • 1/27/27 • 2/24/27 • 3/31/27 • 4/28/27

Tribal Council Special Session
October 16, 2026
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II. New Business. A- **FY2027 Annual Budget Approval** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Wonegeshik and Supported by Tribal Council Member Memberto to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 annual budget. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries
Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Wonegeshik and Supported by Tribal Council Member Memberto to approve Resolution #26-44.3928 Tobacco Tax. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Wonegeshik to approve Resolution #26-44.3930 Sales Tax. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Memberto and Supported by Tribal Council Member Carew to approve Resolution #26-44.3929. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. B- **CTAS DOJ Coordinated Tribal Assistance (CTAS)**Motion made by Tribal Council Member Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Member Memberto to approve Resolution #26-44.3936 to seek approval and funding in the amount of $700,000 from the Department of Justice CTAS PA 1. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. C- **Peter Ringnose Cabin** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Carew to accept the Peter Ringnose Cabin. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. D- **Developing Proposal for PROTECT Grant Funding** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Carew and Supported by Tribal Council Member Memberto to approve Resolution #26-44.3938 to seek approval and funding in the amount of $4,100,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation Office of the Federal Highway Administration for the PROTECT Grant. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. E- **Rural Health Transformation Program** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Carew and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3937 to seek approval to apply for funding in the amount of $5,000 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. F- **Bill Rastetter Contract Change Order 1** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Memberto and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Contract Change Order 1 for William Rastetter for the FY 2026 Contract. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. G- **Advisory Group- South Airport Road/Ottaway-Boardman River Crossings Project** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Swallows to approve Treasurer Wonegeshik to sit on the Advisory Group. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. H- **Renewal of Optum Transplant Policy for the 2027 Plan Year** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Raphael to continue the contract with Optum for plan year 2027. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. I- **GTB Letter Response to ACF Notice of Proposed Rulemaking** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Member Carew to support this letter. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. J- **GTB-US Census Collaboration Letter** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Raphael to approve Chairwoman Witherspoon's signature on the letter from John Petoskey to the U.S. Census in response to the Census changes. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Memberto and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Raphael to send the attached letter to GTB Tribal Members. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. K- **Charlevoix County Road Commission MOA- Marvon Creek AOPs** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Member Carew to support the Memorandum of Agreement with Charlevoix County Road Commission. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. L- **Grand Traverse County Road Commission MOAs- Ramsay Road AOP** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement between GTB and the Grand Traverse County Road Commission. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. M- **Leelanau County Road Commission MOA Updates- Cedar Run Creek and Victoria Creek AOPs** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Member Carew to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the tribe and Leelanau County Road Commission. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. N- **Senator Damoose Consultation Response Letter** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve the response letter to Senator Damoose; and to add an addition to the letter of comments regarding Line 5. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Memberto and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Raphael to add item N (2) to approve GTB signatories to the Amicus Brief of the third circuit appeal. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. O- **Legal Contract- Kanji & Katzen Change Order** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Swallows to approve Contract Change Order 2 for Kanji & Katzen. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. P- **Grant-Funded Invitation: 2-day Strategic Planning Work Session** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Member Memberto to accept the offer for the 2-day Strategic Planning Work Session. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. Q- **US Coast Guard-Naming of park** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Carew to name the park on behalf of Howard J. Kischassey, the native man who had served in the Coast Guard. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

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October 21, 2026
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III. New Business. A- **Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant FY 2027** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Member Memberto to approve Resolution #26-44.3940 to seek funding in the amount of $39,452 from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant for FY 2027. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. B- **Reaffirm GTB Tribal Chairwoman Letter to Senator John Damoose on Proposed 2026 MMIP Michigan Legislation House Bills** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Memberto and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Raphael to reaffirm the Chairwoman's signature on the letter. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. C- **Special Diabetes Program for Indians** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Memberto and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Raphael to approve Resolution #26-44.3939 for funding in the amount of $119,305 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention's Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI). **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. D- **Renewal of Priority Health Contract** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Carew and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Wonegeshik to approve the renewal of the Priority Health contract. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. E- **Camp Alden Contract- The Greene Construction Group, LLC** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Member Memberto to refer to a Poll Vote. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. F- **Solicit Vendors for 2026 Membership Meeting** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Member Carew to approve the Executive Assistant to Tribal Chairwoman and the Executive Assistant to Tribal Council, as directed to solicit vendors for raffle items for the 2026 GTB Membership Meeting to be held on November 21, 2026. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. G- **Proposed Ordinance for 30-day Posting OMB to Provide Collateral Support for Tribal Businesses Operated under Tribal LLC** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Carew and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Wonegeshik to approve Resolution #26-44.3941 and post for 30 days. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. H- **GTB Letter to Treasury regarding SSBCI Post Program Guidelines** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Wonegeshik to reaffirm the Chairwoman's signature on the letter sent from GTB to Treasury regarding SSBCI post-program guidance. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. I- **FY 2027 Legal Department Contracts** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Memberto and Supported by Tribal Council Member Carew to approve William Rastetter's contract in the amount of $156,000 for FY 2027. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST;**

1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Memberto and Supported by Tribal Council Member Carew to approve Kanji & Katzen contract in the amount of $125,000 for Fiscal Year 2027. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Memberto and Supported by Tribal Council Member Carew to waive John Petoskey's Conflict of Interest for the Dentons contract.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Memberto and Supported by Tribal Council Member Carew to approve the Dentons contract in the amount of $198,000 for Fisal Year 2027.
4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 1-ABSTAINING (Swallows) Motion Carries

III. New Business. J- **GTEC- FY27 Planning & Preliminary Engineering of GTB Road Projects** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Carew and Supported by Tribal Council Member Memberto to contract with GTEC in the amount of $244,015.00 to perform the Tribe's FY27 transportation planning work as outlined in proposal #2026-14. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. K- **Opposition to Senate Bill S. 5653 BAAJA for 2026** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Memberto and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Wonegeshik to approve Resolution #26-44.3943. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. L- **2nd Amendment to Credit Agreement with 5/3 Bank** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Carew and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Wonegeshik to approve the 2nd Amendment to the Credit Agreement made April 15, 2026 between GTB and Fifth Third Bank. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. M- **Contract with InterFluve Consultants for Technical Engineering Design Services** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Carew and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Wonegeshik to approve the selection of the engineering firm InterFluve as the preferred contractor for this engineering and design effort at Mashkiigaki
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

III. New Business. N- **Authorization for Tribal Council Treasurer to Establish and Coordinate Financial Review Meetings** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Member Memberto to authorize Treasurer Wonegeshik, pursuant to Article III, Section 3 of the GTB Constitution to establish and coordinate financial review meetings with the Government CFO, EDC CFO, and appropriate financial leadership of the Tribe's subsidiary entities, including GTRS LLC. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Miller); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

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II. Unfinished Business. A- **Rescind 34-hour Work Week Poll Vote** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Wonegeshik and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Raphael to rescind the Poll Vote. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. Unfinished Business. B- **34-hour Work Week Pilot Program- Rescind** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Wonegeshik and Supported by Tribal Council Member Memberto to rescind the Motion to adopt the 34-hour work week pilot program and make it effective January 3, 2027. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. A- **Acceptance of FY2025 Governmental Audit Report** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Memberto and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Wonegeshik to accept the Fiscal Year 2025 Governmental Audit Report. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. B- **Native American Basic Grants** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Carew to approve Resolution #26-44.3942 to seek approval and funding in the amount of $10,000 from The Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Native American Library Services Basic Grant. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. C- **Clean Water Act- Camp Alden Culvert Replacement** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Carew and Supported by Tribal Council Member Memberto to approve Resolution #26-44.3944 to apply to the US EPA CWA 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. D- **IMLS Library Enhancement Grant** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3945 to seek approval and funding in the amount of $150,000 from the Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Member Memberto to allocate from the RAO Contingency $36,073.00 for the non-required cash match. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. E- **GTB NREC Appointments** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Carew and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Raphael to appoint Tim Koon to the NREC member vacancy for a 2-year term ending October 16, 2028. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Carew and Supported by Tribal Council Member Swallows to appoint Patrick Concannon to the NREC Member vacancy for the remainder of the term ending February 15, 2027. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. F- **New GTB Website Design and Development-Approval of the Oneupweb Contract in the amount of $149,400** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Memberto and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Wonegeshik to refer to a Poll Vote. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. F- #2- **Approval of Resolution #26-44.3951 Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Memberto and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Wonegeshik to refer to a Poll Vote. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

III. New Business. G- **GTB Resolution of Support for MILS Grant Application** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Carew to approve Resolution #26-44.3947. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. H- **Proposed Data Ordinance 30-day Posting** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Carew and Supported by Tribal Council Member Memberto to approve Resolution #26-44.3946 **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
SEPTEMBER 21 - OCTOBER 16, 2026

There was **(1)** Tribal Council Special Session, **(1)** EDC Regular Session, and **(13)** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings

Chairwoman Witherspoon attended **1 of 1** Tribal Council Special Session, **1 of 1** EDC Regular Session, and **11 of 13** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Attended: NAFOA Conference September 21-23 in Santa Fe, NM

Vice Chair Raphael attended **1 of 1** Tribal Council Special Session, **1 of 1** EDC Regular Session, and **13 of 13** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Attended: G2E conference September 27-October 1 in Las Vegas, NV

Treasurer Wonegeshik attended **1 of 1** Tribal Council Special Session, **0 of 1** EDC Regular Session, and **10 of 13** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Attended: NAFOA Conference September 21-23 in Santa Fe, NM, G2E conference September 27-October 1 in Las Vegas, NV & Great Lakes Tribal Economic Summit October 6-October 7 in Mt. Pleasant, MI

Secretary Miller attended **1 of 1** Tribal Council Special Session, **1 of 1** EDC Regular Session, and **12 of 13** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Attended: G2E conference September 27-October 1 in Las Vegas, NV

Councilor Carew attended **1 of 1** Tribal Council Special Session, **1 of 1** EDC Regular Session, and **8 of 13** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Attended: NAFOA Conference September 21-23 in Santa Fe, NM

Councilor Swallows attended **1 of 1** Tribal Council Special Session, **1 of 1** EDC Regular Session, and **11 of 13** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Attended: NAFOA Conference September 21-23 in Santa Fe, NM & Great Lakes Tribal Economic Summit October 6-October 7 in Mt. Pleasant, MI

Councilor Memberto attended **1 of 1** Tribal Council Special Session, **1 of 1** EDC Regular Session, and **10 of 13** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Attended: Midwest Tribal Energy Resource Alliance Summit September 22-24 in New Buffalo, MI, G2E conference September 27-October 1 in Las Vegas, NV& Great Lakes Tribal Economic Summit October 6-October 7 in Mt. Pleasant, MI













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Antrim/GT Elders
Events & Activities

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

Monday; November 2nd
GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED
Jiigiye-Giizhigat
(All Souls Day)
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Tuesday; November 3rd
Open Sew
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; November 4th
Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; November 5th
Thrift Shopping
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

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

Wednesday; November 11th
GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED
Vetrans Day
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Thursday; November 12th
Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; November 17th
Casino Day Crystal Shores
1:00PM**

Wednesday; November 18th
Open Sew
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; November 19th
Friendsgiving
1:00PM**

Tuesday; November 24th
Thrift Shopping
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; November 25th
Brithday Bingo & Cake
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; November 26th
&
Friday; November 27th
GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED
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(Thanksgiving) Break
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Benzie Elders
Events & Activities

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

Monday; November 2nd
GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED
Jiigiye-Giizhigat
(All Souls Day)
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Wednesday's in October
Lunch Served
12:00PM - 1:00PM
Questions, please contact

Wednesday; November 11th
GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED
Vetrans Day
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Wednesday; November 18th
Friendsgiving
12:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; November 26th
&
Friday; November 27th
GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED
Miigwechinendam Giizhigad
(Thanksgiving) Break
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Agnes Glinski (Temp.)
(231) 534-7821
(231) 631-6795
agnes.glinski@gtb-nsn.gov

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**

Monday; November 2nd
GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED
Jiigiye-Giizhigat
(All Souls Day)
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Tuesday; November 3rd
Craft Time
1:30PM**

Wednesday; November 4th
NH Visit
1:30PM**

Thursday; November 5th
Movie & Popcorn
1:30PM**

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

Wednesday; November 11th
GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED
Vetrans Day
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Thursday; November 12th
Resale Shopping CVX
1:30PM**

Tuesday; November 17th
Craft Time
1:30PM**

Wednesday; November 18th
Bingo Birthday Bash
1:30PM**

Thursday; November 19th
Friendsgiving
11:00AM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; November 24th
Craft Time
1:30PM**

Wednesday; November 25th
Baking Cookies
1:30PM**

Thursday; November 26th
&
Friday; November 27th
GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED
Miigwechinendam Giizhigad
(Thanksgiving) Break
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Leelanau Elders
Events & Activities

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

Monday; November 2nd
GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED
Jiigiye-Giizhigat
(All Souls Day)
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Tuesday; November 3rd
Craft Day
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; November 4th
Store Run
10:00AM**

Thursday; November 5th
Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

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

Wednesday; November 11th
GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED
Vetrans Day
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Thursday; November 12th
Craft Day
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; November 17th
Craft Day
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; November 18th
Thrifting
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; November 19th
Friendsgiving
1:00PM**

Tuesday; November 24th
Local Store Run
1:15PM**

Wednesday; November 25th
Birthday Bingo
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; November 26th
&
Friday; November 27th
GTB GOVT. OFFICES CLOSED
Miigwechinendam Giizhigad
(Thanksgiving) Break
8:00AM - 5:00PM

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!

Jennifer	Gann	11/01	Christine	Paull	11/10	Michael	Perez	11/21
Jeffrey	Ondrejka	11/01	Lois	Stone	11/11	Filomena	Rizzo	11/22
Susan	Hutchens	11/02	Eva	Peplinski	11/11	Anna	Smith	11/22
Rolando	Rivas	11/02	Donna	Page	11/12	Michelle	Stewart	11/22
William	Bastien	11/02	Suzanne	Gaslin	11/12	Barbara	Wilson	11/22
Carey	Thrash	11/02	Janice	Case	11/13	Yolanda	Chippewa	11/23
Robin	Menefee	11/03	Violet	Roxbury	11/14	Susan	Florip	11/23
Harry	John	11/03	Felipe	Reyes	11/14	Bruce	Bastien	11/23
Erick	Anderson	11/04	Catherine	Horn	11/14	Valerie	Crampton	11/24
Gail	Manzano	11/04	Donna	Richert	11/15	Phillip	Chippewa	11/24
Mary	Yannott	11/04	Michael	Young	11/15	Tama	Mayers	11/24
Carolina	Herrera	11/05	Gerald	Niewiadomski	11/15	Brian	Murray	11/24
William	Osborne	11/05	Bruce	Bennett	11/15	Anthony	Shalifoe	11/25
Laura	Favela	11/05	Brenda	McSawby	11/15	Robin	King	11/25
Patricia	Poertner	11/06	Lavern	Scott	11/16	Doris	Lentz	11/25
Treva	Boulch	11/06	Doris	Winslow	11/16	Sandra	Waukazoo	11/25
Diana	Mann	11/07	Clayton	Chambers	11/17	Tammy	Munoz	11/26
Michael	King	11/07	Thomas	Peters	11/17	Luci	Williams	11/26
Levi	McClellan	11/07	Richard	Seegraves	11/18	Karen	Wasageshik-Case	11/26
Tracy	Swallows	11/07	Ronald	Anderson	11/19	Joyce	Wilson	11/27
Sandra	Fetterhoff	11/08	Thomas	Proctor	11/19	Robert	Duty	11/28
George	Gunderson	11/09	Wyman	Chippewa	11/19	Elizabeth	Two Crow	11/29
Lynda	Fox	11/09	Tammy	McGeshick	11/19	James	McSauby	11/29
Steven	Schwander	11/09	Mary	Kenwabikise-Halpin	11/20	Julye	Hoffman	11/30
Annette	Jones	11/09	Russell	Jacko	11/20	Jo	Keusch	11/30
Shellee	Andrews	11/09	Michael	Doner	11/20	Kimberly	Cholewka	11/30
Ronald	Agosa	11/10	John	Chippewa	11/20			
Andrew	Miller	11/10	Jodi	Lewis	11/20			

Elders Advisory Organization Presents

ALL-SITE MIIGWECHINENDAM GIIZHIGAD (THANKSGIVING) LUNCHEON

Aapish *(Where)*: 3 Mile Office
845 Business Park Dr., Traverse City, MI

Wenesh Pii *(When)*: November 20, 2026

Eso Dabaagnek *(Time)*: 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Join the Elders Advisory for a special **Miigwechinendam Giizhigad** *(Thanksgiving)* luncheon bringing together GTB Elders from all sites!

All Elders and their spouses are invited and welcome to attend.
Guests are encouraged to bring a dish to pass and share with others.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT TANYA RAPHAEL 231-313-6922

GTB Elders Department
Cordially Invites 6-County Service Area Elders

Gi-ti-zid (Elder)

Annual Elder's Holiday Party

Thursday, December 17 | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Grand Traverse Resort and Spa *(Michigan Room)*
100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd, Acme, MI 49610

Highlights:

- Get Your Dancing Shoes Ready for Live Band *"John Milks and the Garage Guys"* Starting at 1pm
- Games!
- Movie Tickets
- $100 Holiday Gift Cards!

Non-Native Spouses, are welcome to participate

RSVP: Contact your area Elders Site Coordinators to sign up and request transportation.

Antrim / Grand Traverse
Tanya Tanner: (office) 231-534-7710 | (cell) 231-463-1791
Delora Wilson: (office) 231-534-7769 | (cell) 231-492-9932

Charlevoix
Barbara Kenwabikise: (office) 231-534-7066 | (cell) 231-631-0281

Benzie / Manistee
Agnes Glinski (interim): (office) 231-534-7821

Leelanau
Melissa Martinez: (office) 231-534-7743 | (cell) 231-631-6095

Note: No water bottles or feast bags necessary!
BRING YOUR TRIBAL ID!

Youth Services
Dentalium Earring making class



TUESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2026
~~THURSDAY OCTOBER 22, 2026~~
THURSDAY CLASS WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER 5, 2026

FROM 5-7PM

LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED

M22 Youth Building
2821 NW Bayshore Dr.
Peshawbestown MI 49682

Torie Chippewa
Ph: 231.534.7230
cell: 231.590.2395
Email: victoria.chippewa@gtb-nsn.gov

Youth Services

RIBBON SKIRT MAKING



learn how to make fairy panel ribbon skirts
Tuesday November 17, 2026 and
Thursday November 19, 2026
6-8PM
Light Dinner Provided

M22 Youth Building
2821 NW Bayshore Dr.
Peshawbestown Mi 49682

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

Youth Services

NO SEW



Throw Blankets

Monday November 23, 2026
&
Tuesday November 24, 2026

6-8PM

Light dinner provided

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

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After School Program

what we provide
- Homework Lab
- STEM Activities
- Problem solving
- Indoor games
- Tutoring
- Cultural teachings/activities

- Student ages 8-17
- Starting November 3rd until the end of the school year
- Monday- Thursday from 3-6pm

Subject to change due to weather/closure

CONTACT:
Saija Hansma: Student support advisor- Charlevoix/Antrim
231.534.7065
saija.hansma@gtb-nsn.gov

LOCATION:
10085 Wa-Ba-Noong Mi-Kun, East Jordan, MI 49727

ENROLL NOW!

Youth Services After School Program
Peshawbestown
ages 8-17
Wednesday October 21, 2026 we will drop off at 3:30pm

NO afterschool program on October 22nd and 29th; as we have scheduled Halloween events planned

Creating a safe open space for students to come hang out after school.

We will offer Homework Lab, Cultural knowledge, Using beginner Anishnaabemowin, and fun activities!

Snacks provided

Monday thru Thursday until end of school year!
3:30-6:00PM

"Wednesdays 1:30 - 6PM"

"Subject to change" DUE TO WEATHER OR CLOSURE

M22 Youth Center
2821 NW Bayshore Dr.
Peshawbestown MI 49682

Aaron Chivis
Youth Support Manager
p: 231.534.7764
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Student Support Advisor
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Torie Chippewa
Youth Intervention Specialist
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Corn husk dolls
Lets make corn husk dolls!

November 3, 2026 Kewadin John Hall
November 10, 2026 Traverse City 3 mile Office

5-7pm both locations
Light dinner provided
subject to change

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Ribbon Bags

November 17, 2026 Traverse City
3 mile Office

November 18, 2026 Kewadin
John Hall

5-7pm Both locations

Light dinner provided
subject to change

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ELEMENTARY Learning Lab

Mondays

BENZIE OUTPOST
7282 HOADLEY RD. BENZONIA
3:30-5:30PM

FREE TUTORING FOR GTB STUDENTS

NEED A CERTIFIED TUTOR?
WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

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

WE PROVIDE:
- Homework help
- Cultural Crafts
- School Supplies
- Computer access
- Snacks

Contact Kim Hinmon
Benzie/Manistee Student Support Advisor
(231) 534-7825 (desk)
kimberly.hinmon@gtb-nsn.gov
Transportation available

PLEASE JOIN YOUTH SERVICES AND ANISHINAABEMOWIN DEPARTMENT FOR A

Open to the indigenous community

Baby Celebration

HONORING

Babies 0-1year old

NOVEMBER 19TH 2026 5-9PM
TRAVERSE CITY - 3MILE OFFICE

We will have teachings on Craddleboards, Moss bags and Naming Ceremonies with Joseph Syrette



Ninaandiwe "Traditional Healer"
Joseph Syrette

Joseph Syrette is Anishinaabe Ojibwe from Batchewana First Nation. He currently lives in Harbor Springs Michigan with his Family.

Joseph conducts various ceremonies and practices Ninaadiwe'iwejig (Traditional Healing) using medicines to help re-balance and heal sicknesses through prayer using ojibwe doctoring methods to heal the mind, body and spirit. Joseph follows the practices the ways of his mentors and elders that went before him.

Traditional Ceremony/ Services

- Name, Clan, Colors
- Spiritual, Physical, Emotional, Mental Healing
- Traditional Teachings and Guidance
- Traditional Doctoring
- Dreams/Visions Interpretations
- Traditional Medicines
- Life Experiences Listening/Talks
- Sweat Lodge Ceremony
- Fasting/Releasing Ceremony
- Spiritual Connections
- Identity and Relations

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Benzie & Manistee Traditional Craft Class

GTB Families and Community

Classes will be held 6:30-8PM on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings.
Snacks and beverages provided

November:

3rd and 5th
Leather Mittens
Materials Provided

10th and 12th
Chippewa Style Moccasins
(No beadwork)
Materials Provided

17th and 19th
Chippewa Style Moccasins
(No beadwork)
Materials Provided

24th
Necklace Medicine Pouch
Materials Provided

For materials supply
Please register!

231-534-7825
Kimberly.Hinmonegtb-nsn.gov
7289 Hoadley Rd
Benzonia, MI 49616

LETS MAKE PUMPKIN PUREE

5-6:30 PM BOTH LOCATIONS

NOVEMBER 24TH TRAVERSE CITY - 3 MILE
NOVEMBER 25TH KEWADIN - JOHN HALL

Light dinner provided
subject to change
will have limited supplies to for take home pumpkin pie ingredients

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BENZIE & MANISTEE COMMUNITY FRIENDSGIVING

November 20

Please join us from
5:30-7:30PM
for a friendsgiving meal!

7282 Hoadley Road
Benzonia, MI 49616

RSVP
Kim (231) 534-7825
kimberly.hinmon@gtb-nsn.gov

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
Cultural Department

ANISHINAABEMOWIN
IN-PERSON LANGUAGE CLASSES

With Fluent Instructors


Isadore Toulouse &

Patricia Osawamick

Classes Starting September 14th

Mondays
John Hall -
7095 Carin Hwy, Kewadin
5 - 7 PM

Tuesdays
Culture Building -
2585 Waabno Makwa Rd., Peshawbestown
5 - 7 PM
Zoom Available

Wednesdays
3 Mile Office -
845 Business Park Dr, Traverse City
5 - 7 PM
Zoom Available

Zoom Meeting Info
Meeting ID: 832 4371 4672
Passcode: GTB26-27
https://bit.ly/4cCuONB
Only offered Tuesdays & Wednesdays

GTB Cultural Department
Isadore Toulouse (231) 534-7252 Isadore.Toulouse@gtb-nsn.gov
Patricia Osawamick (231) 534-7149 Patricia.Osawamick@gtb-nsn.gov

Please Note: No Classes When GTB Offices are Closed



Virtual Anishinaabemowin Language Classes

With Fluent Instructors, Isadore Toulouse and Patricia Osawamick
Classes Starting September 14

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

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 832 4371 4672
Passcode: GTB26-27

More Info: *GTB Cultural Department*
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Anishinaabemowin Department presents



FULLY BEADED MOCCS

IN PREPARATION FOR
Rock Your Moccs Day

NOV 06 FRI

12:00 pm - 6:00pm

INTRO: HOW TO START

Join us with Vanessa Schocko and learn how to get started on fully beaded moccs

Cultural Building
2685 Waabno Makwa Mi-Kun, Peshawbestown, MI

Limited to 10 people.
Please call to reserve

TO RESERVE A SPOT:
LEILANI DEFOE
231-534-7093

Kchi Wiikwedong Anishinaabek
Anishinaabemowin Department

Emkowaataagozijig 16
(Sharing Their Knowledge 16)
Fall Symposium

Featured Presenters:

Dr. Barbara Nolan
Gertrude Manitowabi
Beverly Naokwegijik
AnnMarie Recollet
Georgina Toulouse
Myna/Theodore Toulouse
Theodore Flamand
Elizabeth Osawamick
Gerard Sagassige
Albert Owl
Brian Kimewan
Leilani DeFoe

Thursday
Breakfast from 8am-9am
Opening Ceremonies 9am
Workshops begin at 10am

Friday
Breakfast from 8am-9am
Workshops begin at 9am

Saturday
Breakfast from 8am-9am
Workshops begin at 9am

November 12-14, 2026
Strongheart Center
2700 Strongheart Way, Peshawbestown

Contact Information:
Isadore Toulouse 231-534-7252
Patricia Osawamick 231-534-7149
Sammie McClellan-Dyal 231-534-7231
Leilani DeFoe 231-534-7093

Nakaaz-daa Anishinaabemowin Enso-giizhigak
(Let's Use The Language Every Day)

GRAND TRAVERSE BAND
HOUSING DEPARTMENT

ARE YOU FAMILIAR

WITH THE SERVICES THE HOUSING OFFICE PROVIDES?

Housing at Peshawbestown, Benzie, Traverse City, East Jordan and Antrim are just an app away.

Rental/Security deposit and First months rent

Rental Assistance for 6 months

Emergency Home Repair

Handicap Accessibility Program

$15,000 Down Payment Assistance Home buyer program

All of our applications can be found at GTB Satellite Offices, and at our Housing Offices at Windy Hills (Herkner) and Peshawbestown.

Contact Us:
231.534.7800



Pathways Home: For the Homebuyer

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

Cost: **$20** /course

Target Audience

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

REGISTER ANYTIME!

www.naihc.net/elearning

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

TIPS TO AVOID FROZEN PIPES



Before cold weather sets in

- Know how to shut off your water. Locate your main water shut-off valve.
- Shut off & drain your sprinkler & irrigation system.
- Wrap pipes with heat tape or insulation.

When freezing temperatures arrive

- If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open the doors to let warmer room temperatures flow in.
- Keep water moving through the pipes by allowing a small trickle of water to run.

If your pipes freeze

- Shut off the water immediately at the main shut-off valve.
- Thaw pipes with warm air with a hair dryer or space heater.
- Be careful turning water back on - check pipes & joints for cracks or leaks.



HOUSING DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

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

PROTECT YOUR SMILE: NOVEMBER IS ORAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

SELF EXAMINATION GUIDE

Greetings from the GTB Dental Team!

This November, the GTB Dental Team is raising awareness about oral cancer and the importance of prevention, self-examinations, and routine dental checkups. Oral cancer can affect anyone, and recognizing the warning signs early can make a meaningful difference in treatment and health outcomes.

Oral cancer occurs nearly twice as often in men as in women and is most commonly diagnosed in adults over age 40. Each year, approximately 53,000 Americans are diagnosed with oral or oropharyngeal cancer, which affects the mouth and the back of the throat.

SELF EXAMINATION GUIDE

Understanding the risk factors for oral cancer is an important step toward protecting your health. Common risk factors include:

- **Tobacco use**: Cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, and other tobacco products increase the risk of oral cancer.
- **Alcohol use:** Alcohol consumption, particularly when combined with tobacco use, increases risk.
- **Human papillomavirus (HPV):** Certain types of HPV are associated with cancers of the mouth and throat.
- **Excessive ultraviolet (UV) exposure:** Prolonged sun exposure can increase the risk of lip cancer.

Avoiding tobacco, limiting or avoiding alcohol, protecting your lips from excessive sun exposure, and discussing HPV prevention with your healthcare provider can help reduce certain risks.

RECOGNIZE THE WARNING SIGNS: WHAT SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR?

Oral cancer may appear as a persistent white or red patch, a sore that does not heal, or an unusual change in the tissues of your mouth. Common areas to check include the sides and underside of your tongue, the floor of your mouth, your gums, the inside of your cheeks, and your lips.

Other warning signs may include:

- A lump, thickened area, or unusual swelling.
- Persistent soreness, pain, or numbness in the mouth or lips.
- Difficulty chewing, swallowing, or moving your tongue or jaw.
- A persistent sore throat, hoarseness, or a feeling that something is caught in your throat.

Do not ignore changes that persist or seem unusual. Oral cancer may not always cause pain in its early stages. If you notice a concerning change, contact your dental or healthcare provider for an evaluation.

YOUR SELF-EXAMINATION GUIDE: TAKE A FEW MINUTES FOR YOUR HEALTH

A simple at-home mouth examination can help you become familiar with what is normal for you. Using a bright light and a mirror, carefully examine your lips, gums, cheeks, tongue, and the floor and roof of your mouth. Look for unusual patches, sores, lumps, or changes in color or texture.

For step-by-step instructions, visit the Mouth Cancer Foundation's Self-Examination Guide.

Remember, a self-examination does not replace a professional dental screening. **Regular dental checkups are an important part of early detection.**

WHY REGULAR DENTAL CHECKUPS MATTER

Your dental team checks for unusual changes in your mouth during routine examinations. If something appears abnormal, your provider may recommend a follow-up appointment with a specialist or a biopsy to determine whether further treatment is needed.

An abnormal finding does not automatically mean cancer. However, getting it evaluated promptly is important. Early diagnosis can provide more opportunities for timely treatment and better health outcomes.

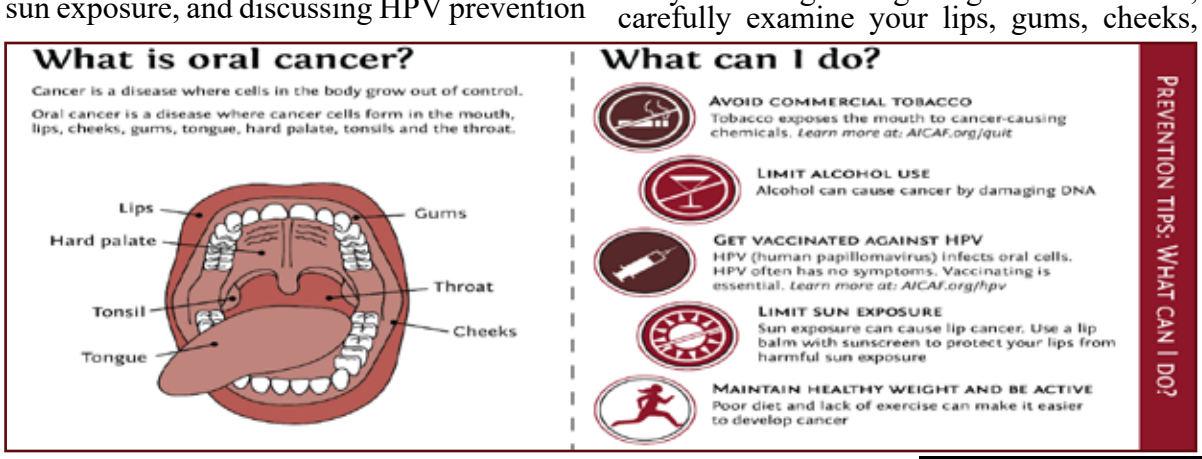
Your oral health is an important part of your overall health. Make routine dental visits a priority, practice healthy habits, and speak up when something does not look or feel right.

A SEASONAL REMINDER: HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY HEALTHY

As cold, flu, and COVID-19 season approaches, the GTB Dental Team asks patients to help protect one another and our staff by rescheduling appointments when experiencing symptoms of illness.

If you have a fever, cough, sneezing, body aches, or unusual fatigue, please call our office to discuss rescheduling your appointment until you have recovered. Thank you for helping us maintain a healthy environment for our patients, staff, and community!

The GTB Dental Team wishes you a healthy smile this November and all year long!



Grand Traverse Band Family Health Clinic November 2026 Vaccination Schedule

GTB FHC is pleased to offer seasonal influenza 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.
****COVID vaccines are reserved for Elders and high-risk only at this time****

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 while supply lasts	***Medicine Lodge Clinic 2300 N Stallman Rd Peshawbestown, MI***	***High risk***: 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 chil-dren and of children less than 6 months of age.
Tues Nov 24th 10:00 to 1:00pm	Benzie Satellite office	Questions please call CHR Tamra Newton (231) 534-7205
Tues Nov 17th 11a-2p	Charlevoix Satellite office	Questions, please call Jacqueline Paul (231) 534-7061
Tues Nov 10th 10am-12pm	Traverse City Satellite office	Questions, please call CHR Ranee Compo (231) 534-7772 or TC Office (231) 534-7760
Tues Nov 10th 1:30-3:30pm	Turtle Creek Ballroom B	To Schedule Call GTB Clinic (231) 534-7200 Questions, please call Linda DePetro (231) 313-9411 or (231) 534-8423

Dates are subject to change & based on availability. Stay tuned for future dates to be announced!

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

PURCHASED/REFERRED CARE (PRC) UPDATE

As we begin the new 2027 fiscal year, the Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) program encourages all eligible members to make sure their information is up to date and take advantage of available services. A little preparation can help make accessing your health care easier!

KEEP YOUR PRC INFORMATION UP TO DATE

Please ensure your PRC information is current for the new fiscal year. Staying up to date helps you prepare for appointments and avoid unnecessary delays with authorizations.

NEW PRC AUTHORIZATIONS BY EMAIL

PRC can now email prior authorizations for your medical, dental and optical care directly to your personal email address. You can take the authorization with you to your appointment for added convenience.
Be proactive! Make sure PRC has your current personal email address so you can receive your authorizations when needed.

NEED TO REPORT AN APPOINTMENT? CALL THE PRC HOTLINE

Please use the PRC hotline at **231-534-7223** to report your appointments. **Important:** Due to call volume and the hotline process, you will not receive a callback unless there is an issue with your call. Please ensure you provide the required information when calling.

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NEED A TEETH CLEANING?

If you are an eligible GTB member who is enrolled with PRC, you may be able to receive a referral to an outside dental hygienist through the GTB Dental Clinic.
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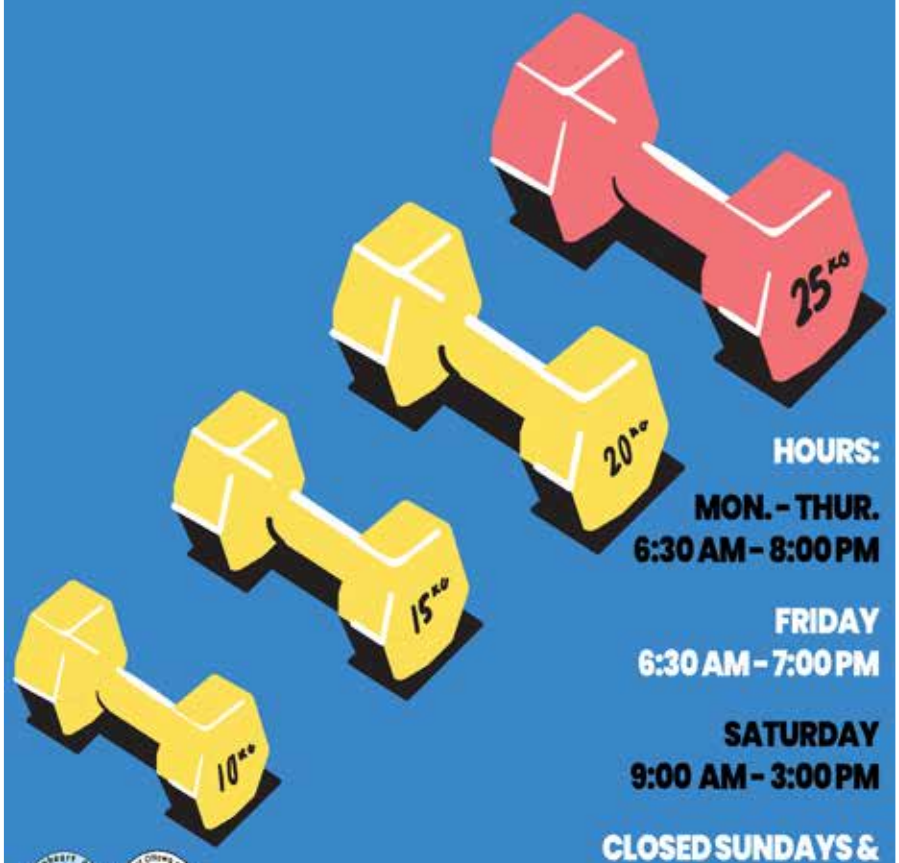
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Grand Traverse Band Job Shadowing Program

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.

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

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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.

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.

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

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477 PROGRAM AVAILABLE



The 477 program is a federally funded program that helps tribal members reduce joblessness and encourage self-sufficiency among federally recognized (FRT) members within the grand traverse band service area.

The 477 program offers:

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- Dependent upon funding availability, and incentive stipend is awarded upon completion. Work Force development Training
- Work Ethic, Interview Skills, Resume/Cover Head Letter
- Scheduled and delivered upon need and command

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- Must live within GTB's six-county service area
- Please bring Tribal ID and State ID

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  - Thursdays, 8am-3pm

ABOUT ME
Raised right here in Leelanau County, and a proud TC West alum, I earned my B.S. in Biology at Grand Valley State University. Before entering the classroom, I spent a decade on the West Coast where I worked as a Fisheries biologist for NOAA. In 2019 I channeled that real-world science passion into teaching, gaining diverse experience in alternative high school education and K-8 international baccalaureate programs. I moved back home in 2024 to raise my family and stay active in our wonderful community. Outside of school, you can find me traveling, training for triathlons, or singing opera as a first soprano. I love bringing this energy, curiosity, and global perspective into the classroom every day.

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PREPARE FOR COLDER WEATHER: KEEP YOUR HOME, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SAFE

As temperatures drop across our region, taking a few simple steps now can help keep you and your loved ones warm, comfortable and safe throughout the colder months. Winter preparedness is essential for both individual households and the broader community, as severe cold, unexpected blizzards, and power outages can create dangerous conditions with little warning. Taking proactive measures early ensures that families have the necessary resources, reliable heating, and emergency supplies ready before harsh weather sets in. Early planning significantly reduces the risk of cold-related emergencies, prevents costly home damage such as frozen pipes or heating failures, and relieves strain on local emergency response services. From preparing your home for winter to dressing for changing conditions and looking out for vulnerable neighbors, a little preparation today can make a big difference for everyone tomorrow.

CHECK YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

Before turning on your furnace or other heating equipment for the season, take a few minutes to check your household safety devices.

- **Test your alarms.** Test smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- **Replace batteries when needed.** If an alarm chirps or signals a low battery, replace the battery if applicable and check the device's instructions.
- **Know when to replace alarms.** Smoke alarms should generally be replaced every 10 years, or sooner if the manufacturer recommends it. Check the replacement date for your carbon monoxide alarm as well.
- **Install alarms in the right places.** Place smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside sleeping areas and on every level of your home. Install carbon monoxide alarms on every level and near sleeping areas, following the manufacturer's guidance and applicable codes.
- **Schedule furnace maintenance.** If your heating system has not been inspected recently, consider having it serviced by a qualified professional.

Important: Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can be deadly. If your CO alarm sounds, get everyone outside into fresh air immediately and call 911 or your local emergency services from a safe location. Do not re-enter until authorities say it is safe.

HEAT YOUR HOME SAFELY

As you prepare to keep your home warm, make sure your heating equipment is used safely.

- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from bedding, curtains, furniture and other flammable materials.
- Place space heaters on a stable, level surface and plug them directly into a wall outlet.
- Turn off space heaters when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Never use an oven or stove to heat your home.
- Keep furnace vents, chimneys and other heating exhausts clear of snow, ice and debris.

FREE SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Grand Traverse Band Fire and Rescue Department has **free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors available for residents.** Tribal members can call to arrange an appointment for installation.

Fire extinguishers are also available upon request, while supplies last, on a first-come, first-served basis for Tribal Members.

Contact Grand Traverse Band Fire and Rescue
3501 N. Putnam Road,
Suttons Bay, MI
Phone: (231) 534-7666



DRESS IN LAYERS AND PREPARE FOR WINTER TRAVEL



Cold weather can arrive quickly, so plan ahead when spending time outdoors or traveling.

- **Dress in layers.** Wear warm, insulating clothing, a winter coat, gloves, a hat and waterproof boots. During extreme cold, cover exposed skin to help prevent frostbite.
- **Check the forecast.** Review weather conditions before heading out, especially during snow, freezing rain or extreme cold.
- **Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle.** Include a warm blanket, extra clothing, a flashlight, water, nonperishable snacks and other emergency essentials.
- **Limit exposure to extreme cold.** Take breaks indoors when possible and watch for signs of cold-related illness.



SIGN UP FOR REGROUP EMERGENCY ALERTS SCAN QR CODE

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CHECK ON ELDERS, CHILDREN AND NEIGHBORS

Cold weather can be especially challenging for elders, young children, and individuals with special healthcare or mobility needs. Taking proactive steps to check in on family, friends, and vulnerable community members can prevent cold-related illness, isolation, and emergencies during severe winter storms.

- **Establish a regular check-in schedule**. Call, send a text, or stop by daily during extreme cold snaps or winter storms to ensure heating systems are running properly and temperatures inside remain safe.
- **Assist with essential supplies.** Check that households have sufficient nonperishable food, fresh drinking water, warm blankets, basic household items, and at least a week's supply of necessary medications.
- **Help maintain outdoor safety.** Offer assistance with clearing snow and ice from walkways, driveways, ramps, and doorways to prevent slips, falls, and blocked escape routes.
- **Verify household safety equipment.** Help elders test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, ensure space heaters are positioned safely away from flammable objects, and confirm backup flashlights or lantern batteries work.

Share emergency contact information. Keep a written list of important phone numbers near the phone, including family members, neighbors, Tribal emergency services, and utility provider outage lines.

A LITTLE PREPARATION GOES A LONG WAY

As we welcome the changing seasons, let's look out for one another and take steps to keep our homes and community safe. Prepare now, stay informed and check in on those around you.

Miigwech for helping keep our Grand Traverse Band community safe and ready for the colder months ahead!

BRING THE TRADITION HOME

Reconnect with the land, share cultural traditions, and bring the maple sugaring experience to your family! Maple sugaring is more than a seasonal activity. It is an opportunity to connect with the land, practice traditional skills, share knowledge across generations, and carry on traditions that have sustained our Anishinaabe people for generations. The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians is encouraging tribal citizens to get involved in the **2026–2027 Sugar Bush Kit Grant Opportunity**. This program helps families participate in maple sugaring and experience the process of turning maple sap into a cherished natural resource. Whether you are continuing a family tradition or interested in learning how to start your own sugar bush, this is an opportunity to get involved, learn new skills, and create meaningful memories with your family.

SEE THE TRADITION IN ACTION: MEET A PAST KIT RECIPIENT



Former Sugar Bush Kit Recipient Marc Shenanequet and Family Marc Shenanequet and his family put their 2024 Sugar Bush Kit to use, demonstrating how this opportunity can help bring maple sugaring traditions into the home. Their experience is a reminder that cultural knowledge grows when we put it into practice, share it with our families, and encourage the next generation to participate. Every family that takes part helps keep these important traditions alive. Could your family be next? Consider applying for the 2026–2027 Sugar Bush Kit Grant and make this season an opportunity to learn, participate, and connect.

2026-27 GTB SUGAR BUSH KIT GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The GTB Sugar Bush (located on Putnam Road at the GTB Natural Resource Department) has received a big boost from a USDA – ACER grant. A part of this grant was offering sugar bush kits to members of the GTB community to help promote sugar bush activities and preserve traditions amongst the GTB community. Starting this month (October 2026) we will be taking applications from GTB citizens who would like a sugar bush kit for their home/community sugar bush. These kits are purchased from Sugar Bush Supplies in Michigan and they include all of the tapping supplies, a wood fired evaporator and finishing/bottling equipment to operate a home/community scale maple syrup production system (25-75 taps). This kit is valued at ~$4,000. We will be offering 5 of these kits in December 2026 to applicants who apply before November 30th, 2026. We will let the applicants know if they have won by December 9th, with plans to deliver the kits to applicants before the winter holidays. We will be offering kits again in December 2027.

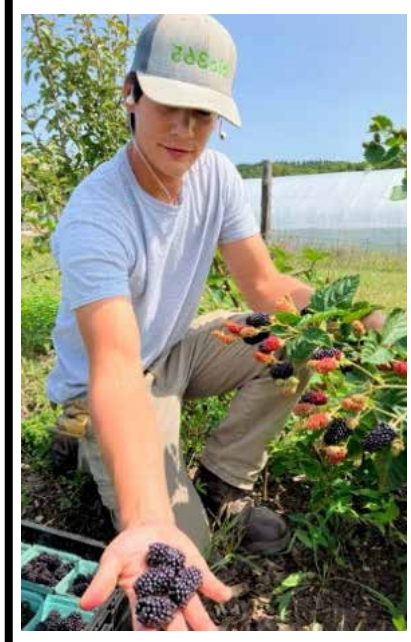
HOW TO APPLY?

If you or someone you know within the GTB community would use this type of system, we will be taking applications through November 30th, 2026. To apply, please write a brief description of how you plan to use this system. The applicants will be graded on the following criteria:

- Ability to demonstrate previous experience safely operating a sugar bush for your family or community
- Ability to store the equipment properly (preferably indoors)
- How many GTB citizens and/or non-GTB citizens are involved in your sugar bush
- How many people benefit from the production of your sugar bush (how many people use the syrup, etc)
- Ability to sign a document stating you will not lease, sell, trade, give away, or dispose of any of this equipment through the USDA – ACER grant period (through September 2028)
- Ability to complete an annual Sugar Bush Season Review document in 2027 and 2028 that will be provided by the GTB Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Department (this will be less than 2 page survey that will ask you about challenges you faced, community involvement, and product use)

Please include in your written application your willingness to meet these criteria as well as all relevant experience and community involvement that will make you a successful candidate for receiving a $4,000 sugar bush kit. The applications will be made anonymous, and a blind review board will select the winners based on the listed criteria by early December when we will hand out the 5 kits. So you are welcome to list participants or number of family members, but the names and places will be redacted to ensure all applications are anonymous for the internal review by GTB Natural Resource Department staff. Please email william.derouin@gtb-nsn.gov with any questions, to see a sample application. We are looking forward to helping the community continue this family tradition! Miigwetch!

MEET: GTB FARM WORKER CALEB ANDERSON



Growing food sovereignty through hard work, community involvement, and a commitment to the land.

Since joining the Grand Traverse Band's Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Department in 2024, Caleb Anderson has become an integral part of the team supporting agricultural operations at the Peshawbestown Gitigaan. Working an average of 24 hours per week, Caleb contributes his time, skills, and agricultural experience to help keep daily operations running smoothly while supporting programs that connect tribal citizens with local food production and traditional food practices.

Caleb's responsibilities extend well beyond the garden. From operating and maintaining equipment to assisting with harvesting and food distribution, his work supports the many moving parts required to sustain GTB's agricultural initiatives. His hands-on experience in agricultural production allows him to bring valuable knowledge to the team, helping ensure that the work of growing, harvesting, and sharing food continues throughout the season.

SUPPORTING TRADITIONAL FOODS AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

In addition to his daily agricultural responsibilities, Caleb plays an important role in community programming. He helps support GTB farm stands, community cookouts, sugar bush activities, and fish waste processing. These initiatives create opportunities for tribal citizens to engage with local food systems, learn about food production, and strengthen connections to the land and the resources it provides.



The Sugar Bush program is one example of how agriculture and food sovereignty connect with cultural traditions. By helping support these activities, Caleb contributes to opportunities for families to participate in maple sugaring and carry traditional practices forward. Programs like these help make food sovereignty something the community can experience firsthand through participation, shared knowledge, and hands-on learning.

A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY



Caleb brings a practical, hands-on approach to his work and genuinely enjoys being part of GTB's community events. His contributions help bridge the everyday work of agricultural production with the larger goal of building a stronger, more connected local food system.

Food sovereignty is strengthened through the collective efforts of the people who plant, maintain, harvest, process, and share food with the community. Caleb's dedication is an important part of that effort, supporting programs that encourage participation, preserve traditional food practices, and help create opportunities for future generations.

The GTB Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Department is grateful for Caleb's hard work and continued commitment to the Peshawbestown Gitigaan and the community it serves. His contributions help keep these important initiatives moving forward while supporting GTB's ongoing efforts to strengthen food sovereignty and reconnect tribal citizens with the land and traditional food practices.

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Associate Degree in Business related discipline. A min. of four (4) years of work experience as an Administrative Assistant. Knowledge of Gaming Commission & background functions are helpful and the ability to work independently is essential. -$19.84/hr. - 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 timeframe. Valid, unrestricted Michigan Driver's License and ability to be insured under the GTB insurance carrier. -$77,454/yr. - until filled

Coordination of Benefits Analyst- PRC (FT)
Associate's Degree in Business Administration, Social Work, Health Administration or related field required or 5 years demonstrated experience working in health administration. Must have direct experience and demonstrated proficiency working with Medicare Part A, B & D, Medicaid, SSI, VA, and other medical billing. -$41,620/hr. - until filled

Court Clerk (FT)
Associate Degree in Criminal Justice, Paralegal, Business, or Administrative Services. A combination of education and experience may be considered in lieu of an Associate's Degree. General knowledge of applicable law, regulations, rules, policies, procedures and administration is required. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -$20.63/hr. - until filled

Court Clerk/Assistant Probation Officer (FT)
Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Legal, Paralegal, Business, Administrative Services, Social Work/Services, Social Science, Sociology, Psychology, Liberal Arts or similar degrees may be considered. A combination of education and experience may be considered in lieu of a bachelor's degree. General knowledge of applicable law, regulations, rules, policies, procedures and administration is required. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -$22.26/hr. - until filled

Dental Hygienist (FT)
Associates Degree in Dental Hygiene and Licensure in State of Michigan. Twenty-four hours of biennial continuing education including four hours' HIV-AIDS and three hours' CPR training. Competence in operation of standard dental equipment: cavitron, prophyjet, X-ray, radiograph processor, panelipse, dental chair and unit, sterilizers, hand scalers, and curettes. At least one year of experience as a full time dental hygienist preferred. -$35.27/hr. - until filled

Director of Community Development and Housing (FT)
Bachelor's degree in Urban Planning, Community Development, Public Administration, Real Estate Development, or a related field required. Min. of seven (7) to ten (10) years of progressive experience in housing, community development, or real estate development, including at least five (5) years in a management or leadership role. Comprehensive knowledge of federal housing programs and regulations, including NAHASDA, IHBG, HUD requirements, and tribal housing policies. Demonstrated experience managing complex development projects, construction initiatives, and multi-million-dollar budgets. Strong leadership, strategic planning, and intergovernmental coordination skills. Knowledge of tribal sovereignty, federal Indian housing policy, and government-to-government relations. -$DOE - 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. -$17.83/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. -$61,983/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. -$16.73/hr. - until filled

EHS/HS Bus Driver (PT)
High School diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with children & adults in an appropriate manner. Must have First Aide Certification or obtain a CPR/First Aid certification (within 30 days). Ability to observe & evaluate children in a non-biased manner. Must be willing to & as well as obtain a CDA within first (2) yrs. of hire. -$21.21/hr. - until filled

Gym Attendant (PT)
High School Diploma or GED required. Some experience working with exercise, gym and cardiovascular equipment preferred. -$16.46/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. -$16.46/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. -$55,433/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

On-Call Receptionist-Charlevoix
High School Diploma or GED equivalent. Prefer (1) yr. experience in office management. Must have basic math skills & written skills. -$21.24/hr. - until filled

Recruiting Specialist (FT)
Bachelor's degree in Human Resources, Business Administration, or related field preferred. Three (3) years of recruitment or talent acquisition experience required. Demonstrated experience in full cycle recruiting and use of applicant tracking systems (ATS). Understanding of (or commitment to learn) TERO requirements and tribal hiring preferences. Excellent communication and relationship building skills. Proficiency in social media recruiting, digital sourcing, and networking for hard to fill roles. Valid driver's license and acceptable driving record required. -$60,670/yr. - until filled

Registered Nurse (FT)
Bachelor's Degree in the Registered Nurse Program, with a current State of Michigan RN License. Three to five years of nursing experience in a family clinic setting. Must have current BLS Certification. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -$70,033/yr. - until filled.

Revenue Cycle and Data Manager (FT)
Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or Finance. Thorough understanding billing, collections and payment posting, revenue cycle, & third-party payers. Thorough understanding of budget management and reporting for business planning and development, as well as program specific management and reporting. Thorough understanding of Database creation, data analysis, compiling and interpreting data from several systems. (2-3) years' progressive and successful billing cycle and data management experience preferred. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -$71,913/yr. - until filled

Student Support Advisor-Grand Traverse (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 three years 'experience working with Native American youths. Must maintain current CPR/First Aid certification. -$22.30/hr. - until filled

(2) Summer Youth Worker (Temp)
High School Diploma or GED. Some experience working with youth. Valid Michigan Chauffeur Licenses. Insurable by GTB insurance. Preferred. Must have reliable transportation. -$16.73/hr. - until filled

Truancy Intervention Specialist (FT)
Must possess a bachelor's Degree in Counseling, Social Work, Psychology, Education, or a related field. Must have 3-5 years of experience working with youth. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -$47,713/yr. - until filled

Government Operations RFP

RFP - Dental Hygienist 2025
GTB is seeking proposals for an in-person workshop to support Tribal Council's Yearly Budgeting Process, Strategic Planning, Team Building, and Goals and Objectives. -$RFP - until filled

RFP - Traditional Storytelling
GTB is requesting bid proposals for Traditional Storytelling. -$RFP - Unitl 11.19.26

150 Bereavement

Leonard Yannott
GTB Tribal Elder
Grand Rapids, MI
1/6/1951 – 10/3/2026
Respectfully Acknowledging Our Loss





Grand Traverse Band - Government Offices
CLOSED

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2026
In observance of Jiigiye-Giizhigat (All Souls Day)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026
In observance of Veterans Day

Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27, 2026
In observance of Miigwechinendam Giizhigad (Thanksgiving) Break

Emergency numbers are posted at office entrances. For immediate assistance, refer to the emergency number list.

FOLLOW QR CODE OR LINK FOR EMERGENCY NUMBERS.
https://bit.ly/GTB_EPN_102626

Chi Miigwech for your understanding.

Grants to Indian Tribal Government Project &
Anishinaabemowin Dept presents

Kwewag Aasgaabwitwaayan
Wiiji Kwewan
Women Supporting Women

Building a healthy community through:

- Cultural crafts like beading, necklace making, painting, sewing, language
- 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

Cultural Building near P-Town Pw Grounds
Wednesday Nov. 4th
5:30pm - 7:30pm
November

3-Mile Satellite Office
Thursday Nov. 12th
5:30pm - 7:30pm
November

Potluck Style Dinner, please bring a dish to pass

For More Information:
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BEAR GREASE
THE MUSICAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7PM DOORS OPEN
8PM SHOW STARTS

TICKETS STARTING AT $55
Purchase through MyNorth Tickets or Leelanau Sands Casino Players Club.

Guests under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

TICKETS HERE

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