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March 2026
Naabdin Giizis (Snowcrust Moon)

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TWOCROW SURPASSES 1,000 JV & VARSITY CAREER POINTS NORSEMAN WIN DURING SNOWBALL GAME

ARTICLE & PHOTO BY: YASMIN ALFONSECA *(GTB COMMUNICATIONS STUDENT JOB SHADOW)*

A major milestone was reached on the court this month as high school senior and GTB tribal youth **Urijah TwoCrow** surpassed 1,000 JV & Varsity career points during the Snowball game against St. Mary.

TwoCrow achieved the accomplishment in the first period of the February 20 matchup, calmly sinking a free throw to secure his place in the coveted 1,000-point club. The shot marked more than just two points on the scoreboard, it cemented years of dedication, discipline, and determination poured into his high school basketball career.

Reaching 1,000 JV & Varsity career points is a benchmark few athletes attain. For TwoCrow, the milestone reflects countless hours in the gym, unwavering commitment to his teammates, and pride in representing both his school and the community.

The night was made even more memorable as the **Suttons Bay Boys Varsity Basketball team secured a hard-fought victory**, adding a team triumph to an already historic evening. Together, the win and TwoCrow's achievement created a moment that will be remembered in Suttons Bay basketball history.

The GTB community celebrates Urijah TwoCrow for this outstanding accomplishment and for serving as an inspiration to younger tribal athletes. His success is a powerful reminder that dedication and heart can carry you to remarkable heights.

*Please note: This article and accompanying photo were written and captured by **Yasmin Alfonseca**, a fellow student serving as a Job Shadow Intern with the GTB Communications Department, highlighting the next generation of storytellers in our community.*

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Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Hearings

TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

- **Wednesday; March 18, 2026 — Peshawbestown, MI**
- **Wednesday; April 15, 2026 — Peshawbestown, MI**
- **Wednesday; May 20, 2026 — Peshawbestown, MI**

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

Send comments & suggestions to **Robert Schulte**
2605 N West Bay Shore Dr., Peshawbestown, MI 49682 or email
CFO@gtb-nsn.gov or members.speak@gtb-nsn.gov
Subject Line: "FY27 Tribal Budget"

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

March, 2026

Greetings!

As we enter Naabdin Giizis, the Snowcrust Moon, we recognize this time when the snow hardens on the surface and carries us forward — a season that reminds us of resilience, balance, and the strength found in steady footing. In our Anishinaabe teachings, this moon reflects endurance and preparation, as winter begins to loosen its grip and we look toward renewal. It is a time to move carefully but confidently, grounded in who we are and mindful of the responsibilities we carry for one another and for the generations ahead.

Honoring Company K Veterans

I am pleased to share that the Company K Indian Veterans 1st Michigan Sharpshooters Civil War Memorial Highway has officially been signed into law. On December 23, 2025, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the legislation designating a portion of M-22 in Leelanau County in honor of the Anishinaabe men who served in Company K during the Civil War.

As shared in a previous update, the Tribe moved forward with recognition efforts to honor these veterans regardless of the State's timeline, affirming our commitment to remembering their service and sacrifice. With the State designation now finalized, both Tribal and State recognition can stand together in honoring Company K and their enduring legacy. We are planning for a dedication this Spring.

Honoring Our Veterans: Mid-Michigan Honor Flight Opportunity

I am honored to share that the Mid-Michigan Honor Flight organization is working with Michigan tribes to ensure our tribal veterans have the opportunity to participate in a special Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. This meaningful journey recognizes their service and sacrifice by visiting the national memorials dedicated to their courage and commitment.

Applications are available for both veterans and guardians. I encourage eligible Grand Traverse Band veterans, or their families, to consider this opportunity. Tribal participation helps ensure our veterans are represented and honored alongside others from across Michigan.

If you or a family member are interested in applying or would like more information, please contact my office or visit the Mid-Michigan Honor Flight website. It is our privilege to support and uplift those who have given so much in service to our people and our country.

Miigwech to our veterans for your strength, your service, and your enduring legacy.

Planning for a New Tribal Cemetery

Tribal Council is advancing plans for a new GTB Tribal Cemetery to better serve current and future generations. After extensive review and community input, a new location has been identified on GTB Parcel 36 off McKeese Road in Peshawbestown, which was presented during the 2025 Peshawbestown Master Plan public input process.

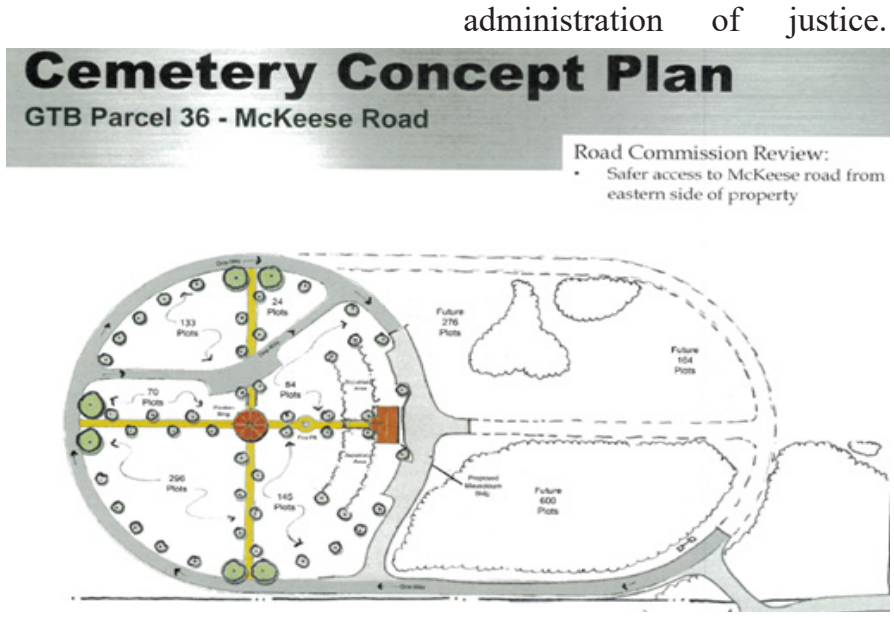
This proposed site offers significant advantages over the cemetery location designated in 2012, including improved access, more suitable terrain, and greater capacity for future expansion. Planning efforts are supported through funding from the Tribe's BIA Tribal Transportation Program. This work reflects careful planning, respect for our ancestors, and responsibility to future generations. We look forward to the projected completion date of Spring 2027.

Welcoming Our New Chief Judge

I am pleased to welcome Chief Judge, Marc Roy, who was formally sworn in on December 15, 2025, to serve the Grand Traverse Band Tribal Court.

Judge Roy brings decades of experience in tribal justice, governance, and public service. Throughout his career, he has served tribal communities across the country as a Chief Judge, Attorney General, and legal advisor, with experience in civil, criminal, and juvenile court systems. His work reflects a strong commitment to judicial independence, procedural fairness, and respect for tribal sovereignty.

Judge Roy has affirmed his dedication to upholding the Tribal Constitution, protecting the rights of all who appear before the Court, and serving our community with diligence, integrity, and professionalism. We are confident that his leadership will strengthen the Tribal Court and support fair and effective administration of justice.



I also extend my sincere gratitude to Michael J. Long for his service as Interim Chief Judge from 2023 through 2025. During a critical period, Judge Long ensured continuity and stability within the Tribal Court, and we thank him for his steady leadership and dedication to the Tribe.

Strong judicial leadership is essential to good governance, and I appreciate both judges for their service to the Grand Traverse Band.

Government-to-Government Consultation Update

In November, GTB formally requested a government-to-government consultation with the Michigan Secretary of State to begin discussions regarding a potential motor vehicle registration and license plate reciprocity agreement for GTB citizens.

This request initiates a consultation process only. A follow-up meeting with the Secretary of State's office is scheduled, and no decisions or agreements have been made at this time. We will continue to keep you informed as discussions progress.

In closing, I want to thank you for your continued engagement and trust as we work together to strengthen our Tribal government and community. We recognize that not every decision will be easy or unanimous, but we are committed to transparency, communication, and respect.

As we move toward Spring, Tribal Council remains focused on responsible governance, protecting Tribal sovereignty, and ensuring that our decisions reflect both the needs of today and the needs of generations yet to come.

I encourage Members to stay engaged, attend meetings, review public notices, and continue sharing your perspectives.

Miigwetch for your continued trust, your participation, and your commitment to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Baamaa pii miinwaa,

Sandra L Witherspoon
Tribal Chairwoman

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II. Unfinished Business. A- **Correction of Duplicate Resolution Number 26-44.3828**
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to reassign the Resolution Number for the Marijuana Ordinance Amendments from #25-43.3828 (duplicate assigned in error) to #26-44.3841.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to **amend the Motion from the Tribal Council Regular Session of December 17, 2025 originally approving the Marijuana Ordinance Amendments**, to reflect the corrected and newly assigned Resolution #26-44.3841.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. **A- Leelanau Montessori**
This item was deleted

III. New Business. B- ***Motion to Solicit Letters of Interest for 4 Upcoming Vacancies on the Compensation Committee***
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to Solicit Letters of Interest for the four upcoming vacancies on the Compensation Committee.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. C- **GWE for Minor Trust Accounts**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3844.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. D-**ITC Mental Health Delivery System for Native Americans FY27**
Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3834 to seek approval and funding in the amount of $45,000 from MHDS program Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Inc. for Fiscal Year 2027.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. E- **ITC Mental Health Delivery System for Native Americans FY28**
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3835 to seek approval and funding in the amount of $45,000 from MHDS Program Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Inc. for Fiscal Year 2028.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. F- **MDHHS Tribal Behavioral Health Initiative FY27**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to approve Resolution #26-44.3843 to seek approval and funding in the amount of $250,000 for Fiscal Year 2027.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. G- **MDHHS Tribal Behavioral Health Initiative FY28**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3847 to seek approval and funding in the amount of $250,000 for Fiscal Year 2028.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. H-**Pre-Development Grant**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3840 for funding in the amount of $75,000 from the MSHDA Tribal Nations Housing Development Assistance, with the inclusion of Traverse City.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. I- **Fy2026 CORA Subcontract for Administrative and Biological Services**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the 2026 CORA subcontract for administrative and biological services.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. J- **Medical Provider Contracts (NP and FNP)**
This item was tabled.

III. New Business. K-**BIA GLRI- Invasive Species Grant**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3850 to apply for a grant through BIA GLRI in the amount of $99,584.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. L- **BIA Tribal Transportation Program Inventory Updates for 2026**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3845.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. M- **GTB Long Range Transportation Plan Updates for 2026**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3846.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. N- **Letter to State of MI Treasury regarding Motor Fuel Tax and Tax Agreement**
Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to authorize the letter to the Treasury, with the changes as stated to the letter.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE JANUARY 22, 2025 - FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Tribal Council attendance from Thursday, January 22, 2026, through Wednesday, February 25, 2026. There were **(4)** Tribal Council Regular/Special/Emergency Sessions, **(2)** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **(21)** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings

Chairwoman Witherspoon attended **3 of 4** Tribal Council Regular/Special/Emergency Sessions, **1 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 14 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** United Tribes of Michigan meeting 2/18/26 - 2/19/26 **Scheduled:** out of office 2/9/26 - 2/13/26

Vice Chair Rohl attended **4 of 4** Tribal Council Regular/ Special/Emergency Sessions, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **18 of 21** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended** United Tribes of Michigan meeting 2/18/26 - 2/19/26 **Scheduled:** out of office 2/9/26

Treasurer Swallows attended **4 of 4** Tribal Council Regular/ Special/Emergency Sessions, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **19 of 21** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. **Attended:** United Tribes of Michigan meeting 2/18/26 - 2/19/26

Secretary Miller attended **4 of 4** Tribal Council Regular/ Special/Emergency Sessions, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **16 of 21** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. **Attended:** United Tribes of Michigan meeting 2/18/26 - 2/19/26

Councilor Raphael attended **4 of 4** Tribal Council Regular/ Special/Emergency Sessions, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **19 of 21** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Councilor Frankenberger attended **4 of 4** Tribal Council Regular/ Special/Emergency Sessions, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **9 of 21** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Councilor Napont attended **4 of 4** Tribal Council Regular/ Special/Emergency Sessions, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **16 of 21** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

III. New Business. O- **Legal Contract Change Order 7 for R. Millican**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Contract Change Order 7.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. P- **Organic Waste Diversion Advisory Partner Appointment**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to appoint Courtney Hessell on behalf of GTB to the Organic Waste Diversion Advisory partnership and to sign MOU to such effect.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. Q- **Motor Vehicle License and Registration Ordinance-30 day Posting Request**
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3853.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. R- **Privacy Ordinance**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3852.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. S- **Response to Rep. Tom Kuhn re: Michigan Native American Boarding School Study Testimony**
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the letter as attached to be sent to Representative Kuhn.
4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

III. New Business. T- **Emergency Reserve Fund Proposal for Referendum**
Motion made by Tribal Council and Supported by Tribal Council to approve Resolution #26-44.3842
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl)
Motion Carries

Tribal Council Special Session February 28, 2026 http://bit.ly/GTB_Member

III. New Business. A-C**ommunity Services Block Grant FY 26**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #26-44.3849 to seek approval and funding in the amount of $7,878 from Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and for the Chairwoman to sign the attached agreement.
6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

III. New Business. B-**Native American Basic Grants**
Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to approve Resolution #26-44.3831 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-**Head Start/Early Head Start**
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3848 to seek funding in the amount of $1,004,536 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start with a match of $251,135.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Raphael); 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

III. New Business. D- **IMLS Museum Services Grant**
Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3837 for funding in the amount of $250,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, by the IMLS Museum Services grant.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Napont); 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

III. New Business. E-**FY27 Budget Presentation Extension**
Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to extend the deadline for the Band's code as required in the Appropriations Act Section 106, where there is the requirement to submit a balanced budget by February 28th.
6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

III. New Business. F-**GTB Custom Blanket Design RFP Discussion**
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to move forward with the current design to get the blankets from a Native-owned company.
6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

III. New Business. G-**BIA Critical Fire Needs Potential Funding**
Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve Resolution #26-44.3855 requesting funding in the amount of $24,395 from the BIA.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

Tribal Council Approves Temporary Pause on Complimentary Tribal ID Cost

During a Tribal Council Special Session held on January 28, 2026, a motion was introduced by Vice Chair Rohl and supported by Treasurer Swallows to **pause the cost of one complimentary Tribal ID**.

The motion provides that the fee for one Tribal ID will be **waived for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026, continuing through September 2026**.

This action allows Tribal members to obtain **one complimentary Tribal ID during this time period** without charge. Members are encouraged to contact the appropriate Tribal office for additional information regarding eligibility, processing times, and identification requirements.

Further updates will be shared as they become available.

2026 TRIBAL COUNCIL HYBIRD RECORDED SESSIONS

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

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

Regular Council Sessions
https://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCRS25
03/18/26 • 04/15/26 • 05/20/26 • 06/17/26 07/15/26 • 08/19/26 • 09/16/26 • 10/21/26 • 11/18/26 • 12/16/26

Special Council Sessions
https://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCSS25
03/25/26 • 04/29/26 • 05/27/26 • 06/24/26 07/29/26 • 08/26/26 • 09/30/26 • 10/28/26 • 11/25/26

CULTURAL & LANGUAGE

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Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Cultural Department

Anishinaabemowin

In-Person Language Classes

With Fluent Instructors,
Isadore Toulouse and Patricia Osawamick

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
Kewadin resumes April 2026	Peshawbestown Cultural Building **5 - 7 pm** Zoom Option: **5:30 - 7 pm**	3 Mile Office **5 - 7 pm** Zoom Option: **5:30 - 7 pm**

Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID : 730 5294 9904
Passcode: GTB2024
bit.ly/GTBAnish

GTB Cultural Department (231) 534- 7766 gov.cultural@gtb-nsn.gov

Please Note: No Class when GTB offices are closed.

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Virtual Anishinaabemowin Language Classes

With Fluent Instructors,
Isadore Toulouse and Patricia Osawamick

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

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

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID : 730 5294 9904
Passcode: GTB2024
bit.ly/GTBAnish

More Information
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JANUARY-JUNE 2026

GRAND TRAVERSE BAND- CULTURAL DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

JINGLE DRESS

Teaching & Making Workshop w/
Waskwane Stonefish

MUST HAVE SEWING EXPERIENCE

OPEN TO ALL AGES
LIMITED SPOTS

SIGN UP
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Cultural Building
Thursday's
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
5-7pm

MORE INFORMATION
231-534-7766

TCAPS INDIGENOUS Education Program

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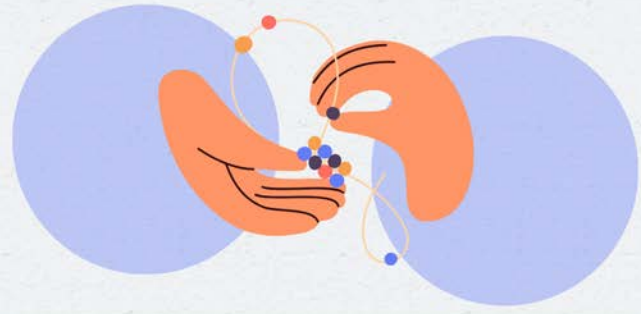
JOIN US AT THE EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY FOR PARENT-RUN BEADING WORKSHOPS. ALL RESOURCES PROVIDED.

- 3 MARCH
- 7 APRIL
- 5 MAY
- 2 JUNE

EAST MIDDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
FROM 6 PM - 7 PM

FOR LEARNING HOW TO BEAD GRADUATION CAPS OR JUST FOR FUN! ALL IE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WELCOME.



QUESTIONS? EMAIL HENIONLY@TCAPS.NET

Antrim/GT Elders
Events & Activities

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

Tuesday; March 3rd
Sew Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; March 4th
Thrifting
12:00PM - 1:00PM**

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

Tuesday; March 10th
Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile
10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Wednesday; March 11th
Sew Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; March 12th
Game Day - Memory Games
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Friday; March 13th
MUST SIGN UP TO GO
Sugar Bush
9:00AM - 4:00PM**
Birch Basket Making
10:00AM - 12:00PM**

Tuesday; March 17th
Tax Day
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; March 18th
Ollies Store Trip
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; March 19th
Sew Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Friday; March 20th
MUST SIGN UP TO GO
Sugar Bush
9:00AM - 4:00PM**
Birch Basket Making
10:00AM - 12:00PM**

Tuesday;March 24th
Sew Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; March 25th
Thrifting
12:00PM - 1:00PM**

Thursday; March 26th
Birthday Bingo
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; March 31th
Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM*

Benzie Elders
Events & Activities

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

Wednesday; March 4th
Lunch
12:00PM - 1:00PM**

Wednesday; March 11th
Lunch
12:00PM - 1:00PM**

Wednesday; March 18th
Lunch
12:00PM - 1:00PM**

Wednesday; March 25th
Birthday - Euchre Tournament
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Questions, please contact

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

MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
APRIL 26, 27, & 28, 2026
HANNAHVILLE MICHIGAN

CONTACT:
KAREN WASAGESHIK, ELDERS ADVISORY ORGANIZATION CHAIRPERSON
231-357-8485

SIGN UP SHEETS AT

TRIBAL OFFICES MUST HAVE EAO MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026

EAO SECRETARY NEEDED
SUBMIT LETTER OF INTEREST

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COMPUTER/ZOOM KNOWLEDGE PREFERRED

Charlevoix Elders
Events & Activities

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

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

Wednesday; March 4th
Card Games
1:30PM**

Thursday; March 5th
Social Activity
1:30PM**

Tuesday; March 10th
Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile
Must Call for Ride
10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Wednesday; March 11th
Movie & Popcorn Social
1:30PM**

Thursday; March 12th
Coffee & Chat
1:30PM**

Friday; March 13th
MUST SIGN UP TO GO
Leaving for Sugar Bush *at* 9:45AM
Birch Basket Making
12:00AM - 2:00PM**

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

Wednesday; March 18th
Scrabble
1:30PM**

Thursday; March 19th
Trivia
1:30PM**

Friday; March 20th
MUST SIGN UP TO GO
Sugar Bush
TBA*

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

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

Thursday; March 26th
Coffee & Chat
1:00PM*

Tuesday; March 31st
Craft Time
1:30PM*

Leelanau Elders
Events & Activities

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

Tuesday; Monday 3rd
Tax Day at Leelanau Sands Showroom
*****By Appointment Only*****

Wednesday; March 4th
Tax Day at Leelanau Sands Showroom
*****By Appointment Only*****
Estate Planning
1:00PM - 3:00PM*

Thursday; March 5th
Baking A Healthing Snack
1:00PM - 3:00PM*

Tuesday; March 10th
Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile
10:00AM - 4:00PM*
(No Lunch)

Wednesday; March 11th
Craft Time
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; March 12th
TC Store Run
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; March 17th
Thrift Store Run
12:00PM - 1:00PM**

Wednesday; March 18th
Thrift Store
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; March19th
Birthday Bingo
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; March 24th
Finish or Start a Project
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; March 25th
Local Store Run (Hansens)
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; March 26th
Strongheart 'Walk Around the Track"
1:15PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; March 31st
Lunch at Cracker Barrel
11:00AM* - 12:00PM*
Movie
1:00 PM*

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

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.

Elders Advisory

Silent Easter Basket Auction

When: Thursday, March 26, 2026

Where: Strongheart Center

Time: 11:00 am—5:30 pm

50/50 Tickets for sale

Hot dog, chips, cookie and water $5.00

All donated baskets must be turned into Sandra Waukazoo by Monday, March 23rd or dropped off the day of the auction.

Any questions please call (231) 866-6099

Call for Vendors

Set up and sell crafts at Elders All Site Parties

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

Antrim/Grand Traverse	Tanya Tanner (231) 534-7710
	Delora Wilson (231) 534-7769
Benzie/Manistee	Agnus Glinski (231) 534-7821
Charlevoix	Barb Kenwabikise (231) 534-7066
Leelanau	Melissa Martinez (231) 534-7743
	Lisa Shawandase (231) 534-7744

HEALTH SERVICES

GTB HOSTS MICHIGAN TRIBAL HEALTH DIRECTORS MEETING

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) proudly hosted the quarterly Michigan Tribal Health Directors Meeting on February 11–12, 2026, at Turtle Creek Casino & Hotel.

It was an honor to welcome Tribal Council members Angelina Raphael, Donna Swallows, and Anna Miller to the opening session. Councilor Raphael delivered a warm and heartfelt welcome to guests and speakers, setting a positive and collaborative tone for the two-day gathering.

GTB Cultural and Language Instructor Patricia Osawamick opened the meeting in a good way with prayer and a beautiful smudging ceremony, grounding the event in culture and tradition while offering blessings for productive discussions ahead.

A Quarterly Gathering for Tribal Health Leadership

The Michigan Tribal Health Directors Meeting is held quarterly and brings together health leadership from all federally recognized Tribes in Michigan. The meeting provides a space to discuss key healthcare matters impacting Tribal communities, including:

- Behavioral Health
- Health Business Offices
- Pharmacy Services
- Medical Directors' updates
- Public health initiatives

Tribal health leaders also meet with representatives from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan to discuss statewide collaboration, current legislation, and policy matters. These conversations often result in the development of white papers and recommendations that are brought back to Tribal leadership to support informed decision-making and advocacy efforts.

Hospitality That Made an Impression

The meeting was hosted at Turtle Creek Casino & Hotel, where attendees experienced exceptional hospitality and service.

In a message shared following the event, GTB Health Administrator Sonya Zotigh expressed appreciation to the many teams who helped make the gathering a success:

> "MEGWETCH for working together to host a successful Michigan Tribal Health Directors' meeting. Everyone gave positive feedback, to the point that they wanted us to host every meeting. We are scheduled to return next February."

Special recognition was given to:

- Tribal Council for the Opening Welcome
- The GTB Cultural Department for the Opening Prayer
- The Chef and staff at Season's and the Deli
- The IT team
- The TCCH General Manager's Office
- The entire Turtle Creek Casino & Hotel team

Conference participants praised the comfortable accommodations, outstanding food, welcoming ambiance, and seamless coordination throughout the event.

Chi-miigwech to everyone who contributed to hosting this important gathering. The Grand Traverse Band looks forward to welcoming Tribal health leaders back next February as we continue strengthening partnerships and advancing the health and well-being of our communities.

RECIPE ROUNDUP!

SHARE YOUR RECIPES!

"Legends and Flavors: Culinary Traditions of our Ancestors"

A Native American Traditional Recipe Book

The Community Health Representatives (CHR) Sub-Department is in the process of developing a Native American Traditional Recipe Book!

The recipe book will feature a collection that highlights Native American traditional recipes and the stories behind them. Submitters aren't required to be tribal members of the Grand Traverse Band. We recognize that not all individuals with GTB descendant backgrounds are enrolled members of the Grand Traverse Band, yet they often possess valuable cultural connections and ancestral ties. By including recipes and stories from these individuals, we honor the diverse heritage within our community. It's important that we recognize that cultural identity extends beyond formal membership, allowing us to celebrate and preserve the traditions that bind us together.

Stop by any of the satellite offices to pick up your Recipe Submission Forms Today!

RECIPE SUBMISSION DETAILS

Deadline for Submissions has been extended from February 12th, 2026, to April 1st, 2026

All submitted forms will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of three prizes: Beaded Earrings, Beaded Keychain or Beaded Pin, made by a local artist from the Grand Traverse Band. There will be (3) Three WINNERS!

Winner Announcement: April 3rd, 2026. A CHR will contact the winner and arrange a time to meet for pick-up or delivery within the 6-county service area and a photo for the GTB Newsletter!

How to Participate: Share your favorite and/or family traditional recipes on the submission form, drop form off to your local satellite office to be submitted to the CHR Department and VOILA! You are entered into the drawing!

Encourage family and community members to contribute their culinary traditions!

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS:

Tamra Newton at (231) 534-7205 Email: Tamra.Newton@gtb-nsn.gov or

Amanda McSauby Jones at (231) 534-7202 Email: Amanda.Mcsauby@gtb-nsn.gov

JOIN US IN PRESERVING OUR CULINARY TRADITIONS AND CREATING A RESOURCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY THAT WILL BE CHERISHED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!

CHI-MIIGWETCH!

~ CHR SUB-DEPARTMENT ~

Scan the QR Code for the Printable Submission Form

GTB HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REMINDER:

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

Transportation Services Policy and Procedures (Transporters and CHRs):

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 Transporter/CHR.**
4. **All rules pertaining to the availability of other means of transport must be exhausted prior to transport.**
5. **Medical appointments are restricted to those not requiring anesthesia, unless you have accompaniment by family or friend 18 and older.**
6. **All patients under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent.**
7. **For a prescription pick-up, please call the Transporter at 231-534-7222 BEFORE 10 am or BEFORE 3 pm.**
8. **In the event that GTB offices are closed due to inclement weather and holidays, no transportation will be provided.**

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DENTAL CLINIC

MARCH 1ST THROUGH MARCH 7TH IS DENTAL ASSISTANTS RECOGNITION WEEK

In honor of Dental Assistants Recognition Week, the GTB Dental Clinic proudly recognizes our dedicated dental assistants, **Angela Mercado, RDA**, and **Lyndsay Collins, RDA**, for their outstanding service and commitment to our community.

Angela and Lyndsay play an essential role in keeping our clinic running smoothly each day. From preparing treatment rooms and assisting chairside to ensuring patients feel comfortable and informed, their broad skillsets and professionalism are at the heart of our dental team's success.

Both assistants completed their Registered Dental Assistant *(RDA)* training locally and continue to participate in ongoing education to maintain their licensure. Their dedication to continued learning allows them to stay current with the latest techniques, technologies, and best practices in dental care—bringing high-quality, up-to-date services to GTB patients.

Beyond their clinical expertise, Angela and Lyndsay are known for their compassionate and calming presence. Their ability to clearly explain procedures and ease patient concerns helps create a welcoming and reassuring environment for all who visit our clinic.

Without their knowledge, teamwork, and strong work ethic, the GTB Dental Clinic would not be able to provide the wide range of services we offer each day.

Please join us in thanking Angela and Lyndsay during this special week—they truly deserve the recognition!

THE ADDICTIVE NATURE OF ULTRA-PROCESSED FOODS

AVOID JUNK FOODS - EAT REAL, WHOLE FOODS

The average American now gets more than half of their daily calories from ultra-processed foods!! The University of Michigan's Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation explains what qualifies as ultra-processed and why these foods are so addictive.

Ultra-processed foods include chips, candy, ice cream, baked goods and soda. These are heavily marketed to the American consumer are designed to be artificially tastier. Ultra processed foods are industrially produced products made from highly processed ingredients that are very different from their raw components. They are unnaturally high in fat, sweeteners, and salt, and are made with low-quality, shelf-stable ingredients which have little nutritional value. Used copiously are chemical additives, artificial preservatives, stabilizers, flavors and dyes; these are not found in nature.

TASTE YUMMY & CAUSE HARM!

1. Research suggests the unique combination of ingredients in ultra-processed food stimulates the brain in ways that can lead to addictive-like eating. People often consume these products not just for sustenance, but also for comfort, stress relief, or emotional coping.

   Addictive eating includes excessive intake, loss of control over intake, intense cravings, withdrawal, and continued consumption of food despite negative consequences. The physiological and psychological dependence is similar to alcohol, illicit drugs and nicotine addiction.

   How does ultra-processed food stimulate the brain leading to addictive-like eating? By altering the brain circuitry! Increased is the release of neurochemical transmitters dopamine, GABA, and glutamate; this release triggers the mesolimbic reward centers of the brain, leading to food cravings and binge-eating.

2. Negative outcomes of ultra-processed foods include dental disease, obesity, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, mental health concerns such as anxiety and depression, and cognitive decline in older adults.

3. Ultra-processed foods are often more easily accessible and have longer shelf-life than real, whole, raw foods. Food deserts are geographic areas where residents have limited access to affordable and nutritious food. Stores in food deserts are packed with junk foods and soda drinks.

4. What are the implications for health policy? Suffering from the maladies caused by over-consumption of calorie-dense junk food has increased substantively in the past ten years and will continue to increase as children become addicted to junk food. Costs to treat these maladies are increasing daily.

Let's control what we can to improve our health, let's control what we eat and what we give to our children to eat.

STRONGHEART PRIDE IN ACTION: SPRING CLEANING AT ITS BEST

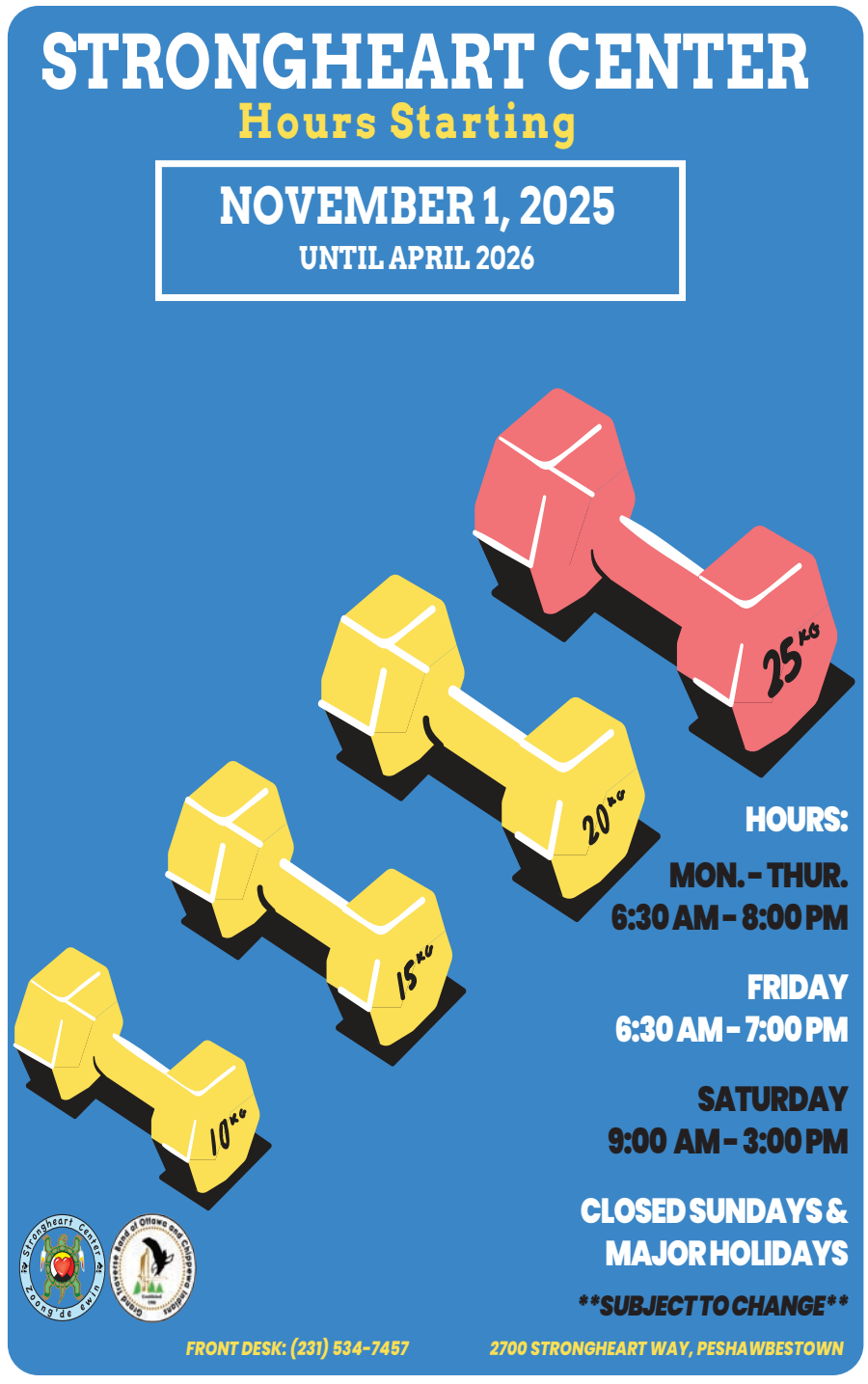
At the Strongheart Center, community is more than a word — it's action.

Recently, Strongheart **Gym Attendant Tammy Broome** and longtime gym member **Gene Marshall** rolled up their sleeves and got hard at work as part of our spring cleaning efforts. Their dedication and teamwork truly reflect the heart of what Strongheart represents.

From scrubbing and organizing to making sure our space shines for everyone who walks through the doors, Tammy and Gene went above and beyond. Their efforts help ensure that the gym remains a welcoming, clean, and safe place for our community to stay strong in body and spirit.

Spring cleaning isn't just about tidying up — it's about caring for the spaces that care for us. Their hard work is a beautiful way to show love and respect for our beloved Turtle, our community, and one another.

CHI-MIIGWECH to Tammy and Gene for your time, your effort, and your Strongheart spirit. Your commitment does not go unnoticed!



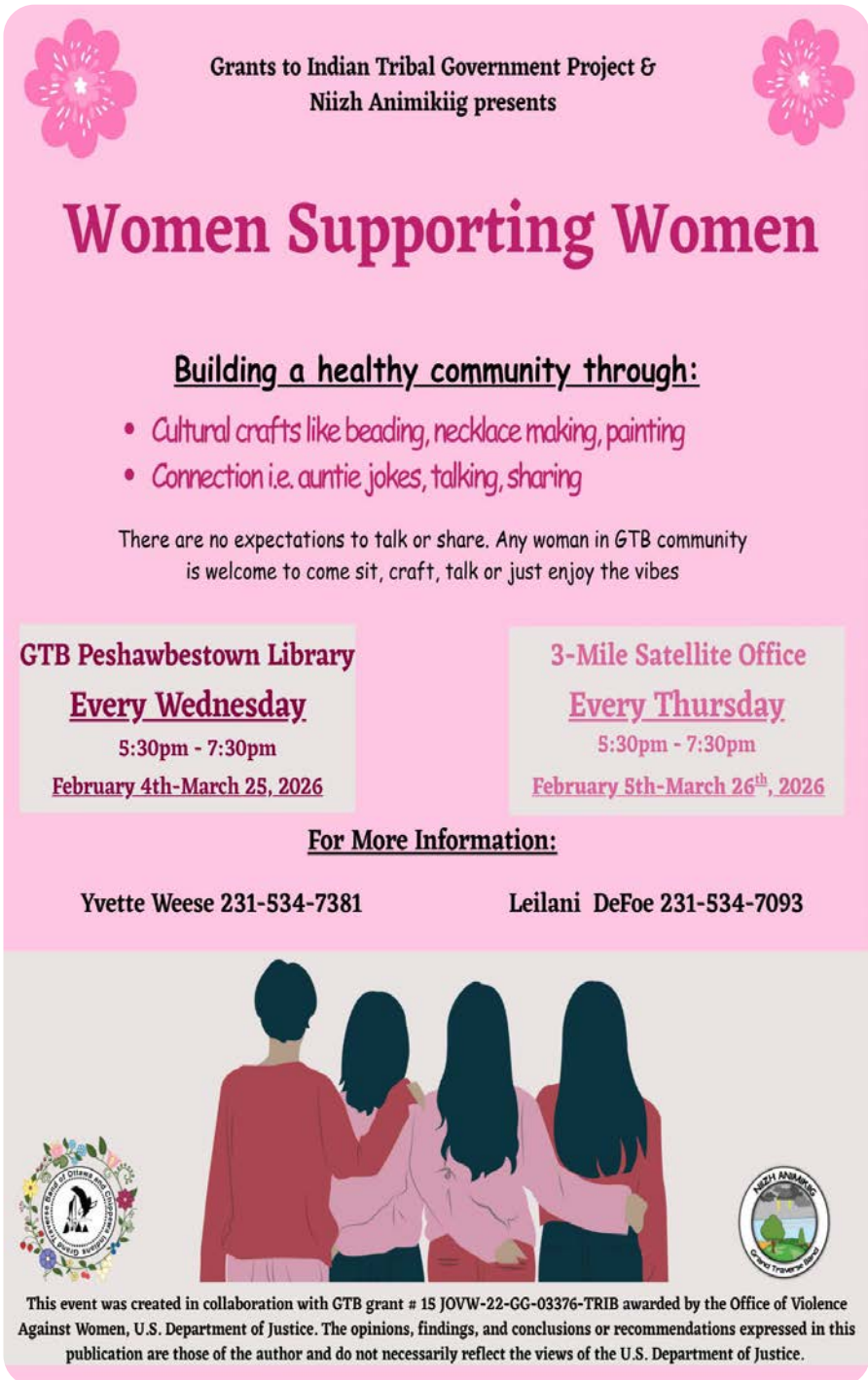
GTB BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS MASSAGE THERAPY AND TRADITIONAL HEALING SERVICES IN MARCH

The Behavioral Health Department is offering Alternative Therapy Services throughout the month of March, with a focus on **Massage Therapy** and **Traditional Healing** to support physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

Massage Therapy sessions are designed to reduce stress, relieve muscle tension, improve circulation, and promote relaxation and overall wellness. Traditional Healing services are rooted in cultural teachings and practices that honor the interconnectedness of mind, body, and spirit, supporting holistic wellness through Anishinaabe traditions.

Appointments are available in **25-minute sessions**. To schedule an appointment, community members may call **Marion Wabanimkee-Minzey at (231) 534-7091**, or use the scheduling link or QR code provided in the accompanying flyer.

Take time this March to invest in your well-being—healing happens when we care for the whole self.



YOUTH SERVICES

LETS MAKE HEAD BANDS/ CHOKERS / HAIR TIES

March Dates:

3/5, 3/12, 3/19, AND 3/26

5:30 to 8PM
dinner
provided

*subject to change due to weather or closure

Torie Chippewa
Cell: 231.590.2395
Office: 231.534.7230

M22 youth building
2821 NW Bayshore Dr.
Peshawbestown MI, 49682

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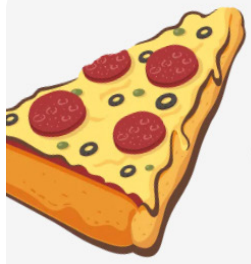
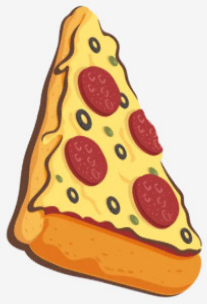
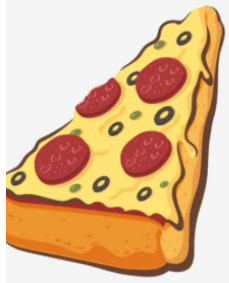


Youth services

We are going to make pizza for dinner together!



Monday
March
30th
5-7pm



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Torie Chippewa
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Victoria.chippewa@gtb-nsn.gov

Join Youth Services and make mini-moccasins

Monday
March 9, 2026
5-7PM
Dinner Provided

*subject to change due to weather or closure

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Peshawbestown Mi, 49682

Torie Chippewa
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Youth Services

salt painting

Subject to change due to weather or closure

Monday 3.16.26

Light Dinner
Provided

5-7pm

M22 Youth Building
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Peshawbestown MI, 49682

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231.534.7231
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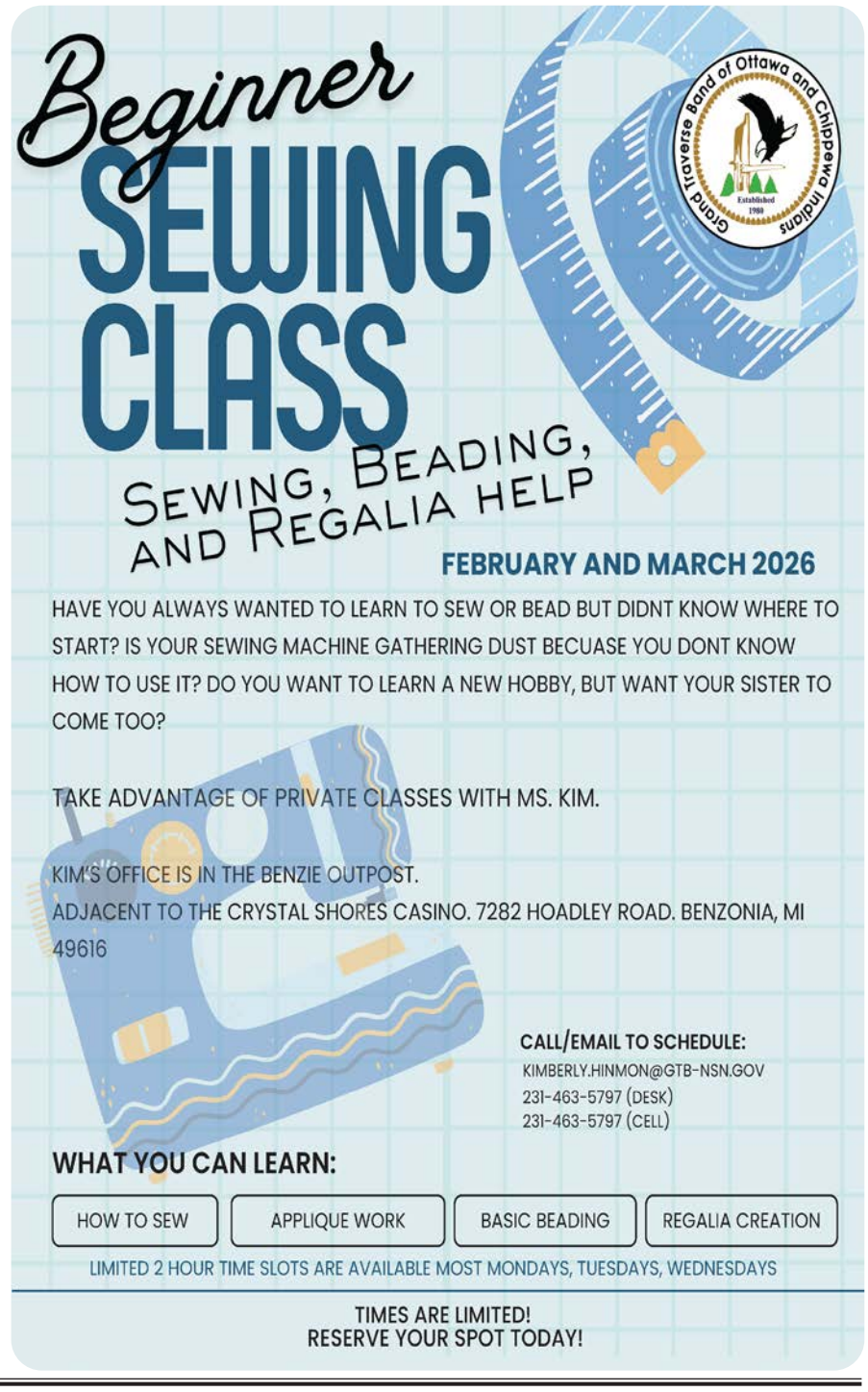
YOUTH SPRING BREAK MOVIE TICKETS

The Education and Youth Services Department is excited to offer **a Spring Break Movie Ticket Giveaway for GTB youth ages 2–18 who live within the six-county service area**. This giveaway is a fun way to help families enjoy Spring Break while spending quality time together.

Movie tickets will be **available for pick-up only during the dates and times listed below**. Quantities are limited and available while supplies last.

Youth Services look forward to helping GTB families enjoy a fun and memorable Spring Break, courtesy of the Education and Youth Services Department.

For more information, please contact Dana McClellan at 231-534-7356 or Victoria Chippewa at 231-534-7230.



AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Celebrate the Sweet Season

at GTB Iskigamizigan Camp!

(Sugar Bush)

2nd Annual Sugar Bush Camp

Presented by the **GTB Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Department** and **GTB Cultural Department**, with support from the USDA.

Join us for four days of hands-on learning that celebrates the **Anishinaabe sugar bush tradition.**

Participants will experience maple sap processing throughout the day, enjoy refreshments and snacks, and receive a meal when attending workshops.

New this year: a newly built lodge structure at the Sugar Bush Camp site.

CAMP DATES
OPEN TO PUBLIC

March 13–14 & March 20–21

Daily programming | Workshops run at scheduled times

RSVP required for hands-on workshops (limited space)

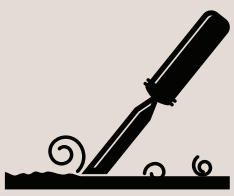
DAILY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

(Workshop times are the same each day unless noted)

BIRCH BARK BASKET MAKING

- 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
- 12:00–2:00 PM
- 3:00–5:00 PM

RSVP required | 6 participants per session



WOODWORKING: STIR PADDLE MAKING

- 1:00–3:00 PM
- 4:00–6:00 PM

RSVP required | 4 participants per session

WINTER MITTEN SEWING *(MARCH 13, 14 & 20 ONLY)*

- 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
- 2:00–4:00 PM

RSVP required | 4 participants per session

STORY TELLING *(MARCH 14 & 21 ONLY)*

- 60-minute sessions offered throughout the day

Up to 12 participants per session

ONGOING ACTIVITIES *(ALL CAMP DAYS)*

- Maple sap processing & syrup making
- Sugar bush education & demonstrations
- Community meals & refreshments

HOW DOES IT WORK

Different maple products are made by heating maple syrup to a higher boiling temperature. Crystallization of the sugars in maple syrup will begin when enough water is removed from the syrup, so the lager sucrose molecules can begin to bond together. The more water removed, the tighter the crystallization bonding.

ABOUT ISHIGAMIZIGAN

The ancestors of Grand Traverse Band citizens processed maple sugar using traditional techniques. This included use of birch bark baskets to collect the sap, sumac stems to use as "taps" or spiles. Sugar was derived by removing ice from the baskets, and boiling sap in animal skin containers using heated rocks.

Maple sugar is easier to transport, and more shelf stable than maple syrup. Sugar was used as a sweetener, and also to preserve meats. Maple sugar, in moderation, has medicinal uses as well. It is a miraculous natural product that makes evident the sophisticated and productive life ways that sustained this community.

CONTACT US

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William.Derouin@gtb-nsn.gov
http://www.gtbindians.org/agricultural.asp
3505 N Putnam Rd, Suttons Bay MI 49682

AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

2ND ANNUAL GTB ISKIGAMIZIGAN (SUGAR BUSH) CAMP RETURNS

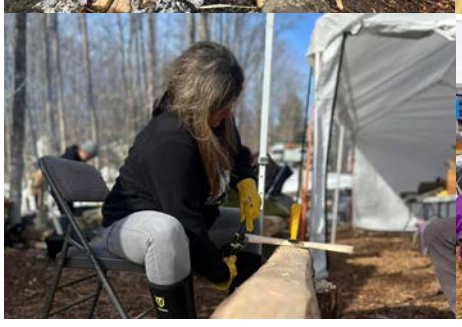
The Grand Traverse Band Agriculture & Food Sovereignty and Cultural Departments, with support from the USDA, invite the community to the **2nd Annual GTB Iskigamizigan (Sugar Bush)** Camp on **March 13–14 and March 20–21** at 3505 N. Putnam Road in Suttons Bay.

After a strong turnout last year, the camp returns with four days of hands-on learning, cultural teachings, and maple sap processing demonstrations. Participants can experience traditional Anishinaabe sugar bush practices while learning both historical and modern methods of maple syrup and maple sugar production.

Each day will feature maple sap processing & syrup making, sugar bush education & cultural demonstrations, and community meals & refreshments. Scheduled workshops *(RSVP required)* include birch bark basket making, stir paddle woodworking, winter mitten sewing *(select dates)*, and storytelling.

New this year is a newly constructed lodge, creating a welcoming space for learning and connection.

Open to the public. Workshop space is limited.
Contact (231) 534-7023 or William.Derouin@gtb-nsn.gov for details or to RSVP.



Skegemog Raptor Center

Rehabilitation, Education, and Research

Lead and Eagles: Working Together for Healthy Wildlife

Conservation starts with community.

Skegemog Raptor Center has been testing eagles for lead exposure over the past three years to better understand the impact of lead ammunition on eagles in northern Michigan. The results have been startling, yet consistent with trends seen nationwide. Lead ammunition used in deer hunting is the primary source of these exposures.

This presentation will share real-life case studies from our rehabilitation work, illustrating how lead poisoning affects eagles and other wildlife. We are working to engage hunters and outdoor stewards in ways they can help keep Michigan's eagles healthy for the future, in partnership with Sporting Lead Free through education on safe, effective alternatives to lead ammunition.

Our education ambassador Bald Eagle will make a live appearance, offering an up-close look at the beauty and resilience of these remarkable birds.

Together, we can ensure a strong future for both hunting heritage and the eagles that soar over our shared skies.

More Information
www.skegemograptorcenter.org

Skegemog Raptor Center

SLF SPORTING LEAD-FREE

H4H
Hemp for Humanity

IHEMP Michigan

FARM TO FRAME

Building with Hempcrete, Growing Community

Learn how hemp can shape the future of housing, food, and community.

MARCH 15, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 3:00PM

Featuring

- Native Cultivations + H4H + IHEMP of Michigan
- Abby Buraglio of the Intertribal Agriculture Council
- Danny Desjarlais from Lower Sioux Indian Community
- Mary Jane Oatman of Indigenous Cannabis Industry Association

Featuring a Traditional Meal by Chef Sam Anglin

Hosted By
Native Cultivations Foundation
@native_cultivationsmichigan

Location
Strongheart Center
2700 N. Strongheart Way
Peshawbestown, MI
owned by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

RSVP HERE:

SURVEY:

PROJECT LEAP

Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC), with support from Newman's Own Foundation and our expansive network of partners, encourages youth to **LEAP** into the world of agriculture and engage with their cultural knowledge empowering the next generation of Indian agriculture.

In order to sustain Indian agriculture, which translates into Tribal food sovereignty and economic sustainability, the next generation of food and agriculture producers need support to grow personally and professionally. **Project LEAP** will provide resources to support Native youth to ease financial hardships associated with their professional development across agriculture. Awards to Native youth will be $500.00 for projects and opportunities relating to agriculture, natural resources, and food systems

Examples of projects that can be awarded under LEAP:

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

APPLY & LEARN MORE AT
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Eligibility

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

Guidelines

1. Each applicant may submit only one application per calendar year.
2. Only applications that are fully completed will be considered. Supporting documents may be required, like receipts or a budget outline.
3. Awards will be granted on a rolling basis until all funds have been distributed.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Is Fast - Protecting Our Homes & Families

A small flame can become a major fire in less than 30 seconds. Because fire spreads so quickly, preparation and early warning are critical to protecting lives. The GTB Public Safety Department encourages all community members to take simple but essential steps to reduce the risk of home fires.

Working smoke alarms remain the first and most important line of defense. Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home and placed both inside and outside sleeping areas. These devices provide early warning, giving families precious time to escape. Residents are encouraged to test alarms monthly and replace any unit that is 10 years old or older.

In the kitchen, where most home fires begin, attentiveness is key. Cooking is the leading cause of residential fires, particularly when food is left unattended. Community members should remain in the kitchen when frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food. If it becomes necessary to leave the room, burners should always be turned off. Flammable materials such as towels, paper products, and curtains should be kept safely away from the stove, and pot handles should be turned toward the back to prevent accidental spills.

Special attention should be given to our youngest and oldest family members, who face greater risk during a fire emergency. Children under the age of four are at higher risk of fire injury and death than other age groups. Keeping children at least three feet away from hot surfaces such as stoves, heaters, and candles can prevent serious burns. Matches and lighters should always be stored high and out of reach. Families are also encouraged to teach children how to escape safely in case an adult is unable to assist them.

For older adults, the risk of fire injury increases with age. Every household should ensure there are two clear exits from each room and that all family members can hear and recognize the sound of a smoke alarm. Planning ahead is especially important for those with mobility challenges. Keeping eyeglasses, hearing aids, mobility devices, and a phone within reach at night can make a critical difference. Homes with residents who are deaf or hard of hearing should consider specialized alert devices.

Preparation does not end with installing alarms. Every family should develop and practice a home fire escape plan. This plan should identify two ways out of every room and establish a designated meeting place outside the home. Once safely outside, someone should call 911 to report the fire. Practicing the plan at least twice a year helps ensure everyone knows exactly what to do in an emergency.

Fire is fast, but preparation can be faster.

Understanding and Preventing Roof Ice Dams

As winter continues across northern Michigan, another seasonal hazard can quietly threaten our homes — roof ice dams. These icy buildups may look harmless at first, but they can lead to significant structural damage if left unaddressed.

Ice dams form when warm air from living spaces rises into the attic, causing snow on the roof to melt. As the melted snow travels down the roof, it refreezes at the colder eaves and gutters. Over time, repeated freeze-and-thaw cycles create a ridge of ice that blocks proper drainage. Water then backs up beneath shingles and can seep into attics, ceilings, walls, and insulation.

Large icicles hanging from gutters and eaves may be a warning sign that an ice dam is forming. While sunlight is often blamed, research shows that heat escaping into the attic is usually the primary cause.

Although there is no guaranteed way to prevent ice dams entirely, homeowners can significantly reduce the risk. Cleaning leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts before winter allows melting snow to drain properly. Throughout the season, keeping gutters clear of snow and ice helps maintain proper flow. Using a long-handled roof rake to remove heavy snow from the roof — while standing safely on the ground — can also reduce buildup and prevent excess weight on the roof structure.

Equally important is proper attic insulation and ventilation. Insulation rated at least R-30, and preferably R-38 in northern climates, helps prevent heat from escaping into the attic. Adequate airflow from soffits to roof vents keeps attic temperatures cold enough to minimize melting and refreezing cycles. Homeowners who are unsure about their insulation or ventilation levels are encouraged to consult a qualified roofing or insulation professional.

Winter weather is part of life in our region, but preparation and awareness can prevent costly damage. By taking proactive steps now, families can protect their homes and ensure safety throughout the season.

FIRE & RESCUE

GTB Firefighters Train in Real-World Winter Conditions

Even in single-digit temperatures, training never stops for our firefighters.

Last month GTB Firefighter/EMT Francisco joined firefighters from Glen Lake and Almira for a hands-on water supply training designed specifically for the region's newest firefighters. While the weather was harsh, the lessons learned were invaluable.

Water supply operations are critical during fire response, especially in rural areas where hydrant access and drafting techniques require precision and teamwork. These essential skills aren't developed in perfect conditions — they're earned through repetition, discipline, and working through real-world challenges.

Training in cold weather prepares firefighters for the reality of northern Michigan emergencies. Practicing in tough conditions builds confidence, sharpens competence, and strengthens trust among crews. Each training evolution improves readiness for the call that comes without warning.

The GTB Fire Department is proud of the dedication and hard work demonstrated during this session. This commitment to ongoing training ensures our community receives the highest level of emergency response when it matters most.

Winter Safety Reminder: Prepare for Extreme Conditions

With extreme cold temperatures and winter weather moving through our region, the Grand Traverse Band Fire Department is urging community members to take extra precautions in the coming days.

According to the National Weather Service, prolonged exposure to frigid temperatures and winter storm conditions can quickly become dangerous without proper preparation. Northern Michigan residents are no strangers to snow and ice, but even experienced drivers and outdoor enthusiasts can be caught off guard when temperatures drop to single digits or below zero.

Preparation is not just recommended — it is essential.

Understanding the Risk: Hypothermia & Frostbite

When temperatures fall to extreme lows, the body loses heat faster than it can produce it. Hypothermia can occur when body temperature drops below 95°F, and it can develop more quickly than many people realize — especially in windy or wet conditions.

- Warning signs of hypothermia include:
- Intense shivering
- Slurred speech
- Confusion or memory loss
- Drowsiness or exhaustion
- Weak pulse

Frostbite is another serious concern, particularly for exposed skin such as fingers, toes, ears, and the nose. Early signs include numbness, tingling, or skin that appears pale or waxy.

To reduce risk:

- Dress in loose, layered clothing.
- Wear hats, insulated gloves, scarves, and waterproof boots.
- Change out of wet clothing immediately.
- Limit time outdoors during extreme wind chills.

Elders, young children, and individuals with medical conditions are especially vulnerable during extreme cold events. Check in on relatives and neighbors to ensure they have adequate heat and supplies.

Winter Storm Planning Timeline

Winter storms can impact travel, power supply, and emergency response times. Taking steps before the storm arrives can prevent unnecessary emergencies.

Before a storm:

- Monitor weather updates regularly.
- Charge cell phones and electronic devices.
- Stock up on non-perishable food and bottled water.
- Gather flashlights, extra batteries, blankets, and first aid supplies.
- Ensure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are functioning properly.

If power outages occur:

- Use generators outdoors only and far from windows or doors.
- Never use ovens or grills indoors for heat.
- Dress warmly and close off unused rooms to conserve heat.

Get Your Vehicle Winter-Ready

Vehicle-related emergencies increase during severe winter weather. Preparing your vehicle can make a critical difference if you become stranded.

Recommended vehicle supplies:

- Blankets and extra warm clothing
- Snow shovel and ice scraper
- Jumper cables
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Sand or cat litter for traction
- Bottled water and high-energy snacks

Keep your fuel tank at least half full during cold spells. If stranded, stay with your vehicle, run the engine intermittently for heat (ensuring the exhaust pipe is clear of snow), and signal for help.

Change the Way You Drive in Snow

Snow- and ice-covered roads require patience and caution.

- Slow down well below posted speed limits.
- Increase following distance to allow for longer stopping times.
- Brake gently and avoid sudden steering movements.
- Allow extra travel time and avoid unnecessary trips during severe conditions.

Even four-wheel drive vehicles are not immune to slick roads. Defensive driving protects not only you but also first responders who may need to assist in hazardous conditions.

Community Preparedness Saves Lives

Extreme winter weather affects everyone. Taking preventative measures reduces emergency calls, keeps roadways safer, and allows emergency personnel to respond quickly where they are most needed.

The GTB Fire Department encourages all community members to prepare early, stay informed, and look out for one another. A few simple precautions today can prevent a serious emergency tomorrow.

Stay safe, stay warm, and stay prepared.

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AFS Caseworker (FT)
Bachelor's Degree in Social Work field required. Current Social Work License through the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. At least one year of experience in a social services field. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -$57,729/yr. - until filled

Court Clerk/Assistant Probation Officer (FT)
Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Legal Studies, Paralegal Studies, Business, Administrative Services, Social Work/ Services, Social Science, Sociology, Psychology, Liberal Arts, or related field required. A combination of education and relevant experience may be considered in lieu of a bachelor's degree. General knowledge of applicable laws, regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and administration required. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -$18.55/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. -$36.62/hr. - until filled

EHS Head Start (FT)
Child Development Associate (CDA) and Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field required. Must have experience working with infants/children. -$16.55/hr. - until filled

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

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

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 -$44,595.20/yr. - until filled

Housing Maintenance I (FT)
High school diploma or GED and previous experience in repair and maintenance of housing units. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -$19.52/hr. - until filled

Housing Maintenance II (FT)
High school diploma or GED. Be certified in an area related to maintenance or building trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical or HVAC or have demonstrated experience/ knowledge in one or more areas. Five years' experience in residential unit maintenance. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must have appropriate endorsements for all vehicles required to operate in the performance of duties, within 6 months. -$21.75/hr. - until filled

Human Resources Generalist (FT)
Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources, Business Administration, or related field required; equivalent combination of education and related experience may be considered. Minimum two (2) years of experience as an HR Generalist or in a comparable professional HR role required. Working knowledge of employment laws, benefits administration, and HR best practices, with proficiency in Microsoft Office and HR information systems. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -$63,318 - 95,952/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
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

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PRC Manager/PD (FT)
Bachelor's Degree in Health Administration or equivalent education and experience. Minimum of and Associates Degree and five (5) years of experience in Purchased Referred Care. Minimum of five (5) years of experience with Health Database and Financial budget management skills. Must have a valid unrest ricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -$52,633/yr. - until filled

Probation Officer (FT)
Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Legal Studies, Paralegal Studies, Business, Administrative Services, Social Work/ Services, Social Science, Sociology, Psychology, Liberal Arts, or related field required; equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. General knowledge of applicable laws, regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and administration required. Must have a valid unrest ricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -$22.71/hr. - until filled.

Revenue Cycle and Data Manager (FT)
Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or Finance. Thorough understanding billing, collections and payment posting, revenue cycle, & third-party payers. Thorough understanding of budget management and reporting for business planning and development, as well as program specific management and reporting. Thorough understanding of Database creation, data analysis, compiling and interpreting data from several systems. (2-3) years' progressive and successful billing cycle and data management experience preferred. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -$69,450/yr. - 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, including full-cycle recruiting and use of applicant tracking systems (ATS). Understanding of, or willingness 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. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -$43,750-73062/yr. - until filled

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

Government Operations RFP

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

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

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

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

120 Announcements

VACANCIES ON THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE
(4) Open vacancies on the Compensation Committee
(2) Open Vacanies to be filled by the Tribal Chair for 4-year terms. **(2)** Open vacancies to be filled by the compensation committee for a 3-year term. Any interested GTB registered voters send a letter of interest to
Attn.: Compensation Committee
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For the Tribal Chairwoman appointment to Attn.: Tribal Chairwoman's Office

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Regarding Resolution #26-44.3852 GTB Tribal **Data Ordinance Restricting the Distribution of GTB Member Personal Information.** Comments submitted to: GTB Legal Department, 2605 N.W. Bayshore Dr., Peshawbestown, MI 49682, or by telephone (231) 534-7601, or by e-mail, to page.paul2@gtb-nsn.gov

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Regarding Resolution #26-44.3844 **Amendment of Revenue Allocation Ordinance ... to Include the Grantor Children's Trust**. Aligns with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. § 2710) and the General Welfare Act (26 U.S.C. § 139E), and includes the Grantor Children's Trust established by the first GTB RAO in 1994, with an approved Private Letter Ruling allowing deferred federal income taxation until distribution.
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Regarding esolution #25-43.3828 **Title 15 Chapter 10 Marijuana Ordinance Amendments**
This is an opportunity for tribal members to provide comments, about this proposed ordinance. Comments submitted to: GTB Legal Department, 2605 N.W. Bayshore Dr., Peshawbestown, MI 49682, or by telephone (231) 534-7601, or by e-mail, to page.paul2@gtb-nsn.gov

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Regarding Resolution #26-44.3853 **Motor Vehicle License and Registration Ordinance.** Establishing GTB License Plates for the "Indian Country" Areas. Comments submitted to: GTB Legal Department, 2605 N.W. Bayshore Dr., Peshawbestown, MI 49682, or by telephone (231) 534-7601, or by e-mail, to page.paul2@gtb-nsn.gov

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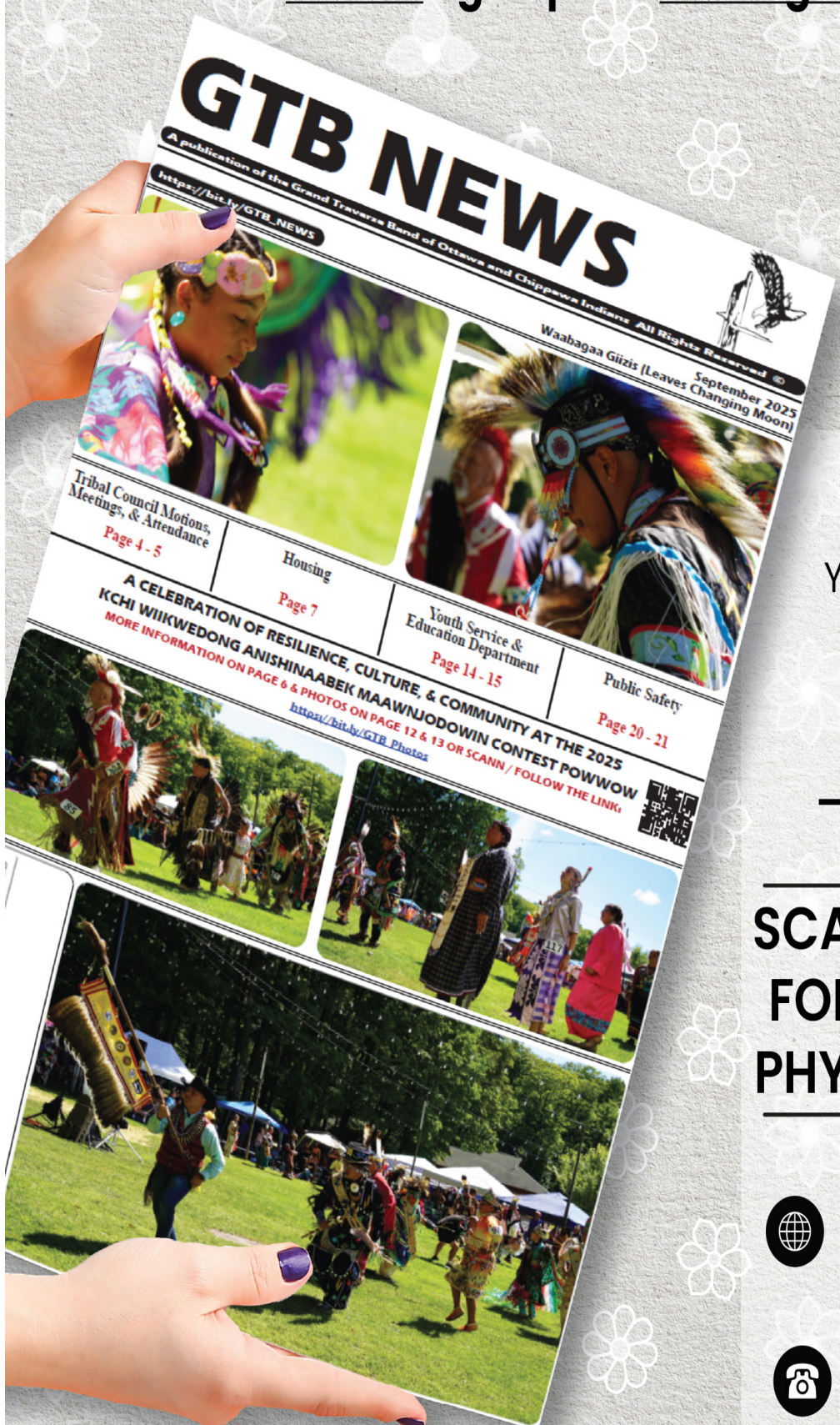

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