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May 2026
Waabgonii Giizis (Blossom Flower Moon)



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Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Hearings TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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

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

Copies mailed upon request.

Send comments & suggestions to **Robert Schulte**
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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



to the tribal citizens for a future referendum.

SUGAR BUSH CAMP

The 2nd Annual GTB Sugar Bush Camp brought together more than 300 participants for a meaningful celebration of culture, tradition, and community.



Tribal members and instructors shared their knowledge through hands-on learning, including wood burning, beadwork, and basket making—ensuring these important traditions continue to be passed on. Participants also gathered for a maple cooking workshop, producing over 50 pounds of sugar together. The new Sugar Bush Lodge provided a beautiful and functional space for learning, connection, and ceremony.

This year's camp also drew attention to two film crews, with footage to be featured in a Grand Rapids Public Museum exhibit and an upcoming PBS documentary. At the end of the season, approximately 85 gallons of syrup and 200 pounds of maple sugar were produced—continuing a tradition that sustains both our people and our culture.

Chi-Miigwetch to William Derouin and the staff for putting on this important event and Chi-Miigwetch to all those who participated.

M-22 RECONSTRUCTION



Work continues on the M-22 reconstruction project, with several key steps underway:

- Final review is in progress, with a meeting scheduled with MDOT
• Archaeological survey and environmental assessments

are complete and submitted to the BIA

- Anticipated bidding in June, with construction projected for August or September

HERKNER LIHTC 1 & 2 (48 UNITS)

We are also moving forward with early site preparation for new housing:

- Water and sewer connections are underway
• Roads, parking, sidewalks, street trees, and lighting will follow shortly thereafter

Occupancy is planned in two phases:

- 26 units by mid-August
• 22 units by mid-September
• 9 Lots will become available as well

Permanent supportive housing is also being discussed as part of this broader effort. A permanent supportive housing project would provide access to stable housing paired with access to supportive services for individuals who may need additional assistance. This approach would help to ensure that our most vulnerable community members have not only a place to live, but the resources needed to maintain long-term stability, health, and well-being. Work on this initiative continues.

These developments reflect our continued commitment to providing safe, stable housing for our community.

MIIGWECH

I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to our Tribal staff and emergency responders who assisted during the recent flooding event in our community, and the snowstorm last month. From the Fire Department to Natural Resources and supporting staff and volunteers, many stepped in quickly and effectively to help protect homes and assist community members.

Miigwech to each of you for your care and commitment.

LOOKING AHEAD: GROWTH WITH PURPOSE

In April, I had the opportunity to attend the Tribal Self-Governance Conference, where Tribal leaders from across the country gathered to share knowledge, strengthen partnerships, and advance the work of self-determination.

A consistent message throughout the conference was clear: each Tribal Nation is unique. For us

at GTB, that means taking the time to understand the needs of our community and using our sovereignty to build programs and services that truly reflect and support our people.

That message strongly connects to the work we are doing here at home.

NMC UNIVERSITY CENTER

On April 15, we closed on the acquisition of the former NMC University Center building. This is an important step forward for the Grand Traverse Band.

This building represents more than a physical space—it represents a once in a lifetime opportunity to reclaim our presence in the Grand Traverse Region. This beautiful building and 28 acres on the Ottaway/Boardman Lake is an investment that supports our vision of a more centralized Government campus, a place where services, long-term planning for our government, and community connection can come together in a more coordinated



and accessible way. For many members, navigating services across multiple locations can be challenging. Bringing key functions closer together is about improving access, strengthening communication, and better serving our people.

More importantly, it reflects a long-term vision: not only for today, but for future generations who deserve to see strong Tribal institutions that are visible, accessible, and rooted in our values.

As we move forward, we remain guided by our teachings, our values, and our shared commitment to protect what has been entrusted to us. We do this work not only for today but for those yet to come. Our children, our grandchildren, and the generations that will follow. This is who we are – and this is the responsibility we carry forward for the generations to come.

Baamaa pii miinwaa,
Sandra L. Witherspoon
Tribal Chairwoman

Greetings,

As we enter the time of Namebine Giizis – the Sucker Moon, we are reminded of both the beauty and the responsibility that comes with growth. The blooms we see today exist because of what was planted and cared for before us. In the same way, the decisions we make now will shape the world our youth will inherit—ensuring they can continue to experience the land, the plants, the waters, and the life that surrounds us

That sense of connection—to our land, our waters, our traditions, and one another is with us always.

EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND REFERENDUM

Tribal Council has approved moving forward with a proposed Emergency Reserve Fund, which will be presented to Tribal voters in an upcoming referendum. The fund is intended to ensure continuity of essential tribal government services during emergencies, including federal funding disruptions, cyber-attacks or natural disasters.

If approved, the fund would be built using a combination of existing tribal revenues and structured contributions, with a capped reserve and clear oversight measures. Funds could be used for critical needs such as emergency assistance, warming centers, program operations, employee salaries, infrastructure repairs, and emergency response efforts...

The proposal also establishes strong accountability, including regular reporting, audits, and oversight by a designated committee. The referendum is scheduled for May 5, 2026, giving Tribal Members the opportunity to vote on this important measure to strengthen long-term stability and preparedness.

This was done via Referendum in order to give tribal citizens a voice. Any proposed changes to the Emergency Reserve Fund (if approved) would have to go back

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

II. Unfinished Business. A- **Completion of 30-day Posting-Proposed Emergency Reserve Fund Referendum Request to send to Election Board for Addition to Ballot** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3860, with the addition of Human Resources to the list of essential workers. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. Unfinished Business-B- **Enactment of Title 18 Ch. 16 Amendments to RAO and Submission to Department of Interior for Approval or Disapproval** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3863. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries
Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to request that the Court consider a moratorium. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. A- **Fiscal Year 2025 RAO, BIA, and IHS Closeouts** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 RAO Closeout. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries
Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 BIA Closeout. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries
Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 IHS Closeout. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. B- **Immediate Needs Relief Fund** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #26-44.3864 for funding in the amount of \$2,000 from Northwest Food Coalition. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. C- **2026 Indian Gaming Association Annual Membership Dues** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3866 for annual membership in the Indian Gaming Association From January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$15,000 with funds to come from Contributions Charitable: Tribal Council Support and EDC Projects at 50% each. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. D- **FY 2027 Proposed Budget** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 proposed budget. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. E- **IMLS Library Enhancement Grant** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3857 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$150,000 from the Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. F- **LIHTC #3 Re-Application Authorization** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3868, with the amendment of adding 3 documents: the Letter of Offer, the MHSDA Trade Breakdown, and the Loan Commitment Letter. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Swallows, Napont); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. G- **To Authorize General Obligation Bonds for the Acquisition of a Governmental Building in Traverse City** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3869 to authorize General Obligation. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. H- **Authorization to GTB CFO Robert Schulte to Sign Preliminary General Bond Issuance Documents for a Tax-Exempt Borrowing under 26 USC 7871** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3867 to provide authorization to the GTB CFO to sign preliminary General Bond Issuance

Documents for a tax-exempt borrowing under 26 USC 7871 “essential governmental services” to acquire a governmental building and 28 acres in Traverse City, Michigan. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. I- **Ratification of Chairwoman’s Signature on Letter to Senators re: SAVE Act Opposition** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to ratify Chairwoman Witherspoon’s signature on the SAVE Act Opposition Letter to Michigan’s Senators. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. J- **Rescind Emergency Manager Coordinator First Deputy Appointment** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to rescind the appointment of Scott Mitchell as the GTB Emergency Manager Coordinator First Deputy, who is no longer employed with GTB. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. K- **GTB Emergency Manager Appointment** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to rescind Jolanda Murphy as the GTB Emergency Manager appointment. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to appoint Garrett Fairchild as the GTB Emergency Manager. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries
Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to assign the GTB Emergency Manager as representative for Region 7 homeland planning board, and other emergency management meetings. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. L- **TART Trails Letter of Support- Reaffirmation of Signature** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Miller and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to reaffirm the Treasurer’s signature on the attached letter of support on behalf of the Chairwoman. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

MARCH 24, 2026, - TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

Tribal Council attendance from Tuesday, March 24, 2026, through Tuesday, April 21, 2026. There were **(3)** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, and **(12)** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Chairwoman Witherspoon attended **3 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special sessions and **12 of 12** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other meetings. ***Attended:** Self-Governance Conference 4/6/26 - 4/10/26

Vice Chair Rohl attended **3 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special sessions and **11 of 12** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings ***Attended:** RES Conference 3/23/26 - 3/26/26

Treasurer Swallows attended **2 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions and **11 of 12** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Out of Office:** 3/26/26 - 4/3/26 ***Attended:** Self-Governance Conference 4/6/26 - 4/10/26

Secretary Miller attended **3 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special sessions and **12 of 12** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Councilor Raphael attended **3 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special sessions and **10 of 12** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** RES Conference 3/23/26 - 3/26/26 & Self-Governance Conference 4/6/26 - 4/10/26

Councilor Frankenberger attended **3 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special sessions and **5 of 12** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** RES Conference 3/23/26 - 3/26/26 & Self-Governance Conference 4/6/26 - 4/10/26

Councilor Napont attended **3 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special sessions and **8 of 12** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. ***Attended:** GTB LLC Meeting 4/20/26

III. New Business. M- **Request to Solicit RFPs to act as Counsel for the Tribe in the General Obligation Loan under 7871** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to authorize GTB Legal to solicit for Bond Counsel for the NMC transaction. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. N- **FY2025 Tribal Council Audit Questions** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to move this item into Closed Session. Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to send a letter to the Michigan Congressional Delegation. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

III. New Business. O- **Bi-Partisan Prediction Markets are Gambling Act Letter to MI Congressional Delegation** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to send a letter to the Michigan Congressional Delegation. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

Tribal Council Special Session
April 14, 2026
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II. New Business. A- **Approval of Resolution Waiver for a Bridge Loan between GTB and Fifth Third Bank to Purchase the NMC Building.** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3875, by a Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Rohl: **YES**
Treasurer Swallows: **YES**
Secretary Miller: **YES**
Councilor Frankenberger: **YES**
Councilor Raphael: **YES**
Councilor Napont: **YES**
Chairwoman Witherspoon: **YES**
7-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries
Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3879, by a Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Rohl: **YES**
Treasurer Swallows: **YES**
Secretary Miller: **YES**
Councilor Frankenberger: **YES**
Councilor Raphael: **YES**
Councilor Napont: **YES**
Chairwoman Witherspoon: **YES**
7-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

Tribal Council Regular Session
April 15, 2026
http://bit.ly/GTB_Member

II. New Business. A- **FY2027 Budget Hearing** Information only.

II. New Business. B- **Close Enrollment for General Welfare Distribution** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3870 to close enrollment for the semi-annual General Welfare Distribution. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. C- **Increase Burial Fund** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to increase the burial fund to \$10,000. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. D- **Remove the Requirement to Pay for Tax Exempt Services** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to amend the original Resolution #04-22.1390 to charge for GTB tax exempt services. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. E- **Cap Elders' Rent at \$500.00** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to cap GTB Elders rent at \$500.00; to take effect on May 1, 2026, and to include all Elders 55 and over. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Swallows)**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. F- **Appointment of Interim GTB Fire Chief** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to rescind Resolution #20-38.3180. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Napont); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries
Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #26-44.3874 to appoint GTB Fire Chief Tylus Francisco. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. G- **BIA Tribal Justice Support (TJS)** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve Resolution #26-44.3871 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$642,388 from Bureau of Indian Affairs. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. H- **Company K Memorial Highway Sign Placement** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to propose the sign placement of stacked signs going North, and separate sides going South. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. I- **MDHHS Smoking Cessation FY26 and FY27** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #26-44.3854 for the Smoking Cessation grant in the amount of \$41,301 from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. J- **Add Autism Coverage to GTB Insurance Plan** Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to direct the Benefits Coordinator to bring forward a proposal to include Autism coverage under our GTB insurance policy. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. K- **FY2024 NFWF AERI Grant- Sub-Recipient Agreement with Conservation Resource Alliance for Program Implementation** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl that Tribal Council reaffirm land buyback as a priority use under the NFWF AERI Grant, due to the Tribe and the current landowner being unable to come to terms on the purchase of the 58-acre parcel on Gardel Island; and, further, that Tribal Council rededicate \$425,000 originally identified in the grant for that specific acquisition, toward Tribal landback efforts consistent with the intent of the grant for Beaver Island; and to authorize Natural Resources Department staff to reallocate up to \$400,000 from the CRA sub-recipient portion of the grant to support land buyback. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl that Tribal Council approves the adjustment of the CRA Sub-Recipient award under the NFWF AERI Grant from \$2,833,647 to \$2,433,647, reflecting the reallocation of \$400,000 to the support of the Tribal landback efforts. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Raphael); 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. L- **Amend NAHASDA Regulation #3 and Regulation #7** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to amend the down payment assistance program to remove the one-time lifetime limit on down payment assistance, to allow Tribal members to be eligible for the current maximum down payment assistance amount, regardless of how many times they have used the program; and to include, if a Member has received the down payment assistance in the past, they can apply again for the remaining balance up to the current cap. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. M- **Reaffirmation of NREC Motion** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to reaffirm the Motion from the Natural Resources and Environmental Committee. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

II. New Business. N- **Discussion of Culverts and Flood Impact on GTB Neighborhoods and Homes** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to make it a priority to look into funding and possible resources to help protect these homes and our watershed. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING**
Motion Carries

Tribal Council Special Session
April 29, 2026
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April 29, 2026 Tribal Council Special Session motions will be included in Junes' News!

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-TCRS26>

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

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05/27/26 • 06/24/26 07/29/26 • 08/26/26 • 09/30/26 • 10/28/26 • 11/25/26

CULTURE & LANGUAGE



Grand Traverse Band of
Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Cultural Department

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In-Person Language Classes

With Fluent Instructors,
Isadore Toulouse and Patricia Osawamick

Mondays

Kewadin
John Hall
5 - 7 pm

Tuesdays

Peshawbestown
Cultural Building
5 - 7 pm

Zoom Option:
5:30 - 7 pm

Wednesdays

3 Mile Office
5 - 7 pm

Zoom Option:
5:30 - 7 pm

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID : 730 5294 9904
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Please Note: No Class when GTB offices are closed.



Grand Traverse Band of
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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

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JANUARY-JUNE 2026



Kchi Wiikwedong Anishinaabek

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(Sharing Their Knowledge 14)
Spring Symposium

Workshop Highlights

- Anishinaabemowin
- Spring Time Stories
- Childrens Songs
- Stories of the Past
- Crafting workshops
- Birchbark & Quillwork
- and more...

Fluent Language Presenters

- Rhonda Hopkins
- Martina Osawamick
- Elizabeth Stevens
- Elizabeth Osawamick
- Georgina Toulouse
- Gerard Sagassige
- Bernice Trudeau
- Lisa Osawamick
- Brian Peltier
- Myna & Theodore Toulouse

May 15-17, 2026

Leelanau Sands Showroom

2521 N. West Bayshore Dr - Peshawbestown

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JUNE 6TH & 7TH, 2026

TURTLE CREEK STADIUM

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GENERAL ADMISSION \$5 • CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER: FREE

HEAD STAFF	DANCE CATEGORIES	GRAND ENTRY
EMCEES Gerard Sagassige Jackson Rollingthunder Tahuka ARENA DIRECTOR Cetan Thunder Hawk HOST DRUM The Boyz HEAD VETERAN George Martin HEAD STAFF FEMALE Waskwane Stonefish HEAD STAFF MALE Jared Broome HEAD DANCE JUDGE Beedoskah Stonefish HEAD DRUM JUDGE Aaron Chivis TABULATION Old Skool Tabulations	1ST: \$1,000 • 2ND: \$800 • 3RD: \$600 GOLDEN AGE (55+) WOMAN'S: WOODLAND, FANCY, JINGLE, TRADITIONAL MEN'S: WOODLAND, FANCY, GRASS, TRADITIONAL SR. ADULTS (35-54) WOMAN'S: WOODLAND, FANCY, JINGLE, TRADITIONAL MEN'S: WOODLAND, FANCY, GRASS, TRADITIONAL JR. ADULTS (18-34) WOMAN'S: WOODLAND, FANCY, JINGLE, TRADITIONAL MEN'S: WOODLAND, FANCY, GRASS, TRADITIONAL 1ST: \$500 • 2ND: \$400 • 3RD: \$300 TEENS (13-17) WOMAN'S: WOODLAND, FANCY, JINGLE, TRADITIONAL MEN'S: WOODLAND, FANCY, GRASS, TRADITIONAL 1ST: \$300 • 2ND: \$200 • 3RD: \$100 JUNIORS (6-12) GIRL'S: WOODLAND, FANCY, JINGLE, TRADITIONAL BOY'S: WOODLAND, TRADITIONAL, FANCY, GRASS DRUM CONTEST 1ST PLACE • \$10,000 2ND PLACE • \$8,000 3RD PLACE • \$6,000 4TH PLACE • \$4,000	SATURDAY 1:00PM & 7:00PM SUNDAY 1:00PM For More Information: TaShena Sams • (231) 534-7766 DANCER & VENDOR REGISTRATION GET YOUR TICKETS JUNE 6 JUNE 7

**Antrim/GT Elders
Events & Activities**

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

Tuesday; May 5th
Thrifting
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; May 6th
All Site Bingo Mother's Day
Kentucky Derby @ Charlevoix
12:00PM - 3:00PM*

Thursday; May 7th
Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; May 12th
Lunch**
Elders Advisory
10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Wednesday; May 13th
Sew Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; May 14th
Thrifting
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; May 19th
Sew Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; May 20th
Memory Games
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; May 21st
Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Monday; May 25th
Memorial Day
GTB Govt. Offices CLOSED
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Tuesday; May 26th
Federal Recognition Day
(5/27/1980)
GTB Govt. Offices CLOSED
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Wednesday; May 27th
Corn Hole & Lunch @
Leelanau
11:00AM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; May 28th
Birthday Bingo
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

**Benzie Elders
Events & Activities**

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

Wednesday; May 6th
All Site Bingo Mother's Day
Kentucky Derby @ Charlevoix
12:00PM - 3:00PM*

Wednesday; May 13th
Sewing Skirts / Shirts
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; May 20th
Finishing Ribbon Skirts /
Shirts
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Monday; May 25th
Memorial Day
GTB Govt. Offices CLOSED
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Federal Recognition Day
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**Questions, please contact
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!*

**EAO SECRETARY NEEDED
SUBMIT LETTER OF
INTEREST**

**CONTACT:
KAREN WASAGESHIK,
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ORGANIZATION
CHAIRPERSON
231-357-8485**

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Kwasageshikelders@
gmail.com**

**COMPUTER/ZOOM
KNOWLEDGE PREFERRED**

**Charlevoix Elders
Events & Activities**

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

Tuesday; May 5th
Craft Time
1:30PM**

Wednesday; May 6th
All Site Bingo Mother's Day
Kentucky Derby @ Charlevoix
12:00PM - 3:00PM*

Thursday; May 7th
Yahtzee
1:30PM**

Tuesday; May 12th
Elders Advisory
10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Wednesday; May 13th
Card Games
1:30PM**

Thursday; May 14th
Out Of Office
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Tuesday; May 19th
Craft Time
1:30PM**

Wednesday; May 20th
Bingo Birthday Bash
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; May 21st
Yahtzee
1:30PM**

Monday; May 25th
Memorial Day
GTB Govt. Offices CLOSED
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Tuesday; May 26th
Federal Recognition Day
(5/27/1980)
GTB Govt. Offices CLOSED
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Wednesday; May 27th
Card Games
1:30PM**

Thursday; May 28th
Walk & Talk in Gym
1:30PM*

**Leelanau Elders
Events & Activities**

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

Tuesday; May 5th
Lunch
12:00PM - 1:00PM

Wednesday; May 6th
All Site Bingo Mother's Day
Kentucky Derby @ Charlevoix
12:00PM - 3:00PM*

Thursday; May 7th
TC Store Run
(Walmart & Meijer)
1:00PM**

Tuesday; May 12th
Elders Advisory
10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Wednesday; May 13th
Thrift Store
1:00PM**

Thursday; May 14th
Craft Day
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; May 19th
Local Store Run (Hansens)
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; May 20th
Craft Day
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; May 21st
Birthday Bingo
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Monday; May 25th
Memorial Day
GTB Govt. Offices CLOSED
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Tuesday; May 26th
Federal Recognition Day
(5/27/1980)
GTB Govt. Offices CLOSED
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Wednesday; May 27th
Corn Hole with GT/Antrim
Elders
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; May 28th
Yahtzee
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Mino-Dibishkaan! Happy Birthday!

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

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

Margo Clifford	Ulrich Swanson	3-May	Tim Rodney	Finch Rilling	12-May	Ross Ramona	Wyatt Wabanimkee	22-May
Michael Branden	Stevens Morgan	3-May	Kevin Amy	Campbell Wyatt	12-May	Ninniece Therese	Holden John-Keller	23-May
Sonya Monica	Zotigh Raphael	3-May	Helen Howard	Raphael Raphael	13-May	Carmen Ritchie	Felice Bennett	23-May
William Anthony	Anderson Warren	5-May	Howard Katherine	Raphael-Ortega Wright	15-May	Joseph Sharon	Bennett Kennedy	23-May
Jesse Rita	Nelson Hernandez	6-May	Christine Laura	Wright Barber	15-May	Sharon Melvin	Kennedy Nemec	24-May
Frank Lawrence	Landreville Farris	6-May	Laura Robert	Barber Bryant	16-May	Melvin Cherrie	Nemec Huff	24-May
Andrew Steven	Anthony Anderson	7-May	Robert Robert	Mills Bolton	16-May	Cherrie Angelo	Huff Franchi	24-May
Kem Shirley	Green Gant	7-May	Jack Amy	Bolton Dunaway	16-May	Angelo Lisa	Franchi Jolly	24-May
Brenda Steven	Ogemagedo Johnson	7-May	Amy Teresa	Dunaway Wabanimkee	16-May	Lisa Donald	Jolly Kenoshmeg	25-May
Linda Scott	Penland Perkins	8-May	Teresa Beverly	Wabanimkee Clay	17-May	Donald Roseann	Kenoshmeg Veloz	26-May
Scott Shirley	Brunk Carns	8-May	Beverly Thomas	Clay Johns	17-May	Roseann Florine	Veloz Yannott	27-May
Pamela William	Scheiding Schwanke	8-May	Thomas Sherrri	Johns Robinson	18-May	Florine Diana	Yannott Gould	27-May
Duane Jose	Esquivel Williams	9-May	Sherrri Ivan	Robinson Wasageshik	18-May	Diana Michelle	Gould Henley	27-May
Annette Randolph	Baker Miller	9-May	Ivan Krista	Wasageshik Willson	18-May	Michelle Cynthia	Henley Breimon	28-May
Patricia	Castaneda	10-May	Krista Wanda	Willson Butkovich	19-May	Cynthia Adelaide	Breimon Bailey	28-May
		10-May	Douglas Joshua	Butkovich Harris	20-May	Adelaide John	Bailey Howell	29-May
		10-May	Joshua Marie	Harris Tackes	20-May	John Monte	Howell Kukla	29-May
		10-May	Marie Michael	Tackes Kutchey	21-May	Monte Sheila	Kukla Carew	29-May
		11-May	Michael Venetia	Kutchey Shomin	21-May	Sheila Timothy	Carew Boulden	30-May
		11-May	Venetia Jane	Shomin Homminga	21-May	Timothy Timothy	Boulden Grieves	30-May
		12-May	Jane Lyle	Homminga Gauthier	22-May	Timothy Becky	Grieves Watrous	31-May
		12-May	Lyle Edward	Gauthier Stoll	22-May	Becky Suzette	Watrous Gould	31-May
		12-May	Edward Marion	Stoll Snyder	22-May	Suzette Allan	Gould Francis	31-May
		12-May	Marion	Snyder	22-May	Allan Ricky	Francis Petroske	31-May
					22-May	Ricky Claude	Petroske Landerville	31-May

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.

JOIN US FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP EVENT

HOSTED BY THE ELDERS ADVISORY ORGANIZATION



FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH 2026

11AM - 3PM AT GTB 3-Mile Office
845 BUSINESS PARK DR., TRAVERSE CITY, MI

Come meet the Elders Advisory Organization Board of Directors and other members of the organization!

Register to be a member, pay your \$20 annual dues, receive an exclusive welcome gift and enjoy bingo.

3 Sessions: 12:00pm & 1:00pm | 2:00pm Session - ALL MEMBERS PLAY!

Enjoy light snacks, and beverages.

Don't miss out on exciting door prizes per session

WHO CAN ATTEND?

The Elders Advisory Organization is exclusively for federally recognized tribal elders aged 55 and above residing in the following counties: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, and Manistee.

We do recognize Tribal Members spouses or cohabitants.

MEGWETCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT! SAVE THE DATE & LET'S RECONNECT SOON!

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL: SANDY ANDERSON
(231) 866-0064 • SAndersonElders@gmail.com

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

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Leelanau

Melissa Martinez (231) 534-7743

Lisa Shawandase (231) 534-7744



HEALTH SERVICES



IMPORTANT MEDICARE & MEDICAID INFORMATION FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

This notice provides key reminders for Tribal members regarding Medicare reimbursement updates, Medicare enrollment at age 65, and Medicaid enrollment through MI Bridges.

1. Annual Medicare Part B Reimbursement Update (Current Eligible Participants – Six-County Service Area Only)

Tribal members already receiving Medicare Part B reimbursement must submit a copy of their Medicare Entitlement Statement each year, or when an update is received, to receive reimbursement without interruption.

- ◆ This statement arrives from Social Security at the beginning of January.
- ◆ It shows your Medicare coverage and premium amounts.

If you need a replacement statement, call Social Security: 1-800-772-1213 or log in to your mySocialSecurity account. A copy of your Medicare Entitlement Statements should be sent to the **Benefits Coordinator, David Wonegeshik**

2. Turning 65? You Must Enroll in Medicare

Tribal members approaching age 65 need to sign up for Medicare.

- ◆ Enroll during the 7-month window: 3 months before your birthday month, your birthday month, and 3 months after your birthday month.

Once enrolled, Social Security will mail your Medicare card and each January, your Medicare Entitlement Statement, a copy of your Medicare Entitlement Statement should be submitted to the Benefits Coordinator.

If you are 65 or older and have not enrolled in Medicare, you need to enroll as soon as possible, we can assist with avoiding late penalties. For enrollment assistance, please contact the Benefits Coordinator, David Wonegeshik.

3. Need Medicaid? Apply Through MI Bridges-Do you have questions on how the Medicaid Changes Affect you, please call – Sonya Zotigh or David Wonegeshik

Signing up for Medicaid can be done at any time.

Apply at: www.michigan.gov/mibridges

- ◆ Create or log into your MI Bridges account
- ◆ Submit your application

- ◆ Upload requested documents (ID, tribal ID, income proof, bank statements, etc.) You may also apply at the local MDHHS office or by mail. For assistance applying for Medicaid, please contact the Benefits Coordinator, David Wonegeshik.

If you were unable to attend the “Understanding How to Maximize Your Medicare Benefits” outreach meetings, please contact the Benefits Coordinator, David Wonegeshik, to find out how you can receive a consultation regarding your Medicare. If you need assistance with any of these benefits or any other benefits, contact David Wonegeshik.

David Wonegeshik, Benefits Coordinator
(231) 534-7354
David.Wonegeshik@gtb-nsn.gov
Office: Located in the waiting area of the clinic at the Medicine Lodge.

Sonya Zotigh, Health Services Administrator
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Sonya.Zotigh2@gtb-nsn.gov

GTB CLINIC WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

REMINDER: the GTB Family Health Clinic Weight Management Program is undergoing changes that will enhance the patient’s experience and assist GTB Providers with maintaining the necessary documentation to ensure that participation in the program has efficacy and teamwork in patient weight management.



Treatment Requirements

1. GTB Family Health Clinic must be your primary care provider.
2. All Semaglutide (Wegovy) or tirzepatide(Zepbound) prescriptions must be filled at the GTB Pharmacy.
3. Initial BMI of greater than 30
4. Must take part in dietary education (reading

handouts, discussing with provider and clinical staff, and/or meeting with a registered dietitian) and improved daily activity (Strong Heart Center/other gym, activity journal, smart phone activity tracking data, etc.)

5. No contraindications to use of Semaglutide (Wegovy) or tirzepatide(Zepbound):

- ◆ Personal or family history of thyroid cancer
- ◆ Planning or are pregnant
- ◆ Breast feeding
- ◆ Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus
- ◆ Concurrent use of another GLP-1 or similar medication (e.g. Mounjaro, Ozempic, Victoza, Trulicity)

When on Semaglutide (Wegovy), you must complete the following at given intervals, to assure safe and effective use of the medication:

1. Once-a-month in person-visit for weight check (can be walk-in nurse visit

- ◆ Providers will not accept home weights for treatment; for accuracy, must use weight from clinic scale

2. Weight loss in person appointment with provider at indicated interval

- ◆ While titrating medication, once-a-month visit
- ◆ While on maintenance/ maximum dose, once every three months

3. Lab work at the beginning of treatment, then at least once a year:

- ◆ Kidney Function Test
- ◆ Liver Function Test
- ◆ Cholesterol Test

4. Once every 90 days (3 months), you will need to reassess your daily calorie requirements and activity level to sustain weight loss. Your provider and nursing staff can assist with this at your appointments, or as needed.

For more information, please contact the **GTB Family Health Clinic at (231) 534-7200**

GTB PHARMACY MEDICATION THERAPY MANAGEMENT

GTB is proud to offer a service called Medication Therapy Management to any of our patients. During an appointment with a GTB Pharmacist you will sit down and go over your entire medication list. The Pharmacist will perform a Comprehensive Medication Review.

After the meeting you will walk away with a personal medication list and any issues discovered will be discussed with you and your provider. During this review the pharmacist will be reviewing your medications to make sure there are no missed drug interactions and that all therapy has an intended use and is effective. This is a great time to ask any questions regarding the medications you take.

To schedule a Medication Therapy Management appointment with a GTB Pharmacist please contact the pharmacy at (231) 534-7350.

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY: UNDERSTANDING THE 340B PHARMACY PROGRAM

You may have heard the term "340B" mentioned around our health clinic since the GTB Pharmacy opened. While it sounds like a technical code, it is actually one of the most powerful tools we have to improve healthcare for our Tribal members.

At its heart, the 340B program is a federal initiative that allows Tribal health clinics to purchase outpatient medications at a significant discount—often 20% to 50% less than standard market prices.

How Does It Work

The program was created by Congress in 1992 to help "safety-net" providers—like our Tribal health centers—stretch limited federal resources.

- ◆ **Deep Discounts:** Pharmaceutical manufacturers must provide these discounts to our clinics as a condition for their drugs being covered by Medicaid.
- ◆ **The "Savings" Cycle:** When our pharmacy

fills a prescription for an insured patient, we purchase the drug at the discounted 340B price but are reimbursed by insurance at a higher, standard rate. The difference between those two amounts is what we call "340B savings".

Why This Matters for Our Tribe

For many Tribes, 340B is a vital revenue generator that can sometimes even outpace other economic enterprises. These savings don't just sit in a bank account; they are directly reinvested into our community to further develop programs like the following:

- ◆ **Provide Free or Low-Cost Meds:** We can offer essential medications at no cost or a deeply reduced price for uninsured and underinsured Tribal members.
- ◆ **Expand Clinical Services:** Savings are used to fund programs that might otherwise be underfunded, such as mental health services, dental care, or substance abuse counseling.
- ◆ **Support Community Outreach:** These funds help us to provide screenings,

vaccines, and wellness programs directly to you.

- ◆ **How You Can Help:** To participate in this program and help our clinic grow, you simply need to be a patient of our health clinic. By seeing our providers and filling your prescriptions at our GTB Pharmacy, this helps generate the savings that fund better care for everyone in our community.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) manages this program federally, ensuring it continues to serve as a lifeline for Tribal health systems across the country.

For more information please contact:

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DENTAL CLINIC



AMERICAN STROKE AND NATIONAL HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AWARENESS MONTH

The month of May is designated as the American Stroke and National High Blood Pressure Awareness Month. Education and awareness regarding hypertension, or high blood pressure, is extremely important because roughly a quarter of the population suffers from hypertension. Often, high blood pressure has no obvious symptoms, and without treatment it can cause damage to arteries and organs over the years. Because hypertension generally presents without symptoms, it is termed the “silent killer”. It is not uncommon for someone to have no knowledge that they suffer from high blood pressure until a serious complication occurs, such as stroke, heart failure, or heart attack.

The blood pressure data is shared with our patients, and we can help shed light on a patient’s blood pressure throughout the years. If significant differences are noted in

appointment, treatment may be deferred until the blood pressure is better regulated. This is done to keep our patients healthy and reduce the risk of cardiovascular events occurring while getting dental treatment.

Blood Pressure Categories



BLOOD PRESSURE CATEGORY	SYSTOLIC mm Hg (upper number)		DIASTOLIC mm Hg (lower number)
NORMAL	LESS THAN 120	and	LESS THAN 80
ELEVATED	120 - 129	and	LESS THAN 80
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYPERTENSION) STAGE 1	130 - 139	or	80 - 89
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYPERTENSION) STAGE 2	140 OR HIGHER	or	90 OR HIGHER
HYPERTENSIVE CRISIS (consult your doctor immediately)	HIGHER THAN 180	and/or	HIGHER THAN 120

ANESTHETICS & ELEVATED BLOOD PRESSURE

Our dental anesthetics often have epinephrine within them to prolong their duration of anesthesia, but this epinephrine can also cause blood pressure to elevate and increase heart rate. This is similar to what happens in our bodies when we are scared or startled, and our body secretes adrenaline during the “fight or flight” response.

GTB DENTAL CLINIC BLOOD PRESSURE PROCEDURE

At the GTB Dental Clinic, you may have noticed that prior to your procedure your blood pressure is recorded. Don’t be nervous about this! This is done to gather extra data regarding the patient’s hypertension status.

a patient’s blood pressure values, they are recommended to follow up with their primary healthcare provider to properly diagnose the patient’s hypertension status.

Additionally, if extremely high blood pressure values are detected during your dental

Be sure to make regular screening appointments with your primary care provider and take control of your health so that you can live a long and healthy life. And don’t be afraid to ask for a record of your blood pressure readings during your dental appointment so you can share them with your medical provider. We look forward to seeing you soon in the GTB Dental Clinic!

CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD) & THEIR DENTAL CARE



Dr. Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach, is the first female American Indian Dentist, a member of the Prairie Band Pottawatomi Nation. She attended the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and practiced in private practice and at the Family Health Care FQHC located in Baldwin.

and work down to the jaw angle, then onto the cheek, to where the lower jaw angles forward. Little circles with a downward nudge usually work well.

BUILDING COMFORT THROUGH ROUTINE AND SENSORY SUPPORT

Softly singing during oral care, the same song each time, will help. Although the ASD baby may not respond, it is still especially important for caregivers to repeatedly speak and sing in a gentle voice, letting the baby know what is about to happen.

“Now, we are getting ready to brush our teeth. It feels so good. Oh, you look wonderful with those clean teeth.”

The best positive reinforcement is repetition, enthusiasm, and praise. Let the child model your own good behavior, saying, “I am so happy it is my turn to brush my teeth!” The Autism Alliance of Michigan offers more advice: <https://autismallianceofmichigan.org/>

Never put milk or juice in a bottle in the bed with baby. For toddler’s brushing routine, let them hold a favorite toy while sitting in a caregiver’s lap, perhaps with a weighted blanket or a pressure vest. Use singing, music, or a video. When older, let the child brush first, with the caregiver brushing after. Sometimes, breathing patterns through the nose can help.

For optimal nutrition, it’s best to minimize how much sugar a child has. Sweets offered at meals are less harmful. Milk and water are the recommended drinks for all children.

FIRST DENTAL VISITS: WHEN & WHY THEY MATTER

All babies should first see a dentist when they have their first tooth or before their first birthday.

If the ASD child has not been to a dentist, be sure to prepare for the first dental visit. There are amusing books which explain the

dental office, so read these to the child many times. Talk about your own “wonderful and fun” visits to the dentists. Repeatedly explain what will happen at the office.

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS: EASING DENTAL VISITS FOR ASD CHILDREN

Let the dentist know the special needs of the ASD patient; a sensory preference list can be shared with the dental staff. Ask for staged exposure to the office. Sit in the reception area for 10 minutes for acclimation well before the appointed day. Perhaps a tour of the office is in order when other patients are not there, when it is quiet. Introduce the staff by name without masks or glasses or gloves. If lights bother the patient, bring sunglasses. Bring a favorite “comfy.” This might be a toy, a blanket, clothing, a hat, or a music recording. Is there a time of day when the child is more cooperative? Make the dental visits for that time. Possibly make shorter appointments, such as for a short exam and oral hygiene instruction with fluoride varnish on the front teeth. Another appointment can include a professional exam and cleaning with fluoride varnish on all the teeth. Ask if the hygienist has a mild polishing paste, or suggest the hygienist please use the paste the child uses at home.

WHY ORAL HEALTH MATTER FOR LIFELONG WELLBEING

Excellent dental health is of paramount importance to ASD individuals, from birth to adulthood. Any speech development depends on natural, strong teeth. Digestion starts in the mouth, ensuring optimal nutrition for growth. Facial expression and recognition depend on natural, strong teeth. Those with ASD have many challenges in life. Why add dental suffering to their problems?

The Delta Dental Foundation has excellent resources for families which can make caring for folks with ASD easier. Also, the Autism Alliance of Michigan offers free support with finding a dentist for ASD patients as well as other beneficial services.

UNDERSTANDING AUTISM AND EARLY ORAL HEALTH

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disorder that affects communication and behavior, often with heightened sensory sensitivities. One in 36 children is diagnosed with ASD. Fortunately, this diagnosis can be made very young, so parents can access help early in the baby’s life.

STARTING STRONG: ORAL CARE FROM INFANCY

ASD patients can and do achieve excellent dental health. These efforts should begin at birth. With ASD children, prevention is key, because treating dental disease can be difficult for ASD patients.

When a baby finishes feeding, a warm, wet cloth can gently wipe the inside of the mouth. Brushing the teeth should start when the first tooth appears; toothpaste is not necessary. Use a soft, infant brush with warm water. Tapping the lower lip softly with a silicone baby spoon or your finger can often get the baby to open, along with verbal cues.

Massage is another option. Move your fingers in a circular motion beginning at the temple

CELEBRATING STRENGTH, COMMITMENT, & COMMUNITY: WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT

The results are in, and it's time to celebrate the dedication and determination shown by all who participated in this year's Weight Loss Challenge. This journey was about more than numbers on a scale, it was about building healthier habits, supporting one another, and committing to personal wellness.

Taking **1st place**, congratulations go to **Paige Luster and Nelson Shinos**, whose hard work and consistency truly set them apart. Their commitment serves as an inspiration to all.

Earning **2nd place**, **Theresa and Billy Marshall** demonstrated incredible perseverance and teamwork throughout the challenge. Their progress reflects the power of staying focused and motivated together.

In **3rd place**, **Andrea Diaz and Syrys Smith** showed outstanding dedication, proving that steady effort leads to meaningful results.

While we celebrate these top finishers, we also extend our deepest congratulations to every participant who took part in this journey. Choosing to prioritize your health is no small feat, and each step forward, no matter how big or small, deserves recognition.

Miigwech to everyone who committed to their wellness. Your efforts strengthen not only yourselves, but our entire community. Keep going, this is just the beginning.

Grand Traverse Band
Federal Recognition Day
CHARLEVOIX
5K CELEBRATION WALK / RUN
Miptoo-Daa! Let's Run!

5K STARTS AT
10am



FOOD • FUN • DOOR PRIZES
FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

Everyone Invited! Walking Encouraged!

Fun for the whole family with **Door Prizes, Prize Drawings & FREE T-Shirt!**
Must Be Present to Win!

FOR MORE INFO: CALL, TEXT, OR EMAIL STRONGHEART STAFF

05.16.26
SATURDAY

CHARLEVOIX OFFICE
10085 WA-BA-NOONG MI-KUN, EAST JORDAN
CALL: (231) 534-7831 | TEXT: (231) 866-0954
EMAIL: STRONGHEART.CIVIC.CENTER@GTB-NSN.GOV



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Save the Date **Turtle Ball Classic 2026** Father's Day Basketball Tournament

June 20th and 21st

High School Division

Boys and Girls

Includes classes of

2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030

Middle School Division

Boys and Girls

Includes classes of

2031, 2032, and 2033.

4 brackets, 4 teams per bracket

More details coming soon



(231) 534-7457



HUSTLE FOR THAT MUSCLE.

New Strongheart Hours
Starting May - October

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

FRIDAY
6:30AM - 6:00PM

SATURDAY
9:00AM - 1:00PM

**CLOSED SUNDAYS
& MAJOR HOLIDAYS**

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****



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



Michigan Indian Family Olympics



Friday
July 17, 2026



NENAANDAWI'IWED
TRADITIONAL HEALER

Gerard Sagassige

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

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

Or schedule online at: <https://massageGTBbh.as.me/>



5th Annual Missing & Murdered Indigenous People MMIP DAY OF AWARENESS

An Event to Remember and Raise Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous People. *Public Welcome, Community Welcome, Survivors Welcome*
Eyaawing Museum & Cultural Center - 2304 N West Bay Shore Dr, Peshawbestown
Overflow parking is at Leelanau Sands. Limited transportation runs between Leelanau Sands & Eyaawing Museum from 9:30 AM to 4 PM. For transport, call 231-631-0828 or 231-590-2395

May 5th is National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. To promote awareness Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians is sponsoring an event on Tuesday May 5th that will tell the stories of those community members who have gone missing and the obstacles that the native community has faced historically to prosecute cases and seek justice for the community and their families.

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH, 2026
EVENT PROGRAM

- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**
Registration
- 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM**
Prayer & Welcome Address
Lunch Provided
MMIP Documentary / Podcast
Talking Circles
Sign Making (Contact Leilani for Supplies)
- 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM**
Awareness Rally (Outside)

Please RSVP to this event for an accurate head count for food - register using the QR Code or follow the link:
<https://bit.ly/MMIPRegistration>
Contact Leilani to get sign making supplies early

Joanie Blamer (231) 534-7255 ✉ Joanie.Blamer@gtb-nsn.gov
Leilani DeFoe (Contact for Sign Supplies) (231) 432-9956 ✉ Leilani.Defoe2@gtb-nsn.gov

Niizh Animikiig presents
MANIDOO-MINES-KE-DAA
Let's bead

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

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

*Kewadin TBD for June

Beads and supplies limited to 20 participants per site
Snacks provided | open to GTB community and families
Charlevoix: 10085 Wa-Ba-Noong Mi-Kun, East Jordan
Eyaawing: 2304 N West Bay Shore Dr, Peshawbestown
3-Mile: 845 Business Park Dr, Traverse City
John Hall: 7095 Cairn Hwy, Kewadin located behind the cemetery on 7248 Cairn Hwy, Kewadin.
For More Information & To Reserve Spot:
Leilani DeFoe 231-492-9956

GTB
ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES
MASSAGE THERAPY

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

THERAPEUTIC SESSIONS
Great for stress relief & muscle tension

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

FACIAL GUA SHA
Reduces puffiness, can help with sinus pressure, and feels wonderful

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

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

Meet & Greet
Get to Know Your Grief Support

GTB and Michael's Place have a long standing working relationship and partnership in grief and loss support. Come meet the team for resources, questions, and guidance.

Have you recently lost somebody?
Do you have skills you want to share with others who are grieving?
How do you grieve?

How to grieve with compassion?
Is it okay for me to be happy again?
Do you want to break the intergenerational trauma cycle?

3pm-5pm

- May 18th, Monday @ 3-Mile
- May 20th, Wednesday @ Medicine Lodge Cafeteria

For More Information:
Marion Wabanimkee-Minzey 231-534-7090

YOU ARE NOT ALONE




Join Youth Services with
Honoring our Mothers



Mother's Day Dinner

3 mile
845 Business Park Dr.
Traverse City MI 49686
May 4, 2026

M22 Youth Building
2821 NW Bayshore Dr.
Peshawbestown MI
49682
May 7, 2026

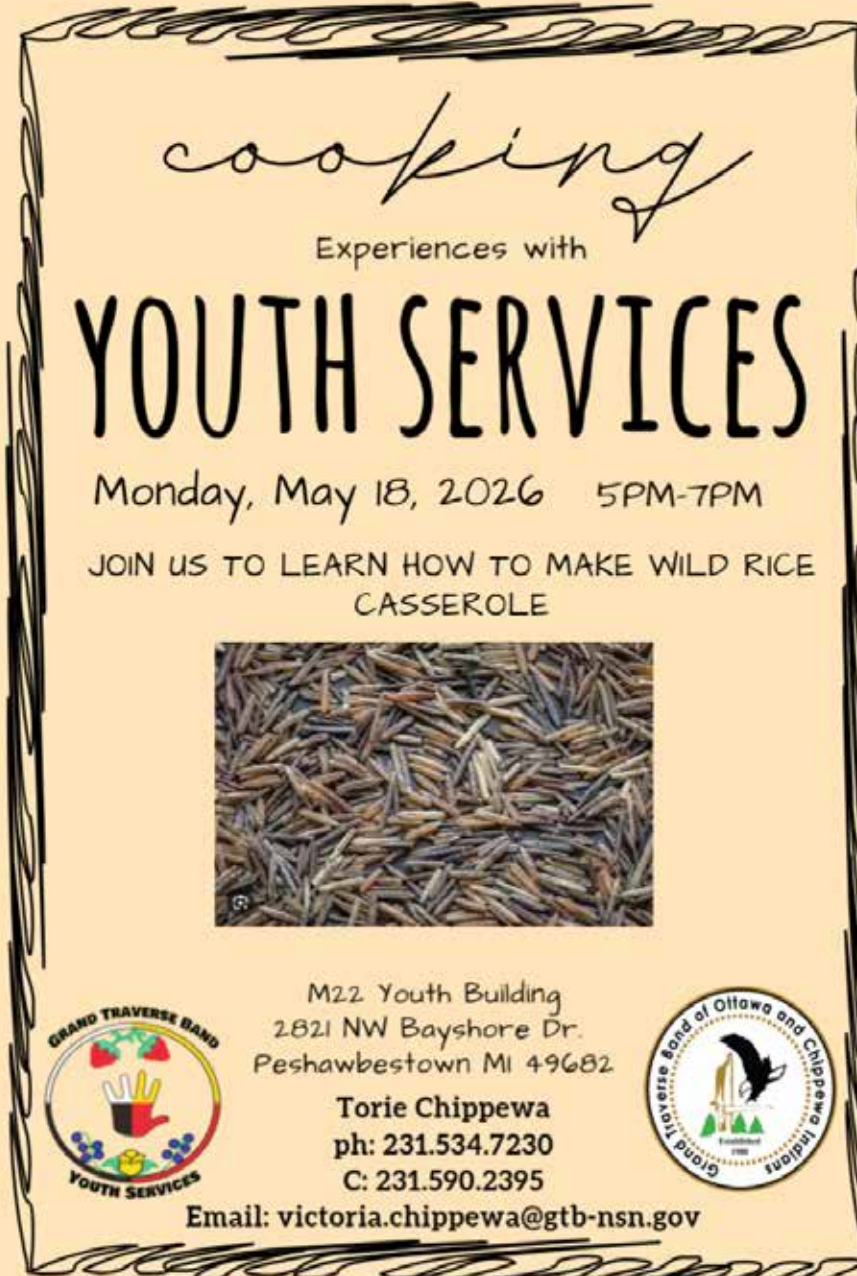
5PM - 7PM

**Dinner and craft just in
time for Mother's Day**


*Aunties, Grandmas, and Mother
figures welcome!!*

Hannah Pelcher
ph: 231.534.7747
c: 231.631.0828
Email:
Hannah.pelcher@gtb-nsn.gov




Torie Chippewa
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c: 231.590.2395
Email:
victoria.chippewa@gtb-nsn.gov




cooking
Experiences with
YOUTH SERVICES
Monday, May 18, 2026 5PM-7PM
JOIN US TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE WILD RICE
CASSEROLE



M22 Youth Building
2821 NW Bayshore Dr.
Peshawbestown MI 49682
Torie Chippewa
ph: 231.534.7230
C: 231.590.2395
Email: victoria.chippewa@gtb-nsn.gov



Youth Services



**Join youth services to learn how
to peyote stitch on a feather**

Thursday, May 21, 2026 5PM-8PM
Light Dinner Provided

M22 Youth Building
2821 NW Bayshore Dr.
Peshawbestown MI 49682
Torie Chippewa
ph: 231.534.7230
C: 231.590.2395
Email: victoria.chippewa@gtb-nsn.gov



Join Youth Services
for
Movie night
Light Dinner

**Mon
May
11** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
M22 Youth Building
2821 NW Bayshore Dr.
Peshawbestown MI 49682



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

Bambi

DENTALIUM SHELL
EARRING
MAKING

5PM-8PM, ALL LOCATIONS

MAY 12TH - TRAVERSE CITY - 3 MILE

MAY 13TH - CHARLEVOIX- SMALL ROOM

MAY 14TH - KEWADIN - JOHN HALL

LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED

SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER
OR CLOSURE

HANNAH PELCHER
CELL 231-631-0828
OFFICE 231-534-7747
EMAIL HANNAH.PELCHER@GTB-NSN.GOV



Benzie and Manistee County Families



Mother's Day

Board Game
Get Together!

May 11, 2026 5:30-7:30 PM

Come celebrate the special women in your family! Dinner provided. Open to all GTB families and community in Benzie and Manistee counties. All ages welcome!



Bring your own, or
play one of ours!

GAMES AND PUZZLES FOR ALL AGES AVAILABLE



REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED, BUT IS APPRECIATED:

Kimberly.Hinmon@gtb-nsn.gov
(231) 534-7825 (Desk)
(231) 463-5797 (Cell)

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE EVENT

COME MAKE A
HIDE AND SEEK
JAR

MAY 19TH - TRAVERSE CITY - 3 MILE

MAY 20TH - CHARLEVOIX - SMALL ROOM

MAY 21TH - KEWADIN - JOHN HALL

5:30PM-7PM ALL LOCATIONS

LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED

SUBJECT TO CHANGE FOR CLOSURE OR
WEATHER



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

Events Subject to Change

MAY
2026

HERITAGE LIBRARY PRESENTS

SPRING
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Music Lessons: Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 10AM - 5PM @ Heritage Library

30-Minute Guitar, Piano, and Voice lessons by appointment. Zoom Lessons Available. Music lessons are open to children and adults ages 7 to Elder. The Heritage Library has 1 electric keyboard/piano, 2 children sized classical guitars, and 2 full sized classical guitars to borrow for lessons.

Children, Youth & Adults 10AM - 5PM according to teacher availability - First Come First Serve.

Spring Tai Chi Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12PM - 1PM @ Heritage Library

Enjoy the relaxing art of Tai Chi with Francis Carew, who teaches Yang style Tai Chi, a low impact exercise that improves cardiorespiratory function, hypertension, muscular strength, balance, mobility, flexibility, and mind-body awareness.

Anishinaabek Makerspace: Cloth Bandolier Bag Workshops

Come Celebrate Anishinaabek culture and heritage with the Heritage Library. The tribal librarian is hosting workshops on how to make cloth bandolier bags. All materials will be supplied.

Supplies are very limited, RSVP before the date to secure a spot.

Heritage Library	3-Mile Office	Benzie Office	Charlevoix Office
May 6 • 5:30 - 7:30 PM	May 12 • 5:30 - 7:30 PM	May 20 • 5:30 - 7:30 PM	May 27 • 5:30 - 7:30 PM
2821 N West Bay Shore Dr., Peshawbestown	845 Business Park Dr., Traverse City	7282 Hoadley Road, Benzonia	10085 Wa-Ba-Noone Mi-Kun, East Jordan

More Information:

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



Hannah Pelcher PH: 231-534-7747
C: 231-631-0828 Email: hannah.pelcher@gtb-nsn.gov

Together
We Clean

Let's come together as a community
to clean up our beaches!

5:30-7pm Both Locations

May 27th - Kewadin - 7243 Cairn Hwy

May 28th - Traverse City - 877 Munson Ave

Snacks provided
Subject to change due to closure or
weather



NATURAL RESOURCES

LAND BACK SUCCESS! MASHKIIGAKI COASTAL WETLAND RESTORED TO GTB

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

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

The GTB community is now able to reconnect with, restore, and preserve this land for all generations!

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

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

Scan for questionnaire

Chi-miigwech!



GTB 6 COUNTY SERVICE AREA HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION EVENTS 2026

Residents of the GTB 6 County Service Area are encouraged to take advantage of the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events in 2026. Proper disposal of hazardous materials is crucial for community safety and environmental health. Below are the details for HHW drop-off locations by county:

ANTRIM COUNTY
Drop-off Hours: 8 AM – 12 PM
For more information, visit the Antrim Conservation District HHW website or call (231) 533-8363.

- ◆ **June 13:** Elk Rapids DPW Station
- ◆ **July 25:** Bellaire High School
- ◆ **September 26:** Antrim County Road Commission

BENZIE
All HHW collection events take place on Saturdays from 9 AM – 1 PM.

For more information, visit the Benzie County HHW website or call (231) 882-0554.

- ◆ **June 20:** Frankfort High School
- ◆ **July 18:** Thompsonville Train Depot
- ◆ **August 22:** Honor Road Commission

CHARLEVOIX
Dates have not yet been published.

For updates, call (231) 547-0080 or visit the Charlevoix County HHW website.

GRAND TRAVERSE
Appointments Required.

To register or for more information, call (231) 941-5555 or visit the Grand Traverse County HHW website. All location TBD.

- ◆ **May 14:** 1 PM - 6 PM

- ◆ **June 25:** 1 PM - 6 PM
- ◆ **August 13:** 1 PM - 6 PM
- ◆ **September 12:** 9 AM - 2 PM

LEELANAU
Appointment Needed in Advance.

To schedule an appointment or see a list of accepted materials, contact Leelanau County Planning and Community Development at (231) 256-9812 or visit the Leelanau County HHW website.

- ◆ **May 16:** Leelanau County Government Center, 8 AM – 1 PM
- ◆ **June 20:** Glen Lake School, 8 AM – 1 PM
- ◆ **October 10:** Elmwood Township Park, 8 AM – 1 PM
- ◆ **September:** Date TBD

MANISTEE
Drop-off Hours: 9 AM – 1 PM

For more information and to check the list of accepted items, visit the Manistee Conservation District HHW website or call (231) 889-9666.

- ◆ August 15: Manistee County Road Commission

Important Note: Acceptable items for collection vary by county. Please consult your respective county website or contact the local office for a comprehensive list of accepted material

For further assistance, contact: **Scott Mitchell** Scott.Mitchell@gtb-nsn.gov or (231) 534-7036

Help keep our community safe and clean by properly disposing of hazardous waste!

TICKS, OH MY! PROTECT YOURSELF THIS SUMMER

- Check for ticks daily, especially after time outdoors.
- Wear light colored clothes to make ticks easier to spot.
- Long sleeves and long pants when weather permits.
- Tick Repellent like DEET, Picaridin, or Permethrin. Essential Oils like Cedar have short term effects.
- Pets. Apply prevention to your dogs, cats, etc. Ex. Nexguard, Bravecto, Frontline Plus

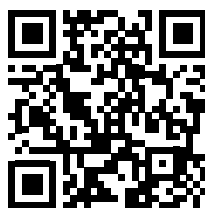
HOW TO REMOVE A TICK

- Using tweezers, grasp tick close to skin. No pinching tight.
- Pull the tick up with steady pressure. No twisting.
- Wash bite site (and hands) with soapy water.
- Place tick between two pieces of tape and throw in trash.
- Send photo of tick to TickSpotters to help in identification.



NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT REMINDS MEMBERS TO RENEW LICENSES

The Natural Resources Department would like to remind all community members that Hunting, Fishing, Gathering, and Trapping licenses will expire on April 1. To continue enjoying these activities without interruption, members are encouraged to request their 2026–2027 renewal sticker as soon as possible. For the fastest and most convenient service, licenses can be renewed online by visiting: <https://hunt.gtbindians.org/> or by scanning the department's QR code with a smartphone and following the prompts in the online portal. Members may also contact the Natural Resources Department directly by phone or email for assistance with renewals.



IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please ensure your contact information is updated directly with the Natural Resources Department. Because departmental systems operate independently, updates made through other GTB departments will not be reflected in Natural Resources records.

For questions or assistance, contact: NRD@gtb-nsn.gov | 231-534-7500

**GTB 2026
ELK AND BEAR
LOTTERY
APPLICATION**

**APPLICATION PERIOD -
MAY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 2, 2025**

NATURAL RESOURCES

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO MANAGE INVASIVE MUSSELS AND SUPPORT LAKE WHITEFISH IN THE GREAT LAKES

Article & Photo Provided by Chris Hessel, GTB's Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist



Across the Great Lakes, partners are working together through the Invasive Mussel Collaborative (IMC), a broad network of researchers and resource managers representing federal, state, and Tribal agencies. The group is focused on improving understanding of—and responses to—the impacts of invasive mussels.

reflects community concerns about potential impacts on round gobies—a key food source for lake trout—as well as the relatively low number of lake whitefish currently using the habitat. These ongoing conversations continue to guide the project in a way that respects both ecological priorities and community perspectives.

In 2025, smaller-scale efforts continued at Good Harbor Reef to identify effective, community-supported approaches for mussel control. These efforts included testing 13-by-13-yard mats made from both vinyl and untreated canvas—an option explored in response to concerns about plastic use—as well as 4–5 day carbon dioxide treatments designed to weaken mussels beneath 6-by-20-yard vinyl mats.

Researchers monitored responses from mussels, invertebrates, algae, and fish such as round gobies immediately after treatment and in the weeks that followed. Monitoring will continue into 2026. Insights from this work will help inform future projects in Thunder Bay and, eventually, a larger-scale effort in Big Bay de Noc. Together, these efforts aim to support lake whitefish reproduction while also considering the health of the broader ecosystem.

More information is available at: <https://www.glc.org/work/swim>

One initiative within this collaboration is the Spawning Whitefish Invasive Mussels (SWIM) project, which examines how invasive mussels may be affecting lake whitefish spawning habitat. A portion of this work is taking place along Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore at Good Harbor Reef, a large 3,000-acre rocky shoal historically known as Red's Shoals.

Following extensive discussions over the past year with the Grand Traverse Band's Natural Resources and Environmental Committee, a joint decision was made not to move forward with the originally proposed large-scale mussel control effort at the reef. This decision

Recycling Myths

- ⊗ **You can recycle anything**
Tossing the wrong items in your recycling increases costs, slows down processing, and creates safety risks for workers. When in doubt, throw away.
- ⊗ **Pizza boxes and food residue are fine to recycle**
Food and liquid leftovers on materials can damage equipment. If you can tell what food item was in the container, throw it out.
- ⊗ **The recycling symbol means an item can be recycled at a facility**
Different plastics and materials have unique chemical compositions, and not all of them are processed the same way. Always confirm with your local facility.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PROGRAM
COURTNEY HESSELL
231-534-7379**

Recycling Truths

- ⊙ **Education makes recycling more effective**
Understanding what your local facility accepts and how they process materials reduces contamination and increases the success of recycling programs.
- ⊙ **Containers don't need to be squeaky clean in order to be recycled.**
Containers do not need to be spotless. A little grime is okay, but big messes are not.
- ⊙ **Non-recyclable items may still be reusable**
Even if something cannot go in the recycling bin, it might still have value.

AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

IMPORTANT UPDATE: PLANT GIVEAWAY DATE CHANGE

The GTB Agriculture Department would like to share an important update to the 2026 Plant and Seed Giveaway date. This notice is a reminder and final update ahead of the event.

The Plant and Seed Giveaway was previously scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2026, but has now been **moved to Thursday, May 28, 2026, from 3:00–6:00 PM** at the Peshawbestown Pow Wow Grounds Pavilion.

The date change was made to avoid conflict with GTB Sovereignty Day (formerly Federal Recognition Day), which is observed on May 26.

Plants will also be available for pickup on May 28 at the 3-Mile Office, Benzie Office, and Charlevoix Office for those unable to attend the main distribution site.

This event remains open to all GTB Tribal Members and GTB Employees. Each participant may receive 12 small plants, 2 large plants, a selection of seeds, and—returning for its third year—GTB-produced compost for home gardening. The total value of items provided per participant is approximately \$40.

The Agriculture Department has hosted this annual Plant and Seed Giveaway since 2019 as part of its ongoing efforts to support food sovereignty, home gardening, and community wellness. Last year, more than \$2,500 in plants, seeds, and compost were distributed to the community.

We appreciate everyone's understanding of the date change and look forward to seeing the community on May 28th.

GTB VEGETABLE PLANT GIVEAWAY

OPEN TO ALL GTB TRIBAL MEMBERS & EMPLOYEES

POWWOW GROUNDS PAVILION
THURSDAY, MAY 28TH | 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

SATELLITE OFFICE PICK-UP:
THURSDAY, MAY 28TH

12 SMALLER PLANTS, 2 LARGER PLANTS, AND A SELECTION OF SEEDS AND COMPOST IS AVAILABLE FOR EACH PARTICIPANT!

QUESTIONS
CONTACT WILLIAM DEROUIN
☎ (231) 534-7023
✉ WILLIAM.DEROUIN@GTB-NSN.GOV

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

SERVICES & SUPPORT FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) Housing Department is dedicated to helping Tribal Members secure safe, affordable, and stable housing. Whether you are renting, seeking homeownership, managing accessibility needs, or improving financial wellness. GTB Housing offers many programs to support individuals, families, Elders, and those in transition. Below is a full overview of available services, with direct links to applications and forms for easy access.

RENTAL SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE

NAHASDA Rental Subsidy Program

This program helps eligible GTB Tribal Members reduce their monthly rent payment. The subsidy is paid directly to the landlord — providing essential financial relief for families, Elders, and individuals working toward long-term stability. Application (PDF): [NAHASDA Rental Subsidy Application](#)



HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE

Emergency Home Repair Program

This program provides assistance when urgent home repairs are needed to keep a home safe and livable. Examples include critical plumbing, heating, roofing, or structural repairs — especially for Tribal homeowners who might otherwise struggle to cover these costs. Application (PDF): [Emergency Home Repair Application](#)



HOW TO GET STARTED

The GTB Housing Department is here to guide Tribal Members through every step of the housing process — from completing applications to understanding program eligibility and accessing additional support services. Our knowledgeable staff can answer questions, help you gather necessary documents, and make sure you're connected to the right program for your needs.

Main Office Location:

11244 Ki-Dah-Keh Mi-Kun, Peshawbestown, MI 49682

Stop by to speak with a Housing Department staff member in person, review program materials, or pick up forms.

Main Phone Line: (231) 534-7800

Call the main number for general inquiries about any housing program or service offered by the GTB Housing Department.

Direct contacts can be found below!

Housing Assistance for Low-Income & Market Rental Units

GTB Housing offers two pathways for rental assistance:

- ◆ Low-Income Housing Units, with rent based on income and household size.
- ◆ Market-Rate Rental Units, for Tribal Members who may not qualify as low-income but still want housing options through GTB.

This ensures that Tribal Members have a range of safe and affordable housing choices. Application (PDF): [Housing Application & Assistance for Low-Income and Market Rental](#)



Down Payment Assistance Program

If you're working toward homeownership, this program provides financial help toward a required down payment — making owning a home more attainable. Eligible properties may include mobile, manufactured, modular, single- or double-wide homes, depending on program guidelines. Application (PDF): [Down Payment Application](#)



ADDITIONAL SERVICES & SUPPORTS

Beyond direct housing applications, the GTB Housing Department also offers supportive services to help you on your housing journey:

- ◆ Notary services for housing-related documents.
- ◆ Homebuyer education classes, to prepare for responsible homeownership.
- ◆ Budget counseling and financial education — helping you manage rent, mortgages, and expenses more effectively.
- ◆ Access to additional resources and applications, including:
 1. Home insurance information
 2. Well and septic system applications
 3. Lot Assignment Request Application
 4. Tax-exempt status application
 5. Human Services applications when needed

For a complete list of forms and to download any application visit the GTB Housing Department's webpage: https://www.gtbindians.org/housing_dept.asp



ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORT Handicap Accessibility Program

For Tribal Members with disabilities or mobility limitations: this program assists with home modifications that improve accessibility and safety — such as ramps, wider doorways, accessible bathrooms, and other necessary adjustments so you can live comfortably in your own home. Application (PDF): [Handicap Accessibility](#)



CONTACT HOUSING

After Hours Emergency Hot Line	(231) 866-1290
Lori Dudley - Administrative Assistant & Front Desk	(231) 534-7800
Joe Kaubenaw - Lead Occupancy Specialist & GTB Rental Info/ Down Payment/Homebuyer Education	(231) 534-7803 (231) 883-1328
Danielle Chippewa - Occupancy Specialist (NAHASDA)	(231) 534-7385
Manny Menchaca - Maintenance Supervisor	(231) 534-7448 (231) 631-4594
Tarik Bouguettaya - Emergency Home Repair & Handicap Accessibility Program	(231) 534-7886
Steven Alberts - Program Director Procurement Coordinator	(231) 534-7804 (231) 360-3478
Lilyan Allard - Assistant Manager	(231) 534-7804
Jodi Lewis - Interim Department Manager	(231) 534-7218 (231) 357-2185

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

PROTECTING YOUR PEACE OF MIND: THE IMPORTANCE OF RENTERS INSURANCE

As the rental market continues to grow, many tenants are enjoying the benefits of renting—such as flexibility, freedom from property taxes, and reduced maintenance responsibilities. However, one crucial aspect often gets overlooked: renters insurance. Surprisingly, only about 57% of renters in the U.S. hold renters insurance, compared to a staggering 95% of homeowners with homeowners insurance. This discrepancy raises important questions about the understanding of renters insurance and its affordability.

HERE ARE THE TOP FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER GETTING RENTERS INSURANCE:

1. Protection for Your Personal Belongings

Many believe that their landlord’s insurance covers personal property, but this is a misconception. Landlord policies typically protect only the building itself, leaving tenants vulnerable. Renters insurance protects your valuables against common risks such as fire, theft, and water damage. In the event of theft or disaster, having renters insurance can ease the financial burden of replacing essential items, from electronics to furniture.

2. Liability Coverage for Peace of Mind

Accidents can happen anywhere, and your home is no exception. If a guest injures themselves while visiting, you could be held responsible. Renters insurance usually includes liability coverage, which can cover medical expenses for injuries to others and associated legal fees. For example, if you inadvertently cause damage to a neighbor's unit, renters insurance would help cover the costs, allowing you to avoid significant out-of-pocket expenses.

3. Support During Temporary Displacement

What happens if your rental becomes uninhabitable due to a disaster? Renters insurance can provide loss of use coverage, helping cover hotel stays, meals, and transportation costs while you find temporary accommodation. This feature ensures that a disaster doesn’t leave you scrambling for solutions.

4. Affordability You Might Not Expect

A common myth surrounding renters insurance is that it’s pricey. In reality, it is one of the most economical forms of insurance available. The cost varies based on coverage amount, location, and deductible; however, it can typically be obtained for less than the price of a daily coffee habit. For instance, First State Insurance offers bundled discounts on auto and renters insurance, maximizing coverage without stressing your budget.

5. Peace of Mind in an Unpredictable World

Life is full of surprises, from natural disasters to accidents. Renters insurance offers a financial buffer against unforeseen events, allowing you to focus on recovery instead of financial woes. Whether it’s a leaky pipe or a forced evacuation due to wildfire, having coverage means you can tackle life's challenges head-on.

Need Assistance?

If you're still unsure about renters insurance and what it can do for you, don’t hesitate to reach out. Contact your local insurance branch for guidance on finding the right policy to fit your needs and ensure you’re protected.

Get ahead—consider renters insurance and safeguard your lifestyle today!

DISPOSABLE WIPES: A HIDDEN THREAT TO YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM



In recent years, disposable wipes have surged in popularity, marketed as convenient cleaning solutions for everything from personal hygiene to household cleaning. However, experts are sounding the alarm on the potential dangers these products pose to septic systems.

Unlike regular toilet paper, which is designed to break down easily in water, most disposable wipes do not disintegrate or dissolve. Their sturdy materials, often made from synthetic fibers, make them resistant to the very process that keeps septic systems functioning properly. As a result, flushing these wipes can lead to severe clogging, backup, and costly repairs.

Septic systems rely on a careful balance of bacteria to break down waste and maintain proper flow. When wipes enter the system, they can disrupt this balance, forming clogs in the pipes and causing the system to back up. This not only poses a risk for homeowners but also for the environment, as overflows can lead to contamination of local water sources and soil.

There has been an increasing number of service calls related to wipe-related clogs, reflecting a troubling trend. Backup issues caused by flushing wipes are entirely preventable, emphasizing the importance of being mindful of what gets flushed.

Consumers are advised to dispose of wipes in the trash instead of the toilet. Many brands market their products as "flushable," but these claims can be misleading. Even disposable wipes labeled as flushable do not break down in the same manner as toilet paper and can significantly increase the risk of plumbing issues.

Environmental advocates are raising awareness about the impact of disposable wipes on septic systems and municipal sewage treatment facilities. These wipes can cause significant operational challenges at treatment plants, leading to higher maintenance costs and environmental hazards.

Homeowners can take proactive steps to protect their septic systems. Regular maintenance, including pumping the tank every three to five years, can help mitigate issues. Educating family members about what can and cannot be flushed is crucial in preventing accidental clogs.

In conclusion, while disposable wipes may offer convenience, their long-term effects on septic systems can lead to costly and inconvenient consequences. Homeowners are encouraged to dispose of wipes responsibly and remain vigilant in protecting their septic systems. The health of your septic system—and the environment—depends on it.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Emergency Preparedness: Small Steps That Save Lives

In Northern Michigan, changing weather, rural response times, and seasonal hazards make emergency preparedness more than just a good idea, it’s a responsibility. Whether it’s a winter storm knocking out power, a fast-moving wildfire, or a medical emergency, being ready ahead of time can make all the difference for you and your family.

Start with the basics. Every household should have an emergency kit with enough supplies to last at least 72 hours. This includes water (one gallon per person per day), non-perishable food, medications, flashlights, batteries, a first aid kit, and a way to receive emergency alerts. In our area, where storms can isolate homes quickly, consider adding blankets, extra clothing, and a backup heat source plan.

Equally important is having a plan. Families should discuss how they will communicate if separated, where they will meet, and how they will evacuate if necessary. Make sure everyone knows how to call 911, understands basic safety procedures, and can access important contact information.

Don’t overlook simple safety measures. Check smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries as needed. Ensure fire extinguishers are accessible and charged. If you rely on generators, use them safely never indoors or in attached garages.

Preparedness isn’t about fear, it’s about control. When an emergency happens, those who are ready can act quickly, protect their loved ones, and support their neighbors.

Take a few minutes today to prepare. It’s time well spent and it could save a life.

If you would like more information on emergency preparedness, please visit MIREADY at <https://www.michigan.gov/miready>



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Government Operations

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

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

Automotive Clerk (FT)
 High School diploma or GED required. Min. one (1) year of administrative, clerical, or customer service experience. Working knowledge of automotive service operations, vehicle systems, or repair environments preferred. Ability to read, understand, and communicate basic automotive repair terminology. Proficiency with computers and office software applications. Valid, unrestricted Michigan Driver's License and ability to be insured under the GTB insurance carrier -\$17.29/hr. - until filled

Automotive Technician I (FT)
 High School Diploma or GED. Must have at least 2 years of automobile repair experience. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$18.55/hr. - until filled

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. -\$57,729-87,482/yr. - until filled

Central Patient Registration (FT)
 High School diploma or GED certificate. Must have at least one year of experience in an office or medical setting with database development and management. Must understand medical terminology. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must

have great Customer Service. -\$DOE - until filled

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

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. -\$16.55/hr. - until filled

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

EHS/HS Bus & Classroom Aide (PT)
 Must have High School diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with children and adults in an appropriate manner. Must be willing to obtain a CPR/First Aid certification. Ability to observe and evaluate children in a non-biased manner. Must be willing to and as well as obtain a CDA within first two years of hire. -\$16.55/hr. - until filled

EHS/HS Bus Driver (PT)
 High School diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with children & adults in an appropriate manner. Must have First 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

Housing Maintenance II (FT)
 Must have a High school diploma or GED. Be certified in an area related to maintenance or

building trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical or HVAC or have demonstrated experience/knowledge in one or more areas. Five years' experience in residential unit maintenance. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$21.75/hr. - until filled

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

Infrastructure Director (FT)
 Bachelor's degree in Facilities Management, Construction Management, Engineering, Public Works, Public Administration, or a closely related field. Min. five (5) years of supervisory or management experience in infrastructure, facilities, public works, fleet, or utility operations. Demonstrated experience coordinating multiple technical trades or service departments under a unified operational plan. Knowledge of safety, environmental, and operational regulatory requirements applicable to infrastructure systems. Valid, unrestricted Michigan driver's license and ability to be insured under GTB's insurance carrier. -\$DOE - until filled

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

Learning and Development Specialist (FT)
 Bachelor's degree in Education, Human Resources, Organizational Development, or related field required; Master's degree preferred. Three (3) to five (5) years of experience in training, adult learning, or organizational development. Proven ability to design, facilitate, and evaluate effective training programs. Strong presentation and verbal/written communication skills. Proficiency with learning management systems (LMS) and e learning technology. Knowledge of adult learning theory, instructional design, and performance improvement. Valid driver's license and acceptable driving record.. -\$43,750 - 73,062/yr. - until filled

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

Medical Director/Physician (FT)
 Must have an active State of Michigan Physician License, State of Michigan Controlled Substance License, and Federal DEA License, with Board Certification in Family Practice. Must have Community Staff Privileges at Munson Medical Center or obtain

within a reasonable time. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE - until filled

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

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

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

PRC Manager/PD (FT)
 Bachelor's Degree in Health Administration or equivalent education and experience. Minimum of and Associates Degree and five (5) years of experience in Purchased Referred Care. Minimum of five (5) years of experience with Health Database and Financial budget management skills. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$21.75/hr. - until 5.4.2026

Peer Recovery Coach/Peer Support Specialist (FT)
 High School graduate or equivalent required. A min. of one year experience of proven experience as a Peer or Recovery Coach required. A minimum of one year experience working in a drug treatment environment or with substance use disorders required. Must be currently certified and maintain requirements as a State and/or National Peer or Recovery Coach. Knowledge of substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders required. Knowledge of the principles, philosophies, practices, and procedures involved at inpatient and outpatient drug treatment facilities is required. Successful in own recovery for a minimum of three years and have a proven ability to share experience and knowledge with others required. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$21.75/hr. - until 5.4.2026

Registered Nurse (FT)
 Bachelor's Degree in the Registered Nurse Program, with a current State of Michigan RN License. Three to five years of nursing experience in a family clinic setting. Must have current BLS Certification. Must have a valid unrestricted

driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$63,318/yr. - until filled.

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

Student Support Advisor- 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

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

Teacher (FT)
 Must have a Bachelor's Degree and a valid Michigan Secondary Teaching Certificate. Must have one year minimum of teaching experience working with students. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must be able to attain and have a valid Chauffeur driver license. Must be able to attain and maintain current CPR/First Aid certification. -\$43,750.00/yr. - until filled

Government Operations RFP

RFP - Cultural Instructor
 GTB is requesting proposals from Cultural Instructors with focused or diverse media who is interested in providing cultural-related classes for our Community. This contract will continue with 90-day notice of RFP process commencing for due diligence. -\$RFP - until 5.16.2026

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 - Powwow Dance Instructor
 GTB is requesting proposals from Powwow Dance Instructors with focused or diverse experience with the various dance categories who is interested in providing powwow dance classes for our Community. This contract will continue with 90-day notice of RFP process commencing for due diligence. -\$RFP - until 5.16.2026

RFP - 2026 Personal Trainer
 The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB, Grand Traverse Band) is requesting bid proposals

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from companies or adult individual/s for a Certified Personal Trainer at the Strongheart Civic Center located in Leelanau County. -SRFP - 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. -SRFP - until filled

RFP - 2026 Yoga Instructor

GTB is requesting bid proposals from companies or adult individual/s for yoga instructor(s) for Leelanau county. -SRFP - until filled

120 Announcements

VACANCIES ON THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

(4) Open vacancies on the Compensation Committee

(2) Open Vacancies 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 2605 N West Bay Shore Dr. Peshawbestown, MI 49682

For the Tribal Chairwoman appointment to Attn.: Tribal Chairwoman's Office

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Matthew "Chief" Boyagian

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Grand Traverse Band - All Government Offices CLOSED

MONDAY, MAY 25TH & TUESDAY, MAY 26TH, 2026

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GTB Housing, GTB Owned Properties, & Tribal Trust Land ONLY!
 Carlson Road, Peshawbestown, Benzie, Antrim, Charlevoix, & Herkner Housing Property Maps (Pink & Yellow parcels) & Anti-Dumping Ordinance: bit.ly/GTB_FM

DATES

MAY 9TH

- Curbside Refuse pick-up is limited to a 10'x10' pile per address. Anything over that size pile WILL NOT BE PICKED UP and will be the responsibility of the resident / homeowner to dispose of and removed from curbside by May 12th, 2026
- Items that WILL NOT BE PICKED UP CURBSIDE: household garbage, concrete, bricks, commercial and residential construction material, batteries, liquid paint, gas, oil, pesticides, yard waste, and refrigerants. Tires without rims are acceptable (limit 4 per address)
- Once the truck comes through your area 7:00am – Noon, IT WILL NOT RETURN!
- DO NOT start refuse piles until May 2nd, 2026! This is mandated and enforced in accordance with GTB Tribal Code Chapter 11 – Anti-Dumping Ordinance.

MAY 12TH

- An additional day for Refuse clean-up will be offered by Drop-Off only in Peshawbestown. The drop-off site will be located across from Leelanau Sands Casino in the east parking lot. Drop-off site will open at 8:00am – 6:00pm. One drop-off load per address!
- The same refuse items not picked up curbside, are not eligible for drop off
- NO boxed trucks or enclosed trailers allowed to drop-off refuse
- You MUST reside on GTB Housing/GTB Owned Properties/Tribal Trust Land. Addresses will be confirmed from the list on-site.
- You MUST show valid ID's; GTB Tribal ID and Driver's License or State ID. ID's must match address from the list. Once verified, your signature is required.
- We ask for your patience upon arrival, wait in line, pull-up when motioned, stay in your vehicle since on-site workers will unload.

Questions:
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