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TRIBAL COUNCIL MOTIONS & MEETINGS

Tribal Council Special Session

February 2, 2024

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II. Unfinished Business. A- Authorization to Execute LIHTC #2 Closing Documents

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve Resolution #24-42.3637, by a Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Kewaygoshkum: **YES**
 Secretary Marshall: **YES**
 Treasurer Swallows: **YES**
 Councilor Rohl: **YES**
 Chairman Arroyo: **YES**
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Frankenberger, Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

II. Unfinished Business. B- Interlocal Agreement for Construction Code Services Limited Waiver Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve Resolution #24-42.3629, by a Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Kewaygoshkum: **YES**
 Secretary Marshall: **YES**
 Treasurer Swallows: **YES**
 Councilor Rohl: **YES**
 Chairman Arroyo: **YES**
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Frankenberger, Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

II. Unfinished Business. C- Judge Michael Long Extension Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to extend the contract for Judge Long until June 26, 2024, by a Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair Kewaygoshkum: **YES**
 Secretary Marshall: **YES**
 Treasurer Swallows: **YES**
 Councilor Rohl: **YES**
 Chairman Arroyo: **YES**
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Frankenberger, Napont); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

Tribal Council Regular Session

February 21, 2024

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Motion to reaffirm EDC Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Rohl to reaffirm the Motion made at the EDC Regular Session of February 19, 2024, in regards to working with the government on an issue brought up by Legal. **3-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 2-ABSTAINING (Kewaygoshkum, Swallows) Motion Carries**

NREC Motion Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Rohl to reaffirm the NREC Motion made at the NREC Regular Session of February 8, 2024 approving the disc golf course location change, pending an alteration to the map **3-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Frankenberger, Marshall); 1-ABSTAINING (Kewaygoshkum) Motion Carries**

II. New Business. A- Increase to Cornwell Architect Purchase Order

2023-4710 Change Order 2 Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve the attached Change Order in the amount of \$14,900 to the Cornwell Architects PO #2023-4710 for a new contract price of \$181,200. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Kewaygoshkum) Motion Carries**

II. New Business. B- 2024 Health Fair Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve the Vendor and Solicit Letter for the 2024 Health Fair. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Kewaygoshkum) Motion Carries**

II. New Business. C- Public Works Department- Business Manager Position Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to have EDC Management staff and Government staff work together to develop a contract to work towards where we see Fiber and the Public Works going. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Kewaygoshkum) Motion Carries**

II. New Business. D- Online Sports Book Revenue Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to exclude Fiscal Year 2022 online sports book revenue from the RAO. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Kewaygoshkum) Motion Carries**

II. New Business. E- PNC Bank Loan Agreement Amendment Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to approve Resolution #24-42.3641, by a Roll Call Vote:

Secretary Marshall: **YES**
 Treasurer Swallows: **YES**
 Councilor Rohl: **YES**
 Councilor Napont: **YES**
 Vice Chair Kewaygoshkum: **YES**
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Arroyo, Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

II. New Business. F- Natural Resources Department Manager This item was withdrawn from the agenda and added to TCSS 2/28/24

II. New Business. G- Letter of Support for Leelanau County Energy Futures Task Force Grant Application Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Rohl to affirm Chairman's signature on the letter. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Kewaygoshkum) Motion Carries**

II. New Business. H- BMIC Letter to President Biden regarding Bad River Band v Enbridge Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to have GTB be a signatory on the letter to President Biden affirming the Tribe's opposition to Line 5. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Kewaygoshkum) Motion Carries**

II. New Business. I- Letter of Support for Anishinaabe Friendship Project Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve a Letter of Support for the Anishinaabe Friendship Center. **4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Frankenberger); 1-ABSTAINING (Kewaygoshkum) Motion Carries**

TRIBAL COUNCIL HYBRID MEETINGS

Process

1. Registration Required for both sessions!
 - TCRS Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCRS24>
 - TCSS Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCSS24>

2. Once registered & cross-referenced with Membership, you will receive a confirmation email with link & password good for the entire series of registred meetings.

Questions or need assistance?

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS 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.

Both sessions will be held in Council Chambers.

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Regular Council Sessions
 3/20 • 4/17 • 5/15 • 6/19

Special Council Sessions
 3/27 • 4/24 • 5/29 • 6/26

We, the Tribal Council of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, a Sovereign Nation, honor to empower the wellbeing of our present and future members. Our ultimate goal is to advance our Nation into an era of increased governmental vigilance that promotes and protects our culture, sovereignty, health, education, treaty rights, natural resources and financial stability.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MOTIONS & ATTENDANCE

**Tribal Council Special Session
February 28, 2024
[http://bit.ly/GTB Member](http://bit.ly/GTB_Member)**

II. New Business. A- **FY 2024 CORA Subcontract for Administrative and Biological Services** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Kewaygoshkum to approve the attached 2024 Subcontract for Administrative and Biological Services with the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. B- **IMLS Native American Library Services Basic Grant** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall and Supported by Tribal Council Member Rohl to approve Resolution #24-42.3640 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$10,000 from The Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Native American Library Services Basic Grant. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. C- **Gary Sinise Foundation Grant** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #24-42.3638 giving permission to apply for grant. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. D- **Election Board Budget Modification** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve the increase to the Election Board budget for mailings in the amount of \$10,000.00. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. E- **Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA) Membership** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve Resolution #24-42.3644. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. F- **FY22 BIA- ISDEAA Section 105(I) Lease Agreement** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Kewaygoshkum to approve Fiscal Year 2022 BIA section 105(I) Lease Agreement for the Accounting Building. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. G- **FY23 BIA-ISDEAA Section 105(I) Lease Agreements** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Kewaygoshkum to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 BIA Section 105(I) Lease Agreements for the Annex, Admin, Court, NRD, Pow Wow, Medicine Lodge, and Accounting Buildings. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. H- **FY24 BIA-ISDEAA Section 105(I) Lease Agreements** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Kewaygoshkum to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 BIA Section 105(I)

Lease Agreements for the Annex, Admin, Court, NRD, Pow Wow, Medicine Lodge, and Accounting Buildings. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. I- **Natural Resources Department Manager** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall and Supported by Tribal Council Member Rohl for approval to update the Natural Resources Department Manager job description. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. J- **Head Start/Early Head Start** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall and Supported by Tribal Council Member Rohl to approve Resolution #24-42.3630 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$1,114,462 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Heat Start with a match of \$278,615. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. K- **Resolution of Intent to Access Section 50122 of IRA Funds for Tribes** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve Resolution #24-42.3645. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. L- **Affidavit in Opposition to Line 5** Motion made by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to approve the signature of Chairman Arroyo to the affidavit and

submission. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. M- **CTAS DOJ Coordinated Tribal Assistance (CTAS) PA 1** Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve Resolution #24-42.3643. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. N- **ITC Mental Health Delivery System for Native Americans** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to approve Resolution #24-42.3642 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$90,000 from MHDS Program Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Inc. for Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. O- **Rescind Resolution #23-41.3518** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marhsall to rescind Resolution #23-41.3518. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

II. New Business. P- **FY2025 Proposed Budget** Information only.

II. New Business. Q- **Second Amendment to Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions (Village at Grand Traverse)** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to authorize Chairman Arroyo to sign the second amendment. **6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
JANUARY 22ND, 2024 - FEBRUARY 28TH, 2024**

There was 4 Tribal Council Regular Session and 7 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 26 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables

Chairman Arroyo attended 3 of 4 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 1 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 14 of 26 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables **Scheduled:** Out of Office 2/19/2024 **Attended:** CORA meeting on 1/25/2024, Mino-bimaadiziwin Summit on 1/29/2024, Emkowaataagozijig 11 (Sharing Their Knowledge 11) Anishinaabemowin Winter Symposium on 2/1/2024, 2% Media Event on 2/2/2024, 2024 GTB Round Dance on 2/3 – 2/4/2024, ITCM Executive Director Interview on 2/13/2024, & United Tribes of Michigan meeting on 2/13/2024-2/15/2024

Vice Chair Kewaygoshkum attended 4 of 4 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 1 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 25 of 26 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Round Tables. **Scheduled:** Out of Office 2/8/2024 **Attended:** 2% Media Event on 2/2/2024 & CORA Meeting on 2/22/2024

Treasurer Swallows attended 4 of 4 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 1 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 23 of 26 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables. **Scheduled:** Out of Office 2/19/2024 **Attended:** Mino-bimaadiziwin Summit on 1/29/2024, 2% Media Event on 2/2/2024, & GTB Round Dance on 2/3 – 2/4/2024

Secretary Marshall attended 4 of 4 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 23 of 26 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables. **Attended:** Mino-bimaadiziwin Summit on 1/29/2024, 2% Media Event on 2/2/2024, & GTB Round Dance on 2/3 – 2/4/2024

Councilor Frankenberger attended 2 of 4 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 4 of 26 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables.

Councilor Napont attended 3 of 4 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 6 of 26 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables. **Scheduled:** Out of Office 1/22/2024 - 1/23/2024 **Attended:** CORA meeting on 1/25/2024

Councilor Rohl attended 3 of 4 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 2 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 23 of 28 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/EDC Board Round Tables. **Scheduled:** Out of Office 1/29/2024 - 2/2/2024 **Attended:** CORA meeting on 1/25/2024 & CORA meeting on 2/22/2024

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231-534-7821

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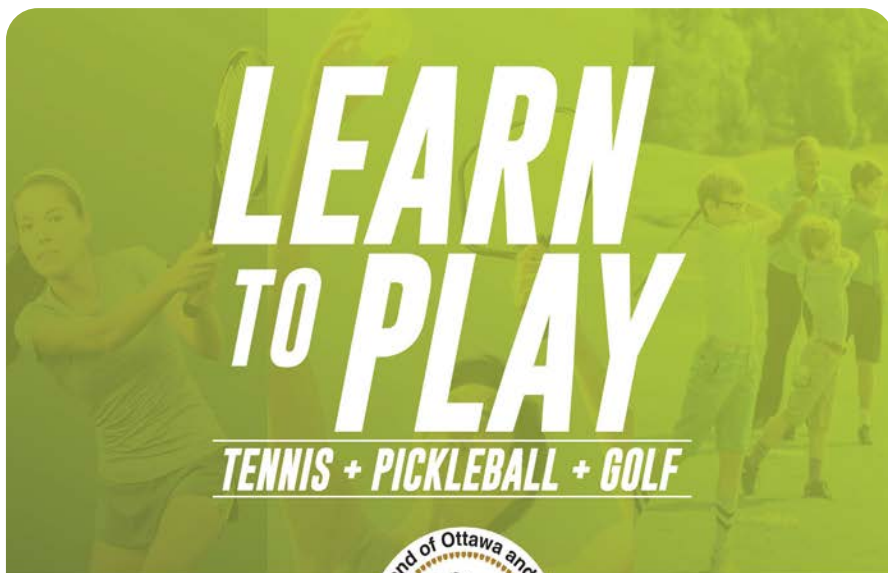
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- \$10 payment to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Make payment in person or over the phone by calling (231) 534-7622.
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- Follow all the steps mentioned above.
 - Take a photo at the Membership Office.
- First Tribal ID is FREE.
 - Tribal Members can receive a FREE Tribal ID by updating their address with a notarized Address Change Form.
 - Elders are eligible to receive one FREE Tribal ID per year!

If you have any questions, please contact the Membership Department at (231) 534-7101

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- State Court - Indian Child Welfare Act & Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act
- Tribal Court - evictions, child welfare matters, juvenile delinquency, garnishments, & criminal cases
- Treaty & Statutory Rights
- Religious & Cultural Rights
- Wills & Estate Matters
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IF WE CANNOT HELP

MILS cannot help with all legal issues. MILS is a partner in a comprehensive network of legal resources. These partner programs empower Michigan residents with confidence and knowledge to address legal challenges.

For many Michigan law issues, MichiganLegalHelp.org can help you with your legal problem by providing forms and educational materials.

In addition, regional legal aid programs can potentially help low-income individuals. Call 888-783-8190 for the southern half of the state. Please visit www.lsnm.org to find the correct office to call for the northern half of the state.

For those who do not qualify for legal aid, the State Bar of Michigan offers a modest-means program at s.michbar.org/LRS-info/Modest-Means-Program and a low cost referral program at (800) 968-0738.

Primary Funding Sources:



Elder's Advisory Organization Mission Statement

The Elder's Advisory Organization is organized exclusively for the charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code. The principal service provided by the Elder's Advisory Organization is to facilitate communication of Native American Elder's health, safety and welfare issues. The Elder's Advisory Organization will also facilitate communication of Native American cultural, spiritual and identity issues. To advance the purpose and principle services of the Elder's Advisory Organization, the organization may hold social and recreational activities in addition to regular and special meetings.



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Interested in being a delegate or alternate for the MIEA?

Send a letter of interest to Amanda Golden:

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Questions, please contact "Dee" Wonegeshik (231) 534-7748



Membership Guidelines

- All individuals must be 55 years or older.
- Must reside in the Grand Traverse Band six-county service area.
- Pay membership fee of \$10 annually from June 1 - June 30.
- Tribally Recognized as defined in the Elders Advisory Organization By-Laws Article III - Membership



Travel Guidelines

- \$10 annual Membership due paid.
- Must attend three (3) Elder's Advisory Organization monthly meetings annually.
- Must volunteer at three (3) Elder's Advisory Organization hosted activity. In lieu of volunteering, any member may donate a \$15 item or pay \$15 equivalent to three (3) hosted activities.
- Must sign-up by deadline.
- An activity fee may be set by the Board of Directors.
- Cancellations will be on an emergency basis only. Failure to comply with this guideline will forfeit participation in future travel.



Emergency Assistance

Provides supportive services for the well-being of its membership over the age of 55 years and older living in the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians six county service area.

Emergency assistance is available on a first come, first serve basis with a maximum of \$200 per member/household as funding is available.

- Energy/Utility - electric, heat, water and sewer.
- Health & Medical - humidifiers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, fans, heaters, grab bars, etc., this list is not all inclusive.
- Home Maintenance - Snow removal, lawn moving, and pest control.
- Total Loss Due To Fire - up to \$300
- Emergency Medical - up to \$300
- House Flood - up to \$300
- Other, please explain on application

For more information or an application, please contact your Elder's Advisory Organization Liaison - Linda Green



Membership Meetings

- Regular Monthly meetings are held the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month at the GTB Traverse City Office 845 Business Park Drive, Traverse City unless otherwise specified.
- Annual Membership meeting is held the second (2nd) Tuesday of June.



Bereavement Benefit

\$100 bereavement allowance is available for financial support to the surviving spouse or cohabitant of the deceased.

**Antrim/GT Elders
Events & Activities**

**Benzie Elders
Events & Activities**

**Charlevoix Elders
Events & Activities**

**Leelanau Elders
Events & Activities**

**Monday's & Friday's
Office Tasks
8AM - 5PM
*Lunch Provided**

**Every Wednesday
Steven Alberts, Elders
Assistant will assist with
Elders' paperwork
8AM - 5PM**

**Monday's
Office Tasks
8AM - 5PM
*Lunch Provided**

**Monday's
Meal Delivey
1PM**

Tuesday; March 5th
Craft Day
11:30AM - 3:00PM*

**Agnes Glinski, Benzie Office
Manager will be available
to assist Elders with
paperwork.**

Tuesday; March 12th
Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile
10:00AM - 4:00PM*

**Friday's
Office Tasks
8AM - 5PM
*Lunch Provided**

Tuesday; March 5th
TC Store Run
9:15AM

Wednesday; March 6th
Open Activity
11:30AM - 3:00PM*

Thursday; March 14th
ST. Patrick Day Party
(All Sites) @ Strongheart
11:00AM - 3:00PM*

Wednesday; March 13th
Chair Exercising
1:30PM

Wednesday; March 6th
Game Day/Board games
@Elders Complex
1:00PM

Thursday; March 7th
Puzzle
11:30AM - 3:00PM*

**Signup & transportation
DEADLINE:**

Thursday; March 14th
ST. Patrick Day Party
(All Sites) @ Strongheart
11:00AM - 3:00PM*

Thursday; March 7th
Bargain Store
9:15AM

Tuesday; March 12th
Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile
10:00AM - 4:00PM*

**End of Business Day
March 11, 2024**

Friday; March 15th
Walk & Talk In Gym
1:30PM

Tuesday; March 12th
Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile
10:00AM - 4:00PM*

****Must have 3 confirmed
passengers for transportation
to the party****

Wednesday; March 13th
Estate Planning
11:30AM - 3:00PM*

**Charlevoix Elders
Events & Activities**

**Monday's
Office Tasks
8AM - 5PM
*Lunch Provided**

Tuesday; March 19th
CVX Pool Ride
9:00AM
Craft Time
1:30PM

Wednesday; March 13th
Swimming
@Northport
11:30AM

Thursday; March 14th
ST. Patrick Day Party
(All Sites) @ Strongheart
11:00AM - 3:00PM*

Friday; March 1st
Walk & Talk In Gym
1:30PM

Thursday; March 14th
ST. Patrick Day Party
(All Sites) @ Strongheart
11:00AM - 3:00PM*

**Tuesday; March 19th
Through**

Monday; March 4th
FREE tax filing @ NMCAA
Call for a ride

Tuesday; March 19th
TC Movie Day
10:00AM
Lunch @ Cracker Barrel

Thursday; March 21st
OUT OF OFFICE
NO LUNCH/ ACTIVITIES
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Tuesday; March 5th
CVX Pool Ride
9:00AM
Craft Time
1:30PM

Wednesday; March 20th
TCRS
9:30AM
FREE tax filing
@ LSC Showroom
11:00AM

Tuesday; March 26th
Open Activity
11:30AM - 3:00PM*

Wednesday; March 6th
Bingo
12:00PM*

Tuesday; March 26th
Craft Time
1:30PM

Wednesday; March 27th
Craft Day
11:30AM - 3:00PM*

Thursday; March 7th
Popcorn & Movie
1:30PM

Wednesday; March 27th
Birthday Celebration
12:00PM*

Thursday; March 21st
FREE tax filing
@ LSC Showroom

Thursday; March 28th
Bingo
11:30AM - 3:00PM*

Friday; March 8th
Puzzle
1:30PM

Thursday; March 28th
Artesian Well
& Resale Shopping
11:00AM

Tuesday; March 26th
Craft Day
(Bring a Project)
1:00PM

Friday; March 29th
Walk & Talk In Gym
1:30PM

Wednesday; March 27th
Office Day
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Monday; April 1st
Foot Clinic - TBA
Manicures - UPON REQUEST

Thursday; March 28th
Bingo @ LSC
1:00PM

**Interested in attending an activity/event or
need a ride to the activity or event?**

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ELDERS SITE COORDINATOR

SIGN UP REQUIRED!

Mino-Dibishkaan! Happy Birthday!

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

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

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

Delores Wonegeshik - Manager (📞)
Office: (231) 534-7748 Cell: (231) 631-3908
Steven Alberts - Elders Assistant
Office: (231) 534-7746 Cell: (231) 463-1791

GTB ELDERS ALL SITE ST. PATRICKS DAY PARTY..

Wenesh pii (when): March 14th
Aapiish (where): Strongheart, Peshawbestown
Eso dabaagnek (time): 11:00-3:00

Bring your Water bottle
Lunch, dessert, drinks provided
Games and door prizes...

Contact your Elders coordinator for more information.
Antrim/GT: Tanya Tanner 231-534-7710
Benzie/Manistee: Agnes Gliński 231-534-7824
Charlevoix: Barb Kenwabikise 231-534-7066
Leelanau: Greg Bailey 231-534-7740/Melissa Martinez 231-534-7743



Staff	Office	Cell	Site
Tanya Tanner	(231) 534-7710	(231) 463-7858	GT/Antrim
Vacant Position	Vacant	Vacant	GT/Antrim
Robbin Raphael	(231) 534-7824	(231) 492-4352	Benzie/Manistee
Barbara Kenwabikise	(231) 534-7066	(231) 631-0281	Charlevoix
Greg Bailey	(231) 534-7740	(231) 492-4976	Leelanau
Melissa Martinez	(231) 534-7743	(231) 631-6095	Leelanau



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Youth Services presents

SPRING BREAK MOVIE COUPONS

OPEN TO GTB YOUTH LIVING WITHIN THE SIX COUNTY SERVICE AREA



MUST SIGN UP USING LINK OR QR CODE
<https://bit.ly/3SZg3Qs>

MARCH 17 SIGN UP DEADLINE

TICKET PICK UP DATES/TIMES:

M-22	3-MILE
MARCH 20	MARCH 21
12PM-4:30PM	12PM-4:30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
LEILANI DEFOE 231-631-9900 DELIA SHAWANDASE 231-463-5176



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Youth Services presents

YOUTH & FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

MARCH 25

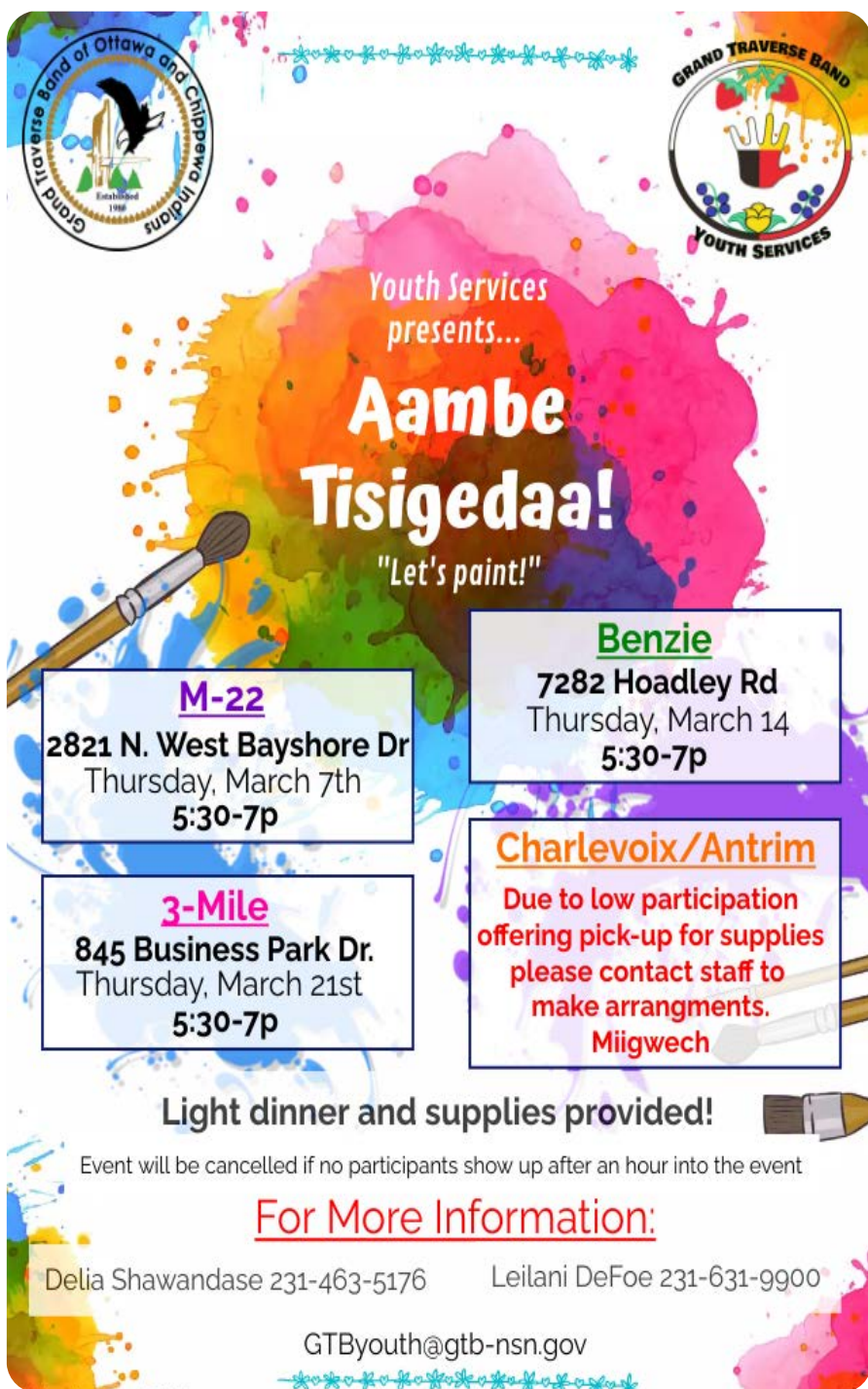
3-Mile Community Room
845 Business Park Dr, Traverse City, MI

5pm-7pm

light dinner provided

Event will be cancelled if no participants show up after an hour into the event

For More Information:
Delia Shawandase 231-463-5176 Leilani DeFoe 231-631-9900
gtbyouth@gtb-nsn.gov



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Youth Services presents...

Aambe Tisigedaa!

"Let's paint!"

M-22 2821 N. West Bayshore Dr Thursday, March 7th 5:30-7p	Benzie 7282 Hoadley Rd Thursday, March 14 5:30-7p
3-Mile 845 Business Park Dr. Thursday, March 21st 5:30-7p	Charlevoix/Antrim Due to low participation offering pick-up for supplies please contact staff to make arrangements. Miigwech

Light dinner and supplies provided!

Event will be cancelled if no participants show up after an hour into the event

For More Information:
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Youth Services Presents

Aambe Kinomaadidaa

"Let's teach one another"

GTB families can come learn from one another in various projects/ workshops.

Open Project Nights

Tuesdays in March/April

Bring own supplies. (fabric, leather, beads etc.)

4:00-7:00pm

M22 Youth Building

Limited Sewing Machines/Supplies.

****USE OF CENTER FABRICS/LEATHERS IS LIMITED****

Have any unfinished projects?

More information contact:
Delia Shawandase 231.534.7230
GTByouth@gtb-nsn.gov

Subject to change
2821 N West Bay Shore



Visit Interlochen Arts Academy March 8 or April 26

Students from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in grades 8-12 are invited to join us for an inside look into attending Interlochen Arts Academy. The visit includes an overnight stay in the guest artist wing of the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow House, a campus tour, class visitations, exhibitions, and performances. All meals are provided.



Limited space available
Register Today!

interlochen.org/academy

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_uNPVpPpbKAjpr_WdsD3S1ITCaGbe04zeM1Z6xozH9Tuzg/viewform

All events are free and open to the Native American and Non-Native public. They promote Anishinabek culture, the musical arts, and health through Yane 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

HERITAGE LIBRARY PRESENTS

Spring EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

30-Minute Guitar, Piano, and Voice lessons by appointment. Zoom Lessons Available. The Heritage Library has 3 electric keyboards/pianos, 3 children sized classical guitars, and 3 full sized classical guitars to borrow for lessons.
First Come First Serve. Adults 10AM - 5PM & Children 3PM - 5PM.

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

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

Kids/Family Wing Chun Kung Fu Class: Every Saturday 11AM - 12:30PM

Kids/Family Wing Chun Kung Fu Class this winter at the Heritage Library. Come learn the ancient martial art of Kung Fu. No special clothes needed-just loose, comfortable clothing.

Cutting Board Workshop: 5PM - 7PM @ Various Sites

Come and learn how to make a Cutting Board at the Anishinaabek Makerspace. All materials provided. Space is limited. To secure a spot, RSVP with the Heritage Library.

Heritage Library: 3/6/24 3-Mile Office: 3/12/24 Benzie Office: 3/20/24 Charlevoix Office: 3/27/24



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



GTB BENODJENH CENTER IS HIRING!!

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

NEW COMPETITIVE WAGES!!!

**MONDAY - FRIDAY SCHEDULES ONLY!
NO WEEKENDS!!**

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

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

Limited Benefits for Part Time Employees: PTO

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

Youth Services, GTB Heritage Library presents....

E-gindaaso-jig (The Readers) CLUB

4pm-5:30pm

Recommended Reading Age 12+
All Welcome

March	April
• Monday, March 4	• Monday, April 8
• Monday, March 18	• Monday, April 22

Door Prizes and Incentives!!

optional: zoom read-alongs

- Monday, Mar. 11 at 5pm
- Monday, Apr. 15 at 5pm

Location
M-22 Youth Building
2821 N. West Bayshore Drive, Peshawbestown

Come read with us! We will be reading and discussing the book of your choosing from 3 pre-selected books.
Snacks and books provided!!

For more information:
Leilani DeFoe 231-631-9900 Delia Shawandase 231-463-5176
GTByouth@gtb-nsn.gov

JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

"EDUCATION IS NOT RECEIVED. IT IS ACHIEVED."

- ALBERT EINSTEIN



Catherine Crowley, e n d i i z n a a k a a z . Peshawbestown endojiba. I am the new Leelanau County Student Advisor for the Life Long Learning Program, Education Department. I was hired in January to provide academic support, resources and needs to all Grand Traverse Band tribal students that reside in Leelanau County and have enrolled with the program at the beginning of the school year.

Previously, I have worked in youth programs from the '90s and early 2000's. Programs like Tribal Strategies against Violence/Jr Tribal Council; Gitziim Tiigonanaga Koognowsowin—The Cradelboard Project, which provided wrap around services for families in crisis; and in Youth Services as a Youth Prevention Worker. Outside of the tribe, I worked for Saginaw Chippewa Tribe as a Home/School Worker; Grand Rapids Public Schools/ONAP as a prevention worker; and as an intern with MSU Child Care and Early Childhood Learning Center. I am looking forward to finishing out the school year with our students and parents as we work together to provide a successful, productive, and positive experience in their respective schools. I work with 5 public schools in the Leelanau County schools districts with most of our student population in Suttons Bay and Northport.

If you are interested in meeting with me or have any concerns regarding your child(s) education please feel free to contact me at (231) 534-5571, or stop in to see me at M-22 Building, call ahead and make an appointment and I will be happy to sit down and visit with you. Baa Maa Pii Ka Waabmiin

Robert Joseph Palmer, has been an educator and school leader for over 20 years. Robert taught at Eton Academy, a National Exemplary School in Birmingham, MI for students with learning differences and taught for six years and Royal Oak Alternative Education for 11 years where he co-founded the school. He has now founded three schools. Constantly encouraged for years, Palmer created The Raven Institute, offering five schools of personal and professional mastery, available throughout MI, nationwide, and internationally.



The teaching position at the Kitchi Minogining Tribal School involves serving the community at large with educational experiences and events. Robert looks forward to presenting events, showcasing his expertise as a Writing and Leadership/Team Building Coach.

Mr. Palmer looks forward to introducing himself at upcoming Meet and Greets and Community Education Events in March and April. (See below) Watch for details!

If you are interested in meeting with Mr. Palmer and obtaining information on how Kitchi Minogining Tribal School looks in your future, below is his contact information:

Kitchi Minogining Tribal School Teacher

Robert Palmer
(231) 534-7759

robert.palmer@gtb-nsn.gov
www.gtbindians.org/kmts.asp

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY **Michigan Indian Leadership Program**



July 14-19, 2024

Free One Week Pre-College Program for Native Youth in grades 7-11 at the time of application

Contact Information:
Stephanie Chau
Program Director
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Citizen
(517) 355-0234
chaus@msu.edu

Michigan Indian Leadership Program Participants will:

- Learn about College and the Admissions Process
- Experience Living like a College Student
- Participate in Cultural Workshops
- Explore Majors at Michigan State University
- Enjoy Social Activities
- Network with Native Faculty and Staff
- Prepare for the SAT
- Provide Input on Renaming the Program for 2025

• Application Deadline: April 15, 2024
• Application available for download on the website
• Sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at MSU



FOR MORE INFO SCAN the QR Code with your camera or https://www.canr.msu.edu/academics/pre_college/milp/index

Kitchi Minogining Tribal School



New Teacher / Community Educator



Upcoming Meet and Greets & Educational Events

<p>MEET / GREET</p> <p>March 7, 5PM - 7PM 3 Mile - Traverse City</p>	<p>WRITING EVENT</p> <p>March 19, 6:30PM - 8PM 3 Mile - Traverse City</p>
<p>MEET / GREET</p> <p>TBD Heritage Library - Peshawbestown</p>	<p>WRITING EVENT</p> <p>April 4, 6:30PM - 8PM Heritage Library - Peshawbestown</p>

Robert Palmer
Kitchi Minogining Tribal School
(231) 534-7759

Robert.Palmer@gtb-nsn.gov

HOUSING

ALL PROGRAMS BASED ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE Offered by GTB HOUSING

EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR

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

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SEPTIC PUMPOUT

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

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE PROGRAM

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

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DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE/ HOMEBUYER EDUCATION

- ✓ Available to Tribal Members purchasing a home within 6-county area
- ✓ Pathways Home Classes
- ✓ Limited to a One Time Use (lifetime)
- ✓ Cannot access the Emergency Home Repair for 5 years
- ✓ Qualified Tribal Member Households receive \$15,000
- ✓ Single wide trailers may receive up to 10% of the purchase price (Trailer must be 10 years old or newer)

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NAHASDA Rental Subsidy Assistance

Please note the differences in the programs

Eligibility for Rental Subsidy Assistance

A. To be eligible for rental assistance, applicants must meet all of the below conditions:

1. Be an enrolled Tribal member of the Grand Traverse Band;
2. Be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
3. Reside in one (1) of the following counties: Leelanau, Grand Traverse, Antrim, Charlevoix, Benzie, or Manistee;
4. Qualify as a low-income family, defined as a family whose income does not exceed 80% of the median income, as published annually by Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);

5. Live in a space that requires rental payment. For example; apartment, mobile home park, town house, etc. Rental assistance **will not be offered for assistance with mortgage payments, lot rent (of participant owned/mortgaged home) or when renting an individual room;**

6. Not be delinquent on their rent at the time assistance is offered;

B. The applicant is eligible to receive **up to** \$250.00 per month for rental assistance.

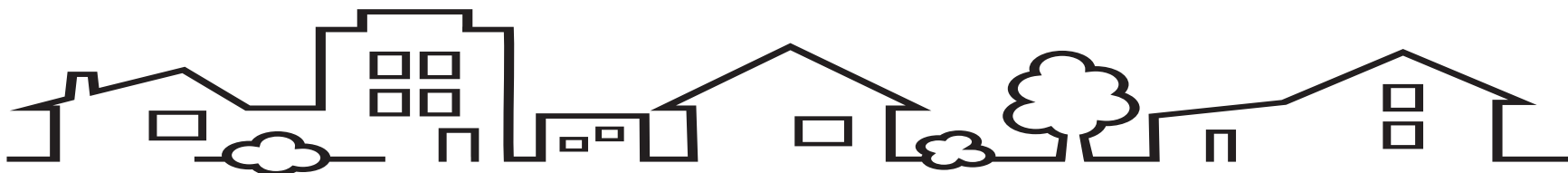
C. Rental assistance may be provided for a maximum of six months in a two-year period.

D. Applicants who receive benefits and become ineligible due to receiving the maximum six months of benefits are eligible to re-apply two (2) years after date of initial application.

E. An applicant may not receive rental assistance while receiving the benefit of any other form of housing subsidy for the same dwelling unit. (with the exception of the ARP supplemental assistance)

F. Applicants that owe monies to the Grand Traverse Band Housing Department are not eligible for Rental Subsidy Assistance until the balance is paid in full.

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CONTACT US

HOUSING TENANTS
After Hrs. Emergency Line
231-866-1290

Lori Dudley	Administrative Assistant	(231) 534-7800
Maxx Jacko	Occupancy Specialist	(231) 534-7447
Joe Kaubenaw	Occupancy Specialist – GTB rental info Down Payment Information/Homebuyer Education	(231) 534-7803
Emmett Marlow	Occupancy Specialist – GTB rental info	(231) 534-7802
Tarik Bouguettaya	Emergency Home Repair, Handicap Accessibility Program	(231) 534-7886
Nicki Basch	Department Manager	(231) 534-7449

www.gtbindians.org/housing_dept.asp

STRONGHEART CENTER
PRESENT

CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SKI CLUB



GTB Students Grades 4th -12th and their families joined us for FREE Introduction to CROSS COUNTRY SKIING in a Series of Clinics Offered by the Crystal Community Ski Club and the Strongheart Center. The FREE program included:

Introduction to XC Skiing- 2 hour session, Ski Equipment & Trail Pass, Professional Instruction, Hot Chocolate & Snacks.

March 2nd will conclude the cross country skiing for this season. Miigwech to all the students and families who too the opportunity to learn this new skill!

WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER



Andrea Emery, a long-time resident of this wonderful community. Having spent her entire life here, she has developed a deep appreciation for all that it has to offer. She is thrilled to have recently joined the team at the Strongheart Center, as it presents a fantastic opportunity for her to become even more engaged in the various local activities and events that make this place so special. She looks forward to contributing to the community and making a positive impact in her new role.

ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS CLASS

EVERY Wednesday

Starting February 14th
12pm - 1pm

No Dance Experience Required!
FREE to Tribal & Gym Members!
\$10 per Class for Non-Members

Zumba Certified Instructor:
Natalie Kohler

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

MARCH 9TH, 2024 **SATURDAY 9AM-2PM***
*APPROXIMATELY

1ST ANNUAL STRONGHEART BOYS Invitational

OPEN TO GRADES
3RD, 4TH, 5TH, & 6TH

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
NO CHARGE TO PARTICIPATE IN GAMES OR WATCH FROM THE BLEACHERS

PESHAWBESTOWN - STRONGHEART CENTER

2200 STRONGHEART WAY, PESHAWBESTOWN, MI

CONTACT:
ORGANIZER, JOE SYMONS (231) 360-9189
OFFICER TOM GEORGE JR. (231) 631-2310

STRONGHEART CENTER
(231) 534-7457

SEATED WORKOUT CLASS

STRONGHEART DANCE ROOM

Every Tuesday 1pm-2pm • Starting February 13th 2024

FREE for Tribal Members & Strongheart Gym Members • \$10/Class for Non-Members

Low intensity, full body workout for any fitness level.

This class is specifically designed for those who may have ankle, foot, knee or back problems, but anyone can benefit!

By focusing on the core, and upper body, the class helps develop and maintain increased flexibility, range of motion, and strength.

Led by Certified Personal Trainer and Corrective Exercise Specialist, Cheryl Send

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

TALKING CIRCLE

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

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

Questions, contact Scott

231-534-7247 or

scott.scholten@gtb-nsn.gov



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

ANISHINAABEK FAMILY SERVICES

Family Support Services:

Assessments, Resources, Referrals, Support, Planning, and Parenting Education

Child Protective Services:

Child Abuse or Neglect Investigations on Tribal Land

Foster Home Licensing:

Providing support and education to licensed foster homes

- ▶ **Community Resources, Education, and Referrals**
- ▶ **Family Intervention and Prevention Assistance**
- ▶ **Elder & Vulnerable Adult Intervention, Prevention, and Resources**

More information, please call Denise at 231-534-7124

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Psychiatric Telehealth Appointments

Traditional Healer Appointments

Sweat Lodge Ceremonies

Outpatient and Inpatient Treatment Referrals

Counseling Referrals and Resources

Weekly Zoom Peer Recovery Support Meetings

Prevention and Recovery Support and Events

More information, please contact Marion at 231-534-7090

HUMAN SERVICES

NEW FY24 Client Application Scan QR Code
NEW Rent and Mortgage
(One time assistance \$400/household/fiscal yr)

- Food Rescue (All community members - Mondays after 11am)*
- Food Pantry (application & appointment)*
- Food Assistance (application)
- Emergency Heat Assistance (application)
- Other Emergency Assistance (application) bit.ly/GTB_HSA_FY24
- Weatherization Items (application & while supplies last)



More information, please contact
Andrea 231-534-7910

Food Rescue & Pantry Located: lower level of Medicine Lodge

NENAANDAWE'IWEJIG TRADITIONAL HEALING

WITH
JOE SYRETTE

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



HEALING SESSIONS DATES & TIMES

APRIL
3rd & 4th - Traverse City
23rd* & 24th - Peshawbestown
*SWEAT on 23rd at 6:00 pm

MAY
7th & 8th - Benzie
21st* & 22nd - Peshawbestown
*SWEAT on 21st at 6:00 pm

JUNE
4th & 5th - Charlevoix
18th* & 19th - Peshawbestown
*SWEAT on 18th at 6:00 pm

PROTOCOLS

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

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

HEALING REQUESTS

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

CO-ED SWEATS

Co-Ed Sweat Jan. 24th, Feb. 20th, & March 19th at 6:00 pm in Peshawbestown.
Limited capacity, must pre-register at bit.ly/GTB_THH_APPT

Reserve Your Spot in Co-ed Sweat Today!

REGISTER FOR A SESSION OR SWEAT HERE



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

(231) 534-7090
bit.ly/GTB_BH
GOVBehavioralHealth@gtb-nsn.gov

2300 N. Stallman Road
Peshawbestown, MI 49682

NENAANDAWI'IWED TRADITIONAL HEALER

JOE SYRETTE

Joe Syrette is Anishinaabe Ojibwe from Rankin Reserve Batchewana First Nation located in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario Canada. Joe has been practicing traditional healing work for the past 21 years and illustrates traditional values, morals and teachings by living a clean and healthy lifestyle with his wife and daughters. Joe currently works with the Behavioral Health Department at the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Medicine Lodge as one of the Traditional Healers.

Growing up as a traditional shkaabewis "helper" Joe has learned to balance his spiritual and personal life while continuing to always remain humble with the knowledge he carries. He has spent his young and adolescent years learning how to live in duality between the modern world and traditional Anishinaabe world through fasting and attending ceremonies. He currently helps communities and other traditional people and healers when needed allowing his knowledge and traditional teachings to grow.

Spending a life time of listening and learning about himself as an Anishinaabe person, this has allowed him to value and respect all physical and spiritual beings and their protocols. He has had the opportunity of working alongside many respectful elders, and healers to which he has been given teachings and rights to helping his Anishnaabeg relatives with spiritual healing.

Today, Joe has dedicated his time and knowledge to teach and share with others about his cultural experiences and how he has utilized his culture and language to heal himself within his own walk and journey through life. Joe acknowledges that lifelong learning is every day for him and that there is always something new to learn. He promotes cultural sharing and healing to community members so we can all learn to build encouragement on our cultural knowledge and sacred walk through life.

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



NATIONAL READING MONTH

“THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW. THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN, THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL GO.” - DR. SEUSS



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.

IMPROVE COMPREHENSION, INCREASE IMAGINATION, AND BOOST MEMORY

National Reading Month is celebrated in March to honor Dr. Suess' birthday. Let's all celebrate and read every day this month! When we love books, good things happen. Reading strengthens our mental muscles, improves comprehension, increases imagination, and boosts memory. Reading makes us smarter! Who doesn't want that?

Read aloud to your child every day even when they are babies. This is important because infants develop language skills the minute they are born. Research shows that babies ages 0 -5 years old need to hear at least 6,000 words per day to develop strong language skills. The average person speaks around 16,000 words a day. Make sure this includes talking, reading, and singing to those darling kids.

KEEP READING INTERESTING!

Take your toddlers to the library regularly and continue to do so even into the teen years. After choosing a few books,

read every day. Jazz up reading time by including stuffed animals and pets. Recruit all family members to read to each other. Here are some ideas to keep reading interesting:

After reading a book with your child, ask questions. Be sure to have a bag ready with several books, to have available when driving or when waiting. Choose a theme, such as "snow." Dress up like a book character. Hold up the book cover and ask questions, such as about the colors and shapes. Make faces to show the emotions of the characters. Place books at the child's level in your home. Stop at a verb and act it out.

As the children learn to read, encourage their progress and their independent reading. The Education Specialist at your tribe or Anishinaabe organization can help with many more reading activities, especially as the kids grow up. The reading program 2 X 2 + 20 = 24

recommends that we brush our teeth twice a day for two minutes and that we read each day for 20 minutes. A chart to record each task is a great way for kids to track their progress. In a month, this would be 90-93 completed tasks. This engaging chart below can be downloaded each month for each reader at: <https://bit.ly/DDF-MBRC> or Scan the QR Code!

Excellent dental health and learning are tied together. A healthy mouth is necessary for proper speech development. Dental disease is the main cause of health-related school absences.



“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.” - Dr. Seuss

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MY BRUSHING AND READING CHART

Name: _____ Month: _____

2x2+20
Brush 2 minutes, 2 times a day + Read 20 minutes a day =
DAILY HABIT FOR A HEALTHY BODY AND MIND!

Monday Instructions: Brush 2 minutes, 2 times a day and read for 20 minutes a day. After brushing and reading, cross off that day's tooth and book icons to finish your day!

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DELTA DENTAL FOUNDATION
www.deltadental.foundation

GTB DENTAL CLINIC

DENTAL ASSISTANT'S WEEK ON MARCH 3RD - 9TH

With Spring fast approaching, we would like to take a moment to recognize our **dental assistant Angela Mercado** for Dental Assistant's Week on March 3rd- 9th. Angela is an integral part of our dental team at the GTB Dental Clinic and has been with us since the inception of the dental clinic over a decade ago! We wouldn't be able to provide our patients with the necessary dental care without her, and for that we want to say "Thank You!" to Angela for keeping our team together and providing the best care we can for our patients.



Recently, the American Dental Association (ADA) has a new recommendation for dental offices regarding X-Rays, aka radiographs. The recommendation states "the expert panel determined thyroid and abdominal shielding during dental imaging is no longer recommended, and the use of these forms of protective shielding should be discontinued as routine practice." This means that patients will no longer be asked to wear the large lead apron when getting x-rays taken during routine exams, or during cone beam imaging (CBCT). This recommendation is applicable to all patients, regardless of age or health status, such as pregnancy. With that said, during your next appointment, don't be alarmed if you are not asked to put on the apron during your x-rays, we are just keeping up with the modern recommendations!

-GTB Dental Team

Call our office today to schedule an appointment!
We hope to see you soon!

(231) 534-7211



GTB HEALTH CLINIC



AMERICAN HEART MONTH - MY HEART MY VOICE

PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

This is a reminder that the GTB Family Health Clinic has three (3) Full-time Providers: Dr. Cheryl Loubert, MD., Kimberly Oldenburg, Nurse Practitioner, and Angela Schaub, Family Nurse Practitioner. We are excited about the GTB Clinic and the growing number of members establishing our clinic as their home clinic and utilizing our providers for their primary care. Our providers and nursing staff will gladly work with you to create a committed and collaborative plan for improving personal health, maintaining health goals, and assist in planning a new health care regimen.

We encourage you to contact the GTB Clinic for an appointment & visit our great Providers!

CALL (231) 534-7200

COVID SELF-TESTS AND MASKS AVAILABLE

The clinic and satellite offices have COVID self-tests and masks available. COVID drive-thru PCR testing is available at the GTB Clinic, Monday-Friday 8AM & 1PM

STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID

Please be advised to refer to the website or scan the QR code provided to acquaint yourself with the necessary guidelines on how to effectively isolate and safeguard yourself and your family members from the potential spread of COVID-19. It is highly recommended that you strictly adhere to the outlined measures to ensure the safety of yourself and those around you.



bit.ly/CDC-COVID-19-ISO

INCREASED OPTICAL & DENTAL

The Health Department (Manoomin-Rice) is happy to announce that the GTB Tribal Council has approved an increase to the following PRC programs for eligible clients, through 12.31.2024:

Optical expenses have increased to \$600.00, this covers prescription frames & lenses, and/or prescription contacts. (Please note if you have accessed the previous \$300 for optical this year, you are still eligible for the additional \$300.00.

Dental expenses have increased to \$3,000.00, for dental patients under the age of 55.

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or
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Kimberly, Oldenburg, NP

Boozhu, I'm Kim Oldenburg, a nurse practitioner at GTB Family Health Clinic for over 3 years. Initially focused on Covid-19 testing and vaccines, now seeing patients full-time. Enjoying caring for tribal members and families. Bay Mills Indian Community member, born and raised in Traverse City. When not at the clinic, I'm at home in TC with my husband, two pups, and cat. If you see me around, come say hi!



Angela Schaub, FNP

Aanii, I'm Angie Schaub, a master's prepared registered nurse and Family Nurse Practitioner certified by the American Nursing Credentialing Center. With 28 years at Munson Medical Center, I've gained broad experience in cardiology, surgery, neurology, dementia, detox, and hospice care. My education includes an associate degree from NMC, a bachelor's from Chamberlain College of Nursing, and a master's in Family Nurse Practitioner from Purdue Global University. I'm deeply passionate about quality care, health maintenance, & prevention. Now accepting new patients from birth to advanced geriatric age.



Dr. Cheryl Loubert

Boozhu, I'm Dr. Cheryl Loubert. I attended Oakland University for my undergraduate education and then Wayne State University School of Medicine. Following that, I served in the U.S. Navy, completing a three-year residency at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia and also serving at Guam and Bremerton Naval Hospitals. After leaving the service, I worked in Manistee, MI for several years, followed by over a decade in Gladwin, MI. I rejoined GTB from 2017-2020 and am happy to be back at the Medicine Lodge! I'm a member of the American Legion Eagletown Post 120 and enjoy playing trivia, reading, and watching hockey.



Hello Medicare, is that really you?

Medicare will be conducting their Beneficiary Survey via phone due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are chosen for the survey, you will receive a letter to schedule a phone interview and alert you that NORC, a company working with Medicare, will be calling you.

Be aware that scammers often pretend to be from Medicare to steal your information. **Don't give your personal information over the phone unless you can verify the caller.**

If you get a call and aren't sure it is legitimate, contact the Medicare surveyors (NORC) at 1-877-389-3429 to make sure it was really them calling.



AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE VETERANS

Copayment Exemption

You may be eligible for copayment exemption and reimbursement of copays for health care and all urgent care visits.

Learn about eligibility and how to submit official Tribal documentation:

Visit
www.va.gov/health-care/copay-rates

Call
1-800-MyVA411
(1-800-698-2411)

Scan
With your smartphone

GTB Tribal Veteran Representative Angelina Raphael 231.534.7731



Need assistance or would like more information? Please contact **Angelina Raphael, PRC Benefits Coordinator**

GTB Tribal Veteran Representative / Certified Medicare & Medicaid Assistance Program Councilor / MDHHS Community Partner
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<https://bit.ly/GTB-AGR>

MARCH AGRICULTURAL FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Lets Grow Together



2024 SUGAR BUSH KIT GRANT RECIPIENTS

We are pleased to announce that 9 families submitted applications for our Sugar Bush Kit Grant opportunity we had in January and February. It was a tough choice, but 5 families were chosen from the 9 applicants, and by the time this Newsletter is published these families will have received their \$4,500 kits! At the time of writing this article the applicants had not been contacted yet. A list of the names of the recipients will be sharing in next months Newsletter. A big Miigwech to all the families who wrote applications. It was wonderful to see the various ways families are preserving and promoting this important tradition! We will be offering another 5 sugar bush kits next winter! Stay tuned for more information.

2024 GTB COMMUNITY SUGAR BUSH DAYS

Mark your calendars for the 2024 GTB Community Sugar Bush Days! **MARCH 14TH & 15TH & MARCH 20TH & 21ST FROM 1PM - 4PM** GTB Agriculture Department staff will be hosting GTB Sugar Bush Open House events at the GTB Sugar Bush. The Sugar Bush is located at the GTB Natural Resource Department Office; 3505 Putnam Road here in Peshawbestown. With the unseasonably warm weather we have been having, we are not sure if we will be tapping any trees this year. We have been directed that it is an important Anishinaabe tradition to let the trees rest periodically. We have heard some say every 4 years it is good to take a break, we have heard others say it is the warm weather that has resulted in less-than-ideal conditions for the trees. With that said we may not tap, or if we do, we will be taking special precautions or restrict ourselves to trees that have not been tapped or were tapped very little in the past. With our USDA – ACER grant funding for new equipment for our sugar bush, this has been a difficult decision to make. We have new cream makers, taps, lines, finishers, and other tools that will help us increase production in future years. Prior to the warm spell we had, our plan was to increase production from ~250 taps in 2023 to 600 taps in 2024.

At the time of this Newsletter article, we remain unsure if we will be tapping, but we are leaning towards not tapping, or only tapping a minimum number to operate our sugar bush. An example of the considerations we may make include only tapping on north facing slopes that have not been tapped much. We may do this in the hopes the trees on the north facing slopes may not have had their soil warmed as quickly during the warm spell we had in February. Stay tuned, and please come by our Sugar Bush Days. Even if we are not boiling sap, we

will be hosting the GTB Traditional Sugar Bush Instructor and others who will be sharing stories, teaching how to make traditional tools, and enjoying warm meals over the fire.

THE TRIBAL STREAM AND MICHIGAN FRUITBELT COLLABORATIVE BRINGS AN ADDITIONAL \$20.4M TO NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN FOR CONSERVATIONS

TRAVERSE CITY, Feb. 14, 2024 – The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB), the lead partner of the Tribal Stream and Michigan Fruitbelt Collaborative, has been selected to manage a FY 2023 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) project from the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). NRCS has awarded \$20,359,756 for this project, pending negotiation of a Programmatic Partnership Agreement. For more information about RCPP, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/rcpp-regional-conservation-partnership-program.

The Tribal Stream and Michigan Fruitbelt Collaborative is made up of the Grand Traverse Band together with Conservation Resource Alliance, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, and Leelanau Conservancy as core partners. The partnership successfully executed an initial 5-year RCPP project beginning in 2016 with an award of approximately \$12M and received and currently implementing a renewal of \$4.4M received in 2021. The project continues to aim to preserve and restore the fragmented multi-tribal fisheries and wildlife populations as well as preserve the rural character of watersheds and wildlife corridors that face escalating development pressures. The project focuses on two main objectives: replacing restricted road culverts with passages that facilitate the movement of native aquatic organisms and purchasing conservation easements to prevent the development of agricultural and forested land for non-agricultural purposes.

The replacement of restricted road culverts to accommodate fish passage is crucial for restoring connectivity in the aquatic ecosystem. Many existing culverts are barriers to fish migration, preventing them from accessing important spawning and feeding areas. By replacing these culverts with structures (bridges or bottomless culverts) that allow fish to move freely, the project aims to improve the health and resilience of fish populations as well as road infrastructure in the region. For more information on current stream-crossing projects that partners are working on, visit www.rivercare.org.

Additionally, the project seeks to protect agricultural and forested land from

being converted into non-agricultural uses. This is achieved through the purchase of conservation easements which restrict the future development of the land. The partners seek to engage with the community, target historically underserved landowners, and foster a deeper understanding of land and water as commonalities between us all. By preserving these agricultural and forested areas, the project helps maintain the rural character of the region, protects stream health and vital groundwater supplies, promotes tourism, and supports the viability of the local farming community. If interested in land protection and conservation easements, visit www.leelanauconservancy.org/land-protection-toolkit and www.gtrlc.org/land-protection-stewardship/land-protection-overview.

The Tribal Stream and Michigan Fruitbelt Collaborative’s commitment to holistic watershed restoration has garnered attention, with Joe VanderMeulen of Nature Change creating a short documentary film titled “Restoring Aquatic Ecosystems in Northwest Lower Michigan” about their collaborative efforts. The film, available for free on the Nature Change website (www.naturechange.org), showcases the significant impact of the Tribal Stream and Michigan Fruitbelt Collaborative.

Watersheds and streams are the blood and veins of earth and protecting them is of utmost importance to GTB. The Grand Traverse Band looks forward to working closely with Partners and NRCS to ensure the success of this project.

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MARCH CULTURAL & LANGUAGE

https://bit.ly/GTB_Cultural



Boozoo kina gwiya, Chi miigwech Kchi Wiikwedong Anishinaabek for making the 2024 GTB Round Dance another success. Everyone came out to the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa to join the Round Dance ceremony. We had visitors from all of our 6 counties as well as from the entire Great Lakes region. The committee would like to thank all of those who helped make the night memorable starting with the departments that collaborated to plan this event; Youth Services, Communications, Behavioral Health, and Culture Departments. To all the volunteers, vendors, participants, singers, food servers, food cooks, Tribal Council, and anyone else that helped contribute Chi Miigwech for making sure everything ran smoothly. Looking forward to next year already and bringing another fantastic Round Dance to the GTB community. Relive this event on pages 18 & 19!

ZHIISHIIGWAN (SHAKER)

Our traditional Zhiishiigwanag (shakers) are one of the oldest sounds in the Universe according to our creation story. In the beginning of time, when there was an endless void, the Zhiishiigwan was the only sound before the creation of all other things. The sound of the shaker can still be heard to this day in many ceremonies across Skaakimekwe (Mother Earth). I was told long ago that there is a song for everything we do in life from harvesting Mashkiki (medicine) to holding ceremony. We used singing as a way on communication with the things around us, physically and spiritually. The Zhiishiigwan was one of those first instruments we used to sing these songs. Although simple to make, Zhiishiigwan can be heard loud as any other instrument. In the upcoming month of March, community members will be able to sign up for a spot to make a Zhiishiigwan. Spots are very limited for participants.

Chi Miigwech G'bizindaawii'ik miinwa wingezik (thank you for everyone listening and take care)
Mii'iw

IN-PERSON ANISHINAABEMOWIN

Our Anishinaabemowin language classes are a great opportunity to improve your fluency in the language and connect with other language learners. By attending these classes, you will actively contribute to the revitalization of our language and culture. We invite you to show your commitment to this common cause and join us in this important endeavor.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

- Monday's 5-7PM - **Kewedin Church**
- Tuesday's 5-7PM - **Peshawbestown**
- Wednesday's 5-7PM - **3-Mile Office**
- Wednesday's 12-3PM - **Alternating Benzie & Charlevoix Offices**

For more information, Scan the QR Code or follow the link!



VIRTUAL ANISHINAABEMOWIN CLASSES

Interested in learning Anishinaabemowin but prefer to study from the comfort of your own home? We have good news for you! Our virtual classes are available. The classes will be conducted through the popular video conferencing platform, Zoom, and are offered

**Monday through Thursday
11 AM to 12 PM**

Joining the classes is easy, all you need to do is follow the link provided below or scan the QR code. Start learning Anishinaabemowin today with us! Here's the link to join:

https://bit.ly/GTB_Anishinaabemowin or scan the QR code.



GTB Culture Department

Shiishiigwanag (Shakers)

Learn to make shakers.



To ensure there is enough supplies, please register.

<https://bit.ly/3uM52bI>

**March 18, 2024
5:30pm-8pm
3 Mile Office**

**March 21, 2024
5:30pm-8pm
Eyaawing Building**

More Information:

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Culture Department Presents In-Person Anishinaabemowin Classes

- Mondays - 5-7 PM Kewedin Church**
- Tuesdays - 5-7 PM Peshawbestown Culture Building**
- Wednesdays - 5-7 PM Traverse City 3 Mile Office**

**Wednesdays - Noon-3 PM
alternating between
Benzie/Charlevoix Offices**

Classes Begin In October

For mor information please email
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Patricia.Osawamick@gtb-nsn.gov



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PUBLIC SAFETY

If You See Something, Say Something

In an ongoing effort to prioritize community safety and preparedness, authorities advocate for increased vigilance and proactive measures among residents. The mantra "If you see something, say something" serves as a critical reminder for individuals to remain attentive to their surroundings and report any suspicious activity promptly.

Whether engaging in routine activities such as shopping, attending events, or running errands, community members are encouraged to stay vigilant and report any concerning behavior or situations to local law enforcement. This proactive approach fosters a collective effort in maintaining a secure environment for all.

To empower individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to respond effectively in emergency situations, several tips and resources have been provided:

Education and Training: Enroll in CPR, First Aid, and Stop the Bleed training courses offered by local fire departments, the American Red Cross, government agencies, or the YMCA.

Know Your Surroundings: Familiarize yourself with exits in both public and private spaces to facilitate swift evacuation if needed.

Active Assailant Preparedness: Practice the "Run, Hide, Fight" protocol to understand and implement appropriate responses during active assailant incidents.

Report Suspicious Activity: Dial 9-1-1 to report any suspicious behavior or incidents to law enforcement authorities promptly.

Stay Connected: Maintain communication with family and friends while out and about to ensure they are aware of your whereabouts and well-being.

Additional resources and tips for emergency preparedness can be accessed through various websites, including:

- **OK2SAY** (www.michigan.gov/ok2say)
- **Ready.gov - Home Safety** (www.ready.gov/home-safety)
- **Ready.gov - Public Spaces** (www.ready.gov/home-safety)

Furthermore, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division offer comprehensive information and resources to enhance community readiness and resilience. Visit (www.Ready.gov) for access to vital emergency preparedness guidance.

By fostering a culture of vigilance, preparedness, and proactive reporting, communities can collectively contribute to a safer and more secure environment for all residents.

Public Safety Warns Ice Conditions Changing Due to Warmer Weather

As temperatures fluctuate and winter weather takes on a milder tone this season, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Public Safety Department issues a crucial reminder regarding changing ice conditions across Michigan. The National Weather Service alerts residents to the presence of thin ice in various areas, urging caution and vigilance while outdoors, particularly around lakes and large bodies of water.

With the usual freeze-thaw cycle disrupted by warmer temperatures, ice formation has been hindered, leading to unpredictable and potentially hazardous conditions. This shift underscores the importance of staying informed and exercising caution when venturing onto frozen surfaces.

Residents are urged to stay updated on local weather conditions, including ice safety advisories, by regularly monitoring the National Weather Service's website for Gaylord, MI (<https://www.weather.gov/apx/>). By remaining vigilant and informed, individuals can ensure their safety and well-being during winter recreational activities.

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Public Safety Department emphasizes the need for proactive measures and adherence to safety guidelines to mitigate the risks associated with changing ice conditions. As temperatures continue to fluctuate, prioritizing safety remains paramount for all community members navigating winter environments.

SAFE ICE DEPTH



Empowering Communities: Key Information on Active Assailant Preparedness

In an era where safety concerns are paramount, communities are prioritizing active assailant preparedness to ensure the safety and well-being of residents. Understanding how to respond effectively during such incidents is essential for minimizing harm and saving lives.

Active assailant situations occur suddenly and unpredictably in various settings, including schools, workplaces, and public spaces. To empower individuals with the necessary knowledge and strategies, here are key points to consider:

Awareness & Vigilance: Remain vigilant and attentive to your surroundings. Recognize potential warning signs and report any suspicious behavior to authorities promptly.

Run, Hide, Fight: Familiarize yourself with the "Run, Hide, Fight" protocol, providing a planned approach for responding to an active assailant.

Communication: Stay informed about emergency procedures and communication channels.

Training & Preparedness: Take advantage of training opportunities to enhance your preparedness.

Community Alert System: Join the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians' emergency alert system, **Regroup**, for timely updates on emergencies, current events, & severe weather.

Additional resources on the GTB Public Safety webpage (https://bit.ly/GTB_PS) or scan the QR Code.



IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENT

If you see something, say something.[®]

Learn first aid skills so you can help others.

Before you run, know the exits.

Help law enforcement.

Find a place to hide.

Seek help to cope with trauma.

Run Hide Fight



FIRE & RESCUE



GTB Fire Department Urges Preparedness as Spring Storm Season Approaches

As spring approaches, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians fire department emphasizes the importance of preparedness in the face of unpredictable weather patterns. With the potential for severe storms, floods, and tornadoes looming, residents are urged to take proactive measures to ensure their safety and well-being.

In light of the inherent risks associated with spring weather, particularly in regions less accustomed to such phenomena, the fire department underscores the need for thorough planning. By treating every storm, flood, and tornado threat as imminent, individuals can mitigate the dangers posed by sudden weather events.

Recognizing the universal precautions necessary for various extreme weather scenarios, the fire department advises the community to assemble emergency kits containing essential supplies. These kits serve as crucial resources in times of crisis, offering reassurance and practical assistance when needed most.

Furthermore, tribal storm shelters are set to open their doors during the first week of March, providing a vital refuge for individuals seeking protection from impending storms. This proactive measure reflects the community's commitment to safeguarding its members against the unpredictable forces of nature.

As spring approaches, the Grand Traverse Band fire department remains steadfast in its mission to promote safety and resilience within the community. Through proactive preparedness efforts and access to essential resources, residents can navigate the challenges of spring weather with confidence and peace of mind.

GTB Fire Dept. Celebrates Scott's Moore's Achievement



Firefighter/EMT Scott Moore

The GTB Indians fire department is proud to announce the achievement of FF/EMT Scott Moore, who has attained the prestigious Certified Fire Inspector I status after a year of dedicated effort and perseverance. Moore's successful completion of the rigorous NFPA exam is a testament to his unwavering commitment to upholding the highest standards of fire safety and prevention within our community.

Through his exemplary dedication and hard work, Moore has demonstrated his readiness to take on the responsibilities of a Certified Fire Inspector I, further enhancing the department's capabilities in safeguarding lives and property. His achievement serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and a source of pride for the entire Grand Traverse Band community.

In honoring Scott Moore's accomplishment, the fire department reaffirms its commitment to excellence and

Vigilance with Propane Safety Measures

The safety protocols and potential hazards associated with gas leaks should be taken seriously by GTB residents to mitigate risks.

When detecting the presence of gas in your home, it is imperative to exercise caution and follow these essential guidelines:

Avoid Open Flames and Sparks: Immediately extinguish any open flames and refrain from creating sparks, as these can trigger a potentially catastrophic explosion or fire.

Report the Leak Immediately: Promptly contact your propane retailer, dial 911, or reach out to the GTB fire department or your local fire department to report the leak. Do not allow anyone to re-enter the premises until authorities deem it safe.

Get Your System Checked: Prior to resuming the use of any propane appliances, enlist the services of a qualified technician to conduct a thorough inspection of your entire propane system. This step ensures that the

<p>The first indication that there may be a problem, is the SMELL of rotten egg or sewage-type smell. Depending on the strength of this smell, it may indicate the severity of the leak.</p>	<p>If you SEE a white cloud, mist, fog, bubbles in standing water or blowing dust.</p>
<p>You might HEAR an unusual noise, like roaring, hissing, or whistling.</p>	<p>If you See, Hear, or Smell a gas leak, evacuate. Call 911 for immediate assistance or your local/GTB Fire Department</p>

Evacuate the Area: Swiftly evacuate all occupants from the building or home suspected of a gas leak to minimize exposure to the hazardous environment.

Shut Off the Propane: If it is safe and you are able to, turn off the propane supply from the main gas valve on the tank by turning it clockwise. This action helps contain the leak and prevent further escalation of the situation.

system is free from leaks and functioning safely.

The GTB fire department underscores the gravity of gas leaks and the potential dangers they pose to individuals and property. By following these safety measures and prioritizing regular maintenance of propane systems, residents can significantly reduce the risk of accidents and safeguard their households.

professionalism in fire service. Moore's dedication to continuous learning and improvement sets a commendable example for all members of the department, reflecting our collective dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

Congratulations, Scott Moore, on this well-deserved recognition of your commitment and expertise in fire safety. Your contributions are invaluable, and we are grateful for your unwavering dedication to serving and protecting our community.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed about GTB Fire & Rescue activities and news by following the GTB Fire Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gtbfire. By staying connected, community members can remain updated on important developments, initiatives, and safety measures.

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Government Operations

AFS Victims Shelter Coordinator (FT)

Associate's Degree in Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, Family Studies, or related field, or a min. of (3) years' direct management experience in an emergency shelter, group home, crisis intervention, or homeless shelter services required. A min. of (2) yrs experience as a professional/paraprofessional experience in prevention and the provision of services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence & victims of crime required. A min. of (1) yr experience of case management required. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's License & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$47,987/yr 8.8.23- until filled

Assistant General Counsel (FT)

J.D. from an accredited law school required and Michigan State Bar license. At least (8) yrs. of practicing law in Michigan & in Indian Country. Must have participated as the principal attorney, or assistant to the principal attorney, in litigation that resulted in published opinion in federal, state or tribal court. Indian law litigation preferred. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$110,245 - \$184,109.15/yr DOE- until filled

Associate Tribal Judge (PT)

A member of GTB who has attained the age of (18) and/or is an attorney licensed to practice before the courts of a state in the United States. Has not been convicted, within (10) years of such appointment, of any felony by a court of competent jurisdiction. (5) years of experience in legal practice. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -Salary 5.02.23- until filled

Behavioral Health Case Manager/Program Director CSBH (FT)

Bachelor's degree. A min. of 2yrs. experience substance abuse treatment, recovery, & mental health services required. A min. of 1yr experience facilitating education or support groups. A min. of 2yrs. experience in electronic records management required. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE- until filled

Behavioral Health Clinical Coordinator/Program Director (FT)

Associate degree in Social Work, Psychology, Criminal Justice, or related human services field required. A min. 3yrs experience in office administration required. A min. 2yrs experience in electronic records management

required. A min. 1yr experience substance abuse treatment, recovery, and mental health services required. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$47,987/yr - until filled

Behavioral Health Prevention Activities Coordinator/Program Director Native Connections (FT)

Associate degree. A min. of 2yrs experience as a formal mentor, coach, or other youth or young adult leadership role required. A min. 1yr experience providing substance abuse and/or suicide prevention required. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE- until filled

Behavioral Health Prevention Activities Coordinator/Program Director Niizh Animikiig (FT)

Associate degree. A min. of 2yrs experience as a formal mentor, coach, or other youth or young adult leadership role required. A min. 1yr experience providing substance abuse and/or suicide prevention required. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE- until filled

(3) Behavioral Health Therapist (FT)

Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling, Social Work, Psychiatric Nursing, or related field required. State of Michigan full Licensure required. A min. of (2) yrs. experience providing substance abuse a & or mental health counseling of high-risk populations including mental health, substance abuse & addictive disorders, and/or prevention/community education services required. Certified Advanced Alcohol & Drug Counselor, or ability to obtain within (1) yr. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$63,318/yr 6.25.21- until filled

BHS Supervisor (FT)

A Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling, Social Work, Psychiatric Nursing, or related field required. State of Michigan full Licensure required. A min. of 4 yrs. experience providing substance abuse and/or mental health counseling of high risk populations including mental health, substance abuse and addictive disorders, and/or prevention/community education services required. A min of 3 yrs. experience in a supervisory position required. Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC), or ability to obtain within (1) yr. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$69,450/yr - until filled

Chief Financial Officer (FT)

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or Finance. Must demonstrate at least 3yrs experience in leading a team in an accounting related field. Must have at least 3yrs of

governmental accounting. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE - until filled

Chief Tribal Judge (FT)

Member of GTB who has attained the age of (18) & or is an attorney licensed to practice before the courts of a state in the United States. (5) yrs. of experience in legal practice. Has not been convicted, within (10) yrs. of such appointment, of any felony by a court of competent jurisdiction. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -Salary 5.02.23- until filled

Community Health Representative (FT)

Must have high school diploma or GED. Must have current Michigan Certified Nurse Aide certification, or completion of CNA training within 90 days of hire date. Must be able to use blood sugar monitor, and to monitor basic vital signs, etc. Must have basic knowledge of meds. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$17.29/hr - until filled

Dental Assistant (FT)

Associates Degree in Applied Science in Dental Assisting Certified Dental Assistant-CDA or Registered Dental-RDA Assistant with expanded duties. Certification in Radiology and CPR. -\$19.52/hr 7.25.23 - until filled

EHS Education & Family Services Coordinator (FT)

Must have a BA in Human Services or Social Work field. Must have experience in a supervisory position, with strong team leadership skills. One to three years experience in working in an Early Head Start and/or Head Start program preferred. Previous experience in the field, with skills in classroom management, and curriculum planning. Must obtain CPR/ First Aid certification. -\$43,750/yr 9.21.22- until filled

EHS/HS Bus & Classroom Aide (PT)

Must have High School diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with children & adults in an appropriate manner. Must be willing to obtain a CPR/First Aid certification. Ability to observe & evaluate children in a non-biased manner. Must be willing to & as well as obtain a CDA within first (2) yrs. of hire. -\$16.17/hr - until filled

EHS/HS Health & Disabilities Coordinator (FT)

Bachelor's Degree with strong emphasis in Health, Social Services, Psychology or Early Childhood Education. 1-3 yrs. experience preferred. Advanced knowledge of applicable law, regulations, rules & procedures of the Head Start/Early Head Start program. Must maintain current CPR/ First Aid Certification -\$43,750/yr 9.21.22- until filled

(2) EHS/HS Home Visitor (FT)

An Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education required. A Bachelor's Degree & (1) yr of direct experience preferred. (3) yrs. of directly related experience. -\$19.52/hr 9.01.22- until filled

Facilities Maintenance I (FT)

High School diploma or GED Must have at least 3-5 yrs experience in commercial building maintenance. Must have carpentry, plumbing & electrical repair experience. Must have knowledge of safety procedures & safety equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. Must pass test with 85% or better, practical test 100%. -\$17.29/hr - until filled

(2) Facilities Utility Worker 1st Shift (TEMP)

High school diploma or G.E.D. preferred. Experience in commercial building maintenance preferred. Carpentry, plumbing & electrical repair experience preferred. Knowledge of safety procedures & safety equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. Valid, unrestricted driver's license is preferred. -\$14.22/hr - until filled

Facilities Utility Worker 2nd Shift (FT)

High school diploma or G.E.D. preferred. Knowledge of safety procedures and safety equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. Must have good work habits, i.e., punctuality, & low absenteeism. A valid Michigan driver's license is preferred. Employee may not drive any Tribally owned vehicles without being properly insured by the Tribe. -\$14.22/hr - until filled

Grant Administrator (FT)

High School Diploma or GED required. A min. of (3) yrs. experience in office administration required. A min. of (2) yrs. experience in electronic records management required. A min. of (1) yr. experience in grant writing. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$21.75/hr 8.17.23- until filled

GSRP Head Start Teacher (FT)

Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education with a Z.A./Z.S. endorsement required. Previous experience preferred with skills in classroom management & curriculum planning. Must maintain current CPR/First Aid certification. Must be proficient in the use of computers & programs such as word processing. Able to develop & implement short and long term educational goals. Good observational skills & ability to summarize observed learning/ social behaviors in children. -\$52,633/yr 7.27.23- until filled

Head Start Assistant Teacher (FT)

Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must have a Child Development

Association (CDA) within 2 yrs. or an Associate's Degree in early childhood development within (3) yrs. of employment. Classroom experience with 3-5 year old children preferred. Must be willing to participate in training sessions and seek further education. Must obtain CPR/first aid certification. -\$16.17/hr - until filled

HS Bus & Classroom Aide (PT)

Must have High School diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with children & adults in an appropriate manner. Must be willing to obtain a CPR/First Aid certification. Ability to observe and evaluate children in a non-biased manner. Must be willing to & as well as obtain a CDA within 1st 2yrs of hire. -\$16.17/hr - until filled

Police Officer COPS (FT)

Must be at least 21 Years of Age at the time of hire. High School diploma required, Associates Degree preferred in law enforcement, criminal justice, corrections or related field preferred. 1yr prior experience working in a law enforcement setting preferred. Must be certified or certifiable by Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Certification (MCOLES) required. Must obtain and maintain a BIA (Special Law Enforcement Commission) Must become LEIN certified. Must complete Field Training Officer (FTO) Program for continuation of employment. Must be thoroughly familiar with all applicable policies and procedures, Federal Regulations, GTB Tribal Police Department Policies and Procedures, Tribal and State Criminal Codes, Children's Code, Tribal Constitution, Michigan Motor Vehicle, GTB Personnel Policy, Police Department Organic Resolution and Code, and all other applicable rules, regulations & statutes. Must have a valid driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$27.24/hr - until filled

Purchased/Referred Care Representative (FT)

Must have a High School diploma or GED. Min. 1yr post high school in Business Administration or health related fields. Must have a valid driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$17.29/hr - until filled

Receiving & Purchasing Coordinator (FT)

High School diploma or GED. 2+yrs of work experience in the management of warehouse facilities or in a receiving department. Must be able to pass a Certified Forklift Training Course. Must have experience using a computerized inventory/ receiving system. Must have a valid driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$18.55/hr - until filled

Student Support Advisor - Benzie/Manistee (FT)

Associates Degree is required in social work, education, counseling, or related field* Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must have a valid Chauffeur Driver's License. A min.of (3) yrs. experience working with Native American youths. Must maintain current CPR/ First Aid certification. -\$19.52/hr 10.16.23- until filled

Student Support Advisor - Charlevoix/Antrim (FT)

Associates Degree is required in social work, education, counseling, or related field* Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must have a valid Chauffeur Driver's License. A min.of (3) yrs. experience working with Native American youths. Must maintain current CPR/ First Aid certification. -\$19.52/hr 10.25.22- until filled

Tribal Victim Services Coordinator (FT)

Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice or Social & Behavioral Sciences. Equivalent combination of education & work experience in the filed of victim advocacy. Graduation/ certification from the Michigan Victim Assistance Academy. Must have a valid Michigan chauffeur's driver's license. Must be insurable by GTB insurance carrier. -\$47,132/yr - until filled

Utility Worker 2nd Shift (FT)

High school diploma or GED is preferred. Knowledge of safety procedures and safety equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. Must have good work habits, i.e., punctuality, & low absenteeism. A valid Michigan driver's license is preferred. Employee may not drive any Tribally owned vehicles without being properly insured by the Tribe. -\$14.22/hr 11.14.23- until filled

Victims Shelter Assistant (FT)

Associates Degree in Social Work or a related field (Bachelor's Degree preferred). (1)yr of case management experience. Successful work or volunteer experience in a human service setting preferred. (1)yr or more direct service experience in an emergency shelter or homeless services. 1-2 yrs of professional/paraprofessional experience in prevention and the provision of service to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence & other forms of crime. Professional Ethical Standards of the position must be adhered to. Personal knowledge & support of the Anishinaabek culture in the provision of services. -\$21.75/hr - until filled

Classifieds

120 Announcements

Marijuana Regulatory Commission

(3) appointment to be filled by the Tribal Council. The Commission shall have (3) members consisting on at least (2) tribal members and a non-member provided that the nonmember offers unique skills, experience to the Commission The appointment terms are open-ended until the Commission makes regulations on the terms of appointment under § 1015(a) (1). For consideration for the appointments please send a letter of interest and list any marijuana regulatory experience.

Send your letter of interest for the Tribal Council appointments to:

Tribal Council GTB of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians 2605 NW Bayshore Drive Peshawbestown, MI 49682 or gtb.cra@gtb-nsn.gov

TCAPS Indigenous Education Parent Committee - Public Meeting

Traverse City Area Public Schools Indigenous Education Program

Monday, March 11, 2024 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Locations: West Middle School Library & Google Meet

Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/zxn-rqkb-wwv Or dial: 1-786-220-2092 PIN: 237 363 173#

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Visit our website! https://www.tcaps.net/programs/indigenous-education/



3 Grand Traverse Band Members Recognized for Outstanding Work

On Wednesday, February 14th, three Grand Traverse Band Members were recognized for their outstanding work at Suttons Bay Elementary's Quarterly Awards Assembly. Jaylan Sanchez (5th grade) and Skylar Bressette (Kindergarten) were awarded their grade level NORSE Award for being Nice, Organized, Responsible, Safe and Engaged. Each class votes on their NORSE

Award winners. The Physical Education Teacher, Ms. Kalchik, recognized Victor John (5th grade) as an outstanding P.E. Student. Congratulations, Jaylan, Skylar and Victor!



Haiven Sellers Won Unsigned Song of the Year in the United Kingdom Songwriting Contest

Haiven Sellers, I'm Shantel Sellers' daughter. Haiven is currently studying abroad in England pursuing the final year of her music degree. Her NEW debut single, Everything Sucks, has just won Unsigned Song of the Year in the United Kingdom Songwriting Contest! "The UK Songwriting Contest is one of the world's longest running and most successful songwriting events. It was launched in London in 2002 in association with major music bodies including The BRIT Trust, The BRIT Studio, The BRIT School, Music Aid International, The GISC, Roland UK and top British producers and industry professionals "to discover and encourage new songwriting talent and promote the craft of songwriting". Judging in the early years was conducted by staff and students at The BRIT School (Adele and Amy Winehouse are among famous BRIT School students)".

Haiven notes, "As an Indigenous international student, I'm incredibly grateful to not only have been able to have this opportunity, but to have won this contest as well. Listen to her song & watch her video here: https://youtu.be/BCzEBIXMdrQ?feature=shared



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Caroline Ramey GTB Tribal Elder Benzonia, MI 6/18/1941 - 1/25/2024 Respectfully Acknowledging Our Loss



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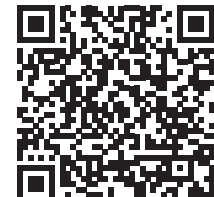
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