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February 2025
Makwa Giizis (Bear Moon)



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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAND TRIBAL COUNCIL



Tribal Members,

The Tribal Council has received many messages regarding how the Trump Administration’s recent Executive Orders and Memorandum actions could impact GTB.

We continue to work closely with our legal team in Washington D.C., who are federal policy experts. They are closely monitoring Executive Orders issued by President Trump to determine the potential impacts on our Tribal citizens and Tribal Government.

It is important to remember that the political climate in Washington is rapidly evolving, and the full impact of these Executive Orders will take time before we know the full impact.

We are confident that the Tribe’s funding will remain fully intact and that there will be no interruption of services for our members.

We do encourage all Tribal Members to ensure that they have their Tribal Identification, State ID, and Passports updated. Tribal membership identification cards, like those issued by the Grand Traverse Band (GTB) of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in Michigan, can indeed serve as valid identification for establishing U.S. citizenship status, particularly at border crossings. U.S. law recognizes these IDs as valid for entry into the country, which can be particularly important given the increased enforcement of immigration laws. GTB members are encouraged

to ensure tribal IDs are current and valid, as they can provide crucial proof of citizenship and protection during immigration enforcement actions. It is always good to carry these IDs, especially when traveling or in situations where proof of citizenship might be required.

We will continue to work diligently and provide updates as they become available.

Together, we will continue to honor our ancestors, and the rights preserved for our Tribal Nation.

TRIBAL COUNCIL HYBRID MEETINGS

Registration Process

1. Registration Required for both sessions! Follow link(s) for each registration form.

- 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. *2025 Meetings have been added the exiting links.*

Questions or need assistance?
(231) 534-7008 or gtagovt.news@gtb-nsn.gov

**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.
Upcoming meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Regular Council Sessions
2/19 • 3/19

Special Council Sessions
2/26 • 3/26

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 Regular Session
January 15, 2025
http://bit.ly/GTB_Member**

II. Unfinished Business. A- **Trust Status Request for Mashkiigaki Property (GTB Parcel 94)** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #25.43-3740 with the noted corrections. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

II. Unfinished Business. B- **Chief Judge and Interim Chief Judge- Options** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to extend Michael Long's contract until a new Chief Judge is appointed. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows to table the Chief Judge candidate. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

II. Unfinished Business. C- **Historical Marker Final Language Edits** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to refer to a Poll Vote. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT;**

1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries
III. New Business. A- **2025 Indian Gaming Association Annual Membership Dues** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to approve Resolution #25-43.3737 for annual membership in the Indian Gaming Association from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$15,000.00 with funds to come from Contributions Charitable: Tribal Council Support and EDC projects at 50% each. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. B- **Compensation Committee Vacancies: 30-day Posting Complete** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to reappoint Mark Wilson and Nancy Groesser to the Compensation Committee. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. C- **Policy 701.00 and 702.00** This item was moved into Closed Session.

III. New Business. D- **401k Fund Change** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to table this item for the Tribal Council Special Session of January 29, 2025. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. E- **Community Services Block Grant** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #25-43.3739 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$5,893 from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. F- **2nd Half 2024 2% Distribution** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to refer to a Poll Vote **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. G- **Myrick Petition Response Letter** Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to table this item for the Tribal Council Special Session of January 29, 2025. **5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries**

III. New Business. H- **Enbridge Line 5 Tunnel EIS Update on Tribal Consultation Meeting** No Motion.



2025 Tribal Council Meetings

Tribal Council Meetings are held **twice** a month:

- Tribal Council Regular Session** - The **third** Wednesday of each month.
- Tribal Council Special Session** - The **last** Wednesday of each month.

**Deadline to TMO
by 10:00 a.m. on:**

Month	TCRS	TCSS	Day	Time	Deadline
January	01/15/25	01/29/25	Wednesday	9:30 AM	01/07/25
			Wednesday	9:30 AM	01/21/25
February	02/19/25	02/26/25	Wednesday	9:30 AM	02/11/25
			Wednesday	9:30 AM	02/18/25
March	03/19/25	03/26/25	Wednesday	9:30 AM	03/11/25
			Wednesday	9:30 AM	03/18/25
April	04/16/25	04/30/25	Wednesday	9:30 AM	04/08/25
			Wednesday	9:30 AM	04/22/25
May	05/21/25	05/28/25	Wednesday	9:30 AM	05/13/25
			Wednesday	9:30 AM	05/20/25
June	06/18/25	06/25/25	Wednesday	9:30 AM	06/10/25
			Wednesday	9:30 AM	06/17/25
July	07/16/25	07/30/25	Wednesday	9:30 AM	07/08/25
			Wednesday	9:30 AM	07/22/25
August	08/20/25	08/27/25	Wednesday	9:30 AM	08/12/25
			Wednesday	9:30 AM	08/19/25
September	09/17/25	09/24/25	Wednesday	9:30 AM	09/09/25
			Wednesday	9:30 AM	09/16/25
October	10/15/25	10/29/25	Wednesday	9:30 AM	10/07/25
			Wednesday	9:30 AM	10/21/25
November	11/19/25	11/26/25	Wednesday	9:30 AM	11/11/25
			Wednesday	9:30 AM	11/18/25
December	12/17/25		Wednesday	9:30 AM	12/09/25

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
JANUARY 6 - JANUARY 29, 2025**

There was (1) Tribal Council Regular Session, (2) EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and (13) Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Chairwoman Witherspoon attended **1 of 1** Tribal Council Regular Session, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **9 of 13** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Vice Chair Rohl attended **1 of 1** Tribal Council Regular Session, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **12 of 13** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Treasurer Swallows attended **1 of 1** Tribal Council Regular Session, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **13 of 13** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Secretary Miller attended **1 of 1** Tribal Council Regular Session, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **10 of 13** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Councilor Raphael attended **1 of 1** Tribal Council Regular Session, **2 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **12 of 13** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Councilor Frankenberger attended **1 of 1** Tribal Council Regular Session, **1 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **0 of 13** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Councilor Napont attended **1 of 1** Tribal Council Regular Session, **1 of 2** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **5 of 13** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.



Recovery and Healing Circle

Present Day Intergenerational Tribal Trauma and Healing

Intergenerational Trauma and Healing

12 Step Medicine Wheel

Wellbriety

Talking Circle

AA, NA

Emotional Regulation Skills

Where: Cultural Building

When: Wednesdays at 6:00PM

Saturdays at 12:00PM

Bring Art, Photos, Articles, or any Anishnaabeg Art from an Elder to share. Additional dates and times will be announced for the six-county area.

For more information, contact Greg Petoskey at 231-360-8659

- King Range National Conservation Area•
- Shelter Cove Arts & Recreation Foundation•
- Friends of the Lost Coast•

Present

Spring 2025

Artist in Residence

4/21 to 5/19

A unique opportunity for an artist to experience a month's stay on California's remote Lost Coast, connecting with the local community and creating artwork that reflects the appreciation and awareness of public lands on California's Lost Coast.

For Program Details and Application:

www.sheltercoveartsrecreation.com
www.blm.gov/get-involved/artist-in-residence

Application Deadline:

Friday 3/7/25

Submit to the BLM King Range NCA

Sandy Miles (707) 986-5415

smiles@blm.gov



GTB Emergency Information & Closure Line: 231-534-SNOW (7669)

In the event of a closure, please refer to the following GTB Emergency Phone Number's.

In case of a medical emergency, call 911 or proceed to the nearest emergency room.



https://bit.ly/GTB_EPN_122024

*subject to updates

			Cell Number
Tribal Manager	Kimberly McClellan		631-8544
	Tribal Manager Executive Assistant	Nikki Diaz	866-1108
DEPARTMENT 1 Elders	Delores Wonegeshik		631-3908
DEPARTMENT 2 Public Safety	Jolanda Murphy		866-1165
	Public Safety	Dispatch	534-7777
	Police Captain	David Crockett	866-1264
	Fire Department	Garrett Fairchild	866-1271
DEPARTMENT 3 Tribal Management	Kimberly McClellan		631-8544
	Communications	Victoria Alfonseca	631-7088
	Cultural	Aaron Chivis	631-4311
	For Bereavement Assistance	OMB	Christina Loucks (Inter
	Housing	Jodi Lewis (interim)	357-2185
	Human Resources	Melissa Petoskey	631-0923
	Public Works	Joe Huhn	499-4235
Department 4 Facilities Management	Ron Anderson		631-9983
	For Power Outages contact your local Electrical Company	Facilities	Jamie Haring
			492-9314
Department 5 Conservation	Lakota Raphael (Interim)		866-0503
	Conservation Office	Lakota Raphael	866-0503
Department 6 Membership	Monique Clifford		534-7670
Department 7 Human Services	Denise Johnson (Interim)		631-7629
	Behavioral Health		631-7629
	Human Services		631-6560
	AFS		499-5162
Department 8 Health Services	Sonya Zotigh		463-7193
	Emergencies PRC Referrals	Stella Bailey or Tiffany Gilmore	360-7195 or 631-9082
	Medical Transportation needs.	Michelle Shaw	632-6876
	Clinic Nurse		499-8758
Department 9 Tribal Court	Sherri Vezina	534-7041	866-1238
Department 10 Natural Resources	Erik Olsen (Interim)		218-6537
Department 11 Regulatory	Kelly Kiogima	534-7541	866-1994
Department 12 Life Long Learning	Dawn Shenoskey		313-8609
	Benodjenh	Trista Erikson	534-5350
	Strongheart Center	Leanne Alber	534-7551

TMO/Directories

updated 12.20.2024

Dear Community,

To address recent concerns, the Grand Traverse Band Police Department has completed updated training on safe needle disposal. We are committed to maintaining a clean, safe, and healthy environment for all. Proper needle disposal is essential to prevent injuries and protect public health.



Why Safe Needle Disposal Matters:

Used needles and sharps can spread infections like HIV, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C. By safely disposing of your needles, you protect sanitation workers, healthcare providers, and the public from potential harm.



Safety Guidelines for Needle Disposal:

- DO** use a sharps disposal container or a sturdy household container like a detergent bottle if needed.
- DO** seal and label containers before disposing of them.
- DO** follow local guidelines for sharps disposal.
- DO** keep sharps containers out of reach of children and pets.
- DO** ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist about sharps disposal options.
- DO** contact your trash or public health department for more information on local disposal programs.

Together, we can keep our community safe, clean, and healthy
Miigwech for doing your part!

Stay Safe.
Grand Traverse Band Public Safety Department
2300 N. Stallman Rd, Suttons Bay, MI 49682
Tribal Police: (231) 534-7777
Tribal Fire: (231) 534-7666

Where to Safely Dispose of Needles in GTB Country:

- Grand Traverse County:**
 Sixth Street Drugs
 1020 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI 49684
 Hours: Mon-Fri: 8:30am-6pm | Sat: 9am-4pm
 Please use a hard container, like a milk jug or detergent bottle.
- Leelanau County:**
 Suttons Bay - Bingham Fire & Rescue
 201 S. St. Mary's Ave, Suttons Bay, MI 49682
 Hours: All week: 8am-8pm
- Benzie County:**
 No local drop-off location.
 Closest: Sixth Street Drugs, Traverse City
- Charlevoix County:**
 Lake Charlevoix EMS Authority Main Station
 9251 Major Douglas Sloan Rd, Charlevoix, MI 49720
 Hours: All week: 8am-8pm

 Lake Charlevoix EMS Authority Downtown Station
 210 State St, Charlevoix, MI 49720
 Hours: All week: 8am-8pm
- Antrim County:**
 Antrim County Sheriff's Office
 209 Portage Dr, Bellaire, MI 49615
 Hours: Mon-Fri: 8am-4pm

Once dropped off, needles are handled by certified waste management services following strict safety protocols, ensuring they are safely neutralized or incinerated.

Your vision is precious and we're here to protect it.

Keeping your eyes healthy and providing corrective options when needed is what SVS Vision is all about. SVS Vision is in-network with your insurance and the Purchased Referred Care Program. Come experience the difference an SVS Vision eye exam can make.








Book an eye exam today!



1545 South Division
Traverse City, MI 49684
231-486-0580

2.2 Services Overview: Key Differences Between 988 and 911

Knowing when and how to communicate the distinctions between 988 and 911 is critical. People may not always know when to reach out for behavioral health support versus emergency medical care, and they often rely on their providers for clarity.

988: A LIFELINE FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISES	911: A RESPONSE SYSTEM FOR MEDICAL, FIRE, OR POLICE EMERGENCIES
DESCRIPTION	
The 988 Lifeline connects people with trained counselors who provide emotional support, crisis de-escalation, and linkage to local community resources, without relying on law enforcement or emergency medical intervention unless necessary.	911 is the primary contact for medical emergencies, fire, crimes in progress, or other situations requiring immediate physical intervention. Although 911 is highly effective for emergencies involving physical harm, it is not specialized to manage behavioral health crises.
KEY FEATURES	
 Crisis Counseling: People receive real-time emotional and mental health support and crisis intervention from trained crisis counselors.	 Immediate Intervention for Physical Danger: 911 dispatches police, fire, or EMS to address urgent threats to life or safety.
 Minimal Law Enforcement Intervention: Most crises (approximately 98 percent of calls) are managed without involving law enforcement, reducing the likelihood of escalated responses. ⁵⁴	 Law Enforcement Involvement: Law enforcement officers are typically dispatched in crises involving potential violence or criminal activity.
 Connection to Local Resources: People are referred to local mental health and/or substance use treatment services for follow-up care, ensuring continuity of support.	
Summary: Both 988 and 911 provide critical support but focus on different crisis types: 988 specializes in behavioral health crises, offering crisis counseling and emotional de-escalation, while 911 addresses physical dangers needing police, fire, or EMS. Understanding the distinction is essential to ensuring the appropriate response and care.	
<small>Adapted from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Vital Signs and 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Fact Sheet</small>	

Advising People on Using 988 Versus 911: Practical Approaches for Healthcare Providers Explaining to People How, When, and Why To Use 988



Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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(231) 534-7670
enrollment@gtb-nsn.gov



**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**
*Notes: Lunch Provided
**11:30AM - 12:45PM

Call **Dee Wonegeshik**,
Elders Department
Manager for assistance.

**Monday's
Office Tasks
8AM - 5PM**
*Notes: Lunch Provided
**12:00PM - 1:00PM

**Monday's
Meal Delivey
1PM - 4PM**

Tuesday; February 4th
Open Sew
11:30AM - 3:00PM**

**Office (231) 534-7748
Cell (231) 631-3908**

Tuesday; February 4th
Craft Time
1:30PM

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

Wednesday; February 5th
Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

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

Wednesday; February 5th
Card Games
1:30PM**

Tuesday; February 4th
TC Store Run
9:15AM

Thursday; February 6th
All Site Bingo @ LSC
11:00AM - 3:00PM

PLEASE CONTACT
YOUR ELDERS SITE
COORDINATOR

Thursday; February 6th
All Site Bingo @ LSC
11:00AM - 3:00PM

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

Tuesday; February 11th
Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile
10:00AM - 4:00PM*

SIGN UP REQUIRED!

**CONTACT
INFORMATION**

Friday; February 7th
Community Room Open
Puzzle Time

Thursday; February 6th
All Site Bingo @ LSC
11:00AM - 3:00PM

Wednesday; February 12th
Open Sew
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Antrim/Grand Traverse

Tanya Tanner
(231) 534-7710
(231) 463-7858

Tuesday; February 11th
Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile
10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Tuesday; February 11th
Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile
10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Thursday; February 13th
Shopping (Location TBD)
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Delora Wilson
(231) 534-7769
(231) 492-9932

Wednesday; February 12th
Coffee & Chat
1:30PM**

Wednesday; February 12th
Craft Day (Elders Complex)
1:00PM

Wednesday; February 19th
Open Sew
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Benzie/Manistee

Agnes Glinski
(231) 534-7821

Thursday; February 13th
Walk & Talk Around the Gym
1:30PM**

Thursday; February 13th
Puzzle Day (Elders Complex)
1:00PM

Thursday; February 20th
Shopping (Location TBD)
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Charlevoix

Barb Kenwabikise
(231) 534-7066
(231) 631-0281

Friday; February 14th
Community Room Open
Puzzle Time

Monday; February 17th
Game Day (Elders Complex)
1:00PM

Tuesday; February 25th
Open Sew
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Leelanau

Greg Bailey
(231) 534-7740
(231) 492-7740

Tuesday; February 18th
AMC Movie (TC)
11:00AM

Tuesday; February 18th
Meal Delivery
1:00PM

Wednesday; February 26th
Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Elders Dept. Manager

Delores Wonegeshik
(231) 534-7748
(231) 631-3908

Wednesday; February 19th
Card Games
1:30PM**

Wednesday; February 19th
Tribal Council Meeting
9:30AM

Thursday; February 27th
Birthday Bingo & Cake
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

**SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT
TO CHANGE.
PLEASE CALL FIRST.*

Thursday; February 20th
Bingo
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; February 20th
Bargain Store
9:15AM

Tuesday; February 25th
Craft Time
1:30PM

Tuesday; February 25th
Office Day
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Wednesday; February 26th
Coffee & Chat
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; February 26th
Craft (Elders Complex)
1:00PM

Thursday; February 27th
Birthday Bash
1:00PM**

Thursday; February 27th
Birthday Bingo & Lite Lunch
(Elders Complex)
1:00PM

Friday; February 28th
Community Room Open
Puzzle Time

Mino-Dibishkaan! Happy Birthday!

GTB News Staff & Membership Dept. would like to acknowledge this month's 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!

Karla	Dismuke	1-Feb	Edwin	Harris	12-Feb	Jerome	Seegraves	20-Feb
Matthew	Niewiadomski	2-Feb	Sherry	Zipp	12-Feb	Philip	Cote	20-Feb
Sandra	Anderson	2-Feb	Kenneth	Martell	13-Feb	Sharon	Sams	21-Feb
Christopher	White	3-Feb	Judith	Fry	13-Feb	Jerry	Sikes	21-Feb
Kelly	Wheeler	3-Feb	Edna	Watrous	13-Feb	Shirley	White	21-Feb
Pauline	Boulton	3-Feb	Sheryl	White	13-Feb	James	Nault	21-Feb
Lisa	Chippewa	4-Feb	Terri	Palmer	13-Feb	Anthony	Sineway	22-Feb
Connie	Shuttle	4-Feb	Peggy	Gossett	13-Feb	Theresa	Huey	22-Feb
Cynthia	Hanson	4-Feb	Diane	Nichols	14-Feb	Roxanne	McSauby	22-Feb
Delores	Wonegeshik	4-Feb	James	Chippewa	14-Feb	Dawn	Pullen	22-Feb
Suzanne	Leaureaux	4-Feb	Reuben	Lewis	15-Feb	Elizabeth	Pettifor	22-Feb
Abraham	Jacko	4-Feb	Trina	Pfau	15-Feb	Kathaleen	Bussey	23-Feb
Christine	Gilmore	5-Feb	Wallace	Yannott	15-Feb	James	McGrath	23-Feb
Gary	Gunderson	5-Feb	Julia	Leaureaux	16-Feb	Marian	Jarman	23-Feb
Romero	Schocko	6-Feb	Leisa	Davis	16-Feb	Cynthia	Allen	24-Feb
Debbie	Drudge	6-Feb	Kelly	Mason	16-Feb	Kent	Running	24-Feb
Mary	Geiger	7-Feb	Patrick	Patten	17-Feb	Antoinette	Miller	25-Feb
John	Case	7-Feb	Andrea	Mitchell	17-Feb	Margaret	Cook	25-Feb
Michelle	Burchfield	8-Feb	Percy	Bird	17-Feb	Kristine	Ptak	25-Feb
Lois	Peplow	9-Feb	Clive	Raphael	17-Feb	Jennifer	Cochrun	26-Feb
Carl	Wabanimkee	9-Feb	Georgianna	Jolly-Comstock	17-Feb	Patricia	Mashka-Burfield	26-Feb
Christine	Reed	9-Feb	Galana	Hamby	17-Feb	Shirley	Bennett	27-Feb
Jackie	Ogemaw	10-Feb	John	Markus	17-Feb	Linda	Campbell	28-Feb
Suzanne	Johnson	10-Feb	James	Wilson	18-Feb	Helen	Melnick	28-Feb
Keith	Maleski	11-Feb	Faith	Anderson	19-Feb	Henry	Gunderson	28-Feb
Charles	Mitchell	11-Feb	Andrea	McDowell	20-Feb	Abraham	Cripps	28-Feb
Karen	Hacker Stockwell	12-Feb	Timothy	Koon	20-Feb	Jimmy	Madagame	28-Feb

2nd quarter Movie Tickets available

Elders

in the 6-county area

January 20 - March 28, 2025

- * Antrim/Grand Traverse *Benzie/Manistee
- * Charlevoix *Leelanau

Please contact your Area Coordinator

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

Delora W. 231-534-7769

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

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

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

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

Dee Wonegeshik 231-534-7748

\$200
visa
gift card



\$200 Gift card

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

New elders bring an updated ID

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

Antrim-Grand Traverse – (3-mile office)

Tanya 534-7710; Delora 534-7769

Benzie – Manistee office

Agnes 534-7821

Charlevoix (East Jordan)

Barbara 534-7066

Leelanau (Elders Complex)

Greg 534-7740; Melissa 534-7743

Native Connections and
Niizh Animikiig presents

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"THE ONES WALKING
A GOOD LIFE"

A men's group
series
with Joe Syrette

LEARN ABOUT:

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

Location: 3-Mile Time: 6pm-8pm

Feb 4th	Mar 4th	Apr 1st	May 13th	Jun 10th	Jul 8th
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***light meal provided and open to men in GTB community

For More Info:

Christa Gasca 231-499-7368
Native Connections

Leilani DeFoe 231-492-9956
Niizh Animikiig



Niizh Animikiig and Native Connections
presents...

Learning the Seven Grandfather Teachings Series

- 06 FEB** CHARLEVOIX THURSDAY | 5:30 PM
For the month of February, we will be discussing
- 13 FEB** EYAAWING THURSDAY | 5:30 PM
Zaagidi'iwin "The Art of Love"
- 20 FEB** 3-MILE THURSDAY | 5:30 PM
Snacks provided
Open to adults in GTB community

Benzie programming canceled until further notice

For more information:

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231-499-7368

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231-492-9956



Behavioral Health Presents

ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES MASSAGES

FREE SESSIONS!



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

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



MORE DATES & LOCATIONS TO BE ADDED FOR SERVICES

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

ENERGY HEALING RESTARTING IN 2025

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

Marion.Wabanimkee-Minzey@gtb-nsn.gov

SOUP'S ON!

A SOUP & BREAD POTLUCK

FEBRUARY 7, 2025
FROM 5:30PM TO 7:30PM
845 BUSINESS PARK DR, TC



CHRISTA GASCA 231-534-7094
LEILANI DEFOE 231-534-7093

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TALKING CIRCLE

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

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

Questions, contact Scott

231-534-7247 or

scott.scholten@gtb-nsn.gov



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

NENAANDAWE'IWEJIG TRADITIONAL HEALING

WITH

JOE SYRETTE

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



HEALING SESSIONS DATES & TIMES

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

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

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

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

PROTOCOLS

- When seeking a Traditional Healer, please see list below to help you prepare for your healing journey. All ages welcome!
- Bring enough Tobacco for a full Pipe bowl
 - Refrain from Alcohol/Drugs 4 days prior
 - Optional: Gift with your request
 - Women on their sacred "moontime" (monthly cycle) cannot attend this session

(231) 534-7247

CALL TO REGISTER FOR A SESSION OR SWEAT

HEALING REQUESTS

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

CO-ED SWEATS

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

Reserve Your Spot in Co-ed Sweat Today!



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

2300 N. Stallman Road
 Peshawbestown, MI 49682

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

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

HUMAN SERVICES

NEW FY25 Client Application
Scan QR Code or follow the link!

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



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

MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ANDREA 231-534-7910

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

Anishinaabek Family Services and Behavioral Health Department presents...



Growing Anishinaabe Families Together



Please register (headcount for food)



***attendance to all classes not required

five-part series

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<https://bit.ly/4hgPJG3>

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

Light dinner will be provided

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

For More Information:

Jennifer Ray 231-463-7917

jennifer.ray@gtb-nsn.gov

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NEED A RIDE TO Growing Anishinaabe Families Together ??????

Limited space for pickup at these following locations:

- Medicine Lodge Load time 4:30 Departure at 4:45
- Benzie Load at 4:15 Departure at 4:30
- Charlevoix Load at 4:15 Departure at 4:30

Use the QR code below or the bitly link to register for a ride to this community oriented parenting class series (First Come, First Served)



please register for a ride the Thursday before (each) class

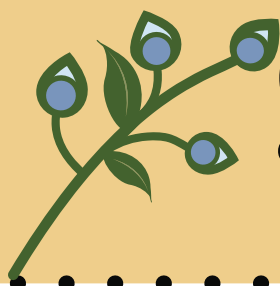
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<https://bit.ly/3ORxCz5>

Open to ALL adults in GTB community

For More Information:

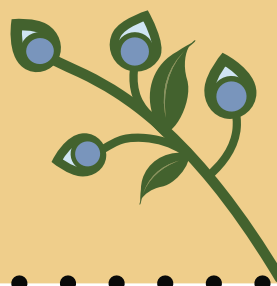
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 231-463-7917





CULTURAL & LANGUAGE

https://bit.ly/GTB_Cultural



Cultural Department Presents In-Person

Anishinaabemowin Classes

Tuesday -Peshawbestown Cultural Building 5-7pm

Wednesday - 3 Mile Office 5-7pm

Alternating WEDNESDAY'S

Charlevoix

2nd & 4th Wednesday 12pm-3pm

Benzie Classes & Inclement weather in-person classes will be held by Zoom

Benzie via Zoom

1st and 3rd Wednesday 11am-12pm

Meeting ID: 730 5294 9904

Password: GTB2024

bit.ly/GTBanishinaabemowin

For more information contact:

Isadore.Toulouse@GTB-nsn.gov

231.631.7940

Patricia.Osawamick@GTB-nsn.gov

231.631.8604

All classes subject to change



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GTB Cultural Department

Seeking GTB Youth & Families interested in making

Anishinaabemowin Online Learning Content

- Word of Day Videos
- Daily Living Videos
- Story Telling
- Phrases
- Songs and more...



Come in-person or join us online for information

February 12, 2025

6pm-7pm

Eyaawing Museum

Zoom Meeting

Zoom ID: 882 4041 5369

Password: GTBANish

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



TaShena Sams

231-534-7766

TaShena.Sams2@gtb-nsn.gov

Grand Traverse Band- Cultural Department

EMKOWAATAAGOZIJIG-13 SERIES

"Sharing their knowledge"

SERIES OF ELDERS TALKING IN ANISHINAABEMOWIN

Moderated by Isadore Toulouse & Patricia Osawamick

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

January 9, 2025 (5pm-7pm)

January 23, 2025 (6pm-8pm)

February 6, 2025 (10am-12pm)

February 20, 2025 (1pm-3pm)

March 6, 2025 (5pm-7pm)

March 20, 2025 (10am-12pm)

Meeting ID: 871 7923 9451

Passcode: GTBANish

<https://bit.ly/GTBEmS13>

More information

231.534.7766

Gov.cultural@GTB-nsn.gov



Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
Kchi Wiikwedong Anishinaabek (Grand Traverse Band)

2025

Virtual

Anishinaabemowin Class

Monday - Tuesday- Thursday 11AM - 12PM

(Ntam Giizhigad) (Niizho Giizhigad) (Niiwinn Giizhad)

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 730 5294 9904

Passcode: GTB2024

[Bit.ly/GTBanishinaabemowin](https://bit.ly/GTBanishinaabemowin)

More information contact :

GTB Cultural Department

(231) 534-7766 or Gov.Cultural@gtb-nsn.gov

GTB Offices Closed- No class or on Wednesdays



TRIBAL GYM CENTERS

FITNESS CLASSES RESUMING SOON!

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

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

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

Current RFP Listings:

- Corrective Exercise Instructor
- Personal Trainer
- Yoga Instructor



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



FREE SNOWSHOES EQUIPMENT RENTAL FOR GTB TRIBAL MEMBERS

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

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

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



<https://puremi.ch/4fNj4K>

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

WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

Mind • Body • Heart • Spirit

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

8-Week Challenge
2 Person Team
(Any Gender)
\$20/person

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

100% PAYOUT

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

WEIGH-IN PROCESS

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

WEIGH-IN PENALTY

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

Prizes for ALL Participating Teams!

Lose HIGHEST % of Weight*

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

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

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

GTB STRONGHEART CENTER PRESENTS



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



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

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

Contact: Leanne (Tana) Alber
(231) 534-7551 Leanne.Alber@gtb-nsn.gov

www.gtbindians.org/strongheart.asp

STRONGHEART CENTER

Hours Starting

NOVEMBER 4, 2024
UNTIL APRIL 2025

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

FRIDAY
6:30 AM - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

CLOSED SUNDAYS & MAJOR HOLIDAYS

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

FRONT DESK: (231) 534-7457

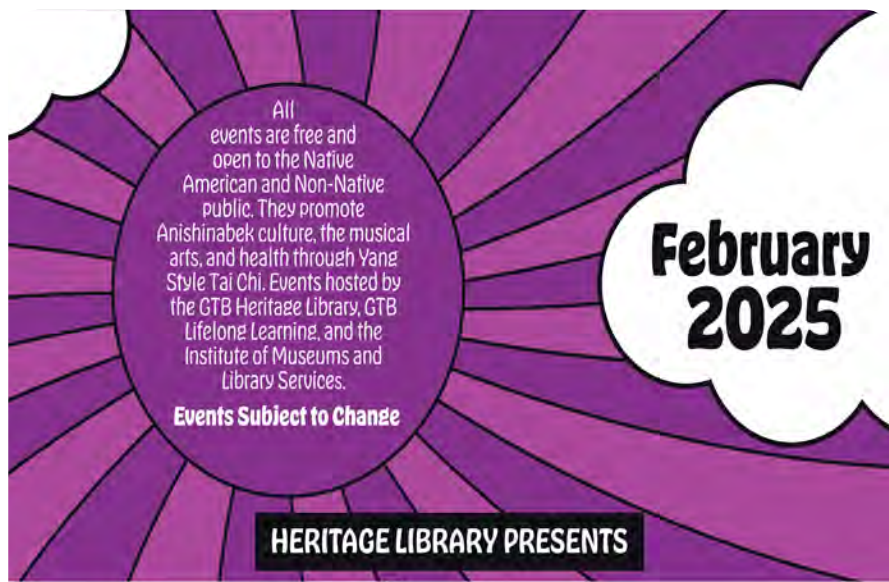
2700 STRONGHEART WAY, PESHAWBESTOWN



https://bit.ly/GTB_Flickr







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

February 2025

Events Subject to Change

HERITAGE LIBRARY PRESENTS

Winter Events & Activities

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

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

Youth 3PM - 5PM & Adults 10AM - 5PM according to teacher availability - First Come First Serve.

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

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

Dreamcatcher Workshop 2: 5PM - 7PM

Join us for a creative adventure in our Anishinaabek Makerspace Workshops! Dive into the art of crafting your very own Dream Catcher. All materials will be provided, so just bring your enthusiasm!
Space is limited, RSVP with the Tribal librarian TODAY!

Heritage Library

February 5th
2821 N. West Bay Shore Dr.
Suttons Bay MI 49682

3-Mile Office

February 11th
845 Business Park Dr.
Traverse City, MI 49686

Charlevoix Office

February 26th
10085 Wa-Ba-Noong Mi-Kun,
East Jordan, MI 49727

Seeking mentors to share the art of dream catcher making & storytelling at each site. Contact the Tribal librarian to get involved!

More Information:

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




HERITAGE LIBRARY PRESENTS

WINTER MUSIC LESSONS

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

ZOOM LESSONS AVAILABLE!

MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY

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

MUST BRING YOUR OWN INSTRUMENT

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

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

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

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

More Info: Francis Carew : (231) 534-7752 or Francis.Carew@gtb-nsn.gov
Dawn Shenoskey - (231) 534-7753



GTB BENODJENH CENTER IS HIRING!!

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

NEW COMPETITIVE WAGES!!!

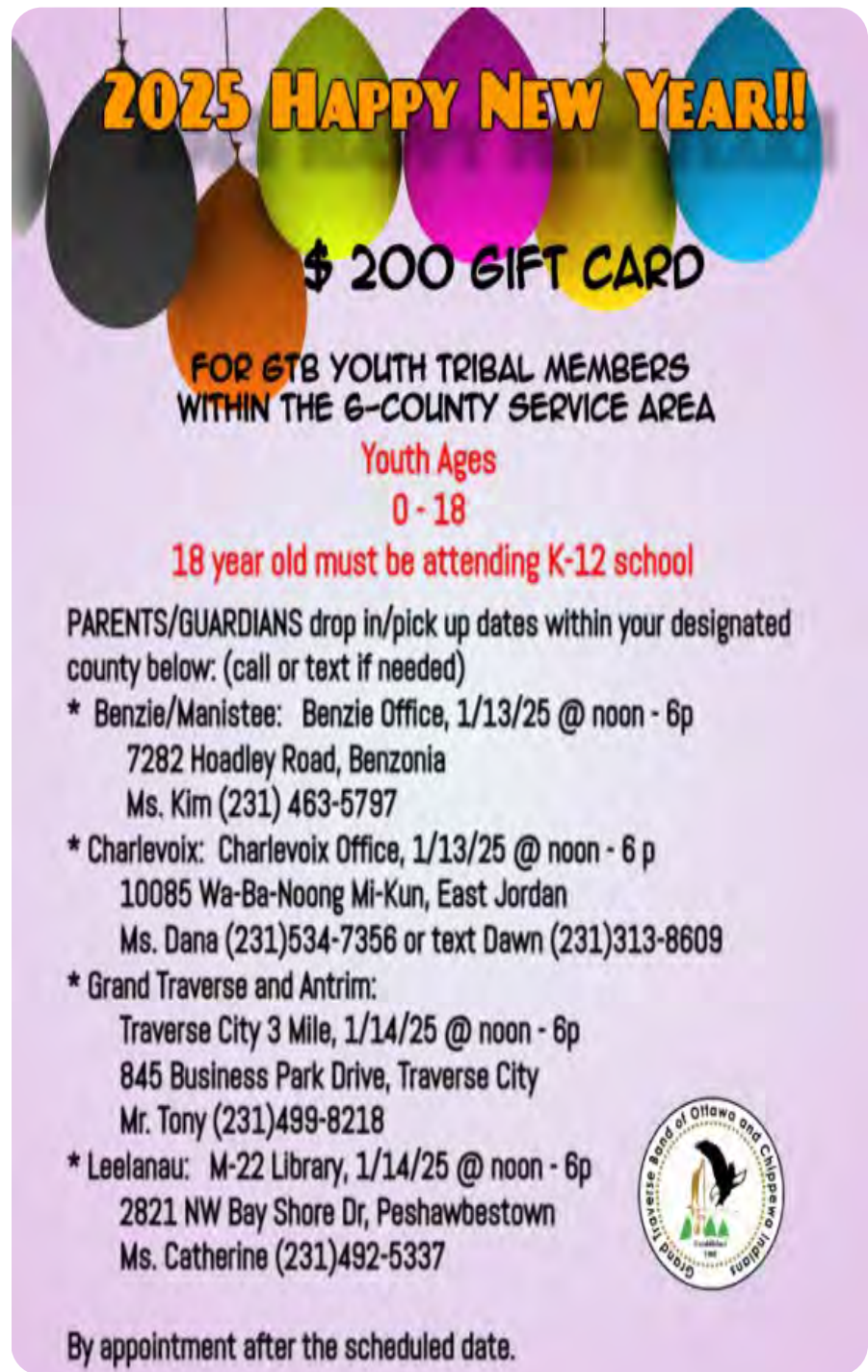
MONDAY - FRIDAY SCHEDULES ONLY!
NO WEEKENDS!!

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

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

Limited Benefits for Part Time Employees: PTO

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

2025 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

\$200 GIFT CARD


FOR GTB YOUTH TRIBAL MEMBERS WITHIN THE 6-COUNTY SERVICE AREA

Youth Ages 0 - 18
18 year old must be attending K-12 school

PARENTS/GUARDIANS drop in/pick up dates within your designated county below: (call or text if needed)

- * Benzie/Manistee: Benzie Office, 1/13/25 @ noon - 6p
7282 Hoadley Road, Benzonia
Ms. Kim (231) 463-5797
- * Charlevoix: Charlevoix Office, 1/13/25 @ noon - 6 p
10085 Wa-Ba-Noong Mi-Kun, East Jordan
Ms. Dana (231)534-7356 or text Dawn (231)313-8609
- * Grand Traverse and Antrim:
Traverse City 3 Mile, 1/14/25 @ noon - 6p
845 Business Park Drive, Traverse City
Mr. Tony (231)499-8218
- * Leelanau: M-22 Library, 1/14/25 @ noon - 6p
2821 NW Bay Shore Dr, Peshawbestown
Ms. Catherine (231)492-5337

By appointment after the scheduled date.



GTB LIFE LONG LEARNING DEPARTMENT

SNOW TUBING FOR GTB FAMILIES

FAMILIES MUST LIVE WITHIN THE 6 COUNTY SERVICE AREA

TIMBERLEE HILLS

AGES 4 AND UP!

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE EVENT!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!
DEADLINE 2/5/25 @5PM.

REGISTER HERE:
<https://forms.office.com/g/G1VDCqdyD>

SESSION 1: 1-2PM
SESSION 2: 2-3PM

10484 S. TIMBERLEE DR. TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49584

INFORMATION AND PRINTABLE WAIVER FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE TIMBERLEE WEBSITE:
[HTTPS://TIMBERLEEHILLS.COM/SNOW-TUBING-FAQ/](https://timberleehills.com/snow-tubing-faq/)

REGISTER HERE:
<https://forms.office.com/g/G1VDCqdyD>

Contact Kim with Questions, More information or help signing up:
Kimberly.Hinmon@gtb-nsn.gov (231) 534-7825

The Tribe is not responsible for any injury or illness that is a result of participation.

SKI or SNOWBOARD @ CABERFAE DAY!

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Join LLL for a day in the snow! This is open to GTB families with youth aged 8 and up who live within the six county service area. 10AM-5PM

You must check in between 9:45am-Noon.

REGISTER HERE:

REGISTER BY February 18

This is a drug and alcohol free event!

CABERFAE PEAKS

1 Caberfae Lane Cadillac, Michigan 49601

SAMHSA native CONNECTIONS

AFTER SCHOOL AUNTIE HOUR

AT THE M22 BUILDING
2821 N. West Bay Shore Drive
Peshawabtown, MI 49682

TUESDAY NIGHTS - GIRLS
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - BOYS

Grades 9th - 12th / ages 13 - 18
4:00-5:30PM
STARTING FEB 11 THROUGH MARCH

WE OFFER :

- HEALTHY SNACK
- EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

LIMITED TO 15 SPACES PER CLASS REGISTER NOW!

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

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

MICHIGAN YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY

Life Changing Opportunity for At-Risk Youth

The Michigan Youth Challenge Academy offers at-risk males and females ages 15½* through 18 an opportunity to graduate high school and realize positive life changes through an intensive five and a half month residential and 12-month post-residential program. In addition to academics, many other areas are developed, including leadership and followership, job skills, physical fitness, life coping skills, service to community and more, in a military-like and structured environment without distractions. MYCA is a FREE program of the National Guard. There is no obligation for youth to enter the military upon completion.

**Age 15½ is defined as youth who will be turning 16 by graduation from the residential portion of the cycle. Youth entering program at 15½ have only one educational option, which is credit recovery and returning to their high school to complete their diploma.*

ACT NOW www.michigan.gov/myca

Cycles start mid-January and mid-July.
Apply early for best chance of admission.

1-800-372-0523

HEALTHY TEETH AND SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

PROMOTE CHILDREN'S EXCELLENT DENTAL HEALTH DURING FEBRUARY

A strong link exists between children's healthy teeth and success in school. Poor oral health status has consistently been correlated to worse academic performance across age, sex, race, and household income for students.

This evidence highlights the need to promote children's excellent dental health during February, Give Kids A Smile Month.

Dental problems are significantly associated with reductions in school attendance, psychosocial well-being, positive socialization, and measurable school performance. Reduction in positive socialization is associated with shyness, unhappiness, feeling of worthlessness, and reduced friendliness, all of which impact school performance.



EXCELLENT DENTAL HEALTH MUST START EARLY

Healthy teeth during the first 5 years of life are associated with higher reading and math scores in grades 2 to 11, while poor oral health is associated with lower scores. Most results were similar when separating elementary, middle, and high school grades, indicating persistence over age. Because unmet dental health needs are so harmful, excellent dental health must start early, before age one-year-old.

Early childhood caries (cavities) is the most common chronic childhood disease in the United States. Left untreated, tooth decay can lead to pain, reduced function, and infection that inhibit a child's ability to eat, sleep, speak, play, and learn.



ORAL HEALTH ISSUES CAN DISTRACT FROM SCHOOLWORK

Students miss an average of more than thirty-four million school hours each year because of dental emergencies. This is roughly 8.6 million 6- to 12-year-olds! Dental disease can worsen other chronic childhood medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, malnourishment, and asthma.

"For kids, oral health issues can distract from schoolwork and lead to less time in the classroom, leaving kids with more ground to make up in their studies," said Bill Kohn, DDS, vice president of dental science and policy at Delta Dental Plans Association. "Parents are concerned, but some simple steps can help make all the difference."



ANISHINAABE DENTAL OUTREACH RECOMMENDS

We at the Anishinaabe Dental Outreach recommend;

- ◆ Nursing the baby
- ◆ Cleaning the baby's teeth before 1yr.
- ◆ Have the baby visit the dentist before age one
- ◆ Limit sugar in child's diet
- ◆ Offer milk and water only to the child
- ◆ Include fluoride for the child
- ◆ Be aware that the germs causing cavities are passed from family member to family member

Why not control what we can to ensure excellence in school performance? Why not control what we can to develop excellent dental health for our children?



Your partner in oral health,
Jessica A. Rickert, DDS, Anishinaabe Dental Outreach jrickert@deltadentalmi.com
231-313-8407

1_ <https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/school-health/oral-health-in-schools/> 2_ <https://www.deltadental.com/us/en/about-us/press-center/2016/newsreleaseskidsmissmoreschooldays201608.html> 3_ [https://www.ipeds.com/article/S0022-3476\(19\)30135-0/abstract](https://www.ipeds.com/article/S0022-3476(19)30135-0/abstract) 4_ [https://jada.ada.org/article/S0002-8177\(18\)30687-1/abstract](https://jada.ada.org/article/S0002-8177(18)30687-1/abstract) 5_ <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC3659270/> 6_ <https://oralhealthsupport.ucsf.edu/sites/g/files/tksra861/f/wysiwyg/Ruff%2C%20et%20al%2C%20Oral%20Health%2C%20Academic%20Performance%2C%20and%20school%20absentism%20in%20children%20and%20adolescents%20.pdf>

FEBRUARY IS CHILDREN'S DENTAL AWARENESS MONTH

February is Children's Dental Awareness Month, and this is the time of year to remind the children in your life of the importance of dental health. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 51 million school hours are lost each year due to dental related problems and diseases. These dental problems present as tooth aches, infection, and pain. To avoid having your children encounter these problems, excellent home care is needed to practice prevention of dental problems. A good routine for home care is as follows:

- ◆ Brush their teeth with a soft bristle toothbrush
- ◆ Brush teeth for 2 minutes in the morning and at night before bed to remove plaque
- ◆ Use a rice grain sized amount of fluoride toothpaste while brushing

- ◆ Use floss to clean between their teeth after brushing
- ◆ Give your child healthy snacks and avoid sugary foods and drinks like pop and juice
- ◆ Schedule your child for a dental appointment to familiarize them to the dental office
- ◆ Regularly attend cleanings and checkups to keep their mouth cavity free

In addition to home care, be sure to get your child into the dental office regularly. It is recommended to have your child first see the dentist by 6 months of age, or when the first tooth appears in their mouth. This will allow your child to get familiar with the sights, sounds, smells, and overall environment of the dental office. It is important to be persistent with your child's dental care as well, so any dental problems can be identified during their biannual dental visits. Your dentist will discuss any

concerns you have regarding dietary habits and home care. They will also develop a treatment plan for your child. Your dentist will discuss the importance of sealants, which are a protective barrier for your child's teeth to prevent decay on their adult teeth as they emerge into the mouth.

To our patients, we appreciate your patience through the holidays and during the time of construction on the Medicine Lodge. To accommodate our patients' needs, we are diligently working to see our patients who had an appointment rescheduled via expanded hours in our clinic. You may be asked to come in for an appointment earlier or later than our regularly scheduled hours to address your needs. We appreciate your flexibility during this time!

GTB Dental Team
(231) 534-7211



GTB HEALTH SERVICES



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REMINDER

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

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURES:

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

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

PHARMACY & EXPANSION TO GTB CLINIC

Ahnee-Boozhu, GTB members and community, we are excited to introduce new staff for the preparation and opening of the GTB Pharmacy. We welcome these three as we prepare and plan to open the Pharmacy (fingers crossed) in late February, early March. We will keep you posted—Baa Maa Pii!

Sonya Zotigh, MPA
Grand Traverse Band Health Administrator



DELIA SHAWANDASE PHARMACY TECH

Aanii kina gweyaa! (Hello everyone!)

My name is Delia Shawandase and I have been working with the tribe on and off for about 10 yrs. I started in the Cultural

Dept in 2015 and will now be working as a pharmacy tech in the new tribal pharmacy. My experience as a technician started at Munson as a tech trainee, and then recently worked with a closed-door pharmacy doing med-management. I've only worked in this field for a couple of years, but it has been one of my most interesting and fun job experiences. I'm excited to be working in my community again, as well as, gaining the knowledge and experience of working in this type of pharmacy.

I'll see you all soon!!

ERIN BRINKMAN PHARMACY TECH



My name is Erin, and I'm a pharmacy technician at GTB. I bring 14 years of experience in the field and have been nationally certified for the past 9 years. Before joining GTB, I worked at CVS Pharmacy. I grew up in Mount Clemens, Michigan, about 30 miles north of Detroit, and I currently live in Thompsonville with my husband of 20 years. We have a 17-year-old son and 15-year-old twin daughters. In my free time, I enjoy camping and exploring new places on vacation.

MELISSA BERGERON STAFF PHARMACIST



I am joining GTB Pharmacy practice with 20 years of experience in pharmacy. I started as a pharmacy technician for Target Pharmacy in Grand Rapids while working my way through my pre-pharmacy requirements at Grand Valley State University where I received my bachelor's degree in Biomedical Science. I then attended Pharmacy School at Ferris State University where I completed my Doctor of Pharmacy degree. I moved back home to Traverse City and began my career as Pharmacy Manager of Target Pharmacy which was later bought out by CVS Health. My home is Traverse City, and while I don't like the cold I love Northern Michigan. In my free time I love to camp, hike, travel, cook and visit National Parks. I am beyond excited to be a part of GTB Pharmacy and look forward to helping people on their path to better health.



Grand Traverse Band Family Health Clinic 2025 Immunization Schedule



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

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

2nd COVID boosters available at GTB Clinic now!!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY FEBRUARY NEWS



CORN ASHING WORKSHOPS

Come join GTB Agriculture staff to learn the process of ashing corn. We will have a big pot of corn and/or squash soup on. Learn how to shuck, boil, process, dry, and store traditional corn for use in corn soup, cornbread, corn tortillas, corn chips and much more! We will have enough corn to send participants home with corn for ashing. We will try to prepare enough ash to send participants home with ash, but we are not sure how much ash we will have by the time of the workshops. The workshop will be held at the Natural Resource Department on Putnam Road. It will be held in the GTB Great Lakes Fisheries barn space (same as last year). We will have one workshop during the workday from **1:00 – 4:00PM on February 19th** and a second workshop after work hours from **5:00 – 8:00PM on February 27th**. We had a great turnout last year and the soup was delicious! For questions and to RSVP please email or call William Derouin at William. derouin@gtb-nsn.gov or 231-534-7023. RSVP is not required; drop-ins welcome!



2025 GTB SUGAR BUSH – COMING SOON!

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

GTB SUGAR BUSH CAMP

March 13th – 15th (3 – 4 Sessions/Day)

March 20th – 22nd (3 – 4 Sessions/Day)

RSVP & Attend 4 Sessions to receive Sugar Bush Participation Package that includes: T-Shirt with GTB Sugar Bush Artwork (designed by Paul Raphael), Tote Bag, Maple Candied Pecans, Birch Bark Basket, Sumac Spiles, Wooden Stir Paddle, and a Step-By-

Step Booklet With Traditional Sugar Bush Instructions.

Activities Include:

- Traditional Tool Making & Woodworking
- Making Maple Sugar
- Birch Bark Basket Making
- Learning Modern Sugar Bush Practices
- Cooking Over The Fire
- Suttons Bay School Youth Field Trips
- Anishinaabe Storytelling
- Making Maple Candy & Cream
- Sugar Bush Snowshoe Hike
- Bottling Syrup

Tanya and Wasinade will be cooking maple inspired food over the fire each day. We hope the sap will be flowing and the Sugar Bush will be in full swing! With over 550 taps this year is gearing up to be the most productive and fun season GTB has hosted in many years. Please mark your calendars and come learn how this important tradition continues and inspires an entire industry that is based on this important Anishinaabe seasonal activity.



BOARDMAN LAKE LOOP TRAIL MURAL RFP

TART Trails is seeking proposals from qualified artists who are members of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians to create a 20' wide x 15' high mural on the GT Profile building along the Boardman Lake Loop Trail.

The entirety of the TART Trails network exists on the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary Lands of the Anishinaabeg – the Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples. Through the completion and installation of this project, we aim to amplify the full, longstanding history of the land with all who traverse the trails in the TART network.

The Boardman Lake Loop mural project aims to contribute to the community and build on our region's cultural resources – the art installation will stimulate community dialogue between people of all ages and abilities, inspire the mind and senses by creating an unexpected aesthetic experience, and enliven the appearance and appeal of this well-traveled public space along a network of non-motorized trails. People of all ages will walk, bike, and gather as they enjoy this mural, and its contribution to the rich texture of the fabric that is the story of our time, our place, and our lives.

Please submit your proposals digitally in PDF format to caitlin@traversetrails.org no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 6, 2025.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Please include the following information in your proposal:

- ◆ Letter of interest– one page of text explaining interest in the project. Please be specific as possible with your concept and your implementation plan. Include a sketch image of concept (does not have to be a final mock up)
- ◆ Current resume – detailing past or current commissions and public installations of work
- ◆ Digital portfolio or website of the artist.
- ◆ References – list of three professional references with knowledge of the artist's work and working methods

PROJECT BUDGET

The artist will receive compensation commensurate with experience, beginning at \$6,000. All expenses including costs associated with the design, fabrication, and supplies and assistant fees are the responsibility of the artist.

TART will purchase primer, cover the payment of costs pertaining to the renting for equipment including scaffolding for the artist to use during installation, cover the payment of costs for sealant protection of the final artwork, and cover the payment of costs for art signage to be affixed to building next to the finished artwork.

PROPOSAL TIMELINE

January 21, 2025: RFP Issued

March 6, 2025: Proposals Due by 4:00 p.m.

March 11 – 19, 2025: Artist Interviews

March 20, 2025: Notice of Selection

Project Start Date: no later **June 15, 2025**
Celebration event to be scheduled upon completion

For more information or questions about this project proposal please contact: Caitlin Early, Campaign & Development Officer
TART Trails, Inc. caitlin@traversetrails.org



MORE INFORMATION:

<https://traversetrails.org/boardman-lake-loop-trail-mural-rfp/>



AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY FEBRUARY NEWS



LETS ASH CORN

The GTB community extends a cordial invitation to all members to participate in the GTB Corn Ashing event, an enriching indoor activity designed for individuals of all ages. This occasion presents a valuable opportunity to explore the historical significance and cultural heritage associated with this ancestral practice.

All necessary supplies will be provided for participants. We encourage your attendance to deepen your understanding and appreciation of this unique tradition.



GTB CORN ASHING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



**February 19th
1 PM - 4 PM**



**February 27th
5 PM - 8 PM**



**3505 N. Putnam Road,
Peshawbestown, MI
(Heated Barn)**

ABOUT CORN ASHING

Ashing corn, a traditional method known as nixtamalization, involves immersing corn kernels in a warm, alkaline solution made from wood ash. This transformative process not only cooks the corn but also effectively breaks down its tough outer shell, referred to as the endosperm. As a result of this treatment, the corn becomes tender and more enjoyable to chew, with the skins loosening and separating effortlessly from the kernels. This technique enhances the flavor and nutritional profile of the corn, making it a staple in various culinary applications.

CONTACT & RSVP

- ☎ (231) 534-7023
- ✉ William.Derouin@gtb-nsn.gov
- 🏠 3505 N Putnam Rd, Suttons Bay MI 49682

PUBLIC SAFETY

Winter Safety and Support: Stay Warm, Stay Safe, & Stay Connected

When winter arrives, so do its unique challenges. Snow, ice, and freezing temperatures require us to be prepared to stay safe and support one another during the cold months. Here are some important tips and resources to help you navigate the season safely and access assistance if needed.

WINTER SAFETY TIPS

- **Dress for the Weather:** Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, warm layers instead of one heavy layer to retain heat and keep comfortable.
- **Shovel Safely:** Overexertion while shoveling snow can lead to serious health risks, including heart attacks. Take frequent breaks, especially if the snow is heavy.
- **Clear Fire Hydrants:** Help firefighters by keeping fire hydrants near your home clear of snow. This small effort could save lives in an emergency.

FINDING HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

The 211 network is a lifeline for those seeking resources during winter and throughout the year. Simply dial 211 to speak with trained specialists who can connect you with local services, including housing, food, health care, and more.

• What is 211?

Launched in 2000, the 211 network is a free, confidential service providing information and referrals to social services. With more than 200 agencies across the United States, 211 responds to over 21 million requests annually, helping individuals meet basic needs and access critical support.

LOCAL 211 SERVICES

- **Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, and Leelanau Counties:** Heart of West Michigan United Way’s 2-1-1
Call: 211 or (800) 887-1107

Text: Your zip code to 898-211

Website: Heart of West Michigan United Way’s 2-1-1 - <https://www.211.org/about-us/your-local-211>

• **Charlevoix & Manistee Counties:** Community Access Line of the Lakeshore (C.A.L.L.)

Call: 211 or (231) 733-1155

Text: Your zip code to 898-211

Website: Community Access Line of the Lakeshore - <https://www.call-211.org/>

Both services are available 24/7/365 in over 180 languages, ensuring help is always within reach.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR SUPPORT

- **AARP:** www.aarp.org
- **American Red Cross:** www.redcross.org
- **FEMA Ready Campaign:** www.ready.gov
- **Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers:** www.rosalynncarter.org

Local emergency management offices, community centers, and senior centers may also offer valuable support during the winter season. Don’t forget to stay tuned to local television and radio stations for updates on weather conditions and safety alerts.

This winter, remember to prioritize safety, take care of your neighbors, and never hesitate to ask for help. Whether it’s a warm meal, a safe place to stay, or someone to talk to, support is just a call or text away. Stay warm, stay safe, and stay connected.

Protect Yourself from the Cold

❄️

You are at risk if you work outside or in cold conditions

❄️

Dress Appropriately

Wear clothes meant for cold, wet, and windy conditions such as:

- ❄️ Loose-fitting layers
- ❄️ Hats, socks, shoes, and gloves
- ❄️ Outerwear that will keep you dry

Extreme exposure to the cold can eventually lead to **hypothermia**.

Drink Warm Beverages & Take Breaks

- ❄️ Take frequent breaks in heated areas, if possible.
- ❄️ Drink plenty of warm, sweet beverages (sugar water, sports drinks).
- ❄️ **AVOID** caffeine (in coffee, tea, sodas, or hot chocolate) and alcohol.

Know the Warning Signs

Health Problems:

Trench Foot

Frostbite

Hypothermia

Hypothermia—Don't ignore the signs!

Uncontrollable Shivering

Slurred Speech

Clumsiness

Fatigue

Confusion

Hypothermia is a medical emergency

Call 911

Getting help can be the difference between **life** and **death**.

You are at a higher risk if you take certain medications, are in poor physical condition, or suffer from illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension, or cardiovascular disease.

Safe a Life, Give a Lane: Michigan’s Move Over Law Saves Lives

Every year, police officers, firefighters, tow truck drivers, and other emergency responders are injured or killed on the job when drivers fail to slow down or move over. To combat these tragic incidents, Michigan law requires motorists to slow down and move over for stationary emergency vehicles with activated lights.

If moving over to an adjacent lane is not possible, drivers must reduce their speed by at least 10 mph below the posted speed limit and pass with caution, giving as much space as safely possible.

The Move Over law applies to these authorized emergency vehicles:

- Police
- Fire
- Rescue
- Ambulance
- Road service vehicles, including tow trucks and Michigan Department of Transportation safety vehicles

“By slowing down and moving over, you’re not just following the law—you’re protecting the lives of the people who protect us,” a Michigan State Police spokesperson

shared.

Let’s work together to make Michigan’s roads safer for everyone. When you see flashing lights, remember to slow down and give a lane.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/msp.

Michigan’s Move Over Law

When approaching an emergency or authorized vehicle...

Slow down, at least 10 mph below the posted speed limit, and fully shift into an open lane if possible.



FIRE & RESCUE



GTB Fire Dept. Urges Residents to Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow

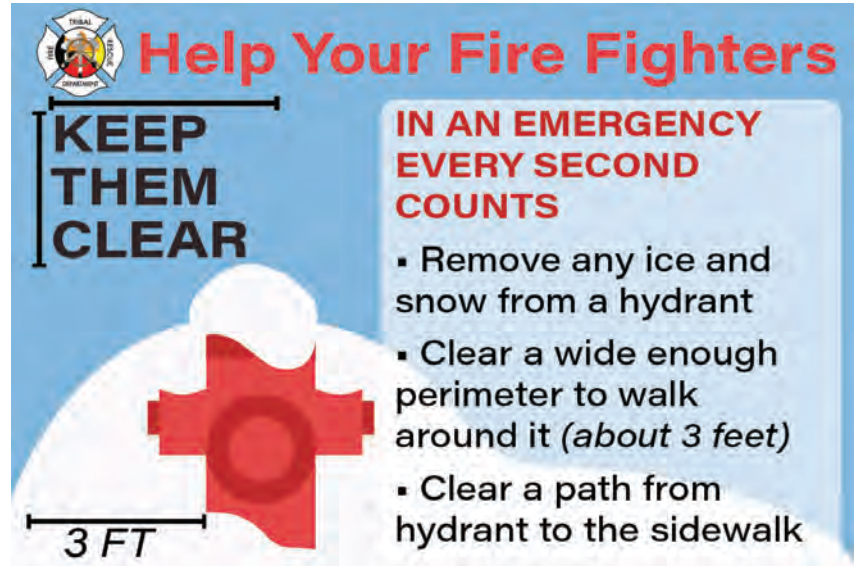
With winter weather in full swing, the Grand Traverse Band Fire Rescue Department is issuing an important reminder to residents: keep fire hydrants clear of snow. During emergencies, every second counts, and buried hydrants can delay critical response times.

“Here in northern Michigan, heavy snow is a reality we face every year,” Fire Chief Fairchild explained. “When fire hydrants are buried in snow, it means more work for firefighters during emergencies. Clearing the snow away before we arrive can make a big difference.”

Accessible hydrants are crucial for first responders to quickly attach hoses and access water. While no one is officially responsible for maintaining clear access to hydrants, the department encourages community members to take initiative.

“Shoveling out a fire hydrant near your home is a simple way to help your neighbors and support public safety,” the spokesperson added.

Residents are urged to check hydrants after heavy



snowfall and ensure a clear path is maintained around them. Even small efforts can have a big impact during emergencies.

For more winter safety tips, visit the Grand Traverse Band Fire Rescue Department’s website or follow them on social media.

Fire Safety Tips for Spring Cleaning

As warmer weather approaches and spring cleaning begins, the Grand Traverse Band Fire Rescue Department is reminding residents to incorporate fire safety into their seasonal tasks. With wildfires becoming a growing concern across the U.S., it’s important to take precautions to protect homes and communities.

“Spring is the perfect time to reduce potential fire hazards around your property,” Fire Chief Fairchild stated. “Simple steps can make a big difference in reducing the risk of wildfire damage.”

Here are a few essential fire safety

tips to keep in mind while tackling your spring cleaning:

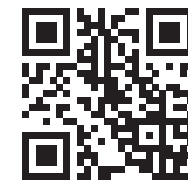
- **Clear debris:** Dispose of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings to eliminate fuel for fires.
- **Clean roofs and gutters:** Remove flammable materials such as leaves and pine needles from the roof, gutters, and areas under the deck to prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **Maintain defensible space:** Remove dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within five feet

of your home.

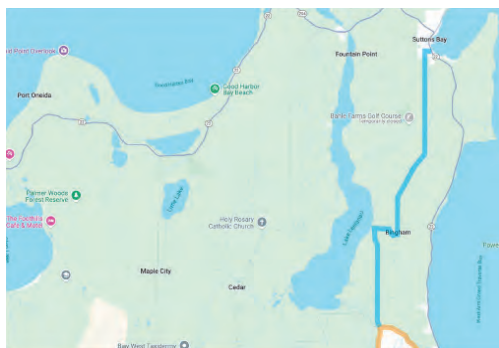
- **Relocate hazards:** Keep construction materials, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from your home and outbuildings.

Taking these steps not only helps protect your property but also contributes to the safety of the entire community.

For more information on fire prevention and safety, visit the Grand Traverse Band Fire Rescue Department’s website or follow their social media updates: https://bit.ly/GTB_Fire



M-72 Closure to Affect Commute to Peshawbestown Offices Beginning in February



Community members commuting to the Grand Traverse Band (GTB) offices in Peshawbestown should prepare for significant traffic detours due to the closure of M-72 starting February 3, 2025. The closure, expected to last approximately four weeks, is part of a utility relocation project west of Traverse City. This work will impact key travel routes to and from the GTB offices.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Utility companies DTE and Traverse City Light & Power are relocating underground utilities beneath M-72 in preparation for a major Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) project. The MDOT project will rebuild sections of M-72 and M-22 and include the construction of a new roundabout at the M-72/M-22 intersection. That larger project is scheduled to begin in mid-April 2025.

The utility work is being carried out by Team Elmers under a permit from MDOT. During this phase, M-72 traffic will be rerouted onto county roads and city streets, which could add time to commutes. Additionally, Bay Street and several nearby roads will also be closed to through-traffic.

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS & DETOURS

The M-72 closure extends from just west of the M-72/M-22 intersection in Elmwood Township to Incochee

Woods Drive. Through-traffic will be detoured on alternate routes. Key detour routes and maps have been made available by MDOT for planning purposes.

M-22 will remain open between US-31/M-37 (*Division Street*) and Cherry Bend Road, allowing limited access in the area. However, drivers should anticipate congestion and delays during peak travel times.

ADDITIONAL ROAD CLOSURES

Other closures affecting the area include:

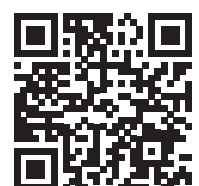
- **Bay Street:** Closed from M-72 to US-31/M-37 and at intersections with Ramsdell Road, Monroe Street, Elmwood Avenue, Spruce Street, Cedar Street, and Wayne Street.
- **East Carter Road:** Closed from M-72 to M-22.
- **Barney Road:** Closed from Gray Road to Cedar Run Road.
- **Harris Road:** Closed from Cedar Run Road to Barney Road.
- **East Lincoln Road:** Closed from Bugai Road to Cherry Bend Road.

Pedestrian and bicycle detour plans are also being developed to ensure safe travel during the construction period.

PLAN AHEAD

GTB staff and community members traveling to Peshawbestown are encouraged to plan for alternate routes and allow extra travel time during the utility relocation project.

For more information, visit the MDOT project page, <https://www.michigan.gov/mdot>.



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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

Behavioral Health Supervisor (FT)

Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling, Social Work, Psychiatric Nursing, or related field required. State of Michigan full Licensure required. Min. of 4yrs 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. Min. of 3yrs experience in a supervisory position required. Certified Advanced Alcohol & Drug Counselor (CAADC), or ability to obtain within 1yr. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$76,174/yr DOE - until filled

Benefits Coordinator - PRC (FT)

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

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. - \$ 4 3 , 7 5 0 / y r 9.21.22- until filled

EHS/HS Bus Driver - Part Time (PT)

Must have High School diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with children & adults in an appropriate manner. Must have First Aide Certification or obtain a CPR/First Aid certification (within 30 days). Ability to observe & evaluate children in a non-biased

manner. Must be willing to & as well as obtain a CDA within first (2) yrs. of hire. -\$18.55/hr - until filled

EHS/HS Health & Disabilities Coordinator (FT)

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

(2) EHS/HS Home Visitor (FT)

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

Elders Site Coordinator (FT)

High School diploma or GED certificate required. Minimum three years experience working with Native American Elders. Must have a valid Michigan Chauffeur's License and obtain your CDL within 1 year of hire date. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. Must have current CPR Certification and First Aid Training. Must be able to work flexible hours and to take on additional responsibilities when asked. -\$19.52/hr - until filled

Facilities Maintenance I (FT)

High School diploma or GED. Must have at least three to (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

Head Start Assistant Teacher (FT)

Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must have a Child Development Association (CDA) within two years or an Associate's Degree in early childhood development within three years 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.. -\$16.55/hr - until filled

Head Start Teacher (FT)

Associates Degree, with a Child Development Certification, with emphasis in early childhood development, Bachelor's Degree preferred. Previous experience preferred with skills in classroom management & curriculum planning. Must maintain current CPR/First Aid certification. Must be proficient in the use of computers & programs such as word processing. Able to develop & implement short & long term educational goals. Good observational

skills & ability to summarize observed learning/social behaviors in children. -\$19.52/hr - until filled

Housing Utility Worker (FT)

High School Diploma or GED preferred. Must have some housekeeping experience. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$16.17/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

Human Resource Associate (FT)

High School Diploma or GED 2 years of HR experience with 1 year of office experience required. Microsoft Office Experience. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$18.55/hr - until filled

Law Enforcement Specialist/Program Director (FT)

Associate's Degree in Office Management or related area and four years of administration and secretarial experience required. A combination of education and work experience in the criminal justice field, sex offender management or closely related criminal justice field working with database information sharing implementation. Must have experience with SORNA Code, management and requirements to maintain SORNA compliancy requirements. Must have experience with assisting victims of crime. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$43,188/yr - until filled

On-Call Receptionist - Charlevoix (ON-CALL)

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

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. (1) yr. 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 & 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 & procedures, Federal Regulations, GTB Tribal Police Department Policies &

Procedures, Tribal and State Criminal Codes, Children's Code, Tribal Constitution, Michigan Motor Vehicle, GTB Personnel Policy, Police Department Organic Resolution & Code, & all other applicable rules, regulations and statutes. -\$27.24/hr - until filled

Revenue Cycle and Data Manager (FT)

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

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. - \$ 1 9 . 5 2 / h r 10.25.22- until filled

Teacher (FT)

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

Tribal Prosecutor - Contractual (FT)

Any person shall be eligible to serve as Tribal Prosecutor only if he/she: Is an attorney in good standing licensed to practice law in any state in the United States and/ or is a member of the Grand Traverse Band who has attained the age of eighteen (18); preferably a licensed attorney in good standing. Has not been convicted, within ten (10) years of such appointment, of any felony by a court of competent jurisdiction; and 2+ yrs. of professional related experience in prosecution; or any equivalent combination of education, experience, & training that provides the required knowledge, skills, & abilities. Must have a valid, unrestricted driver's license & be insurable with GTB's insurance carrier. -\$DOE - 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, and low absenteeism. -\$16.17/hr - until filled

Victims Shelter Assistant (FT)

Associates Degree in Social Work or a related field (Bachelor's Degree preferred). 1-year of case management experience. Successful work or volunteer experience in a human service setting preferred. 1-year or more years direct service experience in an emergency shelter or homeless service. 1-2 years of professional/paraprofessional experience in prevention and the provision of service to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence and victims of crime. Multicultural awareness. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$21.75/hr - until filled

RFP - Corrective Exercise Instructor

The Bidder, through its written proposal, provide evidence of ability and experience to undertake the specified objectives/duties in this Request for Proposal. -\$RFP - until filled

RFP - Personal Trainer 2024-2025

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

RFP - Snow Removal and Lawn Maintenance 2024

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

RFP - Survivor Legal Aid Attorney

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

RFP - Tutor

GTB is seeking qualified proposals vendors or adult individual/s (aka bidders) to deliver tutoring services within the six-county area in classroom and/or via other appropriate designations (i.e. Leelanau, Grand Traverse, Charlevoix, Antrim, Benzie and/or Manistee). Through this RFP, GTB seeks to have tutor(s) available who meet eligibility criteria for elementary, middle and/or high schools (i.e., kindergarten through twelfth grade) in school.. -\$RFP - until filled

RFP - Yoga Instructor 2024-2025

GTB is looking to contract yoga instructor(s) for

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

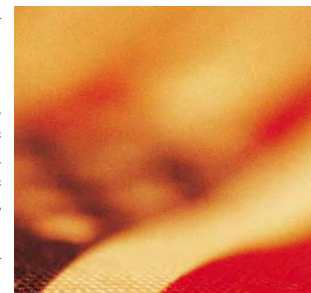
120 Announcements

(2) VACANCY ON THE ELECTION BOARD

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

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GTB Tribal Elder
Grand Traverse Band
Hereditary Chief
 Traverse City, MI
 12/10/1942 – 12/24/2024
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NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO APPEAR FOR STATUS CONFERENCE HEARING IN THE MATTER OF Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Public Safety v Abandoned Trailer and Abandoned RV Camper Van [VIN # 2GBJG31M9H4110082] in the Grand Traverse Band Tribal Court 2809 N. West Bay Shore Drive Peshawbestown, MI 49682 (231)-534-7050 Case NO. **2024-3514-CV-CV.**

Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. A **Status Conference Hearing is set for February 25, 2025 at 1:30 PM via Zoom.** 3. Failure to appear or take other action may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's Complaint.

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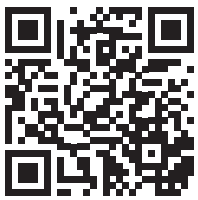


Election Board Vacancy Announcement

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Election Board is Looking for Interested Candidates For Two (2) Open Vacancies On The Board. **Open Until Filled.**

Any Interested Tribal Member Please Send a Letter of Interest to Monique Clifford at:

**ATTN: GTB Election Board
GTB Membership Department
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