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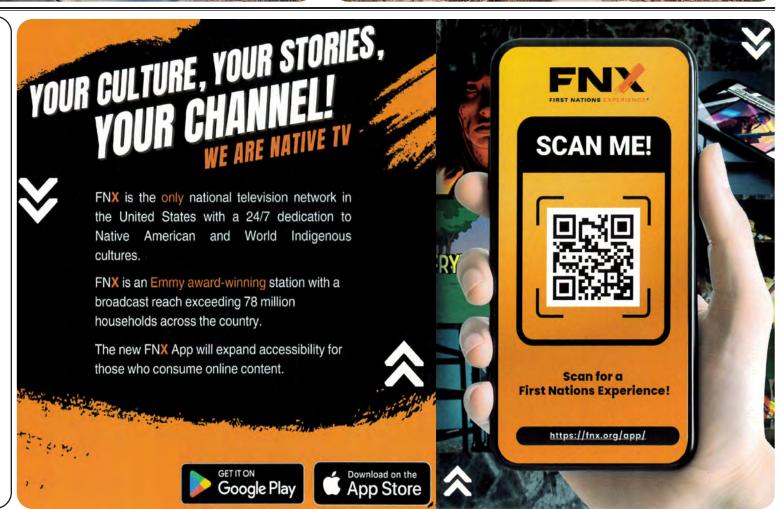
TAKE A LOOK AT THE HISTORICAL MOMENTS AS WE CELEBRATED THE SWEET SEASON AT GTB ISKIGAMIZIGAN (SUGAR BUSH) CAMP!

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



Greetings Tribal Citizens,

2025 Tribal Council Goals and Objectives – Maamowizing Miiniwa Waanichigeng

In February, the Tribal Council approved the 2025 Tribal Council Goals and Objectives, which include the Tribal Council's Mission Statement. The Goals and Objectives are included in this newsletter for your review. (See page 3)

Tribal Council Community Meetings

Monthly Tribal Council Community meetings will be starting in April. Each month, we will visit a different community to listen to concerns and hold open discussions. We will be following up on concerns noted during the community meetings held last year. Common themes were identified, and we will provide updates at future community meetings. Please remember that you can submit questions, comments, and/or concerns directly to the Tribal Council by emailing members.speak@gtb-nsn.gov.

Schedule

Antrim Kewadin Indian Mission Church April 22nd

Benzie/Manistee Satellite Office May 15th

Charlevoix Satellite Office June 19th

Grand Traverse Satellite Office July 17th

Leelanau Tribal Council Chambers August 28th

Elders Open Forum

Reminder that Council holds a special Open Forum for Elders the second Tuesday of the month from 10-noon at the Traverse City office. Please remember that you can submit questions, comments, and/or concerns directly to the Tribal Council by emailing members.speak@gtb-nsn.gov.

Peshawbestown Master Plan

The first of two public input sessions will be held on Wednesday, April 30th at Tribal Council Chambers to discuss the land use, goals, and strategies for the Peshawbestown Master Plan. Tribal Member input is a very important step in this process. Please join us to share your ideas and concerns. (See page 5)

GTB Pharmacy



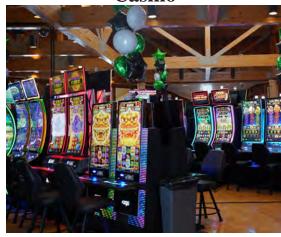
The Grand Opening of the Medicine Lodge was held in 1996. On March 24th, almost 30 years later, the Grand Opening of the GTB Pharmacy took place. It is an exciting time for GTB as we promoted access to quality healthcare services. The GTB Pharmacy will assist us in expanding our services. Nothing is more important than the health of our people. Chi-Megwetch to all the Health Service Staff who have worked so hard to make the GTB Pharmacy a reality, and milgwetch for all of the accomplishments made on behalf of the membership.

We have come a long way since the 1980's when Contract Health and Substance Abuse Services were in downtown Suttons Bay, at 309 N. St. Joseph Street. "The Happy Woman" and "Blue North Arts" are located there now. This is where I started working for the Grand Traverse Band as a 24 year old Substance Abuse Prevention worker. The staff included: Ruth Bussey, Health Administrator, Jeannie Harter, Receptionist, Simon Otto, Substance Abuse Counselor, Johnny Waukazoo, Recovery Advocate, and Darlene Sineway, Secretary/Receptionist. The Contract Health and Substance Abuse Services office eventually moved to the building now known as the court, and the clinic was in a modular building next door, prior to the opening of the

Tribal/Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Summit and Consultation

On March 19th, I attended the Tribal/MDHHS Summit and Consultation in Lansing, MI. Tribal Leaders gathered to share thoughts on how we can continue to improve the way MDHHS works with tribes in Michigan. I met with Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS Director, to discuss General Welfare Exclusion and the impact on MDHHS policies.

Benzie – Crystal Shores Casino



Gaming is our most significant source of revenue for the tribe, enabling us to meet the unique needs of our tribal members. We continue to build economic independence on tribal trust land. The opening of the new Crystal Shores Casino has proven to be a successful endeavor for GTB. Crystal Shores Casino is located at 7282 Hoadley Road in Benzonia. We hope you've had a chance to check it out. If not, stop by when you can.

Legislative Affairs

We continue to work closely with our legal team in Washington D.C. They are closely monitoring Executive Orders issued by President Trump to determine the potential impacts on our Tribal citizens and Tribal Government. The political climate in Washington is rapidly evolving, and it will take time to determine what the full impact of these Executive Orders will be. We will provide updates as they become available.

GTB members are encouraged to ensure Tribal ID's, State ID's, and Passports 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. (Tribal ID's NOW available by mail - See page 5)

We will continue to work diligently to ensure that the federal government fulfills its trust responsibility to our Tribal Nation, and that the State of Michigan recognizes its historical responsibilities and acknowledges our inherent sovereignty.

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

Chi-miigwetch!



2025 TRIBAL COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES MAAMOWIZING MIINIWA WAANICHIGENG

Mission Statement of the Tribal Council

We, the Tribal Council of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, a Sovereign Nation, honor our ancestors and the rights preserved for our Tribal Nation. We shall promote and protect the wellbeing of our present and future members through culture, sovereignty, treaty rights, natural resources, health, public safety, education, financial management, housing and agriculture, and shall be responsive to the needs and statements of Tribal Members.

Naadiziwin CULTURE

Preserve, Restore, Promote, Revive and Practice our Anishinaabemowin and Traditions:

- Continue to foster growth and incorporate cultural activities through our daily lives and within all programs.
- Language Increase Anishinaabemowin (original people's language) being spoken in the communities and in the work place.
- Catalog History- expand oral/video/ written collections at Eyaawing and GTB Heritage Library and share with the public at large.
- Ensure the continuation of the rights afforded to us by our ancestors as guaranteed in the 1836 and 1855 treaties.

Kina Kitigaan AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Agriculture provides technical assistance and education to tribal members:

- Advance agriculture through education and partnership.
- Increase opportunities for agriculture enterprises.
- Act as the liaison between tribal members and farm markets, state and local programs.
- Focus on traditional-based foods, plants, seeds, and practices
- Foster youth, family, Elders, and community agricultural development and participation.

Strengthen food sovereignty goals.

Dedibinezowin SOVEREIGNTY/ TREATY RIGHTS

(Legislation) Preserve, Strengthen and Assert our Tribal Sovereignty:

- Remain vigilant in holding the federal government accountable to its trust responsibilities.
- Environment continue advocacy for the protection and well-being of clean air, water, land, wildlife, the health of the fishery, and climate.
- Advocate for Bimaadiziwin (The Good Life)- protect the rights of our People, Natural Resources and the Great Lakes.
- Land use plan/land trust/purchase of our ancestral land.
- Continue communication and increase awareness of government-

- to-government relationships (Tribal/State/Federal/Local).
- Collaborate and create partnerships with other sovereign nations.
- Review and update Tribal Codes.
- Support, Prioritize and Promote the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO); Native American Graves Repatriation Act (NAGPRA); Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP); and Native American Boarding Schools Victims.
- Environment: continue to advocate for Green initiatives/renewable energy.

Ezhi-mko-waabndamewiziying PUBLIC SAFETY & Noojimoowin miiniwa Bimaadizid and Naadimaagewinan HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Exercise the functions of public safety (law enforcement, conservation, fire department] in a manner consistent with the sovereign authority of the Tribe as established by the Tribal Council.
- Provide quality and timely health care services for eligible individuals
- Establish consistent health care accessibility in the six-county service area.
- Expand health care services.
- Dedicate resources to promote wellness and disease prevention in all areas of health.
- Become our own third-party health administrator.
- Provide human services for eligible Tribal members.
- Promote healthy lifestyles and ensure access to recovery.
- Increase awareness of traditional medicines.

Kinoomaadiwin EDUCATION

Promote lifelong learning:

- Advocate for accurate Historical Reference of Native history.
- Provide and promote opportunities for career development -vocational, career tech, college and/or university education.
- Promote educational opportunities and enhance in-school/out-of-school support to ensure student success for all ages.
- 100% Graduation Rate of all Tribal Members.
- Mentor Career/Education development.
- Provide scholarship opportunities

- and informational resources in all career areas.
- Create summer work programs so that students may have the opportunity to learn about their Tribe's governmental and gaming operations.
- Develop education/cultural programs designed to strengthen Anishinaabek knowledge for all Tribal members.

Zhoonya ezhi minjaangaadeg FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committed to overall efficient and effective financial and fiduciary management:

- Ongoing evaluation of investments.
- Continued oversight of government and economic entities of the Tribe.
- Provide financial information consistent with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.
- Program efficiency analysis and reduction of duplication.
- Review and update all existing policies.
- Ensure timeliness and quality services are provided.
- Follow the laws as outlined in GTB Codes and GTB Constitution.
- Promote investment classes for both young adults and adult Tribal Members so that they may make educated, informed decisions.

Endaang Emiikigig HOUSING

Create affordable, quality housing for members of the Grand Traverse Band in the six-county service area:

- Promote home ownership, down payment assistance funding, and emergency repair and rehab programs to meet the needs of all GTB members.
- Conduct a needs assessment for future planning and development.
- Develop housing/rental sites/ infrastructure for supportive housing, mobile homes, modular homes, and tiny homes within the six-county service area to meet the needs of all GTB members.
- Review and update existing Housing policies and procedures.
- Purchase land within the six-county service area.
- Develop homeless population services and referral program.

Tribal Council Regular Session March 19, 2025 http://bit.ly/GTB Member

II. New Business. A- FY2026 Budget Hearing No Motions.

II. New Business. B- GTB Investment Policy for Minor Trust Accounts Policy Statement Amendment This item was tabled for TCSS March 26, 2025.

II. New Business. C- Prosecutor Contract Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to select and start the draft negotiation for the contract for the Tribal Prosecutor. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries

II. New Business. D- **Emergency Shutdown** This item was tabled for TCSS March 26, 2025

II. New Business. E- 5-Year Update to GTB Spill Plans Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve and adopt the Spill Plans for Turtle Creek Market and Eagletown Market as updated. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries

II. New Business. F- FY24 RAO, BIA, and IHS Closeouts This item was deleted.

II. New Business. G- Kunkel & Associates, Inc. Business Associate Agreement with GTB and EDC Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve the agreement and Chairwoman's signature on the agreement. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries

II. New Business. H- GTB Resolution #25-43.3754 for GTB LIHTC #2 BIA Land Lease Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger to approve Resolution #25-43.3754. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 1-ABSTAINING (Rohl) Motion Carries

Tribal Council Sepcial Session March 25, 2025 http://bit.ly/GTB_Member

II. New Business. A- Mellon Foundation Community Based Archives Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve Resolution #25-43.3759 to seek approval and funding in the amount of \$99,896 from the Mellon Foundation for the Community Based Archives grant Digitizing the heritage of GTB. 4-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Frankenberger, Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

II. New Business. B- GTB Investment Policy for Minor Trust Accounts Policy Statement Amendment Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Raphael to Table this item for more information. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

II. New Business. C- Emergency Shutdown Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to direct Legal, OMB, and the Tribal Manager to structure an account that would support Tribal Government services if an emergency shutdown should occur; to bring back to Tribal Council within 3 months with their recommendations.

5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

II. New Business. D- FY2024 RAO, BIA, and IHS Closeouts Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to approve

the FY2024 RAO Closeout. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to approve the FY2024 BIA Closeout. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

Motion made by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve the FY2024 IHS Closeout. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

II. New Business. E- Affirmation of FY2026 Congressional Designated Spending Requests Motion made by Tribal Council

Member Raphael and Supported by Tribal Council Member Napont to affirm the submissions of the Peshawbestown Safe Sidewalk Project and Transitional Housing Project to the Fiscal Year 2026 Congressional Designated Spending application process for Senator Peters. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

II. New Business.
F- General Welfare
Distribution Surveys
for 2025 Motion made by
Tribal Council Vice Chair
Rohl and Supported by
Tribal Council Secretary
Miller to approve the Adult
Tribal Members GTB RAO
survey and the Minor's
Grantor Trust Survey.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST;
1-ABSENT (Swallows);
0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

II. New Business. G-Legislative Procedures for Appointment of Judges
Motion made by Tribal
Council Vice Chair Rohl and
Supported by Tribal Council
Member Frankenberger to
Table this item for the Tribal
Council Regular Session
of April 16, 2025 and to
have further discussion.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST;
1-ABSENT(Swallows);
0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

II. New Business. H- Chief Judge Appointment Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council to Table this item for the Tribal Council Regular Session of April 16, 2025, along with a letter being sent out to the candidates that we will have a decision within 30 days from today. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

II. New Business. I-Michigan Forensic
PLLC Agreement
Motion made by Tribal
Council Member Napont
and Supported by Tribal
Council Secretary Miller to
approve the agreement with
Michigan Forensic PLLC.
5-FOR; 0-AGAINST;
1-ABSENT (Swallows);
0-ABSTAINING
Motion Carries

II. New Business. J- Grand Traverse County-GTB Deputization Agreement & Prisoner Housing Contract Motion made by Tribal Council Member Frankenberger and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Miller to approve the contract for prisoner housing between GTB and The Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Vice Chair Rohl to approve the deputization agreement between GTB and The Sheriff of Grand Traverse County. 5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT (Swallows); 0-ABSTAINING Motion Carries

TRIBAL COUNCIL HYBIRD RECORDED SESSIONS

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

Sessions will be held in Council Chambers.

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Regular Council Sessions https://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCRS25 4/16 • 5/21 • 6/18 • 7/16

Special Council Sessionshttps://bit.ly/GTB-REG-TCSS25
4/30 • 5/28 • 6/25 • 7/30

TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 26, 2025

There were (3) Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, (3) EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and (21) Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

Chairwoman Witherspoon attended 2 of 3 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 3 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 20 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Scheduled out of office: 3/11/25 - 3/14/25 Bereavement *Scheduled out of office 3/18/25-3/19/25 - attended Tribal/MDHHS Summit & Consultation Meetings Lansing, MI

Vice Chair Rohl attended 3 of 3 Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, 2 of 3 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 9 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Scheduled out of office 3/10/25 - 3/15/25 - attended RES 2025 Las Vegas, NV.

Treasurer Swallows attended **2 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **3 of 3** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **17 of 21** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Scheduled out of office 3/9/25 - 3/11/25 - attended Impact Aid Conference Washington DC *Scheduled out of office 3/20/2025 - 4/2/2025.

Secretary Miller attended **2 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **3 of 3** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **19 of 21** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Scheduled out of office 2/26/25.

Councilor Raphael attended 3 of 3 Tribal Council Regular/ Special Sessions, 3 of 3 EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and 18 of 21 Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.

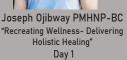
Councilor Frankenberger attended **3 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/Special Sessions, **0 of 3** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **0 of 21** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings. *Scheduled out of office 3/10/25 - 3/15/25 - attended RES 2025 Las Vegas, NV.

Councilor Napont attended **3 of 3** Tribal Council Regular/ Special Sessions, **2 of 3** EDC Regular/Special Sessions, and **11 of 21** Tribal Council Work Sessions/Round Tables/Other Meetings.



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Elaine Dougherty (MSP) "Current Drug Trends in MI" Day 2



James Vukelich "Miigwechiwendamowin" Day 2

Grand Traverse Resort & Spa - 100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd. Acme, MI Hotel Reservations: 231-534-6001 (Room Block ID: Inter-Tribal Council of MI - ANB0505) Room Rate: \$109/night plus \$25 Resort fees/taxes (Room block closes 4/12/25) https://book,passkey.com/go/ANB0505

Free registration - limited to 150 attendees (MI & Bemidji Area) Registration deadline is May 7,2025 Registration link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/99XMM3Q

Contact: Arlene Kashata @ <u>akashata@itcmi.org</u>, cell: 231-735-0491 Linda Grossett @ <u>lgrossett@itcmi.org</u>, cell: 906-440-1470











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March 18, 2025

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RE: Peshawbestown Master Plan Seeks Public Comment

Land use, goals, and strategies for the Peshawbestown Master Plan is the topic of a public input session on April 30th, 2025, at the GTB Administration Building (2605 N. West Bay Shore Drive, Peshawbestown, MI 49682). The session begins at 4 P.M. and ends at 7 P.M. People interested in the development of the Peshawbestown Master Plan can arrive at any time between those times to learn about the preliminary sub area planning, draft goals, and strategies in an informal setting and offer their ideas and concerns.

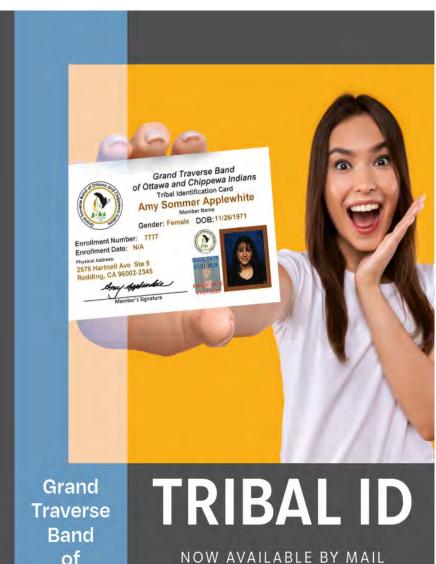
The Master Plan is focusing on 3 Sub Areas within Peshawbestown and are located along M-22 and McKeese Road (see attached map). The land uses identified for those Sub Areas were generated from a series of meetings with Grand Traverse Band Departments and Tribal Council. In addition, MDOT was consulted with, regarding proposed traffic calming efforts along M-22 to incorporate into our Sub Area - A Plan, goals, and strategies.

This is the first of two public input meetings planned for in the development of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Peshawbestown Master Plan. In attendance, to field questions and concerns will be staff from the Grand Traverse Engineering & Construction, the Grand Traverse Band Land and Roads Department, and EDC Corporate Architect.

Information on the Peshawbestown Master Plan is available on the Internet at https://www.gtbindians.org/pubinfo.asp or by calling 231-941-8505.

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Antrim/GT Elders Events & Activities

Monday's & Friday's Office Tasks 8AM - 5PM *Notes: Lunch Provided **11:30AM - 12:45PM

Tuesday; April 1st

Craft Activity 11:30AM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; April 2nd

Open Sew 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; April 8th

Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile 10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Wednesday; April 9th

Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; April 10th

Shopping TBD 11:30AM - 12:45PM**

Tuesday; April 15th

Shopping TBD 11:30AM - 12:45PM**

Wednesday; April 16th

Open Sew 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; April 17th

Craft Activity
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; April 22nd

Craft Activity 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; April 23rd

Open Sew 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; April 24th

Birthday Bingo & Cake 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tuesday; April 29th

Open Sew 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Wednesday; April 30th

Craft Activity

1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Benzie Elders Events & Activities

Call Dee Wonegeshik,

Elders Department

Manager for assistance.

Office (231) 534-7748

Cell (231) 631-3908

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

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ELDERS SITE COORDINATOR

SIGN UP REQUIRED!

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*SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CALL FIRST.

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE DRUG & ALCOHOL-FREE!

Charlevoix Elders Events & Activities

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

Monday; March 31st Through Wednesday; April 2nd

BARB KENWABIKISE
OUT OF OFFICE
8:00AM - 5:00PM

Thursday; April 3rd Coffee & Chat

1:30PM** Friday; April 4th

Benzie Casino & Dashboard Dining 10:00AM

Tuesday; April 8th

Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile 10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Wednesday; April 9th
Trivia
1:00PM**

Thursday; April 10th

Walk & Talk in Gym 1:30PM**

Friday; April 11th
Community Room Open
Puzzle & Quilting

Tuesday; April 15th

TC AMC Movie & BYOLunch 10:30AM

Wednesday; April 16th

Card Games 1:30PM**

Thursday; April 17th Coffee & Chat

1:30PM**

Friday; April 18th

Community Room Open Puzzle & Quilting

Tuesday; April 22nd Craft Time

1:30PM

Wednesday; April 23rd Bingo Birthday Bash 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Thursday; April 24th

Walk & Talk in Gym 1:30PM**

Friday; April 25th Artisian Well & BYOLunch

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Tuesday; April 29th Craft Time

1:30PM

Wednesday; April 30th

Card Games 1:00PM**

Leelanau Elders Events & Activities

Monday's Meal Delivey 1PM - 4PM

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

Tuesday; April 1st

Strongheart Track Walk 1:15PM

Thursday; April 3rd

MELISSA MARTINEZ
OUT OF OFFICE

8:00AM - 5:00PM

Friday; April 4th

TC Store 9:15AM

Tuesday; April 8th

Elders Advisory @ 3-Mile 10:00AM - 4:00PM*

Wednesday; April 9th

Suttons Bay Libary 1:15PM

Thursday; April 10th

Thrift stores, St Vincent, Chums, & Women Resource 9:15AM

Tuesday; April 15th

Craft Day

@ Elders Complex
1:00PM

Wednesday; April 16th

Tribal Council 9:30AM

Thursday; April 17th

Painting "Let's be Creative" @ Elders Complex 12:00PM

Tuesday; April 22nd

Suttons Bay Library 1:15PM

Wednesday; April 23rd

Game Day & Board Games 1:00PM

Thursday; April 24th

Birthday Bingo Lunch & Cake @ Elders Complex 12:00PM

Tuesday; April 29th

Craft Time @ Elders Complex 1:30PM

Wednesday; April 30th

Strongheart Track Walk 1:15PM

Mino-Dibishkaan! Happy Birthday!

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

Elders Birthdays!

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

Stanley	Bigjoe	1-Apr	Connie	Hacker	11-Apr	Albert	Gunderson	21-Apr
Clinton	Gould	1-Apr	Evonne	Allard	11-Apr	Mark	Madagame	22-Apr
Alvina	Napont	2-Apr	Elizabeth	Gribbell	11-Apr	Ella	Germaine	22-Apr
Joseph	Raphael	2-Apr	Sharon	Reisedge	12-Apr	Nicholas	Bailey	22-Apr
Edward	Chippewa	2-Apr	Ginger	Hardy	12-Apr	Jennifer	Reynolds	22-Apr
John	Moore	3-Apr	Geraldine	Behling	13-Apr	George	Warren	23-Apr
William	Bailey	3-Apr	Lela	Chippewa	13-Apr	Charlotte	Wells	23-Apr
Janice	Petoskey	3-Apr	Sherry	Hacker	13-Apr	Susan	Salsman	23-Apr
Wallace	Hall	3-Apr	Michael	Patten	14-Apr	Rebecca	Kalush	24-Apr
Patricia	Randolph	5-Apr	Sheila	Lawler	14-Apr	Richard	King	24-Apr
William	Reed	5-Apr	Mabel	Burns	14-Apr	William	Gunderson	24-Apr
Yvonne	Gale	5-Apr	Gertrude	Minzey	14-Apr	Debra	GreenSky	25-Apr
Gail	Diaz	6-Apr	Henry	Bailey	14-Apr	Judith	O'Neill	25-Apr
Barbara	Hanninen	6-Apr	Deborah	McNeil	15-Apr	Lesley	Mellema	25-Apr
James	Mills	6-Apr	Cornelia	Two Crow	15-Apr	Renee	Wilson	25-Apr
Anita	Hall	6-Apr	Patrick	McGrath	15-Apr	Lark	Brotherton	26-Apr
Lynn	Nada	6-Apr	Marion	Wabanimkee	15-Apr	Lilly	Pocock	27-Apr
Cindy	McCallum	6-Apr	Joanna	Brownell-Hill	15-Apr	Debra	Коерр	27-Apr
Ronald	Scheiding	7-Apr	Gail	Woods	16-Apr	Jane	Rohl	27-Apr
James	Harter	7-Apr	William	DeVerney	16-Apr	Elaine	Marquez	28-Apr
Thomas	McSauby	8-Apr	Laverne	Winters	16-Apr	Kerry	Nyquest	28-Apr
Geneva	LaSieur	8-Apr	Kellene	Given	17-Apr	Caleb	Ashby	28-Apr
Louis	Gates	8-Apr	Louis	Williams	17-Apr	Larry	Mortenson	29-Apr
Larry	Gates	8-Apr	William	Landreville	18-Apr	I -	Amstutz	29-Apr
Sandra	Yannott	9-Apr	Elwood	Stainbrook	18-Apr	Duane	Burfield	29-Apr
Lora	Robert	9-Apr	Mark	Henley	19-Apr	Barbara	Kutchey	29-Apr
Peter	Shomin	9-Apr	Joseph	Kau-Be-Naw	19-Apr	Julie	Hillier	29-Apr
Gary	Partello	10-Apr	Sandra	Raphael	20-Apr	Joseph	Finch	29-Apr
Charles	Petoskey	10-Apr	Luella	Cote		Michael	Bailey	30-Apr
Michelle	Miller Stork	10-Apr	Debra	Gannon	20-Apr	Patricia	Alexander	30-Apr
Brent	Bailey	10-Apr	Joan	Petoskey	21-Apr	Roberta	Brothwell	30-Apr
Jennifer	Casper	10-Apr	Carl	Paepke	21-Apr			-

ELDERS ADVISORY ORGANIZATION

SPRING FUNDRAISING SOCIAL

LUNCHEON

\$5.00 /PER PERSON \$20/FAMILY OF 4 TO 6 - HAM, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE, DINNER ROLL, PIES, COFFEE, TEA & LEMONADE

APRIL 11, 2025

11 AM TO 2 PM

845 BUSINESS PARK DR. TRAVERSE CITY

ELEGANT

EASTER BASKET RAFFLE

50/50 AND DOORPRIZES

BRING YOUR "WATER BOTTLE"/"FEAST BUNDLE" FOR AN EXTRA DOORPRIZE TICKET.

Questions, please call/text (231) 357-8485

\$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



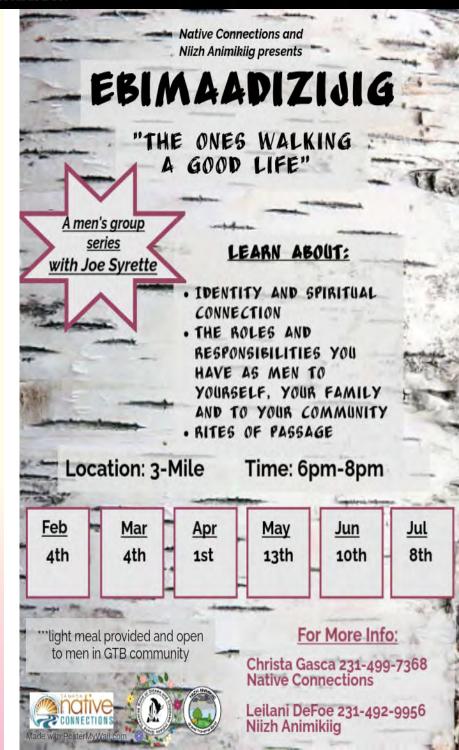
Don't let lack of transportation be the barrier between you and attending substance use treatment. If you do not have Medicaid and need assistance to getting to treatment in the six-county area, please call for more information.

Dan DeKorse 231-463-9536

dan.dekorse@gtb-nsn.gov



(<u>Marion.Wabanimkee-Minzey@gtb-nsn.gov</u>



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

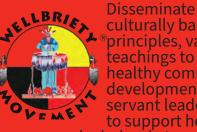
scott.scholten@gtb-nsn.gov

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



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.

LOCATION **CHANGES**

FEBRUARY

SWEAT on 17th at 6:00 pm

(231) 534-7247

CALL TO REGISTER

FOR A SESSION OR SWEAT

MARCH 4th & 5th - Traverse City 8th* & 19th - Peshawbestow *SWEAT on 18th at 6:00 pm

APRIL 1st & 2nd - Boundary 15th* & 16th - April 2016 *SWF *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 Wamen on their scared "moontime" (monthy cycle) cannot attend this session



Requests for Anishinaabe names, colors, clans, teaching, doctoring for illness, dreams,

¶ <u>CO−ED SWEATS</u> **》**

Co-Ed Sweat November 18th, December 18th, January 21th, 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 courshavioralHealth@gtb-nsn.go





Your Children Will Learn to Protect Themselves in the Digital World!

Who: Students 7th - 12th Grade

When: Saturday April 26th, 2025, 9 am - 12 pm

Where: Grand Traverse Resort

Continental breakfast served at 9 am

Course Description:

The Internet is a powerful tool for learning, communication, and entertainment, but it also comes with risks that every student should be aware of. This course, led by Carlos Sanchez, a law enforcement officer with extensive experience in juvenile investigations and online safety, will provide students with critical knowledge and practical strategies to stay safe online.

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the risks of online interactions and social media use.
- Identify potential online threats, including cyber predators and scammers.
 Recognize the long-term consequences of sharing personal or inappropriate content.
- Apply strategies to manage their online presence and protect their privacy. Respond appropriately to cyberbullying, threats, and harmful messages.
- Use social media and digital platforms positively and responsibly.

Please exercise parental judgment regarding your child's experiences and maturity level as to the appropriateness of this course. Feel free to contact Christa or Leilani with details to help you make an informed decision for your child.

Christa Gasca 231-534-7094 Leilani Defoe 231-534-7093

PROTIVE



HUMAN SERVICES

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)



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



Bring a dish to pass and enjoy a night of food, drinks, games and lots of fun



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CHARLEVOIX

THURSDAY I 6:00 PM

MEDICINE LODGE AW[SOM[[V[NT] THURSDAY I 6:00 PM

11 3-MILE FRIDAY I 6:00 PM





DONT'S MISS THIS

CONTACT FOR MORE INFO:

Christa Gasca 231-499-7368

Leilani DeFoe 231-492-9956



PARENTING IN A DIGITAL WORLD **INTERNET SAFETY • THREATS • SOLUTIONS**

HELPING YOU NAVIGATE YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL WORLD

Who: Elementary, Middle, and High School Parents When: Saturday April 26th, 2025, 9 am - 12 pm

Where: Grand Traverse Resort

See: The flyer below for the teens portion of this training. Continental breakfast served at 9 am

The cyber safety seminar for parents, Parenting in the Digital World, is a 90minute, engaging and eye-opening presentation about what is really going on in our children's digital world. It can be presented in-person or by webina

In this "new normal" where children are learning online from home, they are time. This seminar will show you the current games and apps teens are using today. Secondly, cyberbullying and other online threats are defined with current trends and real-world examples investigated in schools. Lastly, participants will be given tools and an action plan that they can immediately begin using to help keep their children safe online.

- Current apps kids are using and what you need to know about them
- · Risks associated with popular social media sites "Sexting" and online predators
- How to set expectations and consequences
- How to monitor online activity and find secret Instagram accounts
- · How to talk to your child about pornography

FOR PARENTS ONLY, NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED

· Parental controls and privacy settings

Christa Gasca 231-534-7094 Leilani Defoe 231-534-7093

IN THE PRESENTATION

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CYBERSAFETY COP. COM

Established in 2012, Cyber Safety Cop delivers training, speaking, and consulting worldwide in Internet safety, cyberbullying, behavioral prevention, and school safety

Our simple yet powerful advice will positively impact your families' lives and how schools manage the digital world.



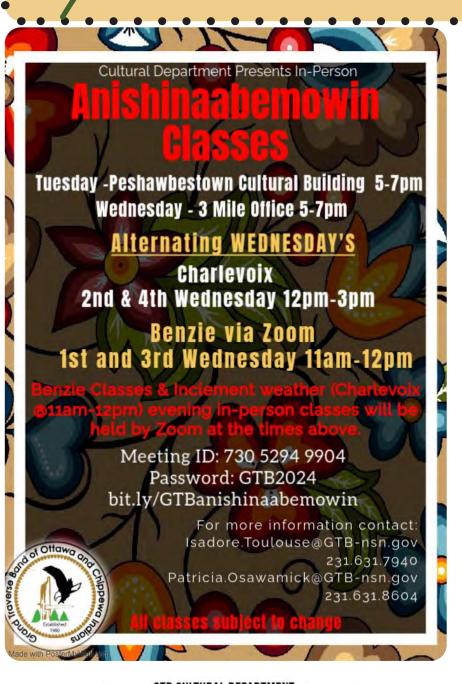
Parenting in the Digital World, the definitive guide to internet safety for families will be available for sale at the event \$20.00 (cash or credit

This book will help parents take the next steps to implement all the safety measures taught in the seminar. http://www.cybersafetycop.com/











GTB Cultural Department

More Information TaShena Sams TaShena.Sams2@GTB-nsn.gov

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Measure it-Dibizhan

Cut it- Giizhkwadan

Aambe Anishinaabemadaa- Let's go speak the language

GTB Cultural Department

231-534-7766

(Come and Sell/Trade)

For information contact:

TaShena Sams

TaShena.Sams2@GTB-nsn.gov

231-534-7766

all.com2304 N. West Bay Shore Dr. Peshaawbestown, MI

GTB CULTURAL DEPARTMENT

FANCY FEATHER BUSTLE WORKSHOP

WITH WILLIAM "BILLY" MARSHALL



WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY'S @ 5:30PM

APRIL 2, 9, 16, 23,30

3 MILE OFFICE APRIL 3, 10, 17, 24



LIMITED SPOTS

WORKSHOP FULL



MORE INFORMATION:

TASHENA SAMS Tashena.sams2@gtb-nsn.gov 231-534-7766 Public Welcome!
Eyaawing Museum
April 12, 2025
9:00am-3:00pm

Vendors...
Sister of the Willow
Harpo Lou's Bowtique and many other GTB crafters

Bi-Odaawek is to give GTB and community crafters/vendors the opportunity to sell their items to the surrounding community.

If you would like to be a vendor please register: https://bit.ly/30sqt96

GTB STRONGHEART CENTER







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

Call Leanne or Dawn for the Details & Questions! Contact: Leanne (Tana) Alber

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

Dawn Shenoskey

(231) 534-7753 or text (231) 313-8609

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

GTB STRONGHEART CENTER

www.gtbindians.org/strongheart.asp

PRESENTS

Fitness Center Financial Assistance to GTB Citizens, Within 6 County Service Area,







- Take advantage of this partnership to stay active, build strength, and prioritize your well-being.
- Invest in your health-join today!
- Betsie Hosick Health & **Fitness Center**

102 Airport Rd, Frankfort, MI 49635

www.gtbindians.org/strongheart.asp

Strongheart Center has partnered with Betsie Hosick Health & Fitness Center to offer GTB Benzie area residents an exclusive gym membership opportunity in support of your health and wellness goals!

Call Leanne or Dawn for the Details & Questions!

Contact: Leanne (Tana) Alber

Leanne.Alber@atb-nsn.gov (231) 534-7551

Dawn Shenoskey or text (231)313-8609 (231) 534-7753

TURTLE BALL CLASSIC PRESENTS... BOYS & GIRLS DIVISIONS: REGISTER AT TURTLEBALLGLASSIG@GMAIL.COM 18u **15u 12u** 12th&13th STRONGHEART CENTER 2700 STRONGHEART WAY PESHAWBESTOWN MI















HUSTLE FOR THAT MUSCLE.

New Strongheart Hours Starting May - October

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





FRIDAY 6:30AM - 6:00PM

SATURDAY 9:00AM - 1:00PM

CLOSED SUNDAYS & MAJOR HOLIDAYS

SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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



pport Victims **Build Trust**

SURVIVOR LIAISON / PROGRAM MAY ASSIST

Victim/Survivors who are involved with a case being prosecuted in GTB Tribal Court, and the crime must be a crime listed below.

- Violation of Protection Orders
- **Intimate Partner Violence**
- Sexual Assault
- Stalking
- Sex Trafficking

Yvette R. Weese, **Tribal Court Survivor Liaison/ Program Director** (231) 534-7381

SERVICES PROVIDED

INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO

Support victims and explain available legal options.

- Provide home visits when necessary.
- Refer survivors to social services both inside and outside the Tribe.
- Inform victims of their rights under
- Assist victims in filling out personal protection orders.
- Transportation to and from GTB Tribal Court when available.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

GTB Tribal Victim Assistance Director Jackie Barnowski (231) 534-7525

> **GTB Tribal Court** (231) 534-7050

GTB Legal Department (231) 534-7601

GTB Behavioral Health Services (231) 534-7090

> **GTB Human Services** (231) 534-7910

Anishinaabek Family Services (AFS) (231) 499-5162

> **Grand Traverse** Women's Resource Center (231) 941-1210

GTB VICTIM RIGHTS ORDINANCE (PASSED 5/21/2019)

§501- Definitions

Crime Victim means a person directly and proximately harmed as a result of the commission of an offense under the laws of the Grand Traverse Band. In the case of a crime victim who is under 18 years of age, incompetent, incapacitated, or deceased, the legal guardians of the crime victim or the representatives of the crime victims' estate, family members, or any other persons appointed as suitable by the court, may assume the crime victim's rights under this chapter, but in no event shall the defendant be named as such guardian or representative.

§502- Rights of Crime Victims:

- The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding, or any parole proceeding, involving the crime or of any release or escape of the accused.
- The right not to be excluded from any such public court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and

- convincing evidence, determined that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at the hearing.
- The right to be informed of the rights under this section and any services offered by GTB.
- The right to be reasonably heard at any public proceeding in the district court involving release, plea, sentencing, or any parole proceeding.
- The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the government in the case.
- The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay.
- The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy.
- The right to be informed in a timely manner of any plea bargain or deferred prosecution agreement.
- The right to be reasonably protected from the accused. (GTB Tribal Code, TITLE 9, CHAPTER 5)

CRIMINAL CASE IN TRIBAL COURT Types of Hearings

Arraignment. The first hearing a This is where the conditions and amount of bond are set if the Judge releases the defendant.

Pre-Trial. Before an actual Trial is scheduled there are motion hearings to determine whether evidence will be admitted or excluded at trial, or whether there is a legal reason why the defendant should not be tried. The prosecutor and defense attorney may meet to determine whether the defendant will plead guilty to the crime charged or some other offense.

trial, the judge or jury will determine defendant is guilty whether the or innocent of the crime charged or that they are guilty of some lessor offense. A trial is an adversary proceeding; the prosecution must present evidence a reasonable doubt. prosecutor must call all witnesses to the crime. The defendant is neither required to prove his or her innocence, not to present any evidence.

Sentencing. If the defendant is found guilty of a crime, the judge will set a date for sentencing. The time between conviction

Trial. The defendant will be tried and sentencing is used to prepare a defendant will have is an arraignment. whether by a judge or a jury. During the presentence investigation report. The report is prepared by a probation officer. At the time of sentencing, the judge will consider the information in the report before deciding upon a sentence. The judge will also consider the sentencing guidelines as a reference for imposing an sentence. Determination appropriate of the sentence is the judge's sole responsibility, although some convictions carry a legally mandated minimum sentence. The judge may consider different alternatives, such as giving defendant a fine, probation, community service, restitution, a sentence to jail or prison, or a combination.





SCAN ME

GRAND TRAVERSE BAND

Bunchigedaa 'LET'S ALL CLEAN

GTB Housing, GTB Owned Properties, & Tribal Trust Land ONLY!

Carlson Road, Peshawbestown, Benzie, Antrim, Charlevoix, & Herkner Housing Property Maps (Pink & Yellow parcels) & Anti-Dumping Ordinance: bit.ly/GTB_FM

IMPORTANT CHANGES!

MAY 10TH

MAY 13[™]

- Curbside Refuse **pick-up** will now be <u>limited to a 10'x10' pile per address.</u> Anything over that size pile WILL NOT BE PICKED UP and will be the responsibility of the resident/homeowner to dispose of and removed from curbside by May 13th, 2025
- Items that WILL NOT BE PICKED UP **CURBSIDE:** household garbage, concrete, commercial and residential bricks, construction material, batteries, liquid paint, gas, oil, pesticides, yard waste, and refrigerants. Tires without rims are acceptable (limit 4 per address)
- Once the truck comes through your area 7:00am - Noon, IT WILL NOT RETURN!
- DO NOT start refuse piles until May 3rd, **2025!** This is mandated and enforced in accordance with GTB Tribal Code Chapter 11 - Anti-Dumping Ordinance.

An additional day for Refuse clean-up will be offered by **Drop-Off only** in **Peshawbestown**. The drop-off site will be located across from Leelanau Sands Casino in the east parking lot. Drop-off site will open at 8:00am - 6:00pm. One drop-off load per address!

- The same refuse items not picked up curbside, are not eligible for drop off
- NO boxed trucks or enclosed trailers allowed to drop-off refuse
- You <u>MUST</u> reside on GTB Housing/GTB Owned Properties/Tribal Trust Land. Addresses will be confirmed from the list on-site.
- You MUST show valid ID's; GTB Tribal ID and Driver's License or State ID. ID's must match address from the list. Once verified, your signature is required.
- **We ask for your patience** upon arrival, wait in line, pull-up when motioned, stay in your vehicle since on-site workers will unload.

Questions:





2821 N. West Bay Shore Drive Peshawsbetown, MI 49682

TUESDAY NIGHTS - GIRLS **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - BOYS**

Grades 9th - 12th / ages 13 - 18

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

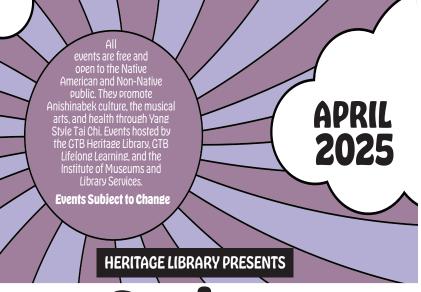
(231)534-7751 cell# (231)492-5337 Catherine.crowley@gtb-nsn.gov

Kimberly Hinmon Benzie/Manistee SSA

kimberly.hinmon@gtb-nsn.gov

(231)534-7825 cell# (231)463-5797





30-Minute Guitar, Piano, and Voice lessons by **appointment**. Zoom Lessons Available. Music lessons are i and children. The Heritage Library has I 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.

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

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

Medicine Wheel Workshop: 5PM - 7PM

Come learn to make Medicine Wheels at the Heritage Library Anishinaabek Makerspace Workshop. All materials provided.

Space is limited, RSUP with the Tribal librarian TODAY! No RSUPs by the day of the event, event will be canceled.

Heritage Library April 9th 2821 N. West Bay Shore Dr. Suttons Bay MI 49682

3-Mile Office April 16th

Charlevoix Office April 30th

845 Business Park Dr. Traverse City, MI 49686 10085 Wa-Ba-Noong Mi-Kun, East Jordan, MI 49727

Benzie Elders Dreamcatcher Workshop: April 23rd 11AM - 3PM @ Elders Complex

Lunch will be provided by the Elders Program.

More Information:

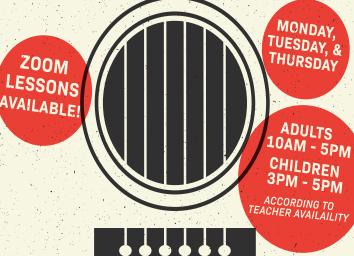
Francis Carew (231) 534-7752 Francis.Carew@gtb-nsn.gov Heritage Library - 2821 N West Bay Shore Dr. Peshawbestown, MI





SPRING USTG

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



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

Free Online Tutoring for GTB Students!



Need a certified tutor? We've got you covered!



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

Register Today!

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Ms. Catherine: (231) 534-7751 | Cell: (231) 492-5337 Ms. Kaylie: (231) 534-7755 | Cell: (231) 631-1672

Benzie / Manistee

Ms. Kim: (231) 534-7825 | Cell: (231) 463-5797

Grand Traverse

Mr. Tony: (231) 534-7747 | Cell: (231) 499-8218

Antrim / Charlevoix

Ms. Melissa: (231) 534-7765 Ms. Dana: (231) 534-7356

Take advantage of this amazing opportunity to support your student's learning!

For additional assistance, contact: Dawn Shenoskey, Department Manager (231) 534-7753 | Cell: (231) 313-8609





Higher Education, High School & Adult Vocational Training Graduates

HIGHER EDUCATION BANQUET

Saturday, June 7th, 2025

Hagerty Center Traverse City, MI

RSVP will be sent out.



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



\$ 200 GIFT CARD

FOR GTB YOUTH TRIBAL MEMBERS WITHIN THE G-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.

U-M CLUB OF GRAND TRAVERSE SCHOLARSHI



A. Rickert, Dr. Jessica DDS, **Anishinaabe Dental Outreach**, is the first female American Indian Dentist, a member of the Prairie Band Pottawatomi Nation.

She attended the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and practiced in private practice and at the Family Health Care FQHC located in Baldwin.

She is an adjunct faculty instructor and preceptor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry and University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She is also a past president of the Resort District Dental Society. She is the author of Exploring Careers in Dentistry, has written numerous articles, and has served as a speaker and consultant. She has been inducted in the Michigan's Women's Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the Ida Gray Award from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

2025 U OF M CLUB OF **GRAND TRAVERSE (UMCGT)** SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS ONLINE

The **U-M Club of Grand Traverse** awards six to nine \$2,000 scholarships annually to local students enrolled full time at the University of Michigan. Students from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse Kalkaska and Leelanau counties may apply for any or all scholarships at any point during their academic

studies. **Scholarship** opportunities, guidelines, application and mandatory cover sheet can be accessed from the "UM Club GT Scholarship

Application, 2025" scan QR Code or follow link: https://alumni.umich. edu/wp-content/uploads/UMCGT-Scholarship-Application-2025.pdf

Applications with cover sheet, reference **letter(s) and transcripts** are due by Friday, April 25, 2025 via email to:

U-M Club of Grand Traverse Scholarship FundGoBlueGrandTraverse@umich.edu

NOTE: Carefully read descriptions and guidelines. The cover sheet (p. 3) is mandatory. Pages 3-6 are fillable PDFs. Please complete, save as a PDF and return to GoBlueGrandTraverse@ umich.edu. Applicants should supply contact information, sign your name by typing it into the form, and complete the application (p. 5 & 6) attached.

IF THE COVER SHEET IS NOT INCLUDED, YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

APPLICANT MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Applicant must currently reside in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska or Leelanau County (hereinafter, the "Grand Traverse Area") and have resided in the Grand Traverse Area for at least three years;

B. Applicant must complete and file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA") or its equivalent and demonstrate financial need to be considered for this UMCGT Scholarship;

C. Applicant must have maintained a 3.0 or higher-grade point average in high school, and must maintain a 2.75 or higher-grade point average while at the University of Michigan;

D. Applicant must timely submit the (1) Cover Page and (2) Application; and,

E. Applicant must provide at least one letter of recommendation regarding leadership involvement in community and school activities, and, if applicable, for college activities.

All UMCGT scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need. Each applicant's financial need will

be verified by the U of M Office of Financial Aid.



APRIL 7TH-11TH WE RECOGNIZE OUR REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST

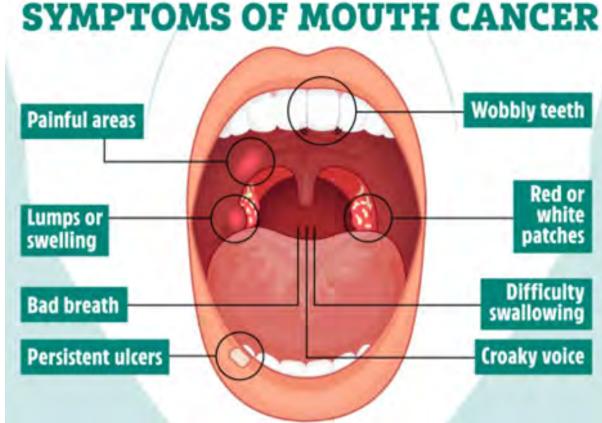
April has arrived and we hope that the snow is on its way out! The second week of April, from the 7th-11th, we are recognizing our registered dental hygienist (RDH) Jerri Gabriel for her efforts. Jerri has been vital to our

hygiene services over the last couple of years to provide patients our excellent with preventative dental care. She is with our team on Thursdays and Fridays as she also works in another local dental office while not with us. She's responsible for keeping oral patients' hygiene in excellent condition and educates our patients on how to take care of their oral health at home. Please

take a moment to say "Thank You!" to Jerri for all the hard work she does for our patients! Also, we are currently searching for a full-time hygienist to bolster our hygiene services, so if you have a friend or family member who

is a registered dental hygienist, please encourage them to apply to our office! Additionally, April is recognized as oral cancerawarenessmonth. Many activities such as smoking, drinking alcohol, vaping, and chewing tobacco increase

> the incidence of cancers the mouth and These throat. cancers are often growing slow and will appear as small bumps, lumps, or patches disfigured tissue. If you are concerned about any abnormality that you notice, be sure to mention it to your dental provider to have it examined. Below are some signs/ symptoms be aware of and mention to your provider.





GTB HEALTH SERVICES



PHARMACY GRAND OPENING

Grand Traverse Band Health Services Department (Manoomin-Rice) is very happy to announce that the Grand Opening for the GTB Pharmacy that took place at 11 am to Noon on March 24th, 2025, at the Medicine Lodge. Please join us for the ribbon cutting and celebratory cake.

We are excited to be able to meet eligible patients' prescription needs in our very own pharmacy. The GTB Health Services Department would like to say a CHI-Megwetch to the Tribal Council for their **support** in this effort that we expect to be very beneficial to our GTB Membership and Community.

We hope that you will make the GTB Pharmacy your home pharmacy.

To be eligible for GTB Pharmacy services, please see the eligibility criteria below as approved by Tribal Council:

Patient:

a. An individual who has an established relationship with the GTB Family Health Clinic such that the Health Clinic maintains and controls the records of the individual's health care documented by the health professionals employed in the clinic. Note: Individuals that only request the dispensing of prescriptions do not meet the eligibility criteria of a patient.

**The patient who receives their primary care from a prescriber noted in a. above, can be referred by that prescriber to an outside prescriber for care not available from the health clinic. Prescriptions resulting from such care will be eligible to be filled if the referral is in effect (referrals good for approximately one year unless indicated for a lesser period and patient has had at least one visit with the referring physician).

b. GTB Health Services accepts responsibility for the health care of patients who have completed the GTB Family Health Clinic Patient Registration one time and are also one of the following:

- A member of the GTBOIC
- A member of a Federally recognized Tribe
- A dependent of eligible Native Americans, who have not reached the age of 19.
- Non-Native spouses who are married to an eligible Native American, with billable insurance.
- Employees, Employee Spouses & dependents provided they have third-party billable insurance coverage.

c. The patient must have had services with the GTB HS at least once per year. This includes patients on maintenance medications, these patients are expected to have at least one Well-Patient Visit per year.

d. The patient must have GTB as their primary care

For more information, please call Chief Pharmacist Kim Hines at 231-534-7245 or the GTB Pharmacy main line at 231-534-7350.

Chi-Megwetch! Sonya Zotigh, MPA GTB Health Administrator Sonya.Zotigh2@gtb-nsn.gov (231) 534-7241 or cell (231) 463-7193





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.

Available during regularly scheduled provider visits, and may receive during nurse walk-in hours M-F 9-11am and 2-4pm while supply lasts

2-4pm at drive-thru outside shelters- as weather and staffing permits

Medicine Lodge Clinic 2300 N Stallman Rd Peshawbestown, MI

LOCATIONS

<u>HIGH-risk</u> 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.

OTHER INFORMATION

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



Important considerations



- As of March 2024, cases of measles are occurring in 17 states in the U.S.
- Europe is also experiencing multiple measles outbreaks, with 7 deaths reported in the first 5 weeks of 2024.
- The last case of measles reported in Montana was in 1990.

· Unvaccinated people

WHO'S AT RISK - INCUBATION -

Average: 14 days



- · Babies who are too young for vaccine (<12 months)
 - · Immunocompromised people · Pregnant women
- (range 7-21 days)
- High fever (up to 104 F) Runny nose
 - Cough
 - Red, watery eyes Rash (spreads from head to toe)

Measles complications can include: pneumonia, encephalitis, and/or death

RISK FACTORS

How infectious is measles? One person can infect 12-18 susceptible people



Travel to a place where measles is endemic or an outbreak is occurring



Contact with someone who has measles REPORT



vaccine (MMR) CONFIRM



Visitors from areas where measles is occurring

SUSPECT

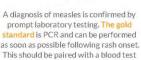


Evaluate signs and symptoms and risk factors to determine <mark>if measles</mark> is high on the suspicion list.



reportable to local public health. Reporting should not wait until lab results are available. If you suspect measles, report it ASAP.





that detects IgM antibody production.



extremely effective against preventing the disease in those who are >12 months of age. Two doses of MMR are 97% effective





AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY MARCH NEWS



APRIL 17TH & MAY 1ST FISH FERTILIZER PROMOTIONAL EVENTS



April 17th: The Botanic Gardens at The Historic Barns Park in Traverse City is hosting GTB Agriculture for an evening event that will focus on promoting the new Fish Waste Hydrolysate Fertilizer and Fish Waste Compost that GTB Agriculture has developed over the last 3 years. This event will take place at the Historic Barns Park –Botanic Gardens Building. The gathering will commence with a presentation by GTB Agriculture staff discussing this program and how it represents a movement across the continent of Tribal Nations advancing goals of food sovereignty and forming stronger connections with traditional food life ways. The presentation will then focus in on this new GTB-produced fertilizer products that will be for sale at the event and are soon to be for sale at local farm and garden retailers.

May 1st: The Great Lakes and Saint Laurence Governors and Premiers Conference is Co-Hosting this afternoon event at the Peshawbestown Farm. The event will culminate with a tour of the fish hydrolysate production facility and a tree-planting ceremony that will utilize

the fish waste fertilizer produced by GTB Agriculture. Participants will be able to see side-by-side planting comparisons in the hoop house showcasing the effectiveness of these fertilizer products. Please stay tuned to the April Newsletter for information on the exact time of both of these events. Fertilizer products will be made available for free to all GTB Citizens.

2025 GTB SUGAR BUSH A SUCCESS – GIVING BACK EVENT APRIL 25TH

The 2025 Sugar Bush saw well over 200 participants drop in over the 5 days of programming. The staff provided woodworking instructions, bottling instructions, storytelling, and a tour of the modern sugar bush. The event was promoted on local radio stations and we had tribal citizens from across Michigan attend. In a final part of the sugar bush season an event will be held at the Strongheart Center on April 25th from 10:00AM – 1:00PM. This event is known as the "Giving Back" where Tanya and Wasinade Raphael will be cooking a brunch for everyone who comes. This brunch will feature maple products and help to celebrate the end of the sugar bush season.

OTHER UPCOMING GTB AGRICULTURE EVENTS

GTB Agriculture staff will be providing food for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) event again in early May. For 2 years now GTB Agriculture has provided a meal at the event using traditional food sourced through the USDA – Local Food Purchasing Assistance grant. GTB Agriculture will then be hosting the 5th

Annual GTB Plant Give-Away in late May. This event will offer all GTB Citizens and Employees vegetable plants, seed, and compost to help make home gardening a success in our community. Stay tuned to the May Newsletter for more details on these events.

GTB AGRICULTURE SURVEY RESULTS

The GTB Agriculture Department has been actively seeking your input at our events over the past three years! From the vibrant GTB Health Fair to the lively Pow Wow and the cherished Fair and Feast, we've reached out to the community for feedback. We're thrilled to share that every tribal citizen who participated in our survey received \$10 worth of fresh produce from our stand as a thank you!

In this time, around 300 individuals completed the survey, with a fantastic 250 of them being GTB Citizens! Your insights have been invaluable in helping us understand the community's interests in agriculture programming. This feedback will play a significant role in shaping the future direction of our department.

Take a look at the chart showcasing the preferences of 250 GTB members regarding the programs you'd like us to continue and enhance. Stay tuned for more exciting results from this survey in our upcoming Newsletters—we can't wait to share what you've told us! Thank you for being an essential part of our community's growth!

What type of Ag or food workshops or projects are you interested GTB Bison Herd Vegtable Production Sugar Bush 16% Deer Processing Wild Foraging Orchard Management 12% 19% Rice Camp 4% Hemp 2% 7% ■ Farm to Table 10% 10% Food Preservation ■ Fruit Production



PUBLIC SAFETY

Stay Weather Alert This Spring – Be Prepared for Floods, Storms, and Tornadoes

As spring approaches, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Public Safety Department urges community members to stay weather alert. The season brings melting snow, rain, and the potential for flooding, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and power outages.

FLOOD AND WATER SAFETY

Water is a powerful force, and it is crucial to recognize its dangers:

- **Six inches** of fast-moving water can knock down and carry away an adult.
- Twelve inches can carry away a small car.
- **Eighteen to twenty-four inches** can sweep away most large SUVs, vans, and trucks.
- Never drive around barricades; most flood-related fatalities occur in vehicles.
- **Just 12 inches of water** can cause a car to lose control and be swept off the road.

For more information on flood preparedness, visit the NOAA Weather webpage: NOAA Flood Awareness.

LIGHTNING SAFETY

Thunder is an immediate warning sign of potential lightning strikes and severe weather. If you hear thunder, seek shelter immediately. Follow these key guidelines:

- Outdoor activities should pause for at least **30 minutes** after the last observed lightning or thunder.
- Choose safer locations such as fully enclosed buildings or metal-topped vehicles.
- Avoid open shelters like gazebos, picnic canopies, or open-air pavilions.
- When on water, return to shore well before storms arrive.
- If caught outdoors without shelter, move to lower ground, avoid high terrain, and reduce your contact

with the ground.

For a full list of lightning safety procedures, visit the National Weather Service website: NWS Lightning Safety.

TORNADO SHELTERS REOPEN APRIL 1

To enhance community safety, GTB's six tornado shelters will reopen on **April 1**, 2025, across the six-county service area. These shelters are designed to protect residents without basements and can hold approximately 24 people each.

GTB Tornado Shelter Locations:

- **1. Elder's Complex (West Side)** 11201 Ki-Dah-Keh Drive
- **2. Elder's Complex (East Side)** Near cul-de-sac, 11201 Ki-Dah-Keh Drive
- **3. Peshawbestown Road** Near Natural Resources weather monitoring station
- **4. Antrim Satellite Office** Near playground area
- **5. Benzie Satellite Office** Near powwow grounds
- **6.** Charlevoix Satellite Office Near playground area

TORNADO SHELTER GUIDELINES:

- **Tornado Watch:** Monitor the weather and have your emergency kit ready.
- **Tornado Warning:** Take immediate shelter with your emergency kit, which should include a flashlight, nonperishable food, a radio, a first-aid kit, and fresh water.
- Weather Siren Activation: GTB's weather siren, located near the Peshawbestown powwow grounds, is activated from April 1 to October 1 by Leelanau County Emergency Management. Monthly tests are announced in the GTB Newsletter.

GTB encourages all residents to stay prepared and informed. For additional emergency preparedness resources, visit the Grand Traverse Band's Emergency Management webpage: https://bit.ly/GTB PS

Be Prepared for Power Outages – Safety Tips and Emergency Planning

Severe weather events can lead to unexpected power outages, disrupting essential services and posing risks to health and safety. The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Public Safety Department provides the following guidance on how to prepare and respond to power outages.

WHYPOWER OUTAGES HAPPEN

Power outages may be caused by:

- Severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, winter storms, or other extreme weather events.
- Wildfires damaging power infrastructure.
- Accidents or mechanical failures.

After a power outage, throw out perishable food in your refrigerator after 4 hours. Check temperature of food in your freezer and in coolers. Throw out food above 40°F. You can safely refreeze or cook thawed frozen food that still contains ice crystals or is at 40 °F or below. When in doubt, throw it out.

DANGERS OF A POWER OUTAGE

A prolonged power outage can:

- Disrupt communications, water utilities, and transportation.
- Cause business closures, including grocery stores and gas stations.
- Lead to food spoilage and water contamination.
- Impact medical devices that require electricity.

HOW TO STAY SAFE DURING A POWER OUTAGE

Before an Outage:

- ☐ Keep freezers and refrigerators closed to maintain food safety.
- ☐ Charge mobile phones and other electronic devices in advance.
- ☐ Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backup.
- ☐ Prepare an **emergency kit** with flashlights, batteries, non-perishable food, water, and medical supplies.

During an Outage:

- ☐ Use generators safely—never indoors or near windows and vents.
- ☐ Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning by keeping gas stoves, charcoal

grills, and camp stoves outdoors.

- ☐ Unplug appliances and electronics to prevent damage from power surges.
- ☐ If safe, go to an alternate location for heating or cooling needs.

After an Outage:

- ☐ Throw out any **refrigerated food** that has been above 40°F for more than four hours.
- ☐ Check refrigerated medications before using them; consult a pharmacist if unsure.
- ☐ Replenish your emergency supplies to prepare for future outages.

MULTIPLE DISASTERS MAY HAPPEN AT ONCE

Power outages can occur alongside extreme weather conditions such as **heat** waves or winter storms. Make sure you have a plan in place for both staying cool in summer and staying warm in winter.

For more emergency preparedness tips, visit **Ready.gov/power-outages** or download the FEMA app for real-time alerts.

By staying prepared and informed, GTB community members can ensure their safety and well-being in the event of a power outage or severe weather event.



FIRE & RESCUE





The Grand Traverse Band Fire Department is reminding the community that fire safety is just as important in the spring as it is during the colder months. With rising temperatures, yard cleanup, and outdoor activities on the rise, new fire risks emerge that everyone should be aware of.

One major concern in spring is the increased risk of brush fires. As the snow melts, dry grass, leaves, and other vegetation become fuel for fast-spreading fires. Residents are encouraged to clear debris from around homes and other structures, creating a defensible space to help prevent fires from spreading.

Outdoor burning is another area of caution. Anyone planning to burn yard waste should check local regulations and obtain necessary permits. It's also important to burn on calm days, keep a water source nearby, and never leave a fire unattended. Even a small gust of wind can quickly turn a controlled burn into an outof-control situation.

Spring cleaning also extends to fire safety inside the home. The fire department advises residents to test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms, replace batteries if needed, and ensure fire extinguishers are accessible and in working order. If you use a grill for the first time this season, make sure to inspect the gas lines and clean out any grease buildup to prevent flare-ups.

Finally, with more people spending time outdoors, campfire safety is key. Always build fires in designated fire rings or pits, keep fires small, and fully extinguish them with water before leaving. Even a few hot embers can reignite hours after a fire seems to be out.

By taking these simple precautions, residents can enjoy a safe and happy spring season. For more information about fire safety or to learn about local burn regulations, contact the Grand Traverse Band Fire Department at 231-534-7666.

Join the Grand Traverse Band Fire Department: Become a Firefighter or EMT

Are you passionate about helping others and making a difference in your community? The Grand Traverse Band Fire Department is looking for dedicated individuals interested in becoming firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), or both. If you live within 15 minutes of Peshawbestown, this could be your opportunity to join a team committed to protecting and serving the community.

Firefighters and EMTs play a vital role in keeping our community safe. From responding to fires and medical emergencies to assisting during severe weather events, these brave men and women are on the front lines, providing critical care and support when it's needed most. No prior experience is necessary — training is provided for those who qualify.

Joining the department offers more than just a job; it's a chance to develop valuable skills, build lasting relationships, and serve your community in a meaningful way. Whether you're drawn to firefighting, emergency medical services, or both, the department provides the training and resources to help you succeed.



If you're interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, contact Chief Fairchild at 231-534-7666 for additional information. The department is eager to welcome new members ready to make a difference.

Take the first step toward a rewarding career — become a part of the Grand Traverse Band Fire Department today!

Fire Prevention Tips for the Warmer Months

spring — a season of renewal, but also one that brings unique challenges. The GTB Fire Department is encouraging residents to take a few simple steps to stay safe and prepared as the community transitions from winter's grip into warmer weather.

One of the biggest concerns during this seasonal shift is rapidly changing weather. Spring in northern Michigan often means unpredictable conditions, with sunshine one day and sudden storms the next. Residents are advised to keep an eye on weather alerts and be ready

As the snow melts and the days grow for shifting temperatures, strong winds, carbon monoxide detectors, replacing snowstorm.

> Melting snow and spring rains can also lead to rising water levels, increasing the risk of flooding. It's important to check basements and crawl spaces for water seepage and to ensure sump pumps are working properly. Additionally, clearing gutters and downspouts of leaves and debris can help direct water away from homes and prevent damage.

> As people spend more time outdoors, it's a good time to review home safety measures. Testing smoke alarms and

longer, Michigan welcomes the arrival of and even the occasional late-season batteries if needed, and checking fire extinguishers ensures families are prepared in case of an emergency. The fire department also recommends updating emergency kits with fresh supplies, such as bottled water, non-perishable food, flashlights, and batteries.

> Spring is a season of change and growth, and by taking a few simple precautions, the community can enjoy everything this time of year has to offer. Stay safe this springtime and if you have questions or concerns feel free to reach out to GTB Fire Department.

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Government **Operations**

Assistant General
Counsel (FT)

J.D. from an accredited law school required and Michigan State Bar license. At least eight (8) yrs. of practicing law in Michigan and in Indian Country. Must have participated as the principal attorney, or assistant to the principal attorney, in litigation attorney, in litigation that resulted in published opinion in federal, state r tribal court. Indián law litigation preferred. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's license and be insurable by GTB insurance carr-\$100,245/yr DOE until filled carrier.

Background Investigator

Must have high school diploma or GED, with some college and law enforcement knowledge. 3 years of investigation experience. Must be able to obtain and maintain and Tribal Adjudication Certification within 1 year of starting Background duties. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's License & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$47,987/yr - until filled

(2) Behavioral Health

Therapist (FT)
Master's Degree in Counseling, A master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling, Social Work, Psychiatric Nursing, or related field required. State of Michigan full Licensure required. A min. of (2) experience providing substance abuse and/or mental health counseling of high-risk populations including mental health, substance abuse & addictive disorders, and/ prevention/community education services required. Certified Advanced Alcohol Drug Counselor DC), or ability (CAADC), or abit to obtain within (1)) yr. valid Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$91,639/yr - until filled

Chief Financial Officer

(FT)
Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or Finance Must demonstrate at least (3) years' experience in leading a team in an accounting related field.

Must have at least three (3) years of governmental accounting. Must have a valid unrestricted license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE - until filled

Chief Tribal Judge (FT) Is a member of the Grand Traverse Band who has attained the age of eighteen (18) and/or is an attorney licensed to practice before the courts of a state in the United States. state in the Omted States. 5 years of experience in legal practice. Has not been convicted, within ten (10) years of such appointment, of any felony by a court of competent jurisdiction. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & he insurable by license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$DOE - until filled

Court Clerk/Assistant **Probation Officer (FT)**

Associate Degree in Criminal Justice, Paralegal, Business, or Administrative Services. * A combination of education and experience may be considered in lieu of an Associate's Degree. General knowledge of **130** Services

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applicable law, regulations, rules, policies, procedures and administration is required. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$22.71/hr - until filled

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

EHS Education & Family Services Coordinator (FT)

Must have a BA in Human Services or Social Work field. Must have experience in a supervisory position, with strong team leadership skills. One to three years experience in working in an Early Head Start and/or Head Start program preferred. Previous experience in the field, with skills in classroom management, and curriculum planning. Must obtain CPR/ First Aid certification. -\$43,750/yr - 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 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 yrs. directly related experience -\$19.52/hr - until filled

Facilities Utility Worker 1st Shift (Temporary)

High school diploma or G.E.D. preferred. preferred. Experience commercial building maintenance preferred.

Carpentry, plumbing and electrical repair experience preferred.

Knowledge preferred. Knowledge procedures safety and safety equipment recommended for use during the course of duty. -\$16.17/hr - until filled and

(2) Facilities Utility Worker 2nd Shift (FT) High school diploma or GED is preferred. Knowledge of safety safety procedures and equipment recommended for use

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during the course of duty. Must have good work habits, i.e., punctuality, and low absenteeism. A valid Michigan driver's license is preferred. Employee may not drive any Tribally owned vehicles without being properly insured by the Tribe. -\$16.17/hr - until filled

Grants and Contracts

Coordinator (FT)
Bachelor's Degree Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, Business Administration, or Public Administration required. Associates
Degree required. Must
have at least three years of professional experience in the management or administration of federal, administration of receiving state or tribal grants. Must have experience in budgeting or accounting. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and be insurable by the CTB insurance carrier. GTB insurance carrier. -\$57,729/yr - until 3.26.25

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 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 Previous preferred. Previous experience preferred with skills in classroom management & cursiculum 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. -\$19.98/hr - until filled

Housing Maintenance I

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

Housing Utility Worker

(FT)
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 and adults in an appropriate manner. Must be willing to obtain a CPR/First Aid certification. Ability to observe and evaluate children in a non-biased manner. Must be willing to and as well as obtain a CDA within first (2) yrs. of hire. -\$16.55/hr - until filled

Human Services Department Manager (FT)

Degree Work Master's (social Social

work, , human services), A min. of (3) yrs. experience in a human services/social work field required. A min. of (3) yrs. experience in a supervisory position required. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$83,549/yr - until filled

Law Clerk (Summer)

(FT) (Temp)
Completed 2L year by
Summer 2023. Native
American Law coursework completed by clerkship start date. Intent to practice Tribal Law & Federal Indian Law. Familiarity with Triba Communities & Cultures -\$22.00/hr - until filled

On-Call Receptionist 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

On-Call Receptionist -Charlevoix (ON-CALL) Must have High School

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

Patient Registration Coordinator (FT)

High School diploma or GED. Must have at least (1) yr. of experience in a medical setting. Must understand medical terminology. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$17.29/hr - until filled

Police Officer COPS (FT) Must be at least 21 Years of Age at the time of hire High School diploma School diploma d, Associates required, 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 Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) required. Must obtain and maintain a BIA (Special Law Enforcement Commission). Must become LEIN certified.

Must complete Field

Training Officer (FTO)

Program for continuation of employment. Must be thoroughly familiar with all applicable policies and procedures, Federal Regulations, GTB Tribal and Police Department Policies Police Department Policies & Procedures, Tribal & State Criminal Codes, Children's Code, Tribal Constitution, Michigan Motor Vehicle, GTB Personnel Policy, Police Department Organic Resolution & Code. & Department Organic Resolution & Code, & all other applicable rules, regulations & statutes. -\$27.58/hr - until filled

Registered Nurse (FT) Bachelor's Degree in the

Registered Nurse Program, with a current State of Michigan RN License. Three to five years of nursing experience in a family clinic setting.

Must have current Must have current BLS Certification. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. -\$63,318/yr - until filled

Revenue Cycle and Data

Manager (FT) Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or Finance.
Thorough 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 interpreting data several systems. from several systems. (2) - (3) yrs. progressive & successful management experience preferred. Must have a valid unrestricted driver license & be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier. GTB insurance carrier. -\$69,450/hr - until filled

River Restoration Project

Manager(FT)
Master's Degree in Science
Field or Natural Resources
related field required*
Min. 3-5 yrs. of related field
experience in developing & implementing on the ground habitat projects. This experience should include proposal development (grant writing), direct proposal project management responsibilities, coordination with partners in with tribal and/or w restoration and restoration/ conservation-based organizations. Must have a valid unrestricted Driver's License and be insurable by the GTB insurance carrier... -\$63,318/yr - 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. have a valid Driver's Must nave Chauffeur Driver's License. A min. of (3) yrs. Native American youths. Must maintain current CPR/First Aid certification. -\$19.52hr - until filled

Teacher (FT)

Must have a Bachelor's Degree and a valid Michigan Secondary Certificate. Teaching 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

Utility Worker 2nd Shift (FT) school

diploma or GED is preferred. Knowledge of safety procedures and safety recommended equipment for use during the course of duty. Must have good work habits, i.e., punctuality, & low absenteeism. -\$16.17/hr - until filled

Government Operations RFP

RFP - Dental Hygienist 2025

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

RFP - Legal Services 2025 GTB is requesting proposals from qualified, licensed

provide legal GTB contract for the services Gaming Commission. GTB operates (3) gaming facilities, the Leelanau Sands Casino, Crystal Shores, and the Turtle Creek Casino. Experience in the field of Indian gaming and federal Indian law is preferred. -\$RFP - until 4.25.25

120 Announcements

(2) VACANCY ON THE ELECTION BOARD

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

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James of Charlevoix, Michigan was killed in action on January 17th, 2025, near the village of Vozvyzhenka in Donetsk Oblast, eastern Ukraine. He was an infantry platoon of the second battalion of the International Legion. John was respectfully given the name of Geronimo as his battlefield code name. He was so proud to fulfill his greatest heart's desire to serve and we are so proud of him. He said that he was there to defend the freedom, sovereignty, and ancestral lands of innocent people and compared it to our history as Native Americans. John was born in Cloquet, Minnesota on December 31st, 1996, and raised in Charlevoix. He attended Charlevoix Public Northwest and Academy, where he excelled in music. He graduated from the prestigious Interlochen Arts Academy in 2015 and continued to play music with his friends through the years after his graduation. He also enjoyed working a variety jobs over the years. He attended Western Michigan University for a short time before deciding to travel across the United States. He returned to Michigan and became a certified welder two before leaving for the Ukraine. John enjoyed playing music, fishing, camping, hiking, disc golf, skateboarding and playing blackjack. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends. John is survived by his parents, John and Sandra Witherspoon, his siblings, Sarah (Mike) Rostar and Nathan Shawano, his nieces and nephews; Wren Massey, Jordin (Tay) Harrell, Tyler Gellis, Claire Tennant, Alexia Dayton Calob Rostar, and great nephew Cai Tennant-Rose. He is also survived by his Aunt Patricia (James) Deckrow, Aunt Connie (Don) DiDomenico, Uncle Louis Oudin, Jonathan and Daniel Oudin, Luke Fertal and numerous cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Lois Witherspoon, and Cornelius and Dorothy Tookalo -Dver. Sister Jennifer Witherspoon, and Louise Aunt Carole Dyer-Oudin. Memorial contributions can be mailed or given to John and Sandra Witherspoon be mailed or given to John and Sandra Witherspoon to assist John's Legionaire brothers. We would appreciate your prayers for PEACE, and the RESPECTFUL, FAIR, treatment of the people of the Ukraine. Miigwetch – Thank you!



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