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**Ahnee (Hello)!**

**In this week's email blast, I have to start out with exciting news from the White House. Below is a copy of the Tribal Nations Conference visit on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 that was sent out to Tribal Nations. I will be attending on behalf of GTB, and have also coordinated other meetings while I am there. I will be leaving on Monday and returning late Thursday night. Please visit [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org) for more information on this historical Presidential outreach to Tribal Nations. President Obama's administration has key individuals that are working diligently to make everything of this opportunity. I want to personally say, "Kchi-Megwetch" to President Obama and two of his staff, Kimberly Teehee (Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs) and Jodi Gillette (Deputy Associate Director; White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs) for their involvement and efforts in making this meeting a reality.**

**In conjunction with the conference, I also will be attending meetings with the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius, and the United States Secretary of the Department of Labor, Hilda Solis.**

**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
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**President Obama Announces Tribal Nations Conference**

**WASHINGTON - On Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009, President Obama will host the White House Tribal Nations Conference. As part of President Obama's sustained outreach to the American people, this conference will provide leaders from the 564 federally recognized tribes the opportunity to interact directly with the President and representatives from the highest levels of his Administration. Each federally recognized tribe will be invited to send one representative to the conference.**

**President Obama said, "I look forward to hearing directly from the leaders in Indian Country about what my Administration can do to not only meet their needs, but help improve their lives and the lives of their peoples. This conference will serve as part of the ongoing and important consultation process that I value, and further strengthen the Nation-to-Nation relationship."**

**Media credentialing information will be released when it becomes available.**



**10.26.09** I traveled to Benzie County to meet with Benzie County Central Schools Superintendent David Micinski. Superintendent Micinski and I discussed matters pertaining to GTB tribal and Native students and also toured the “Benzie Academy”, the alternative education program housed at the GTB Benzie Outpost on Hoadley Road. Please visit: [www.benzie.k12.mi.us](http://www.benzie.k12.mi.us), to learn more about Benzie Schools.



**10.27.09** Met this morning with Robert Folks regarding Urban Planning. Mr. Folks shared his personal and work experiences, some of which can be viewed by visiting [www.architectsmart.com](http://www.architectsmart.com). I also appreciated his sharing of Ireland and viewing the whales that come into the shoreline waters to feed. Sounds like an incredible experience!



**10.27.09** Jen Hutchinson met to discuss the Grand Vision. Ms. Hutchinson is the Grand Vision Coordinator and is working hard on promoting the message and concept for the six counties impacted (Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, and Wexford). To learn more about the Grand Vision efforts, please visit this site: [www.thegrandvision.org](http://www.thegrandvision.org).



**10.27.09** On Tuesday, I met with Douglas Mansfield who is the Union Township, Grand Traverse County Supervisor and also serves as the District 8 representative on the Board of the Michigan Township Association. Our conversation focused on shared interests in our overlapping counties and thoughts on the M-72 Corridor.



**10.28.09** At Wednesday's Tribal Council meeting, Frank and Sharon Sams were presented a certificate for a "Bill of Sale" for their Mutual Help Home. GTB is very proud of the Sams family, and "Congratulations!"



**10.28.09** I had the distinct honor of being the keynote speaker at this year's Leelanau Peninsula Chamber of Commerce (LPCC) Annual Membership Dinner. I was even more honored when I recognized all of the lifelong leaders of Leelanau County in attendance. This was the first time that the LPCC had a keynote address, and to have been asked, this signification was monumental to both myself and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

In the first picture, at the podium, is Sally Guzowski, Executive Director of LPCC. Sally has done a remarkable job in promoting and taking the LPCC forward in beautiful Leelanau County. To learn more, please click here: [www.leelanauchamber.com](http://www.leelanauchamber.com)



**10.28.09** I had the pleasure to speak with Chris Bzdok, City Commissioner and Mayor Pro Tem, who is currently running unopposed for the Mayor position of Traverse City. Chris' many accomplishments also include being named by Traverse City Business News ([www.tcbusinessnews.com](http://www.tcbusinessnews.com)), as one of the 40 most influential people under the age of 40 in our area. For more information regarding Mr. Bzdok's vision for Traverse City, please visit: [www.PlanforTC.com](http://www.PlanforTC.com). And as a reminder, voting takes place on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. (If I was a betting man, I'd put it all on Chris for Mayor!!)



**10.30.09** In the true spirit of cooperation and collaboration, Leelanau County Commission Chair Mary Tonneberger and I continue to meet as representatives of each other's government. I sincerely appreciate Chair Tonneberger's insight and vision she has for Leelanau County and its citizens, all of our families! Today we enjoyed a delicious meal in Suttons Bay at the North Country Grill & Pub (420 St. Joseph St; owned and operated by the Boone Family). For information on Leelanau County's government, please visit here: [www.leelanaucounty.com](http://www.leelanaucounty.com).



**10.30.09** In my email blast, I am going to begin introducing (as best I can) the dedicated and committed staff of the Grand Traverse Band. In the 1<sup>st</sup> picture is Greg Bailey. Greg served on the Tribal Council from 1978-1989 (which did include two years before GTB was federally reaffirmed on May 27, 1980), and today currently works as the Elder Coordinator for Leelanau County. The 2<sup>nd</sup> picture is GTB Elder, Tom Antoine. Tom works in the Shipping and Receiving department for GTB, and can also be seen when disaster strikes as he is a volunteer Fireman. In the last picture is our Communications Department Director, Dave “Scoop” Spinniken. Dave has a long working history with GTB and is always seen out and about in the community capturing moments that become our tribal history. Please visit this link to see the monthly work that Dave and George Antoine produce in GTB’s newsletter: [www.gtbindians.org/departments/news.html](http://www.gtbindians.org/departments/news.html).



**10.30.09** Yes, Halloween is upon us and in the true holiday spirit we have tribal member, Doris Winslow (Executive Assistant to the Tribal Manager) dressed as the “Tribal Social Butterfly”. To all of the children, AND adults, I wish you a Happy and Safe Halloween!

## **FEATURE STORY:**

- **This week's featured story comes from Suttons Bay Public School's Superintendent Mike Murray. I wanted to thank Superintendent Murray for sharing his school's response to the H1N1 flu epidemic:**

Suttons Bay Public Schools has agreed to host the Benzie-Leelanau Health Department on November 5 to administer H1N1 flu vaccine at the school. High School students who have had their parents sign a consent form will be given vaccinations during Seminar time, 11:55 to 1:25 in the high school library. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have signed consent forms from their parents will receive vaccine in the K-8 library from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. From 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM (or until the last person in line is served), parents of elementary and preschool age children may receive vaccination in the K-8 library. Adults in the high risk categories, such as pregnant women, chronically ill adults, or caregivers of young children may also receive the vaccine. There is no cost for the vaccination. If short supply of the vaccine forces a cancellation of the event, a new date will be scheduled as soon as vaccine is available.

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Mike Murray

**Have a great time "Trick or Treating" this Halloween weekend! For those following me on Twitter ([www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)), I'll be updating all of next week on my visit to Washington, D.C. (On Twitter search for @GTBChairman, to find my account)**

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**"A Nation grows stronger when built upon shared visions."**