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Ahnee (Hello)!

Happy October, and I hope everyone is gearing up for Fall weather! In northern Michigan the air is definitely cooler and we are experiencing a lot of rain. Another busy week for GTB beginning with a well attended Wellbreity Celebration and pow wow in Benzie County. I have provided a couple of pictures and a video link to the Welcome song and dance.

For the first time since 2007, a joint governmental meeting between the Grand Traverse Band Tribal Council and the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners happened this week. The meeting was highly successful and promising. This week's edition of the Leelanau Enterprise has both an article and picture that captures this meeting.



09.29.09 GTB Wellbreity Celebration and Pow Wow in Benzie County, MI at the GTB Benzie/Manistee Tribal Outpost location. It was a cloudy day but the rain held off and we enjoyed great singing and dancing.

To view the Welcome song and dance, please click on this link (Bear Creek is the drum group):
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHYNnWUgEzc&feature=channel>



09.26.09 The Leelanau Sands Casino had a big rock-n-roll night with the Warrant/Skid Row concert. It was a great show and the Showroom was packed and everyone having a good time! The first picture shows Warrant performing on stage, and in the second picture is Skid Row. Northern Michigan WKLT fans will definitely recognize Terri Ray (third from left) who also did a great job in getting the crowd warmed up and representing – The Rock Station, KLT (www.wklt.com)!



09.26.09 One of the best! Tribal member Gary John working hard at the Warrant/Skid Row concert! Yes, he might be standing on his tip toes, but we'll never know... lol



09.28.09 I met with Mark Thompson of the Maritime Heritage Alliance (www.maritimeheritagealliance.org). Mr. Thompson is the Executive Director for MHA and shared about the boats and ships that are utilized in the experiential learning that encompasses their statement of “Where History Sets Sail”.

In the above picture, Mark presented the GTB with an actual “block/pulley” from the Armed Sloop WELCOME, and he said that this represents, “a simple tool that makes jobs easier to accomplish difficult things.” For me, a very symbolic expression for all of us to continue to work together to accomplish great things!



09.29.09 The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners came together in a joint governmental effort to increase communication, collaboration and potential inter-governmental projects that will only help stimulate our beautiful area in terms of education, employment and overall wellbeing. I found this meeting to be both productive and promising.

A sincere illustration of the Leelanau County Board to further enhance a collaborative working effort was evident in their presentation of a pipe. This thoughtful gesture truly embraces respect and honor; two key elements in successful and healthy working relationships - and partnerships! I encourage everyone to pick up this week’s edition of the Leelanau Enterprise (www.leelanaunews.com) to read about this meeting and see a photo that captures the pipe presentation from Chair Mary Tonneberger to myself as Tribal Chairman.

In the first picture (L-R) is Georgia Robertson, Dora Willis, Commissioner Richard Schmuckal, Councilor Connie TwoCrow, Commissioner Jim Schaub, Councilor Sandra Anderson and Commissioner David Marshall. The second picture captures the council and commissioner members who attended this joint governmental meeting, plus Tribal Manager Jane Rohl and County Administrator, Eric Cline.





09.30.09 On an invitation by State Representative Wayne Schmidt (104th District), I attend the Children's Trust Fund Dinner in Lansing, MI at the Lansing Center. In the first picture (L-R), I am seated with: Rob Elhenicky (www.Kelley-Cawthorne.com), Lyndsay Cook (Assistant Director of Development; Michigan State University – www.egr.msu.edu/development), and David Gregory (www.Kelley-Cawthorne.com). The 2nd picture captures the audience in attendance.



09.30.09 Following the Children's Trust Fund Dinner, I visited the State Capitol building where state legislators were busy working on the state's budget. Due to being "locked-in", Representative Schmidt was unable to attend the dinner but I was able to chat with him via the northside balcony!



10.01.09 Met with (L-R): William Stockhausen (President; Elk Rapids Hydroelectric Power, LLC) and Mark Stone (President; Michigan Maps, Inc – www.MichiganMapsOnline.com). Mark presented the GTB with a beautiful land map of our area that captures historical landmarks/areas recognized in Anishinaabemowin (Odawa/Ojibway language). This map was an effort by the Odawa Institute out of Harbor Springs, MI.

Our discussion focused on a potential hydro-dam effort in Elk Rapids, MI.



10.02.09 Tribal Council focused our efforts on finalizing the “Tribal Council Goals and Objectives”. I am proud of the Council’s dedication and commitment to the several areas that have been identified as priorities – Kchi Megwetch!



10.02.09 Tribal Council hosted a luncheon in recognition of Grand Traverse Resort and Spa (www.grandtraverseresort.com), Scott Herbert. Scott is the Head Pro at the Resort. Recently, Scott participated in a PGA Golf Tournament in Scotland, where he personally went undefeated and helped the United States team capture 2nd place. We are proud of Scott's accomplishments and representation of GTB and the Grand Traverse Resort! Please read here for a TC Record Eagle story on Scott: www.record-eagle.com/sports/local_story_261073525.html?keyword=topstory



This week tribal member/veteran Jack Swanson delivered to the Chairman's office the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Nation's Eagle Staff. Mr. Swanson respectfully took care of GTB's Eagle Staff since the Peshawbestown Jiingtamok (pow wow). The GTB Nation's Eagle Staff is currently in the Office of the Tribal Chairman and will be posted at tribal council and other governmental meetings.

I personally wanted to thank the vision of the prior Chairman, Mr. Bob Kewaygoshkum, who began this initiative of having an Eagle Staff made specifically for our Tribal Nation – Kchi Megwetch!

On behalf of Leelanau County Chair Mary Tonneberger, I wanted to present the following event information:

**Northport–Omena Chamber of Commerce Business OMENA Village
Thursday, October 8 – 4:00 – 6:15 PM**

Come to the third of a series of tours to learn more about the successful businesses that choose Northport & Omena area as home. Everyone is welcome.

Meet at 4:00 at Kal Excavating on West Bay Shore Dr. We can car pool on the Omena Tour. At 6:00ish we'll convene at the Leelanau Wine Cellar to learn and sample wine and munchies from Knot Just a Bar.

Village of Omena Businesses

- **Kal Excavating**
- **Busby Oil and Propane**
- **Tamarack Gallery**
- **Leelanau Cellars Tasting Room & Knot Just a Bar**

For more information contact Lisa Drummond, president of the Northport-Omena Chamber of Commerce at 231-386-7444; Colleen Cooper, Joan Kalchik, Dick Solon or Mary Tonneberger

Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2009 at the Leelanau Sands Casino Showroom. Please visit www.gtbindians.org for more information. Please don't forget that this weekend, at the Traverse City United States Coast Guard facility there is an Open House from 1-4 PM. This is a free and educational event for all ages! Link to TC Record Eagle article: www.record-eagle.com/local/local_story_261073740.html

Have a great weekend and week!

Chairman Bailey

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“A Nation grows stronger when built upon shared visions.”