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**Ahnee (Hello)!**

**This is an exciting week as it marks our One Year Anniversary for the new Turtle Creek Casino and Hotel! I can not believe that we have been open already for one full year! During this time, not only has our property grown but our customer satisfaction as well. We owe this to the high level of service that guests receive from our dedicated and committed staff. The Tribal Council is grateful and appreciative for all the efforts that join together daily to make Turtle Creek Casino and Hotel a “landmark” on everyone’s map. We also have this same level work performance at our other properties at the Leelanau Sands Casino and the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa!**



**I wanted to share two different video links. One pertains to a video that was shown at the Annual Tribal Self Governance meeting that just occurred, and the other is an interview I did with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s media department at the Tribal – State Summit last week. Megwetch to the Saginaw Chippewa tribe for making this available!**

**Self Governance video:** [http://www.tribalselfgov.org/2008\\_subpages/Conference2009\\_videos.html](http://www.tribalselfgov.org/2008_subpages/Conference2009_videos.html)

**Chairman Interview:** [Tribal State Summit video on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website](#)



**06.13-14.09 I had the privilege of emceeing the Homecoming of the Three Fires pow wow in Grand Rapids, MI this past weekend. I am pictured above with the Head Veteran that weekend, an uncle of mine, Mr. George Martin.**



**06.15.09 - Meeting with Linda Keway and Raphael Rittenhouse. Ms. Keway is a consultant for Michigan Education Association and is a member of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. Mr. Rittenhouse is the Suttons Bay High School Principal. We had a very engaging discussion on academic achievement, classroom performance, and new grant funded opportunities to enrich the learning process for students at Suttons Bay.**



**06.18.09 - This Thursday, the United States Attorney Donald Davis and Assistant United States Attorney Jeff Davis from the Western District of Michigan office visited with Tribal Council. Also attending the meeting were GTB's Chief and Associate Judges, Tribal Prosecutor, Public Safety staff, and federal officials. Topics focused on current cases, tribal issues/concerns, and how to heal our community after an investigation and conviction is completed.**



**06.18.09 - On Thursday night I spent four hours in the evening taking in the festivities at the new Turtle Creek Casino and Hotel. I attended a Comedy Series show at Level 3 (nightclub) which featured two comedians, Dwayne Gill and Pat McGann (pictured L-R above). Both were extremely funny, and I sincerely enjoyed the show! I'll give them a plug ([www.dwaynegill.com](http://www.dwaynegill.com)) and ([www.patmcganncomedy.com](http://www.patmcganncomedy.com)).**



**06.19.09 - Today we met with representatives from Grand Traverse County. Our discussion focused on the new 2% percent procedures used to disburse funding to local units of government, Grand Traverse County cross-deputization potential, and increasing work collaboration efforts. Pictured (L-R): Dennis Aloia (GT County Administrator), John Petoskey (GTB General Counsel), myself, Larry Inman (GT County Commissioner) and Dick Thomas (Chairman, GT County Commission).**

**Tomorrow, June 20<sup>th</sup>, I will be attending the Playground Dedication Celebration at Saylor Park in Acme Township. This event will begin at 12:00 p.m. (noon). You are definitely welcomed to attend!**

**This past week I attended two funeral services, one for a tribal member and the other for a relation of mine. As I sat during my family member's service, several shared many complimentary statements about Mr. Roger Johnson and his belief in his family, church, school and community. I now dedicate the "tag line" that will accompany today and all future email blasts. His son spoke of taking the positive from his father and carrying it forward in our lives. I now do that with respect.**

**Have an enjoyable weekend and week!**

**Chairman Bailey**

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