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Ahnee (Hello)!

We can officially say, “Welcome to summer!” This past week temperatures definitely began to rise and reached into the 80’s. This week’s report begins last Saturday with the Sayler Park dedication celebration in Acme Township. I was graciously asked to share some opening words and have the Tribe be a part of the openings. I extend a sincere “thank you” to the Acme Township officials and citizens. It was a great day and event, including delicious desserts!



06.20.09 (above) Speaking at the Sayler Park celebration. Steve Feringa, Tribal member and GTB Architect (standing to right of picture in a blue shirt) was also in attendance. Steve sits on the Acme Township Planning Commission and also the Acme Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.



Also attending the Sayler Park event were (L-R): Grand Traverse County Commissioner Larry Inman, Representative Wayne Schmidt (104th District), and Acme Township Supervisor Wayne Kladder.



I had the privilege of meeting with Dr. Phil Ellis, from the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation. The Community Foundation services Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau Counties. Dr. Ellis has brought his expertise and leadership abilities to further enhance the Foundation's efforts in our region. I am a little biased (Sorry Phil), as Dr. Ellis was a past supervisor of mine when I worked at Pine Rest in Grand Rapids, MI. It's great to have him now in our area! (www.4good4ever.org)



Ms. Mary Rupert, of the Girl Scout of Michigan Shore to Shore, met with me to discuss outreach to the Grand Traverse Band and families. Ms. Rupert is the Membership Manager and definitely dedicated to the direction of building healthy mindsets and self esteem with girls involved with Girl Scouts. (www.gsmists.org)



I had the pleasure to attend a reception hosted by TCAPS (Traverse City Area Public Schools) honoring Haggerty Insurance as a finalist for the 2009 Governor's Service Award as a Corporate Leader. Pictured above are two representatives from Haggerty Insurance, and the gentleman in the middle is TCAPS Superintendent James Feil.



This past week also began with a big day for one of our tribal members. Ms. Tanya Wanageshik proudly was sworn into the Michigan Bar! Congratulations Tanya, we are all proud of you! Now the real work begins... Honorable Philip E. Rodgers, Jr was the presiding Judge, and Tanya's motion was entered by John Petoskey, General Counsel for GTB. Tanya currently works in GTB's legal department.

On Thursday, I traveled to the Bay Mills Indian Community to attend a CORA (Chippewa-Ottawa Resource Authority) meeting. It is always a pleasure to visit the BMIC and see friends and family.

For those that are on the "pow wow highway", I will be in emceeing the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians pow wow this weekend (near Battle Creek at the Pine Creek Indian Reservation). Also, the Bay Mills Indian Community is hosting their contest pow wow this weekend as well. Next week I will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday on personal time.

Have an enjoyable weekend and week, and make sure to enjoy the summer weather!

Chairman Bailey

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