

The 2006 Sault Tribe Election Guide



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As per the Tribal Code Chapter 10: Election Ordinance; 10.117 Primary Elections: (1) "In the event that the number of eligible nominated candidates for any office exceeds twice the number of offices to be filled, the Election Committee shall conduct a Primary Election for that office."

Because there are only two candidates for the board of directors seat in Unit 4, there will be no primary election in unit 4 this year. There will be a primary election in Units 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Editor's note: In order for fairness of placement in *The Sault Tribe News*, the papers policy is to alternate the running order of campaign ads in subsequent issues, first starting with Units in numerical order, with candidates arranged in alphabetical order and then reversing the order in the next issue. This issue's order is in the reverse format so the profiles (and ads on other pages) are run Unit 5 through Unit 1 in reverse alphabetical order.

Meet the candidates for the Board of Directors who have turned in their nominating petitions and have provided *The Sault Tribe News* with personal profiles.

Unit 5 (One seat open)

Karl Weber
Shirley Petosky
Charles Matson
Kevin Kolbus
Joseph Gray

Unit 3 (One seat open)

Bridget Sorenson
Patrick Rickley
Ilene Moses
Keith Massaway
Rob Lambert Sr.
Michael (Chico) Belonga

Unit 1 (Two seats open)

Nathan Wright
Lynne Weaver
Tom Rapson
Toni Osterhout
Jason Oberle
Steven Morello
Jackie Halfaday Minton
Dennis McKelvie
Darwin (Joseph) McCoy
Donna Marble
DJ Hoffman
Charles Forgrave
Sharon Fegan
Ken Eagle
Henry J. Bouley Jr.
Sheila Berger

Unit 4 (One seat open)

Ron Powers
Denise Chase

Unit 2 (One seat open)

Basel Willis
Robert LaPoint
Frances Hank
Lisa Burnside
Clifford Bellant

UNIT 5

Dear Unit 5 Member:

Never in our history has it been more important that we have leaders who have a vision for our Tribe's future and are prepared to lead. If given the opportunity, I feel that I have the skills and qualifications to not only represent our Unit 5 members, but also to bring stability and common sense to our board of directors.

Please let me tell you a little about myself and my family. I grew up in Negaunee and now reside in Marquette with my wife, Peggy, and our three boys, Nick (9), Joseph (7) and John (2). My mother (an elder) and father also live in Marquette. Thanks to the encouragement

and support of my parents, I attended college at the University of Michigan where I received a bachelors degree with a double major in English and political science. I then attended the University of Michigan Law School and obtained my law degree in 1990. Education is important to me and is critical to our Tribe's ability to grow and prosper.

I was unanimously selected by the current board of directors to serve as the chief appellate judge for our Tribal Appellate Court. (This is a position that I will resign from if elected). I am a partner in a major Detroit-based law firm with 8 offices throughout the state of Michigan. I man-

age our Northern Michigan office in Marquette, which covers the entire Upper Peninsula. I also currently serve as the chair of Northern Michigan University's Board of Trustees - this was a gubernatorial appointment.

The cornerstones of my campaign are:

- * Expansion of Elder Services and Benefits: We need to further recognize and assist our elders in Unit 5. I support an increase in the elder dividend payments and the expansion of elder programs.

- * Education: I support increased funding to expand our higher education assistance programs and scholarships so we can assure that today's youth

become tomorrow's leaders.

- * Fiscal Responsibility and Financial Integrity: I fully support the balanced budget initiative for the long-term viability of our Tribe.

- * Economic Development: I support the continued, but prudent, expansion of gaming opportunities and, in addition, a greater emphasis on the expansion of non-gaming ventures. I also support an expansion of benefits to members of Unit 5 who live outside of our Unit.

I would appreciate your vote and opportunity to represent you.



Karl Weber



Shirley Petosky

I'm Shirley (Paquette) Petosky and I'm running for the position of Unit 5 representative.

Let me give you some background: My parents, Joseph & Arvilla Paquette raised my four siblings and me in Munising.

Married to Paul. We have five wonderful children and four beautiful grandchildren.

My Native heritage comes thru my father Joe. His mother was Mable Carr Paquette. Her mother was Emma Blair Carr. Her mother was Caroline Blair who was the daughter of Chief Nah-ben-ay-ash of the Grand Island Band of Chippewa Indians.

Social activities include: Set up a list of Native American fam-

ilies to began an Indian Education Program.

Served on the Committee to elect the first teacher and community outreach worker for the program.

Helped organize the first two powwows for the school children in the 1970s.

Served on the Parent Committee for several years.

Very active in the P.T.C. holding various offices.

Worked on the committee to establish a new school in Munising.

Taught Sunday School and Junior Church for many years.

Word experience include: Managed a newsstand and appli-

ance store.

Social Director at a nursing home.

Sit with juveniles in their homes and in lock-up, and also transported them to various parts of the state for probate court.

Worked as a part-time matron and cook at the local jail.

Worked midnights as a desk clerk at a Days Inn for over seven years.

My family has been active in tribal concerns for years.

I remember Fred Hatch as a guest in our home when I was a teen. Family members would often gather to discuss issues.

John P. Carr, a first cousin to my father, worked hard to keep

everyone informed.

I now serve as the chairperson of our Munising Area Elders and have done so since we organized. Our group worked hard and fought many battles to get things for our elders that our units have enjoyed for years.

Lincoln School has been our groups biggest challenge. We would not let the issue die. It will open in 2007.

Out of necessity this is a very low budget campaign, so I really need your help, ask people to cast their vote for me.

I won't let you down. Shirley Petosky.

Candidate Profiles

Units 5 & 4

UNIT 5



Charles Matson

Aanii. My name is Charles Matson. I humbly ask for your support for the position of board of directors for Unit V. I am the son of Victor Sr. and Lizet Matson. I have three brothers and four sisters. My wife Kathryn and I have been married for 16 years and we have three children, Malorey, 16; Charles, Jr., 12; and Alexis, 7. I was born and raised in Unit V and have been a life long resident of Unit V.

Being a commercial fisherman and private business owner for 20 years taught me the meaning of hard work and the dedication it takes to do a job or project for it

to be successful. I have been employed with the Tribe for the past 20 months, working on the tribal fishery and treaty rights. If elected I would resign from my position and take no other employment whatsoever while I remained a director for Unit V.

The only promises that will be made by me are: I will work to the best of my ability to make sure the needs of our members are met; my attendance at board meetings and workshops will be outstanding to make sure the concerns of members of Unit V are heard by the Tribe's elected officials; last, I will always promote

the preservation and enhancement of our cultural vitality and ability to harvest natural resources from our ancestral lands and waters for these are two keystones of our identity as Anishinaabe people.

There is a strong belief in me that we need to increase our tribal land base, for it is a tribe's territory that forms the geographical limits of a tribe's jurisdiction, supports a resident population, and provides an irreplaceable place for our spiritual gatherings and cultural traditions that are often based upon the sacredness of the land.

The diversification of tribal

business will be one of the major goals and hurdles of the next generation of leaders. With the gaming industry becoming more saturated and competitive, along with the instability of relationships between tribal and non-tribal governments as they push more and more for a larger share of our gaming revenues, we will need to look towards other profitable business ventures so that we can wean ourselves from sole dependence on the green frog skin (money) that gaming has and is providing.

Baamaapii, Charles Matson



Kevin Kolbus

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Kevin Kolbus and I am a candidate for the Unit 5 Director. I was born and raised in Munising, Mich. I am a direct descendant of Chief Nah-Ben-Ay-Ash of the Grand Island Bear Clan. I was born February 2, 1965, as a twin to Walter & Katherine Kolbus. I have 1 brother and four sisters. After graduating in Munising I joined the United States Army in 1983 with the 19 D Calvary. My training led me throughout the United States and Germany. In 1987 I was honor-

ably discharged with a Good Conduct Medal, five Army Achievement Awards, one Army Accommodation Medal and Best Calvary Scout Award. My experiences abroad have given me the strength and wisdom to become a successful leader. I have been a successful business owner since 1988. I currently own and operate Kolbus Motors and Kolbus International, working both locally with our community and nationally to help with the hurricane relief. When elected I plan to have quarterly meetings with the members to give you the

opportunity to express your needs. I want to be a voice for you to ensure the continued success of our tribe as a unified community. I will have a staffed office that will answer your phone call 24/7 and if we don't have the answer we will work to get it for you. I want to increase activities and develop education programs for all members. When elected I will sponsor a \$10,000 college scholarship fund annually from my stipend. Currently I am involved in the Munising Native American Education Program working to help teach

our youth to be honest and honorable leaders for our future. Being a board representative I believe I can ensure the members we can come together for the greater of the whole, bringing the tribe together as one. I want to advocate Elders Dividend Quarterly and make a priority of service for our handicapped members. Please support me in the upcoming election and I promise to be a voice for you.



I am Joseph R. Gray, born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie. I am a candidate for the board of directors for Unit V. My parents were Sault residents, Joe Gray Sr. and Bernice (Lajoice) Mitchell. I am a 1960 graduate of Sault High School and married to Sault resident Glenda Gilroy for 43 years. I have two children, Joe Jr., and Kelly Wittman and grandfather to four spirited grandchildren.

Moving to Marquette in 1970, I have worked for Vollwerth Foods and retired from Reinhart Foods in 2003. As the parent of two active children, I was heavily involved in many community

and school activities. From refereeing basketball and football for 17 years to presidents of Marquette Little League and the Marquette All Sports Booster Club. I also coached basketball for seventh and eighth-grade girls at Father Marquette Catholic School. I have been a member of Saint Louis the King Catholic Church for 35 years. I believe that these activities are key to skills in public service, knowing your community and the people in it.

Before retiring in 2003, I worked in warehouse and transportation at Reinhart Food Service, and oversaw a maxi-

imum of 70 employees and an annual budget of millions of dollars.

As a member of the Sault Tribe elders, Unit V, there are many issues that I would like to see addressed such as contracting medical care to those in outlying areas. I understand that there are members of our tribe that cannot easily get to our clinics, so we should be able to go to them. We should and can do this for our members. We cannot forget our members who choose to live outside our area. Job training and job security are also something we need to improve. We need to train our members to

qualify for all the good jobs in and outside of the tribe. Thirdly, we need to establish funds for education for those outside our area. They should not be penalized for choosing to live elsewhere. We can and should be a source of pride and comfort to our members, regardless of where they live. I will do my very best to ensure that all members benefit from the growth of our tribe. Representing you is a full time commitment, and a privilege. My contact information is (906) 249-3303 or jrgray3@charter.net.

UNIT 4



Ron Powers

Tribal citizens, near and far. My name is Ron Powers, I humbly seek your support to election as your Unit 4 representative on the Sault Tribe Board of Directors.

One of nine children, (born 1957) and raised in St. Ignace. Parents are Barbara and the late Ronald Powers. I currently reside in Escanaba with my wife (of 22 years), and three children. I understand many of the challenges our tribal citizens face each day.

As your elected representative, I will work with my fellow board members to ensure that our decisions are ethical and based on sound business practices. Practices, principles and deci-

sions that come from experience I have gained while serving on several municipal committees and boards through the years.

Including: Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board - (board member and chairman). Escanaba - Zoning Appeals Board, (recently appointed). Escanaba - Holy Name K-8 Grade School- School Board, Escanaba Aquanuts - President. I served for three years in the capacity of Coordinator for the Escanaba Schools Indian Education Program, and currently serving as a Parent Committee Member. I am employed full-time by the Escanaba Schools transportation department, and serve as book-

keeper / manager of a large cemetery in Escanaba.

I am a US Navy veteran and have served with the Wisconsin Air National Guard for seven years until moving back to Upper Michigan.

Tribal citizens, I believe my experience working with professionals to achieve long and short-term goals would be an asset to the tribe and citizens of Unit 4. I believe my commitment (quitting full-time employment) would ensure the citizens of Unit 4 that their voice would be heard at the committee level. I believe my ability to make decisions that are in the best interest of the tribe will be without question as I have only one family member working

for the tribe. I know my decisions would be without conflict and abstention, as I am not a tribal employee.

Campaigning for election to the tribal board in 2004 (coming within 22 votes of election) I traversed Unit 4, speaking personally with tribal members. Again in 2006 to-date speaking with the tribal citizens, many with questions that have gone unanswered. Tribal citizens of Unit 4, I will respond to your calls and emails.

Tribal citizens of Unit 4, serving as your representative would be a privilege and honor. Once again I request your support. Miigwech, Ron Powers, Chief49829@yahoo.com.

Candidate Profiles

Units 4 & 3

UNIT 4



Denise Chase

Since being re-elected four years ago, I have worked hard to address tribal membership needs in Unit IV. I established the first recreation agreement (which I drafted) for members to use the YMCA in Escanaba for free, NMU recreation facilities agreements have been added to benefit members in Unit IV and V and also at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital in Manistique. We are now revisiting the possibility of these benefits for the membership at the W recreation center in Gwinn.

I have pushed hard for our tribal community center and expansions in Manistique. I am

very pleased to report that interviews have been done and within the next two months our pharmacy and optical department will be fully staffed and open for business. This year the addition of dental services was brought to the western end for the very first time. A nurse has been hired for the health clinic and soon a position for a MD will be posted.

I have continued to push hard and voice my opinion for a adequate community center in Escanaba, I am very happy to report that recently the board approved the sale of a building in the Sault for \$1.2 million and also pledged \$450,000 of the revenue

for a tribal center in Escanaba. Thank you for your continued patience.

Our time is finally here, now is not the time to rest! Now is the time to make sure strong and persistent board members are seated to ensure that members benefit. I want to continue and make sure that Unit IV shares in the wealth and expansion of the tribe.

I will continue to push for: tribal community centers in Escanaba and KI Sawyer with medical, social services, elderly and youth programs. Urgent care clinics, medical access agreements, meals delivered to home bound elders, prescriptions deliv-

ered three to five times a week to Escanaba and Marquette, support increasing elder checks annually, mobile health screening for early detection, removal of the 1/4 blood quantum for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, Head Start expansion to the outlying areas, increasing the Higher Education dollars.

From my heart, I would like to thank Unit IV members for allowing me to serve and represent you for the last four years. It is our turn to share fully in the services offered by our Tribe. You deserve no less. I will continue to work hard to represent your needs.

UNIT 3



Bridget Sorenson

I was born and raised in St. Ignace and have two sons, Kody (7) and Konner (2). I Graduated from LaSalle High School and later received two associate degrees from LSSU in business administration. I also have a salesperson license for real estate.

I was a Chairman's Intern for the EDC, worked nearly three years for Human Resources as an employment rep. and currently work as an administrative assistant to the Kewadin Shores general manager.

I am very outspoken and will be advocating for better job advancement opportunities through training, job shadowing and grooming team members.

I support education, whether for the youth or adult. I came from a family that rarely had the opportunity to go to college. An education even if never used can never be taken away from you.

As schools cut back extra curricular activities and bussing to these activities I would like to see more two percent funding or other resources so that all of our children are given the opportunity to participate.

We need to protect our treaty rights and also create a better market for our commercial fishing market before it becomes a dying industry.

We should be using more of our Greektown dollars to con-

tribute to the Elder Fund. It would be nice to offer the dividend checks twice a year so that a person living on a fixed income could pay their insurance, taxes and soaring utilities.

For expanding services I would like to see a Bahweting School in each Unit, more recreational services and also prescription by mail.

For Mackinac Islanders we need to ensure that they have better transportation services, if it means using the two percent funds to cover the cost of tribal members who need to get to doctor appointments and get food. Let's not forget how many islanders use the casino as their

source of entertainment.

We need to bring more cultural teachings and language workshops to this area for our adults and into our schools.

As far as business needs, the Tribe needs to diversify more, even though casinos are our main source of revenue. The market is becoming saturated and we need to capitalize on other opportunities.

Informing the membership means no more closed session decisions, after all, we as members have an ownership in the Tribe and its resources.



Patrick Rickley

Representation that cares, respected, honest, real. Elect Pat Rickley Unit 3 Tribal Board of Directors!

My name is Pat. I grew up on Bayshore Road (Rickley Ridge). Growing up, we endured many hardships. Our houses were sided with tar paper, had no running water, had outhouses and were short on food. If we wanted school clothes, we had to work for them so we wouldn't get teased. Racism was alive and well back then. At sixteen, we finally got running water.

At seventeen, a week out of high school, I was on my way to basic training in the U.S. Army.

After four years of active duty and three years in the Army reserves, I was honorably discharged. After that, I worked in construction on roads, building, and painting, commercial fishing, and most recently, the Mackinac Bridge.

I have thought long and hard about this and with encouragement from tribal members, I've decided to run for Unit 3 representative. I've never forgotten where I come from and I know that there are still people out there in that situation that need to be heard and represented.

The keys to our future lie in

our past. Great chiefs and tribal leaders never thought of themselves, but of coming generations which is why we are here today. We must continue to look ahead to our future. We must honor and take better care of our elders. We must give our children more opportunities to learn about our heritage and get them involved. We must do what is right for our members. We must not take sides, for that only divides us. The tribal board members must put aside personal differences and realize that the members are who we are representing, not our own agendas. We need to ask our members

what they want and work to meet their needs. We should start a veterans fund, for we have many new warriors (men and women) fighting in conflicts that are damaging to their way of life and well being.

With all of the storms I've weathered, I've gained wisdom, knowledge and more spiritual power, coming out of each situation with a more positive attitude and outlook. I have new ideas that may help us prosper as a people and would enjoy being your voice for Unit 3 and the tribe as a whole.

Megwetch, baa maa.



Ilene Moses

As a candidate for Unit 3 Board of Directors. I feel that now is a time of great change in our tribe and tribal members should have a say in the direction we take. Our tribe has come a long way. As a tribe we need to keep moving forward towards a promising future. I will work hard for you, the tribal members and members of Unit 3 and will be committed to represent you by voicing your issues and concerns. With the support of you the tribal members and members of Unit 3, we can accomplish our needs. I urge all Unit 3

members to vote in the upcoming election. I would appreciate your support and vote to elect me as your representative. Thank You.

Remaining schedule for the 2006 Sault Tribe General Election

The remaining timetable for the election process is as follows (deadlines are 5 p.m. EST on the date stated).

May 18, 2006	Primary election date.
May 22, 2006	Deadline for contests relating to vote count.
June 1, 2006	Blank ballots for general election mailed to voters.
June 22, 2006	General Election day.
June 26, 2006	Deadline for contest relating to vote count.
Officers' installation	To be announced.

The officers to be elected are members of the board of directors: Unit 1 - two members, all other units vote on one member. The term of all officers will be four years. Because there are only two candidates in Unit 4 there will be no primary in Unit 4.

Candidate Profiles

Units 3 & 2

UNIT 3



Keith Massaway

My name is Keith Massaway and I am running for the board of directors seat in Unit 3. I was born and raised in St. Ignace. My parents are Wallace and Evelyn Massaway. I grew up in my parents business the Flame Restaurant. I worked every facet of the business, cook, waiter, bartender, dishwasher and janitor. I then went to college and graduated from Ferris State University with a degree in Architectural Drafting. I then returned to St. Ignace with my wife Jean (nee Everson), who is also a tribal member, to raise our two chil-

dren, my son Andrew, 21, and my son Stephen 18. My wife and I bought the Zodiac Party Store and Taste of the Upper Peninsula Pasty Shop and have had a successful business there for 22 years. When elected I plan to step out of the business and leave the operation to my wife. I will be free to dedicate all of my time to the board seat and to you my constituents. Over the last 22 years I have been involved with the many sides of our community.

I have coached Youth Football and worked with the Parent Teacher Organization, (our chil-

dren), the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau, (our business community), the St. Ignace Recreation Board, (city government) and the Johnson O'Malley Parent Committee, (the Sault Ste Marie Tribal Government and board position). I am confident that I have a well rounded business, social and government background. I know that I am the best candidate to serve you on the tribal board. My heritage also plays a large part in my make up as a strong leader. Our name Massaway was shortened from

Mayseswayweninne which means, "man with a loud voice". We are of the Satigo Band and of the Crane Clan. I believe a strong sense of where you come from gives an added sense of duty to our grandfathers and their teachings. I will be a positive leader, always going forward and never forgetting who are the people I serve. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at (906) 643-6981 or write to 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace, MI, 49781 or email me at kmassway@msn.com. Megwetch and thank you for your time.



Rob Lambert Sr.

I have spent my entire adult life trying to make our Tribe a better place for all of us. I found out early on that if I wanted to make the necessary changes within our Tribe, I needed to put myself in a position to make them. My first obstacle was my address. It was outside all of the election units and the board of directors had no intention of letting any member at large run for the board. So in 1998 I uprooted my family and resigned from a job I held for thirteen years and moved to St. Ignace to meet the unconstitutional residency requirement.

In 1999 after I met the good old boys residency requirement, Mike Lumsden proposed a five (5) year residency requirement just to stop me from running. That idea went down in flames and in 2000 I ran for a board seat and lost. In 2002 I ran again and won.

What happened to me is the reason I will not vote to violate any member's constitutional rights. I have demonstrated just how serious I take my responsibility by the sacrifices I have made. I will fight to make sure what happened to me never happens to another tribal member.

We are all equal.

If I am re-elected to represent you for a second term I am prepared to make another personal sacrifice by resigning my employment from the state of Michigan and I will not hold any other job. This will include full time and part time jobs. It was not an easy decision to make but I felt it is a necessary one so that I can better serve you on a board level.

You have a very serious decision to make. It is a decision that will impact our Tribe over the next four years. It is my sincere desire to make our Tribe a better

place for all of us that drives me to serve in this very important role. If you want someone that is honest, ethical and fights to defend your rights, I am that person.

My elders taught me to stand up for what is right even if it means I must stand alone. My perseverance and determination will continue each and every minute that I serve you.

My platform continues to be for the people.

Thank you for taking the time to read my profile.



Michael (Chico) Belonga

As we approach this critical tribal election the members of Unit III are fortunate that they have several qualified candidates seeking a seat on the board of directors.

In the following paragraphs I will lay out my qualifications, agenda and future hopes that we can accomplish with a positive approach for Unit III membership.

I have been a life long resident of St. Ignace, the eldest of six children of George and Gladys (Grondin) Belonga. My daughter Lindsay attends Central Michigan University and son Aaron is a recent graduate of LaSalle High School.

In June 2000 I retired from a 30 year career in education from St. Ignace Area Schools, which included seven years as administrator of St. Ignace Township Schools. Also during that span I coached youth hockey for 20 years, and did sports writing and radio and TV broadcasting of local high school sports.

In December of 2000 I was hired by the Sault Tribe as Native Employment Works Director. This program aided tribal membership seeking employment. With assistance of dedicated staff we were able to achieve a 90 percent success rate.

In January 2004 I took the position of director of the Lambert Health Clinic. The

Lambert Clinic has the second highest clinic visits of several operated by the Health Division. We offer medical, dental, pharmaceutical, optical, contract health, billing and community health services.

I have been the tribal representative on the joint venture with Mackinac Straits Hospital, as we move forward offering a new health clinic for membership. I also serve as vice-chairman on the Moses Dialysis Board.

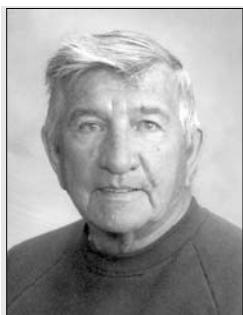
I feel that this election is at a critical time in tribal history as we need a positive candidate to quell the negativism that permeates tribal politics. Membership issues must be first and foremost. I plan on addressing these issues by

working full time with regular office hours in St. Ignace, Mackinac Island and Northern Michigan and by attending all tribal functions and meetings.

My candidacy brings with it inner knowledge of tribal operations, educational background, communication skills, ability to work with individuals of varied backgrounds. I am approachable, open minded and will work with membership on all issues.

Thank you for taking the time to read this profile and if you feel that together we can make a positive change for Unit III then please give serious consideration that I am the most qualified candidate.

UNIT 2



Basel Willis

Unit III-Vote to elect a candidate who:

My top agenda would be education for our younger tribal members (all tribal members). We as a older group should see that our elected leaders make it a point to have an agenda to get higher learning, college and heritage we need to teach all our people of our heritage while we still have some very good people to teach our drum and our old medicine and old ways, something that we all should be proud of and not let it slip away. A lot of our people run into problems of life, everybody gets them. Our board members

are in a position to help these people and they should. We all hit a low spot in life and need help.

One of my responsibilities as a board member would be to ask department heads how to make improvements, how to end a lot of waste, how to cut corners. They should be consulted first. Ask them for their insight. They work with these programs every day and know how to cure these problems. Ideas should be recognized, give them credit when credit is due.

Will work to raise salaries to tribal employees on the lower end of the pay scale and put an

end to high percentage raises for upper salaried employees. Will work to put an end to employee fear of retaliation from management or administration due to disagreement or disclosure of negative operations.

Will work to establish the full disclosure and annual publishing in our tribal paper of salaries and fringe benefits for all tribal positions both governmental and enterprise (team members, management and administration), including all tribal contracts and an annual listing of all tribal committees including the names of membership on each committee (this

will help to eliminate special favors, padded salaries and expense accounts).

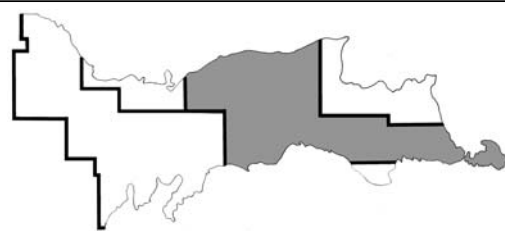
Work to establish job descriptions/expectations for our elected tribal board. Voters will determine term limits. Prohibit tribal board members, including the chairman, from holding more than one job.

Every vote counts! Please be sure to exercise your right to vote, even if you choose to vote for an opponent.

If you have questions, please contact me at (906) 647-8943. God bless.

Candidate Profiles

Unit 2



UNIT 2



Robert LaPoint

I am currently serving as vice chairman and Unit Two representative. I am a life long resident of Drummond Island and successful businessman. I do not represent any special interest group or political faction within the Tribe. My time on the board has been focused on financial accountability, exploring new business ideas and ways to save the Tribe money.

I am not into negative politics. As vice chairman, I have been trying to help by supporting this young new administration. As a successful businessman, I know what it takes to balance a budget. As an elder I try to offer leader-

ship and advice on what it takes to control day to day management.

Financial accountability has been and always will be my commitment to you. Paying down our tribal debt is our biggest challenge.

I have been making recommendations on ways to save money on prescription medicine. The state of Wisconsin is doing it by ordering medicine from Canada.

We need to also focus on new ways to increase our revenue.

In the next four years, I want to start the business process of expanding our Hessel Casino into

a destination resort style facility. The Tribe recently acquired 40 acres of land adjacent to another 40 acres we already own next to our Hessel casino. I found this parcel through a local bank. This gives us room and some options for expansion. It is very difficult to get a casino license so we need to take advantage of the ones we have. Hessel is a great four seasons location for business. A resort style casino with maybe 30 rooms and a northern style restaurant would be what I recommend.

I serve full time because Unit Two covers a large territory and I try to make as many meetings

within my Unit as I can. As vice chairman I present many of the ideas and information I get from the members to the chairman. Finding a way to increase the Elders Lands Claim Fund has always been one of my priorities. I believe there is a way to grow our elders fund.

We are going through political changes and I want to help the board continue moving in the right direction. I offer some stability on the board and this is what we need right now. Your vote of confidence would be greatly appreciated. I wish all the candidates the very best.



Frances Hank

Dear tribal members,

I would like to introduce myself and my family. I am the daughter of Edward (Pun-Pun) and Victoria LaPoint. My great grandparents were Edward LaPoint Sr. (Seepus) and Archemese Bosley. My great grandmother was Adeline Jondreau, direct descendant on the Durant Roll. I have been married to Benny for 33 years and we have three married daughters, Vicki, Jenni and Marci and two wonderful granddaughters Madison O'Dell and Kennedy Guild.

I want to tell you why I want to be on the board of directors. I

use to work for the Sault Tribe Elder Program. I have seen the good and the bad. My heart is truly for the tribal people. I am fully aware of the workings of the tribe, from the inside out. I have volunteered a lot of my time to various committees for the tribe, health committees, tobacco task force, doctors retention committee and I was a member of the past election committee and the Children's Christmas Party committee. I was on the Raber Township board for 12 years and I have been very active with my church, president of the church council for 10 years, religious education

director for four years.

My main work will be for Unit II but I have relatives and friends all over the seven county service area and the United States so I will be working for the concerns off all tribal members.

Some of the main issues I will be working for when elected are: term limits for the board of directors and chairman; more help for the elders and youth activities; more community health nurses and technicians to go into tribal homes; more financial help for education; we need to do something to expand the tax agreements areas to cover all

tribal members; priority for tribal members at the health center and more tribal employment protection.

I know it is very hard to decide whom to vote for but I am a very honest open-minded person who is willing to listen and I have a strong belief in the tribal community. It takes courage to stand up for what is right for all. I know I can raise above all the petty politics and make sure we do the best for our tribal members. Tribal members first, last and always.

With love and loyalty for our tribe, thank you, Frances Hank.



Lisa Burnside

Ahni tribal members,

My name is Lisa Burnside. I am running for the Unit II board of directors and ask your for support in the upcoming election.

By now Unit II tribal members should have received my introductory letter. I mentioned my parents were Wilfred (WIG) and Nina Causley. My father was a board member in the 70s and helped get our Tribe federal recognition. He also fought to bring the Indian Education Programs to our area, such as the Johnson O'Malley Program and Title VII Indian Education Program. He was a true warrior for the rights of our people, espe-

cially on our hunting and fishing rights. He taught me to be honest in my actions, stand up for my beliefs and take pride in being Anishinaabe.

My mother Nina was raised on a ranch in Tennessee now known as McCorkle Valley. She was no stranger to hard work and getting the job done. I inherited my mothers blond hair and blue eyes and both my parents dedication to stand up for what is right, as well as their ability to finish the job.

During my campaign I've been asked several questions, the most popular, is why do I want to be on the board? Our tribal youth programs are at risk with the fed-

eral government, the same programs my father fought to bring to this area. I will do my best to protect the continuance of these programs and support our youth on a higher level.

I will support the needs of our tribal elders and break down the barriers that hinder our youth elder relationships.

I want to expand services to tribal members without cutting the existing programs. I will support our tribe's effort to keep our culture, heritage and rights of Anishinaabe people alive.

If elected to serve my people, that is exactly what my job will be. I will resign from my current

position as the youth service coordinator for Unit II and work for all tribal members on a full-time basis. This includes conducting regular unit meetings & give representation in each area Unit II covers. I will stay active with tribal programs, and continue to share my teachings with people on the Anishinaabe way of life. Sincerely, Lisa Burnside, (906) 484-2239, Lisa_burnside2000@yahoo.com

Let your voice be heard vote! Lisa Burnside, Unit II Board of Directors, "Positive Thoughts Bring Positive Actions."



Clifford Bellant

I was born in Epoufette, Michigan, my mother and father were both tribal. My father was 1/2 and my mother was 1/4 blood. My grandmother on my father's side was full blood and had 21 children. After high school I went to work for Fisher Body in Pontiac. I was transferred to truck and bus in Shreveport, Louisiana in 1981 to open up their new truck plant. I retired in 1992 and moved back home.

My wife Linda and I have one child and we each have a child by another marriage. We have three grandchildren, twin grandsons and a granddaughter.

Work experience:

1. 31 1/2 yr. with General Motors as a power house employee, both hourly and salary. (Retired)
 2. 20 yrs. Hourly as skilled tradesman and 11 1/2 yrs. Salary as assistant chief engineer.
 3. Union worked both sides.
 4. Seven years with Kewadin Shores Casino as dealer and pit boss (quit).
 5. Four years as Board of Director for Sault Tribe.
- Education:
OCC Michigan (Steam engineering)
Detroit Institute of Technology (High pressure steam engineer-

- ing)
LSU Louisiana (Computer science)
Bardsdale Air Force Base (HR)
Kewadin Casino (All required classes)
Committees
1. Conservation
2. Boxing commission accomplishments

Established a wellness center for all tribal members at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital. Used tribal donation for dialysis equipment at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital. Helped install an Elders committee for Elders at western end of Unit 2 (Newberry). Over saw negotia-

tions for both union contracts at Greektown Casino.

In the face of adversity, stand up and fight for every valid issue of importance to tribal members and make decisions based on evidence and merit. Those not aware of my commitment, I refer to the Apostle Thomas whom Jesus told: "You believe because you have seen but blessed are those who have not seen but believe anyway."

If you have any questions feel free to call: (906) 595-7227 email: cbellant@wildblue.net

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Nathan Wright

Aaniin (hello) fellow tribal member, I am Nathan Wright, son of Mary Wright and Michael Wright. I will be 40 this fall. I'm descended from the Mastaw family of Sugar Island. My mother raised me in the suburbs of Detroit. Me, my brother Mike and sister Delia spent most summers and holidays in the Sault with my father. My father, an Indian activist helped re-establish the Sault Tribe in the early 70's. He shared with me the importance of advocating for Indian rights and taught me respect.

Upon turning 18, I joined the U.S. Marine Corp. and was able to become disciplined, goal orien-

tated and rid myself of low self esteem issues most Indian people grow up with. I was honorably discharged in the late 80s.

I moved to Minneapolis and pursued a career in communications. It began with news phone lines, radio and eventually Internet development. I was able to expand my knowledge and skills in mass communications, project management, and business development.

My strengths are common sense (street smarts), analytical skills, problem solving and teamwork. I had a successful career in the corporate world for ten years in the city but always felt that I

needed to use my gifts and knowledge to help our people. In 2002 I decided to move back to the Sault. Since then I met my wife Elaine (Young) and together we are raising our children Alicia and Alex Gervais and Autumn Wright. Our family enjoys camping, fishing and attending tribal activities. I am pursuing a business degree at LSSU. I work for the tribe and with various departments. As a result of being a team member, I have a good understanding of the tribal infrastructure. With this perspective you see what areas are strong in the tribe and what areas need improvement.

I use our tribal services. Our family is fortunate to receive health care, educational support, and recreational activities. For all the benefits we receive we give back to our tribe by volunteering at activities throughout the year.

If you had one wish to change something about the tribe what would it be? Lets stand united and work to make your ideas a reality. I am result driven through creative problem solving. It would be an honor to serve the membership; your vote will make a difference. Vote your conscience, vote Wright.

Please call me at (906) 632-4320 or visit www.wright.net.



Lynne Weaver

My family name is Ermatinger and I have lived in the area most of my life. I am a descendent of the second oldest family in Sault, Mich., and the oldest in Sault, Ontario. My paternal grandmother was Mackinac Band while my paternal grandfather was Sault Tribe.

Many have asked why I am running for the board of directors. More than 30 years of business experience tells me that there is a lot more we could be doing to develop new enterprise and increase profits. We have had multi-millions at our disposal but are deeply in debt.

Multiple bad business decisions, made without the knowl-

edge of the membership, have stripped us of numerous benefits. Wasteful spending so that some could live "high on the hog" while others struggle to feed their families and pay bills has created feelings of animosity among the membership towards our governing branch. Nepotism and the buddy-system has left the majority of the membership out in the cold. Tribal owned airplanes used to fly entire families to exotic vacation destinations could have been money in the pockets of the elder community. Millions that should have been pinpointed for health care and education was instead used for personal gain.

Lack of knowledge and experi-

ence in business trends and failing to perform research to make informed decisions is creating further havoc on our financial well-being. Our forward strides have been minimal due to the power struggles of the old guard fighting the new guard.

Our tribal government is in need of reform but that can be simplified. Is the job full-time or part-time? An elected position with a substantial paycheck indicates full-time status and with the current financial problems facing us, the board of directors should be working full-time doing whatever it takes to correct the situation. Workshops should be held several times weekly to work on

the issues but holding other full-time positions prevents this from happening.

The board of directors should not have the power to increase their own paychecks or benefits. Should compensation based on profits be a consideration in the salary of a board member? There is no valid reason that a director should not produce an informative unit report with every publication of the tribal paper.

Hold your director accountable and expect them to represent your voice.

Email me at: lynneweaver@sbcglobal.net or call (906) 635-3087.

Thank you.



Tom Rapson

My name is Thomas Rapson and I am running for the board of directors for Unit I. I have been a native of the Sault area for 38 years. I'm presently employed with the Tribe and have been for the past 13 years. I have seen a great success within the Tribe over the years and I believe I have a good idea of how the Tribe operates and where improvements need to be made.

If I am elected as a board member I will promise to work as a team member to make improvements that will make us a more successful Tribe. We as Sault

Tribe members should be proud of our Tribe because our Tribe generates a lot of revenue into our community. Not only Tribal members but other community members as well benefit from this.

By working as a team we can make improvements in our education and health programs by making it our top priority. Our youth are going to be our Tribe's future leaders and with the state making the graduation requirements so much harder we are going to have to offer our youth more educational benefits. The Bahweting

School has been successful with our youth by teaching them our tribal culture. Tutoring our youth is very much needed in our school systems as well. With the high school drop out rate so high today, we need to work closer with our youth. As more cutbacks are being made by the state in our public schools perhaps we will need to generate more funding into our school systems.

I can see room for improvements in our tribal health departments. With our growing tribal community I see a need for expanding our medical and dental

staff.

Lets not forget our tribal elders, there is always room for improvement. I am new in speaking out about politics so I will keep an open mind on opinions and suggestions brought forth by the tribal community. If we work together and communicate as a tribal family improvements can be made.



Toni Osterhout

My name is Toni Osterhout; I was born and raised in Newberry. I graduated from Newberry High School in 1984 and was a student at Northern Michigan University before moving to the Sault in 1986 where I met my husband, Burch Osterhout. We have one son, Michael who is graduating this May from Sault High. I studied business administration at Northern before moving to the Sault and have continued with my education at LSSU.

I have worked for the Tribe since June, 1990, starting at the Tribal Health Center as health assistant, then to Housing as Home Improvement/Sanitation Program director and the past 13

years working in Tribal Administration as grants and contracts/self-governance coordinator. My experience with Sault Tribe uniquely qualifies me for being your Unit I representative as I can analyze tribal budgets, funding requests, and development projects in order to make educated decisions on behalf of the membership. I will work to cut waste and use the savings to expand programs to our membership.

As my father taught me, I believe in giving back to the community. I have been active in tribal charities, events, and committees such as National Assemblies, Sault Tribe children's

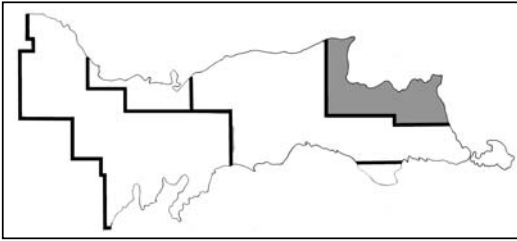
Christmas party, JOM Parent Committee, and elder dinners. If elected as your representative, I will continue to give back to the community by working full-time as your representative. I plan to set a higher standard for board members by promoting a change in either our constitution or through a referendum vote to develop a job description with duties for all board members. This would include a minimum number of hours and attendance at committee meetings, board workshops and board meetings.

I would like to respond to some questions what have been asked by many members on where I stand on certain Tribal

issues. Would I vote to continue the litigation to recover the \$2.66 million taken on election night in 2004? YES. Would you vote to expand services to members who live outside the Tribe's seven county service area? YES, when we are able to do so without jeopardizing existing services. Do you support establishing a Unit VI? YES. Would you have voted to lower the blood quantum to run for the board? YES, we are all the same. One Tribe.

In closing, I want to recognize Victor Matson, Sr. for his years of service to our Tribe. Thanks Vic! Phone (906) 632-7147

Email: toni_osterhout@yahoo.com



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Jason Oberle

Aheen, (hello), my name is Jason Oberle. I want to represent you on the Sault Tribe Board of Directors. As an elected leader, I currently serve nearly 1500 Sault Tribe members and I am continually working to make government more open and accessible to all. It is a privilege to serve my community and with your vote I will work to make our tribal government more transparent.

I will use the skills that I have gained as township supervisor of the Charter Township of Kinross, director for Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation and director for Michigan Townships Association which require the developing,

managing and balancing of multi-million dollar budgets, managing employees, employee benefit programs and community assets in order to bring positive economic outcomes.

Born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, in 1973 and growing to adulthood in Kinross Township; I have been involved with tribal services, employment and government since we gained federal recognition in the 1970s. Now, I want to use my skills and experience to work for you.

I propose a New Deal, a coalition of tribal members working together to make government more accessible and open (government transparency will put an

end to hidden agendas and regularly closed meetings), to make economic development a priority in our tribal government and to form a grassroots network of members in order to educate federal, state and local elected officials of issues in our community.

The Constitutional Convention Committee is an excellent example of positive governmental reform which will help create a new trust in our government. Involving our community in as many decisions as possible will continue creating the trust, necessary to provide unity, which is needed to advance our community into the future.

Solid employee protections

and fiscal management in tribal enterprises will bring stable economic growth and employment while economic development becomes the priority of our community. A coalition of tribal members communicating and working with responsible leaders will bring our tribe to the top once again.

If you want a New Deal for our tribe and members then cast your vote for me, Jason Oberle, an experienced and positive leader with a success plan for our community well into the future. Megwetch, (Thank you), Jason Oberle.



Steven J. Morello

Steven J. Morello is in private practice in his own law firm, Native Law Group PC. NLG has represented our Tribe, providing general counsel, director of government relations and chief ethics officer services.

Prior to this, Steve was nominated by President Bush to be the general counsel of the Department of the Army. He was confirmed by the Senate and sworn into office in 2001. The general counsel serves as the chief legal officer for the United States Army. Additionally, the general counsel serves as the Army's designated agency ethics official, being responsible for management and oversight of the

Army's worldwide Ethics Program covering 2,000,000 persons. Steve graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He received his law degree from the University of Detroit Law School. Steve also earned a MSBA degree from Boston University and was awarded a MA in Pastoral Studies Degree from Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

Steve has practiced law in both the private and public sectors. He began his legal career as a Captain in the Army JAG Corps. He served with the Army both in Germany and Illinois. Steve also served as a staff assistant to

United States Senator Philip A. Hart in Washington, D.C. Senator Hart is among Michigan's most beloved democratic senators.

In private practice, Steve was the managing attorney for DEC, where he practiced computer law. He also served as a contract attorney for Northrop. Prior to service in the Army in 2001, Steve served for 10 years as vice-president and general counsel of Prechter Holdings. There he provided legal and business advice to Heinz C. Prechter, chairman and founder, in the automobile, newspaper, hotel, real estate, and cattle ranching industries with more than one billion dollars of revenue.

Steve is licensed to practice law in Michigan and Illinois. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeal for the Armed Forces. Steve is an ordained Roman Catholic deacon. It is my strong desire to bring all of this education and leadership experience to the Board. I will courageously represent the People of Unit 1. I will fight for an Ethics Code for all and enforceable Standards of Conduct for board members. Together we can make a difference. Please vote for me. Steve Morello.



Jackie (Halfaday) Minton

Boozhoo, Maang N'Doodem Biidaazane kwe. Jackie (Aabtaa Giizhik) Minton N'dzhnkaaz, Baawaating N'doonjba

My name is Jackie (Halfaday) Minton. I am running for a seat on the board of directors in Unit I. In this time of great change and uncertainty, I feel a top priority for the board of directors is to maintain our constituent's trust and faith. It is our responsibility to meet that trust with a code of standards that reinforces our Anishinaabe value system. Leaders are to be people of minimal means. Our path must be clear, we must walk consciously with integrity and respect for

those we represent.

I believe there is a need for balance on our governing board with respect to sovereignty, and perpetuation of our traditional Anishinaabe way of life. The "corporate" value system has permeated decisions made by our leadership. We need to actively be aware of how our decisions affect our sovereignty today and for future generations.

My birth parents were EJ Willis and Lucy Gabow. My grandparents were Angeline and Peter Gabow, and Doris Perry. My parents, Cliff and Kay Orzechowski, adopted me at the age of four. I grew up in Iron Mountain, in a

very loving and secure family environment. I came back home to Sault Ste. Marie when I was 18 years old and have worked in our community since that time. My husband Jeff is the son of Beverly and Adam Lussier; we have three daughters, Justine, 15, Lakota, 14, and Hunter, 11.

For the past 27 years I have been active in the building of our tribal community. I have worked on clearing land for the reserve with the original YACC crew in the early 80s, worked my way to a managerial position at the casino, and for the past 10 years I have succeeded in education, mentoring, and seeking opportunities for

our youth through teaching them to take pride in who they are as young Anishinaabe people, and the responsibilities that go along with those teachings.

Traditionally and historically Baawaating was a gathering place for Anishinaabe leaders, this was the place those chiefs gathered to make decisions for the people. I have the courage to stand with those chiefs and be a leader who vigorously advocates returning to the greatness we once were, and emerge as dignified tribal citizens of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



Dennis McKelvie

My name is Dennis McKelvie, I am a 55 year old tribal member. I am a resident of Sugar Island, Michigan. I have two children, and one granddaughter. I have been married to my lovely wife for over 36 years. One of the greatest joys of my life was attending college for three years with both of my children.

I have served over 25 years in the United States Army in combat arms. I am a Vietnam Veteran, and retired honorably in 1993, the day after my son graduated from high school.

I became involved in tribal politics when the Sugar Island elders approached me to be their

spokesperson to halt the closure of Elder Home. For the next four years I worked on campaigns to assist those that "promised" to make things better, and when they didn't, I decided to run myself.

I was elected to the board in 2002 by a margin of three votes. I know that every vote counts.

Biggest accomplishments on the board: Elimination of 1/4 blood requirement, primary election, and the elimination of the \$700,000+ per year hockey team.

Biggest accomplishment in life: I have fought many battles in life. I have fought in wars, battles on the board, and even a

successful fight with cancer. I do not believe in quitting. If you fail, at least you learn something. Quitting accomplishes nothing. I believe in openness and honesty. A person's word is their bond. I was told a long time ago that you can "watch a crook, but you can't watch a liar."

The greatest joy in life now is picking up my granddaughter every weekend and doing whatever she wants to do. My hobbies are helping people, and working on cars.

The people in the local community know me, and know what I have done in this community. I do not believe in patting myself

on the back for my actions. You do things because you want to, because they are the right thing to do. It is not about accolades, and getting your picture in the paper.

I have enjoyed serving you for the past four years, and would be honored by the privilege of serving another term.

I believe that serving as a board member is a full time position, and I will always give you a full time effort.

Sincerely,
Dennis McKelvie

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Darwin "Joe" McCoy

My name is Darwin "Joe" McCoy. I have lived in Sault Ste. Marie, including Sugar Island, my entire life. My parents are Arthur "Nugs" McCoy and Joyce (Leask) McCoy. I have seven brothers and sisters, am married with three children, and have one granddaughter.

I have operated successful businesses in our community for over 30 years. I presently am an owner and President of MCM Marine, Inc. and Soo Marine Supply, Inc. As a businessman, I have operated in adverse and difficult climates. However, I have always been able to forge solu-

tions and resolve problems through professionalism, honesty and consensus building.

The unprecedented turmoil, infighting and undermining on the board show that we are at a political crossroads. Our Tribe is in desperate need of a leader with business knowledge, community awareness and the perspective to bring unity. I am that person.

Over the years, there were many days that I was happy for our Tribe and its members.

However, the current political climate has left a dark cloud. It is time to move past the political

gamesmanship and to refocus on improving the lives of all tribal members. I will make a difference.

As a father of three and a grandfather, I want to leave our children a legacy of a strong and healthy community. I want all tribal members, from our children to our elders, to once again be proud of our Tribe and have faith in its leadership. I will fulfill the sacred trust and the responsibility of serving all tribal members.

There are those that have responded to the current division in our Tribe with an almost puni-

ty agenda. I have trouble seeing how this helps to unify our community. If you trust me, I will apply the same professionalism, compassion, dedication and patience to issues facing our Tribe that I have applied in my family and business life.

I ask that you place faith in me. You have my word that I will always act in the best interests of all tribal members and will work tirelessly to unify our community. If you have questions, please contact me at djoemccoy@yahoo.com



Donna Marble

Aanii fellow members,

My name is Donna Marble and I am a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. I attended Sault Area Schools and went on to LSSU. I am currently working for Kewadin Casino. My parents were the late Kenny and Pearl Marble. My father was a commercial fisherman and lost his life to the lake in 1979. Because of this I know the importance of our land and lakes and commend the conservation committee for putting up such a fight to protect these rights. I am the third child of four. My brothers and sisters are Ken, Maria (Frank) Parr and

the late Kathy Jo. Being a young mother my sister Maria has been there for guidance, support and friendship. I have three beautiful children Michelle, Michael and Jessica. Michelle is currently attending Lake Superior State University. Michael is in Sault Area High School and Jessica attends JKL Bahweting School.

I was born and raised on Shunk Road. I have seen the changes throughout the years. It is truly amazing to see how our Tribe has developed. I remember when I was a child how our people fought to make our Tribe what it is today. Our grandparents, elders, parents, brothers and

sisters all united together to make this change. Our people did not fight amongst themselves. I realize now these people had a vision and were building a future for the Tribe! Our people wanted what was best for our members, not just themselves. As a Tribe we have to get back to their vision. We have to think of all of our people. We have to unite.

There are six seats available. This is our chance to unite once again. We have the opportunity to elect six new people with fresh ideas and create a new board of directors. There has been a lot of fighting and mud-

slinging on the current board and with the Tribe. I don't think this is what our Grandfathers and Grandmothers intended for our people. I encourage you to think of our children and families and the future of our Tribe when making your decision. And remember "unity is the key that will open the door to our future." Chi-Megwetch, Donna Marble
Unit 1 board of directors
dmarble@lighthouse.net
(906) 635-1318



DJ Hoffman

Hello, my name is DJ Hoffman. I am the son of Lauri Henry (McCoy), and Donald "Joe" Hoffman, Sault Tribe members. My Grandfather, Ken McCoy was a past Board member. Grandmother Helen (Gurnoe) McCoy was a direct descendant on the Durant Roll. They were born and raised on Sugar Island. Herman and Arbutus Kempf (Biron) were my grandparents on my father's side. I have one sister, Kristi Henry, one brother, Bob. My wife, Tana, are blessed to the parents of two sons, Thalen and Keenan Hoffman.

It is my fortune to have a very large family, many of which are

noted for their contributions to the Tribe.

My mother raised us to know and be proud of who we are, to be true to ourselves and give to others within our abilities. Through her self-determination, I was encouraged to follow the path to college, to appreciate the richness of my heritage, and to strive to give back to my community.

I grew up when the Tribe had no financial wealth, and being Native was looked upon unfavorably. My childhood consisted of moving from rental to rental, finally moving into one of the first reservation homes. It was a phenomenal experience, with an overwhelming feeling of commu-

nity throughout the Tribe. Leaders were attentive to the needs of members and worked to assist members to improve the quality of their lives. Unfortunately, that is not the case today.

I believe that our Leaders must be accessible, professional, and accountable. Board members are elected to serve their constituents, the membership. Leadership must push past the personal issues and address the needs of the Tribe.

If elected, I will bring a positive, professional attitude to the tribal board. I will be accessible with daily office hours, attentive to your needs, and courteous to my fellow board members. I will always actively seek your input in

the short and long term planning of the Tribe. New ideas and a fresh approach can help us to progress as a Tribe.

Please use one of your two votes on a candidate that promotes positive, active change. A Candidate that strives to better the lives of the membership and community through active involvement, not mere political promises.

Please cast your vote for me, DJ Hoffman. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (906) 635-6945, toll free at (866) 598-5804, or www.membership-first.com.



Charles Forgrave

Like others in the twenty-odd houses of Iroquois Beach, we drew our water from a shared well, and had an outhouse. The eight of us lived in a one bedroom home, until later when we put the floor in upstairs. Electricity was installed in the house when I was six, and when I was twenty-two we got a telephone.

My dad fished for a living and whenever he caught a lot of fish the price went down, and vice versa. Neither of my folks graduated from high school, so they were determined that their kids would, and we all did.

I was the only one in the family that went on to college. It

was a last minute decision. I ran into some high school friends that were planning on attending, and decided that I would too. Mostly, though, I just couldn't figure out what else to do with myself, which would lead me anywhere.

I attended college and graduated in 1968. I taught school for a short while, but those were pre-union days for teachers. I was making half of what a water surveyor was making, so I left teaching for marine survey work. It was outdoor work, out on the water, and I wasn't stuck in a classroom...three other things that I liked about it.

At twenty-five I got married,

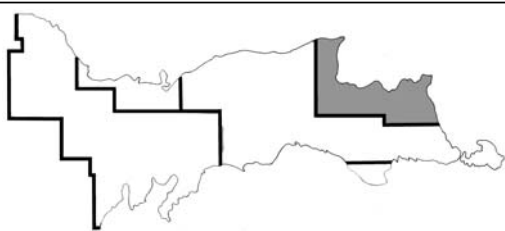
and within the next year had the first of my five kids. Three of my kids have gone on to college themselves and graduated. The other two seem to be doing all right also, each in their own way. I ended up with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and retired in 2005 after thirty years.

What I love and enjoy most: I enjoy writing and walking, shows and theater, and my grand kids. We have eight grand kids and we love them all equally. It's great that spring is here because I love working in the yard. We have a garden spot and a dog kennel for our two Shih-Tzu's. I planted the trees in

our yard twenty-eight years ago, and they're a forest now, and I love having them.

Though I'm retired I haven't really learned to sit around yet. I'm a dummy I guess for getting involved in tribal politics, at least that's what people tell me. Maybe they're right. What's more, though, is that we presently have two of our grand kids living with us. They keep us on our toes, and we're as busy as all get out. They're aged one and a half and two and a half, and though they wear us out, we love them to pieces.

Thank you,
Chuck Forgrave



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Sharon Fegan

Hi, my name is Sharon (Wilcox) Fegan; I am a Christian and a Sault Tribe elder. I am a daughter of a commercial fisherman, the late Woodrow and Hazel Wilcox. I have lived in Sault Ste. Marie since August of 1975.

I worked for the Sault Tribe Social Services before taking my present job as an Indian Outreach Worker for the state of Michigan. I have been doing this job for the past 15 years. I have served on many community boards: Diane Pepler Domestic Violence

Shelter 15 years, Chippewa County Foster Parent 15 years, Decisions to Actions Advocate 11 years, Bay Mills Child Protection Team, Sault Tribe Domestic Violence Task Force, Chippewa County Health Department Task Force.

I am not running for my own agenda, I just want to be a representative for you, the tribal members. I feel that I have lots to offer, and with all the knowledge and resources that I have gained over the past 20 years to put to work for you.

I can give 110 percent of my time for the betterment of our

tribe and community. I am use to working as a team player with my co-workers and promise to do so also as a Unit 1 board member. I feel that there has been enough negative energy spent on attacks and now we need to move forward as a positive tribe. If I am elected to be your Unit 1 board member it will be because I can do you the members a good job and not because I will make any false promises that couldn't be followed through on.

I feel I possess the wisdom, humility, truth, honesty, respect and love for the tribal members and that I can do a great job for

you if I am elected in the primary on May 18, 2006 and the general election on June 22, 2006.

We need to continue to expand our tribal programs and take better care of our tribal elders as they are the cultural keepers of our tribal history. I am motivated, qualified, independent, respectful, good listener, and professional tribal elder. With my life experiences I know that I can deal with any tough issues that I might have to face and will be up for the challenge.

Thank you, Sharon.



Ken Eagle

My name is Ken Eagle. Most of you know me as the fire chief for the city of Sault Ste. Marie, but I want to introduce myself to you as a candidate for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors, Unit One.

Serving on the tribal board is one of the most important jobs in our community. At this time our Tribe needs experienced leadership to bring a new approach to tribal government. We must walk past the current political turmoil and conflict to move forward.

I have served the fire department for nearly 20 years and have risen to the position of fire

chief. This position is responsible for supervising and ensuring the safety of lives and property. The years of public service have given me the experience necessary to serve on our tribal board. They have also instilled in me a sense of duty and accountability.

Our community will benefit from a leader with a new outlook and approach. Effective leadership involves cooperating with others and focusing on the issues to improve our community. Over the years, I have worked side-by-side with our Tribe, the city of Sault Ste. Marie, and the state of Michigan to benefit our community.

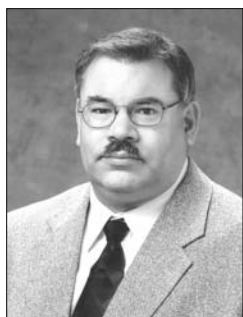
A leader must have courage, integrity, dedication, professionalism and independence. Sound leadership means standing up for what is right in the face of opposition. I believe that it is best to be straight forward with people. I am not afraid to speak my mind or to take a stand on tough issues.

I have lived and worked in the community all my life. While there has been growth and improvement in our community, more can be done. For instance, our Tribe needs to focus on increasing educational opportunities for our youth, expanding services for elders, increasing access

to health care and expanding the number of good paying jobs for tribal members.

Whether our community continues to grow will depend upon its leadership. The tribal board needs a professional, experienced and independent leader. In an often ugly campaign, I am not running against anyone. Instead, I'm running for your vote. I respectfully ask for your support and vote.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call me at home at (906) 635-0068.



Henry J. Bouley Jr.

Aanii, my name is Henry J Bouley Jr.

I am running for a seat on our tribal board of directors because I became very dissatisfied with the direction our Tribe was moving in, the way our board was behaving, and from a general lack of oversight and accountability by our board. I believe I am qualified to serve on our tribal board based upon life experiences and work history, and that I can make a difference.

I was born in Sault Ste Marie in April of 1962. My great-grandfather was Norman Bouley, a life long resident of Sugar Island, and my grandmother Maria Bouley lived on both Shunk

Road and Sugar Island. I am very proud of my cousin Aaron Payment, who is our current tribal chairman.

My father (Henry Sr) left the Sault two times; once to join the Navy, and the second to provide for his family. I grew up in New Buffalo, Michigan, where I graduated from high school in 1980. I am married with two little girls, and met my wife Paula while working for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

I was blessed by parents who allowed me extended visits with my grandparents, and I would spend my entire summer vacations in the Sault. My grandmother taught me how to make bas-

kets, and we would spend evenings out on Sugar Island around the campfire listening to music, singing songs, or telling stories.

After graduating high school, I joined the US Air Force and spent nine years in the service while living in California, Turkey, and Alabama.

I've worked for two separate Michigan Indian tribes, which has given me unique perspective in how tribes operate and the different approaches taken to solve like problems. I've also got casino management experience in both native and non-native gaming, which is another plus when it comes to performing oversight. I

have a background in marketing and computer technology, can think fast on my feet, and have experience in dealing with high pressure situations while keeping an even keel. My strength is long-term strategic planning.

Our Tribe has come along way in dealing with the needs of our members, but should be and could be doing more. I'd like to help us get to where we need to be, and I hope you'll elect me to serve on our board. I will represent all tribal members with honor and dignity. Miigwetch.



Sheila Berger

My name is Sheila D. (Clement) Berger. I was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and have lived here most of my life. I come from the Mar-Shunk area.

I worked for the Tribe at Greenough when it was the only office the Tribe owned. I left the employment of the Tribe to attend LSSU for a year or so. I reentered the working world after that and have been working ever since.

I moved away from the Sault to Lapeer, Mich., where I lived for ten years. In 2002 I returned home with my husband and secured employment with the Sault Tribe Housing Authority

as the administrative assistant in Kincheloe, Mich.

I have been attending the board meetings for over two years and realized that the membership needs an honest liaison between them and the board of directors. The membership also deserves a voice that is not afraid to speak up and be heard. I am that voice, I will be the membership's voice. I am a negotiator and a listener, and I feel this is what the membership wants.

I recently served on the Wage and Compensation Committee, which helped secure raises for the lower wage earners and I was involved in the reduction of

the insurance premium that team members pay to secure medical/health insurance. I am proud of the steps the committee has made and hope to be involved with this committee in the future.

I plan on continuing to be involved in issues and will continue to let my voice be heard to work towards a unified and harmonious Tribe.

I'm the daughter of Lewis P. Clement (deceased) and Peggy J. Clement from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. As a child, I spent many years on Sugar Island at my great aunts homestead. We would do a lot of fishing and rock collecting along the shore-

lines.

My siblings are Rush, Landan and Lindel (a.k.a. Aagii).

I have one daughter, Latisha M. Willette and one step-daughter, Abigail M. Berger who are both the joys of my life. Even after they leave the nest they are never far from home or my heart.

A vote for me is a vote for honesty, integrity and a voice. I lead by example, not by words.

Support your candidates and vote. Thank you for your anticipated support.