

Gathering of the Clans Powwow coming up soon



**DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR,
UNIT IV**

The board of directors, chairman and top executives of the tribe will be reviewing and have a discussion on the FY 2014 and FY2015 budgets on April 7.

The two percent application deadline was March 31, if you wanted to be considered for the spring 2 percent distribution cycle. In the next unit report, I will report what projects were selected. The casino revenues are down during the winter season, which means we will then have less 2 percent funding available in this cycle to distribute. There are so many great projects throughout our unit to consider. Unfortunately, we can't fund them all.

Projects are awarded funding based on a number of factors. The availability of funds at the end of each cycle, the project merit and the potential benefit to tribal as well as governmental communities. Another factor to be considered is project sustainability. The deadline for the fall 2 percent dis-

tribution application is Sept. 31. For information or an application contact Candace Blocher at (906) 635-6050.

Spring is here. I didn't think the weather would finally warm up enough to start melting all that winter snow. Now is the time to start thinking about and planning for the Gathering of the Clans Powwow.

I would like to invite you on behalf of the powwow planning committee to our Gathering of the Clans Powwow to be held on June 14 and June 15, six miles east of Manistique on 5698W Highway US 2 (behind the Manistique Community Center).

Free entrance, rough camping available. Grand entry: 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday. Feast 5 p.m. on Saturday. Grand entry: 12 p.m. on Sunday.

If you're interested in purchasing a vendor table for our powwow, please contact any of the telephone numbers below.

If you would like to donate any items for the auction, please drop it off at the ACFS window at the Manistique Tribal Center for Viola Neadow. If you would like someone to pick the item up, please call myself (906) 322-3819, Director Morrow 203-6699, Viola Neadow 341-6993 or Rita Glyptis at 450-7024. I look forward to seeing you there!

Myself and Director Morrow attended the open house for the Escanaba health office. It was very well attended. The office provides space for medication pick up, wellness clinics, nutrition appointments, health fairs, blood pressure checks, CHT and CHN visits, etc.

The YEA students did a power point presentation for the board of directors last week at our workshop. There were several areas represented by the youth, Escanaba, Manistique, Munising, Hessel, St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie. After the workshop, the youth invited the board members to share a luncheon of Indian tacos with them. The students did an excellent job in their presentation and showed slides of the various community activities that they are involved in and volunteer for. They did a very impressive job. Board members expressed how proud they were of the power point that the youth groups prepared for the workshop.

Thank You,
Denise Chase, vice-chair
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