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Numerous Menominees vie for elected seat in offices

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This years election ballot will hold several names of Menominee members that will be running for 3 open seats in the Menominee Tribal Legislature.

The six top vote getters from the primary elections in the legislative race will be placed on the ballot for the general elections, which will be held in January.

Incumbents who's terms expire in February 2003 are Eugene Caldwell and Sylvia Wilber. They are both joining in on the legislative race for re-election to the legislature.

Prospective candidates who filed their nomination papers before the deadline on Thursday, October 3rd, are as follows: Laurie Boivin, incumbent Eugene Caldwell, Michael Chapman, Kenneth *Bum Bum* Fish, Albert Fowler, Debra Fowler-Bowman,

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Children walk in protest of violence and crime during 5th Annual Kiddie Krime Stoppers March

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Above- Children, teachers and parents walk in protest of violence during the annual Kiddie Krime Stoppers March, which has been going on successfully for the past five years, since first starting in 1998. Inset- Children are escorted by McGruff the Crime Dog as they walked to the MTE pavillion in downtown Neopit.

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On Thursday, October 9th, the 5th Annual Kiddie Krime Stoppers parade was held in Neopit. The mini parade started at the community Head Start center and proceeded through the streets of "Dog Town" and ended at the Park.

Children, teachers, parents and volunteers braved the early morning chill, but were welcomed with sunlight as they walked. Many carried signs bearing the words of non-violent messages, to help keep our communities safe of crime and vandalism.

Over the years, both Head Start centers on the reservation have been victims of vandalism, done mostly by area kids. That was how the parade idea started and since 1998 children attending Head Start marched in protest against vandalism occuring at their schools.

As always, McGruff the crime dog was there to escort the delighted children during their march. He also joined them at their final destination to share in a delicious cup of hot chocolate and eat some cookies.

Violence and vandalism occur everywhere on the reservation, taking a cue from the smallest children can encourage the fight against crime.

For more information on how you can take a stand against crime on the reservation, contact the Menominee Tribal Police Department at 799-3321, and help "Take a bite out of Crime!"

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