

Tribal Observer

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THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE



EMERGENCY NEEDS ASSISTANCE GRANT

The office of Services to the Aging has allocated funds to be used to pay for fuel costs or other emergency needs of older adults. These needs may include financial assistance for high utility bills, minor home repair, prescription medication or the purchase of fuel. Eligibility will be determined by income, need and other available resources. Eligible income level is based on 150% of the poverty guideline. Program managers will work closely with the Department of Social Services, Eight-Cap and other assistance programs to fill service gaps and avoid duplication.

The grant will begin April 1, 1986 and continue through September 30, 1986 or until funds are depleted. If you would like more information please call the Commission on Aging at 772-0748.

No. of People in Family	Income	150% Poverty Level
One	\$ 5,360	\$ 8,040
Two	7,240	10,860
Three	9,120	13,680
Four	11,000	16,500

NEWS FLASH

The C.H.S. year is coming to a close again. It's time to make sure all statements are brought into the office. If you have insurance pending on a medical service be sure to let us know so we will be aware of any outstanding account that may be held up waiting for insurance payment and balance.

Final billing for Contract Health Service will close Sept. 30, 1986. All bills must be in by Oct. 10, 1986 or they will be left out of the final billing. We cannot guarantee payment later. There is not always resources for paying late bills.

Sincerely,

Jean Pego, Contract Administrator



HAZARDOUS WASTE AND YOUR HEALTH

Every year 10 million tons of solid waste are deposited somewhere in the State of Michigan. A portion of this waste is hazardous waste which can injure living things - some are also life-threatening. People accumulate hazardous waste and the amount and variety is greatly increasing.

A hazardous waste is a discarded substance whose chemical or biological nature make it potentially dangerous to people. Characteristics that make a waste hazardous are: explosive, highly flammable, or having the tendency to react violently with other substances; corrosive materials; or toxic materials which are poisonous or can cause cancer, birth defects or other health problems. Along with the materials identified as being hazardous wastes, the EPA has also compiled a list of hazardous waste substances which by 1985 contained more than 200 substances.

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day has been set for October 4, 1986 at the Mt. Pleasant Shopping Center parking lot. As a forerunner to this collection day, educational presentations can be made to local groups or organizations upon request and elementary school children will be receiving a presentation this fall.

We strongly urge your support in this worthwhile endeavor. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Isabella County Cooperative Extension Office at 772-0911, ext. 214 or stop by our office which is located in the lower level of the Isabella County Building.

Thank you.

Lyle Thompson, County Extension Director

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

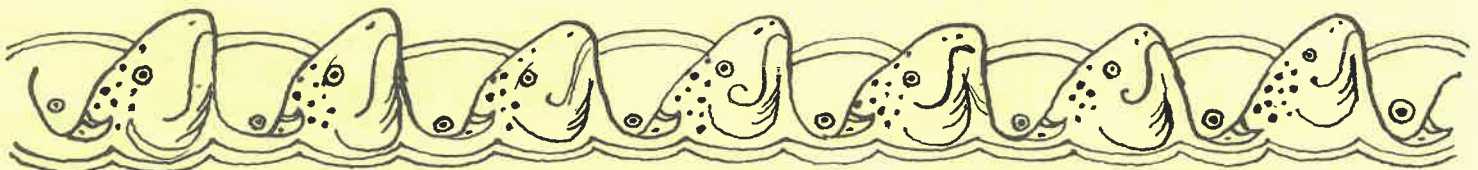
By Donald L. Hire
Social Security Manager in Mt. Pleasant

A person who applies for disability benefits under either the Social Security or supplemental security income program may be considered for services offered by the State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency. These services include counseling and guidance, medical and surgical treatment, physical therapy, training in the use of prostheses, and job training and placement.

Applications for disability payments are sent by Social Security to the appropriate agency in the State in which the applicant lives. It is this agency that determines whether the individual is disabled or blind within the meaning of the law.

If it is determined that the available vocational rehabilitation services would assist the applicant in obtaining employment, he or she is interviewed by a counselor. The fact that a person accepts vocational rehabilitation services does not affect his or her eligibility for disability payments; however, refusing these services will rule out benefit payments unless there is good reason for the refusal.

Although disability checks usually stop shortly after a person's condition improves to the point that he or she can once more work, an exception applies to beneficiaries who were disabled at the time they started an approved vocational rehabilitation plan, but who unexpectedly recover before the program is completed. In such cases, payment may continue if it is believed that the vocational rehabilitation services will permit a return to work.



COMPUTER CENTER PROJECT

One of the projects of the Tribal Educational Board, the Computer Center, got off the ground last week. The new director and instructor for the program, Richard Tilmann, was hired and he started work. Mr. Tilmann has had many years experience as both a teacher and as a computer professional. The Computer Center project was originally a part of the Indian School program. Although the larger school program has been delayed, the grant for the Computer Center has been awarded. It is a cooperative program between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Hannahville School program. The purpose of the program is to provide access to micro computers and the training to use them in a variety of ways. Both children and adults are encouraged to make use of this new resource.

The Computer Center will be located in the southern half of the Headstart building, where the housing office used to be. Four Apple II computers and a printer will be available. A wide variety of 'software', or computer programs and books are also being collected. We are planning to have it open and staffed in the afternoons and Monday thru Thursday evenings, although the exact hours has not yet been determined.

There will be three major activities at the Computer Center, the Computer Literacy program, Instructional Tutoring and Adult Education.

The Computer Literacy program is designed for children and teenagers who want to learn about computers and computer programming. The emphasis of this part of the Center is using personal computers for fun and growth.

The Instructional Tutoring program is designed to help some of the school aged children who are having trouble with their math, science, or language classes. A large library of educational programs is available to the Center through the Mt. Pleasant School system and Central Michigan University.

The third part of the program is the Adult Education. This is designed to offer individualized training to the adult members of the reservations who wish to improve their professional skills. This includes word processing and data entry training.



SUNDAY AFTERNOON SUPER BINGO SCHEDULE

September 14	\$ 35.00
September 21	\$ 35.00
October 12	\$100.00
October 26	\$ 35.00
November 9	\$ 35.00
November 16	\$100.00
December 7	\$ 35.00
December 14	\$ 35.00

\$ 35.00 Admission-\$11,500 Prize Giveaway
\$100.00 Admission-\$43,000 Prize Giveaway

All games start at 1:30 p.m., Players may purchase Additional Cards for the Specials, Do-It-Yourself Game and the Super Jackpot!

Reservations are needed to attend and can be made 8 weeks prior to each game. REQUESTED SEATS ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE!

*Other Sunday Games that do not appear on this Schedule will be announced later, VIA flyers, or call our Toll Free Number 1-800-338-9092 - Michigan only!

We play Bingo on Hard Cards every Thursday @ 10:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday @ 6:30 p.m. Reservations are not required - First come first serve basis.

This Schedule and Game Program is subject to Change at any time.

If you have any questions that you need answered please call.

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BULLETIN

District sets opening week schedule . .

Mt. Pleasant Public School students will officially begin the 1986-87 school year by attending classes on Wednesday, September 3. The opening week schedule is as follows:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Labor Day - no school.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Staff work day, no students.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

First day of school for students, grades 1-12. Bus transportation and hot lunch will be available. Also, the first day of school for morning and afternoon Young Fives and kindergarten students whose last names begin A-L (Parents will be responsible for transporting Young Fives and kindergarten students).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Regular classes for students, grades 1-12. First day of school for morning and afternoon Young Fives and kindergarten students whose last names begin M-Z (Parents will be responsible for transporting Young Fives and kindergarten students).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Regular classes for all students. Full bus transportation provided.

AND 1986-87 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 3

First day of school - students

NOVEMBER 27 - 30

Thanksgiving Vacation

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 4

Christmas Vacation

JANUARY 23

Semester Break (1/2 day for students)

MARCH 30 - APRIL 5

Spring Vacation

APRIL 17

Good Friday (1/2 day for students/staff)

MAY 25

Memorial Day - No school

JUNE 5

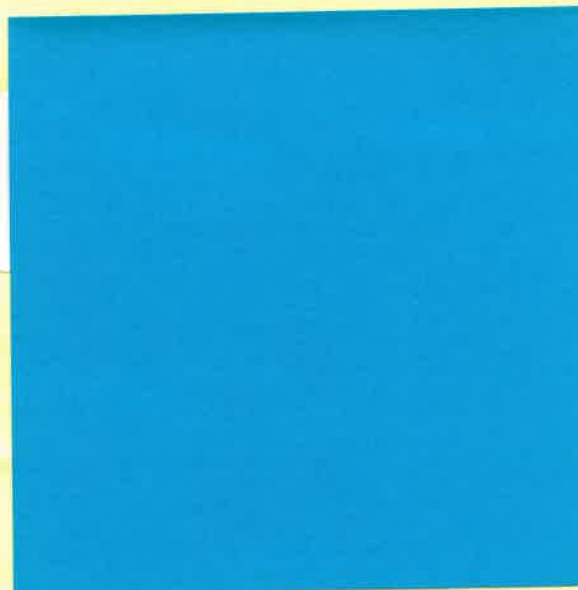
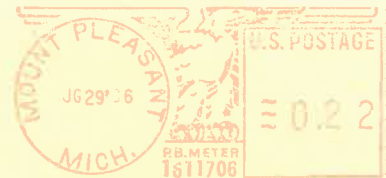
Last day of school (1/2 day for students)



We are trying to update the tribal rolls with current addresses. We have sent information to our tribal members recently with the following returning to us. If anyone knows the addresses of the following people please inform the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Ruthie A. Bates	Renee L. Beier
Kathleen E. Bennett	Patricia K. Bennett
Robert M. Bennett	Russell P. Bennett
David W. Bonnau	Thomas J. Bonnau
Harvey Chamberlain	Joseph Chamberlain
Barbara L. Chapoton	Bernice S. Chapoton
Mark P. Chapoton	Ross R. Chapoton
Sena M. Chapoton	Willard F. Chapoton
Frances M. Climie	Daniel T. Cloutier
Lyle R. Collins	Marla K. Collins
Ronald Collins, Sr.	Sarah J. Cox
Elizabeth Davenport	Norman S. Davenport
Marlene L. Shook	Roy L. Dutton
Doreen L. Eggleston	Susan L. Eggleston
Stella Falsetta	Sheilah Gallegos
Carol G. Gower	Evelyn J. Ice
Anthony L. Jackson	Bernard J. Jackson
Gloria O. Kirby	Elaine Y. Kraska
Florence Mandoka	Iva L. McClain
Patrick L. McClain	William L. McClain
Robert F. McDonald	Viola G. McKay
David P. Pego	Milton C. Pelcher
Steven W. Pelcher	Delores C. Perez
Geraldine E. Phillips	Leonard L. Pontiac
Kevin L. Rodriguez	Gregory G. Schoen
Vaughn K. Schoen	Floyd Shawano
Gloria J. Shenoskey	Virginia L. Snyder
Martin L. Steele	Delores M. Tracey
Emily E. Williams	

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If anyone has any information to share
with our readers, please feel free to
submit it to:

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