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OBSERVER

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE, INC.

Our mission is to:

Inform those who want to know,

Remind those who should have known,

And enlighten those who never knew ...

RESEARCH ANALYSIS ASKS FOR TRIBAL OPINION

The Research Analysis program here on the reservation will conduct a survey shortly for Tribal Opinion in BIA funded programs. We are asking for your cooperation to make this a good overall consensus of what is received through BIA funded programs.

Some surveys will be conducted over the phone, others will have to be by personal interview. The survey will be conducted by Charmaine Benz and Patricia Kequom.

At the end of the questionnaire you will be asked for comments or remarks. If you have any recommendations on how to improve the program we hope you will use this outlet to express how you feel about these particular programs.

Thank you,

Charmaine Benz
Patricia Kequom

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Inc. is in the process of setting up an advisory board for an Adult Vocational Education program. This board will be made up of twelve members from different enumeration districts throughout Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Six of the the members will be representatives from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. This program will be designed to assist all Indian people (ages 18-35) to get vocational training in the area they desire.

There will be a statewide Vocational Education meeting at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Center on December 21 at 10 a.m.



The perfect Christmas gift for the person who has everything is a burglar alarm.

Health Plan continued

As the Health Planner I have spent alot of time learning about the community and what the people would like in the Health Care Program. Along with what we want it is necessary to justify with needs, priorities, and population data what we can feasibly have. The Comprehensive Health Plan will identify what our needs are, who will provide what we need, and how much it will cost.

As far as my own training, I graduated from Ferris State College in 1972, as a Licensed Practical Nurse. After working for one year, I went back to Ferris and graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1974. After graduation I worked for 3½ years with my last job working for the Mental Health Unit of the Gratiot Community Hospital.

I have learned a great deal in the 1½ years I have been here. I have attended several workshops and training sessions developed by the Bemidji, Minnesota Indian Health Service Area Office concerning the health planning process. I am glad I have the opportunity to develop this health plan and make an effort to improve health care for the Indian community. If there are any questions or ideas you have about the Health Field, please call us at 773-4219

Audrey Falcon
Health Planner
Jenette Leasureaux
Secretary

The Star

She is a star.
She is a singer.
She is a dancer, too.
Her name is Julie.

by Jennifer Slater
First Grade
Mary McGuire Elementary

STATEWIDE TASK FORCE ON INDIAN SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

A task force to address the substance abuse problems of Michigan's Indian population has recently been appointed by Mr. Kenneth Eaton, Administrator of the Michigan Office of Substance Abuse Services. The Task Force will deal with alcohol and other drug problems affecting Indians, as well as Indian needs for prevention, casefinding, and treatment services.

The result of Task Force work will be a long-range plan for substance abuse services for Indians. The plan will identify the service needs of Indians. Service recommendations will be made and priorities, on a yearly basis, will be established.

In the past, and, in many cases in the present, various kinds of programs are being developed for Indian people and no by Indian people themselves. However, the Office of Substance Abuse Services has recognized the need for Indian input in the development and improvement of programs and in the identification of problem areas. In order to gain this input, the Task Force will hold public meetings throughout Indian communities and in urban centers throughout the state. The Task Force encourages comment and local participation. Anyone interested in submitting written testimony at any time may do so by sending to:

Janine Huff, Task Force Planner
Office of Substance Abuse
3500 N. Logan, P.O. Box 30035
Lansing, MI 48909

PLEASE WATCH FOR NOTICES OF
PUBLIC MEETINGS IN YOUR AREA.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

The Task Force members are focusing on the development of a statewide plan for services for Indian people. Because needs or preferences may differ in various Indian communities around the state, seven of the nine members are also representing particular regions of the state. They will be helping to coordinate activities and public meetings which will be taking place in those regions. The two at-large members are also available for local or statewide coordination. The Task Force is being chaired by:

Mr. Robin Johanson,
Saginaw Chippewa Substance
Abuse Center
7070 East Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
(517) 773-2097

Cumulating more than two years of effort, the canoe movie "WIIGWAASIJIIMAAN" will be shown to the public for the first time on Sunday, January 14, 1979 at 2 p.m. in the main auditorium of the Center for the Arts in Midland. There is no admission charge. Refreshments will be served in the lobby after the program.

Tables will be available for those Indian persons who have Indian-made arts and crafts for sale. Set up time will be at 1 p.m.

A rehearsal of the program and a showing of the film will be at 12 noon.

Task Force members and their regions:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>	<u>Region</u>
-vacant-		1. Southeast Mich.
Ms. Anna Crampton	Lansing, (517) 373-8612	2. Southeast Mich.
Mr. Robin Johanson, Chm.	Mt. Pleasant (517) 773-2097	3. Central East Mich
Ms. Anna Medawis	Grand Rapids (616) 538-4569 or 241-8228 P.M.	4. Central West Mich
Ms. Louise Kane	Charlevoix (616) 547-4434	5. Northern Lower Peninsula
Ms. Clara Trudeau	Sault Ste. Marie (906) 293-8040	6. Eastern Upper Peninsula
Mr. Gary Deuman	Sault Ste. Marie (906) 632-6896	7. Western Upper Peninsula
Mr. Rick Andrews	Lansing (517) 373-0654	At Large



NEED FOR MORE LAND

On October 12th, 1978 representatives from various federal agencies met with members of the local administrative and planning staff concerning the Saginaw Chippewa Tribes' need for more land. Agencies represented were The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency, Farmers Home Administration, Isabella County Office, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Detroit Area Office and Chicago Regional Office, and the Indian Health Service, Michigan Branch. Discussion was concentrated on efforts to acquire more land adjacent to the existing 450 acre trust land to accommodate the need for more housing. Most of the land on the existing trust land is either already overdeveloped, is used for agricultural purposes, is wooded, or is unsuitable for building. There is available and buildable land adjacent to the trust land to the east, west, and south that could be acquired if the tribe had the finances. The problem with acquiring land adjacent but south of the trust land is that this land is out of the bounds of the tribes' jurisdiction according to the treaties of 1855 and 1864. This would make the possibility of including this land into trust status very difficult, a process which would have to be approved by the Secretary of Department of the Interior. Therefore the tribe will probably have to confine its' land acquisition efforts to parcels within the jurisdictional boundaries.

MIDDLE MANAGEMENT - THE LEVEL WHERE YOU STILL HEAR THE RUMORS, BUT YOU'RE NOT HIGH ENOUGH TO KNOW IF THEY'RE TRUE.

INDIAN LAND CLAIMS

My name is Richard LaFromboise, I'm a graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Law and have worked with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe through a Campaign for Human Development grant for the last six (6) months.

My primary duties have been to help the tribe in governmental decision making matters, management structure, by-laws, constitution revision and the overall gambit to a tribal operation. I also had the experience of just barely touching the surface concerning Indian Land Claims.

Indian land claims as per 2415 is to me a very important matter. It involves a very important matter. It involves a very intensive and extensive research of all lands held in trust or lands having belonged to the Indian and post by some unethical or possible unethical matter.

The primary work that has been completed involves the so-called present 21 parcels of trust property held by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. There are more than 21 parcels of property and there is a lot more involved with land claims that what meets the eye, of the original 272 patents issued to Indians of the Saginaw Chippewa descendants of the so-called "not so competent" area only 21 survived, that is phenomenal. As recent as 1953; 54; 55; 56; the Bureau of Indian Affairs sold 13 of those "not so competent" Indian lands with or without Indian consent. The justice department has and is working with this case in the advisement capacity as to suit or not.



Land Claims continued

However, on the other hand, the Bureau may state in their report when April 1, 1980 rolls around that they gave the Indians a chance to develop their land claims if the Bureau can say that, then I believe that the intent of the Congress was procedural rather than a substantive matter in dealing with Indian land claims.

If the Bureau can see fit to fund a six (6) month special project to check on the delivery systems or it's delivery systems and fund a nineteen-thousand dollar consultant line for that delivery of services, I recommend that the land claims should be of equivalent nature.

The amount of work involved in each abstract is extensive, and the average cost of an abstract is between \$70-85, hopefully we do not have to call 200 abstracts but should the occurrence arise the discretion should be there. My opinion is that there are many possibilities of damages, but if those possibilities are not investigated then it becomes highly improbable that any claims can occur and next to impossible if proper funding is not had. If this have been a testimony for the preservation of the Indian land, please feel that like this Indian does, that the land is the primary resource for the Saginaw Chippewa Indians inherent sovereign power.

14 STANDARD EXCUSES

When something goes wrong, try one or more of the following standard excuses:

1. That's the way we've always done it here.
2. I didn't know you were in such a hurry for it.
3. That's not really in my department.
4. No one ever told me to go ahead.
5. I've been waiting for an O.K.
6. How was I to know this was different?
7. That's his job, not mine.
8. Wait 'til the boss comes in and ask him.
9. I forgot completely.
10. I didn't think that it was that important.
11. I'm so busy, that I just haven't gotten to it.
12. I thought I told you.
13. I wasn't hired to do that.
14. That's not my writing.

BLOCK GRANT

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has a grant program known as the Community Development Block Grant. In 1977, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe received its first grant for \$180,000 to rehabilitate the substandard Indian-owned homes located on the 450 acre trust land. The tribe originally applied to rehabilitate all Indian-owned homes within the entire six-township jurisdictional boundaries, but HUD claimed that such activities had to be limited to a more confined geographical area. Since then HUD has corrected their regulations to include any substandard Indian-owned homes within Tribal jurisdictional boundaries.

SPEAKING OF HEALTH ★ . . .

One of the main health problems that happen at this time of year is earaches. A lot of care must be taken to prevent earaches which is called otitis media. A person can lose their hearing if ear infections are not taken care of right away. When you or your child first starts having pain in the ears or ear a doctor should be seen NOW ! He will give you an anti-biotic to fight off the infection. Usually ampicillin or actifed is given and any medication should be taken until it's all gone. The usual week or ten days gives you the time to clear it completely. If you forget or quit taking the medicine your infection will still be there or come back causing a lot of damage to your poor little ear drum!

One of the main things to remember is DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE EAR HAS STARTED DRAINING!! This means that the eardrum has already perforated (has a hole in it). THE EARDRUM IS NEEDED IN ORDER FOR YOU TO HEAR!!!!

The causes of ear infections are allergies and upper respiratory infections (which are head and chest colds) especially if they happen often. What you can do to prevent ear infections is to dress for the weather, use a vaporizer or if you can, buy a humidifier to put moisture in the air.

Also, a child is more likely to get ear infections because of the eustachian tube which goes between the throat and ears is short and at a straight angle that moves any throat or chest infection right to the ears.

Now, the best help you can give the body is to eat all of the proper foods from the basic four groups (dairy, meat, breads & cereals, and fruits & vegetables). This will give your body the strength to fight off colds and infections.

Dairy: Milk, cottage cheese, yogurt, ice milk or ice cream, or cheese

Meat: Beef, fish, poultry, peanut butter, dried beans, lentils, and nuts.

Fruits & Vegetables: Fresh fruits, canned fruits, fruit juices, dark green leafy and deep yellow vegetables.

Breads & Cereals: Whole grain breads, muffins, rolls, enriched macaroni, spaghetti, rice, nookles, corn grits, and tortillas.

Lorna Kaghegab Call
LPN, CHR

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

On November 15-17, I attended the Senior Citizen Conference sponsored by the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs at the Park Place in Traverse City. The national, political and economic climate has to do with government spending combating inflation, proposed budget cutting, shoring up the dollar, energy, these will affect tribal senior citizens concerns. Increased services availability, health, fixed incomes in times of increasing living cost while tax burdens for many become a harsher fact of life. At the Conference we learned there are programs to assist the Seniors in these areas. A Vocational Rehabilitation program can help one earn extra income. The "Homebound" program provided some

Indian Seniors with beads, leather, as well as pay a person to get Black Ash. The program can help one get started in some money making activity, but needs equipment to get started. For example: if someone was interested in furniture refinishing and upholstery, it might be worth a call to the local Vocational Educational Office 772-2668 in Mt. Pleasant.

"Green Thumb" assists and employes other older americans, 55 and older. This work can be part-time and will not jeopardize one's Social Security Income. Incidentally one can earn up to \$4,000 yearly without a cut in pension. The Tribal Office can act as a resource in checking these out for those interested in agency people who can come in and explain their programs and the extent of their services to individuals or a group.

Other interesting sidelights-there are many Indian Senior Citizen meal sites. About feeling uncomfortable in going to a non-Indian meal site, most felt more at ease with other Indians. And you have to be Indian to understand certain things, such as pride.

"No one wants to be put in humiliating situations." Now some bad news. We learned the medical profession frowns on an old Indian country favorite "mideh".

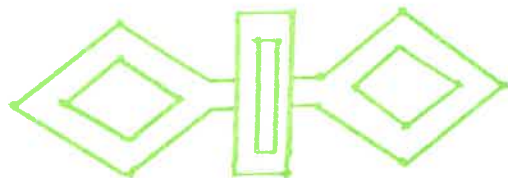
Naturally this drew protests, but doctor, . . . well alright, but only once in awhile. The Friday morning session was especially interesting and enlightening. A Tribe in Massachusetts, the Narraganset, was involved in solving deeply anchored political problems with origins dating back several centuries. Many factors worked together to resolve controversial issues; also, their method of operation, keeping lines of communications open in a difficult and at times sensitive negotiating process. How else are you going to work our adjustments with the other side if you

Also tribes in the State of Washington banded together to unseat an Indian adversary, an incumbent member of Congress running for re-election. At the tribe's request, labor unions, educational and service organizations joined the circling of the congressman's Washington wagon train. He didn't make it to the pass. A good object lesson. You can make your vote make a difference.

Back home we have made good success, we have new facilities and programs to prove it, but we don't win them all. An example: we need to expand our campground for physical reasons; 4.6 acres are too few for a 63 unit trailer and tent site campground; for economic reasons; a 100% occupancy rate for the 63 units is the break even point. 15 acres of wooded land east of the campground is for sale. This is enough space to build 45 more sites, or preserve it as a natural area. Doing other things on the reservation to attract tourists.

Our tribe does not have the thousand dollars plus per acre to buy the land. As with all capital intensive projects we applied to a federal agency for acquisition monies. This resource required a 50% local match. A state agency rejected our request for a equal non-federal match. It looks like on the 18th we will have to withdraw our request for financial assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. May your Christmas shopping experience be better and merrier.

-Ben Quigno-



COMMUNITY NOTES:

Congratulations to Sonja and Eric Kerchen upon the birth of their 7 lbs. 5½ ozs. girl, Trina Wenonah on November 18, 1978.

Bonnie Vasquez and Karen Mardiroian are welcome additions to the Saginaw-Chippewa Tribal Staff. Both will be serving as secretaries for Tribal Operations. It's about time

Party time! There will be a pot-luck/Christmas party for members of the Indian Education Committee on December 19 at 6:30 p.m.

With the help of our friend, Zelpha Hill, volunteer for the Commission on Aging, Fred and Luella Schlafley have graciously donated to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe the following stuffed animals:

Ring Neck Pheasant
Golden Pheasant
Wood Duck
Plack Squirrel
Two Red Squirrels
Snowey Owl
Horned Owl
Hawk
Raccoon
Red Fox
Bear Head
Dear Head

They will be on display in the Tribal Center at 7079 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant.

Halloween Night

It was Halloween. The boys and girls went trick or treating. One boy went in the road and almost got hit. They got lots of candy.

by Culver Judson
First Grade
Mary McGuire Elementary

On November 28, Mrs. Butcher's second grade class and Mrs. Smith's second grade class from Mary McGuire Elementary School visited the reservation escorted by Margaret Sowmick, teacher's aide. The children then wrote Thank-you notes to Mrs. Sowmick. These are a couple:

Dear Mrs. Sowmick,

Thank you for taking us to the reservation. I especially like the fry bread it was very good. I think you are very very nice. I liked the Indian Art especially the beadwork. The fry bread doesn't taste like bread does at home. I liked all of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian reservation. The housing project was pretty. I liked the totem pole and teepee frame. We all enjoyed everything. We have an Indian in our class, Travis.

Your friend,

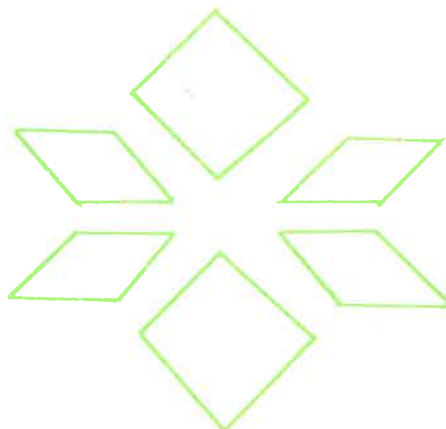
Candice

Dear Mrs. Sowmick,

Thank you for letting us went to the Indian Center. We went in the Indian Center and we ate fry bread.

Sincerely,

Leanna Francis



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cecil Collins	Dec. 01
Juliane Peters	Dec. 01
Kenneth Kendall	Dec. 02
James Bailey	Dec. 03
Alvin Chamberlain	Dec. 03
Livingston Colwell	Dec. 03
Alfreda Moses	Dec. 03
John Pete Trepanier	Dec. 04
Elarine Casner	Dec. 05
Elarine Casner	Dec. 05
Erica Aasved	Dec. 08
Maynard Kahgegab Jr.	Dec. 08
Denise Bennett	Dec. 08
Foster Hall Jr.	Dec. 09
Jennifer Davis	Dec. 10
Arron Ash	Dec. 11
Rodney Jackson	Dec. 11
Paul Jackson	Dec. 11
Harold Jackson	Dec. 12
Brad Mandoka	Dec. 12
Ruth "Jake" Moses	Dec. 12
Kenny Sprague	Dec. 12
Randall Bennett	Dec. 13
Ruth Lenhart	Dec. 14
Joseph Sprague Jr.	Dec. 14
Ronald Johanson	Dec. 14
Shirley Burch	Dec. 17
Stephanie Peters	Dec. 17
Lynette Franco	Dec. 19
Anita Hardwick	Dec. 19
Carol Jackson	Dec. 19
Shannon Chippeway	Dec. 20
Clinton Pelcher Jr.	Dec. 20
William Durfee	Dec. 22
Josephine Jackson	Dec. 23
Andrew Steel	Dec. 23
James Bennett	Dec. 24
Lisa Jackson	Dec. 24
Emma Peters	Dec. 25
Marian Peters	Dec. 25
LuAnn Davis	Dec. 26
Andrew Falcon	Dec. 26
Sharon Thomas	Dec. 26
Carol Hall	Dec. 27
Courtney Kahgegab	Dec. 27
Margaret Sowmick	Dec. 28
Allan Wassegijig	Dec. 28
Lucy Pelcher	Dec. 30
Diane Shourd	Dec. 30
Steven Wassegijig	Dec. 30
John Davis Jr.	Dec. 31
Dianna "Chunky Baby" Quigno	Dec. 31

IN MEMORIAM

Well-known tribal elder Isaac Peter Pelcher passed away on November 23 at the age of 85. Many friends and relatives throughout Michigan attended the services held on Sunday, November 26 at the Indian Methodist Church, located on the Isabella Reservation. "Ike" had served his people for many years as Tribal Council Treasurer.

Frank Chickum passed away Monday December 4, 1978. He was born January 10, 1906 in Mt. Pleasant.

He is survived by his sister Jessie Davis and by four nephews John & Richard Davis, Bill Sanders of Mt. Pleasant and Lewis Henry of Florida, five neices Flossie Watkins, Royal Oak, Dorothy Dale, Selina, Kansas, Geraldine Trepanier, Lansing, Marjorie Benz, and Beatrice Jackson, of Mt. Pleasant.



JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS - PERMANENT POSITIONS

Job Title: Police Officer/Matron
Salary: \$9,000 - \$10,500, depending on qualifications.
Deadline for Application: Dec. 29, 1978.
Submit applications to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Inc., 7070 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, 48858, Attn.: Betty Otto, Administrator or Pete Otto, Tribal Chairman.
Requirements: Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must attend and successfully complete a ten week course at the U.S. Indian Police Training Center in Brigham City, Utah.

Job Description:

(1) Make arrests as necessary for violations which are committed in her presence, which are brought to her attention on complaints, or on order of a proper court or other authority. (2) Investigates and takes necessary action to resolve incidents found on patrol such as drinking, disorderly conduct, prowling, assault and delinquent juveniles. (3) Conducts preliminary investigation on reported offenses, violations and civil complaints. This includes interviewing and taking names of witnesses and suspects and collection and preserving evidence found at the scene. (4) Prepares completed case reports. (5) Appears before Tribal Court or other court of proper jurisdiction either as a witness or to present evidence. (6) Enforces a variety of traffic laws such as speeding, stop signs, and drunken driving. (7) Investigates traffic accidents and makes all reports related to it. (8) Cooperates with health authorities in maintaining quarantines and in dealing with the mentally ill and emergency cases. (9) Cooperates with school authorities in reducing truancy. (10) Participates with higher-grade employees or other Federal law enforcement officers in investigations or other kinds of cases as directed. (11) Notifies, contacts, and cooperates with municipal, county, state, or federal law enforcement officers interested in or involved in the disposition of cases. (12) Serves summonses or subpoenas for witnesses and signs complaints against Indians to be tried in Indian courts. Appears in State, Federal and Indian courts to present evidence or testimony. (13) As called upon, fingerprints all violators brought before the Court of Indian Offenses.

(14) Attends law and order training on the local level and also training by the Bureau
(15) Prepares daily and weekly activity (incident) reports and other reports as required or as requested by supervisor.
(16) Performs other assignments as assigned
(17) Duties will include acting as a matron at any hour required by the department.

Upon successful completion of basic police training and after an appropriate probation period the maximum salary will be \$11,523.

Job Title: Secretary for Indian Action Team.

Salary: \$8,000 plus fringe

Location: Isabella Reservation, 7070 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, 48858.

Applications: Can be picked up and returned to the above address.

Closing Date: December 29, 1978.

Job Description:

Must have the following clerical office skills:

1. typing
2. knowledge of filing
3. handle some correspondence

May be required to perform other duties as assigned by the Indian Action Team Director.

This person will be responsible for correspondence, reports, etc., pertaining to the Indian Action Team, under the supervision of the Director of the Indian Action Team.

Preference will be given to people of Indian descent, particularly those who are members of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. This applies to both positions.

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