

THE TRIBAL

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OBSERVER

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE

NOVEMBER TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

At the November 7, 1983 Tribal Council meeting, the Tribal Council voted to seek special legislation for the payment of Dockets 59, 13 E and F. The Tribal Council hopes that by following this avenue that the payment of these Dockets will be hastened and that payment will more readily reflect tribe desires and rights.

The Tribe will also look into seeing whether it would be feasible to have special legislation to obtain the 20% share of Docket 57.

Arnold J. Sowmick, Sr.
Tribal Chairman

On December 5, 1983, the new Tribal Council met in its first Session of its 24th term and elected the following officers:

Tribal Chief/Chairman- Arnold J. Sowmick
Sub-Chief/Vice Chairperson - Ruth Moses
Treasurer - Audrey Falcon
Secretary - Jeanette Johnson
Chaplain - Alvin Chamberlain
Sgt. at Arms - Ralph Sowmick

We of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe are proud of our heritage and of the accomplishments of our Tribal Councils. We are looking forward to another fruitful term.

Sincerely yours,

Arnold J. Sowmick, Sr.
Tribal Chairman

TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Tribal Police Department has a new officer on the force. Officer Matthew Sprague is now officially a Tribal Police officer. Officer Sprague will be attending the 76th class at the United States Indian Police Academy at Brigham City, Utah, the first of January.

The academy consists of 11 weeks of rigorous physical training plus by the time he completes the training he will have well over 575 hours of classroom work behind him. Officer Sprague is a welcome addition to the department and a great help to the work load.

For the past year the Police Department has been handling on the average 500 complaints or incidents a month on the Isabella reservation.

The number of incidents with our juveniles is raising. The Police Department is asking for help from the parents on curbing the problems. Most of the problems can be controlled if parents know where their children are at all times. Thank you.

Ralph Sowmick
Captain, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police



REPORT TO INDIAN PEOPLE

Contract Number 239-83-0002

October 1, 1982 - September 30, 1983

November 9, 1983

This report is being submitted to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community as required under Article XVII of the PHS Indian Health Service Contract, Fiscal Year 1983.

This report will include a brief narrative report of health services provided to the Indian Community this past year. The programs providing services include Health Services Management, Nimkee Memorial Health Clinic, Medical Services Program and a Substance Abuse Counselor position. A budget report concerning expenditures for the year will also be included.

Health Services Management:

The health management staff consist of Jean Pego, Contract Manager; Jeanette Johnson, Administrative Assistant; and Audrey Falcon, Health Administrator. They continued to provide overall health program direction and management. Their responsibility consisted of Health Planning, Health Program development and implementation. The Indian Health Board Committee provided community input and voiced concerns on the health needs of the Indian Community. The Health Board members this past year were:

Cathy Chamberlain	Beatrice Colwell
Besty Hall	Rose Wassegiijig
Mildred Pelcher	Gary Quigno
Elsie Sawmick	Wilmer Smith
Florence Sprague	

This Committee was very active and supportive of health programs developed over the past year. Health Planning for future programs included investigating dental and mental health programs, expanding clinic outpatient services and community health nursing services, and

funding resources. Continued to promote Community Health Awareness by planning educational programs in the areas of Nutrition, Diabetes, Dental Care, Community Injury Control and Substance Abuse.

Continued to administer and monitor the Indian Health Service contracts and OSAS contract with Tribal Accounting Department, Ojibwe Program Director, Contract Health Service Clerk and Nimkee Clinic Medical Billing Clerk.

Continued to make Health Staff Training available and encouraged all health staff to participate to upgrade and update their knowledge and skills.

Participated in many health training programs throughout the program year. Some include the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's Health Training Program at Ferris State College, and Indian Health Service 638 Contract Management work sessions. Also actively participated in the Michigan Indian Health Planner/Administrator Committee, developed Health Program renewal proposal and participated in Tribal Contract Negotiations with the Indian Health Service.

Updated and developed policies concerning the Medical Services Contract eligibility, authorization and financial report procedures as required. All programs provided reports as required under contract.

Nimkee Memorial Health Clinic:

The same staff, Jane Powers, Family Nurse Practitioner; Twila Schrot, LPN and Gerry Strong, Medical Billing Clerk, are working in the Tribal Clinic and have provided both clinic outpatient and community health nursing services as required under Contract Health Service contract. With the increase of the outpatient care visits, the number of community health nursing services provided this year were very limited. The clinic outpatient visits averaged 90 per week on clinic hours limited to 28 hours a week. The Community Health Nursing Services provided were the Flouride Dental Mouth Rinse Program

Immunizations, Flu and the T.B. Screening Clinics. Health Screening and outpatient services were provided to Saganing and Merritt, Michigan, where Indian families reside on Tribal allotted lands.

The Clinic remodeled to make room for an additional position. The Tribe received funds to hire another Family Nurse Practitioner/Community Health Nurse. The clinic will then be open 40 hours per week.

The Cross Daminence Program for school age children experiencing problems in school due to eye (vision) and hand coordination was again conducted and coordinated through Central Michigan University.

Ojibwe Substance Abuse Program:

The Tribally operated Ojibwe Substance Abuse Program has been in operation for one full year and received their permanent Michigan Substance Abuse Program License. As a new program developing services, Bruce Hinmon, Director; Henry George, Counselor; Marylin Williams, Secretary; and Delmar Jackson Jr., Youth Worker, have done very well meeting their program goals and objectives for the year.

They have been able to participate in several excellent substance abuse training programs throughout the year and have made their presence and service's known throughout the Community. "Congratulations!!!"

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Falcon, RN
Health Administrator

On December 4, 1983 awards were given to the children for attendance. In my class, Andy Falcon Jr., was awarded for perfect attendance. But, I would like to recognize the others for their attendance. They are Rose and Paul Shomin, Jr., Christopher Sineway, Sherry Wright and Christina Donahue. Also, I would like to thank the other kids that came, I really enjoyed having them.

P.S. Parent's we'll be teaching on the birth of Jesus and I pray that your kids will come share with us. Seems in these days Santa Claus is the one who is promoted and not the Lord Jesus, which is the greatest gift ever given. Halleluyah!

Kim Sawmick

"TOOTHPASTE, PICK A WINNER"

What is the best toothpaste to use? The age old adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure certainly applies to the proper selection of toothpaste.

In this mechanized and highly advertised society that we live in, every precaution should be taken to not be taken in by a "good" sounding and "fast sale" tooth whiter.

The consumer has only to look for the American Dental Association seal which proclaims the toothpaste as having been accepted by the Council on Dental Therapeutics quality and scientifically correct fluoride levels to prevent tooth decay. Also, this label insures that the ingredients in the toothpaste are not too harsh or abrasive for daily toothbrushing.

Every effort should be made to avoid use of non-approved toothpastes that may not have any or enough fluoride and that can cause excessive loss of tooth enamel, or abrasion.

Choose an American Dental Association approved toothpaste and "pick a winner".

H. Darrell Milem, D.D.S.
Dental Officer
PHS Dental Clinic
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CMU TO HOST NATIVE AMERICAN ART EXHIBIT

MT. PLEASANT — An exhibit of Native American art opened Thursday November 10th at Central Michigan University. Titled "Forest, Prairie, and Plains: Native American Art from the Chandler-Pohrt Collection," the exhibit will run through Dec. 12 in Rowe Hall.

"The exhibit showcases 65 objects from a shared cultural heritage and the differences between the tribes of the forest, prairie and plains regions of North America," Museum officials said. "In addition, the exhibition emphasizes the deep spirituality of the Native American culture as well as the creativity and aesthetic of the Native American artist."

Objects in the exhibit date from the mid to late 19th century. Examples of Native American art such as carved stone pipes, carved wooden bowls and painted and beaded buckskin clothing are featured. The exhibit displays the diversity of technique, materials and style found among the three regions. The influence of the groups upon one another also can be seen in these objects.

The exhibit is hosted by the University Art Gallery and the Center for Cultural and Natural History at CMU. It will be held in the main lobby of Rowe Hall.

Hours for the exhibit are 9 a.m. to Monday through Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.

Cherryl Jensen, News Bureau Manager
Information Services, CMU

ATTENTION

Nimkee Clinic will be having another walk in clinic for immunizations on Wednesday December 14, 1983, no appointment necessary. Please bring your child's immunization records if you do not have them. Call the office where your child got their shots and they will give you a record over the phone. Don't forget December 14, 1983. Thank you.

Twila Schrot, LPN

PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN RESERVATION ECONOMICS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies was officially launched on October 19 at a swearing-in ceremony administered by former Secretary of the Interior James Watt.

The newly formed commission was established by President Reagan in January. The commission's charge is "to advise the President on what actions should be taken to develop a stronger private sector on federally recognized Indian reservations, lessen tribal dependence on federal monies and programs, and reduce the stifling federal presence in Indian affairs." Five of the commission members appointed by the President are Indians.

The nine-member commission was sworn in by Secretary Watt at 10 a.m. on Wednesday in the Columbia Room of the Capitol Holiday Inn in Washington, D.C.

Before administering the oath of office, Secretary Watt emphasized the importance of the commission's task. "Identifying the array of obstacles which prevent reservation Indians from achieving full partnership in the nation's economy must have high priority," he said. "Their economic development is more than a worthy objective -- it is a stark survival issue. On it hinges the economic existence of tribal reservations, including tribal values and the traditional way of Indian life."

In his remarks, commission co-chairman Ross Swimmer stated, "There are 750,000 Indians living on reservations, very few of whom are in the skilled job market or in the mainstream of our economy." Swimmer, who resides in Talequah, Oklahoma, has been chief of the Cherokee Nation (Oklahoma) since 1975.

The other co-chairman of the commission, Robert Robertson of McLean, Va., stressed that broad public involvement will be a salient element in shaping the commission's detailed recommendations to the President. "In

no way can this body operate in a vacuum," he said. "Besides numerous public hearings, we've got to get out and communicate with Indians and non-Indians alike. That includes carving out a vigorous role for business and labor to play." Robertson is vice president of Occidental International Corp. In 1969-73 he was executive director of the National Council on Indian Opportunity in the Office of the Vice President.

The other members of the commission are: Daniel Alex of Anchorage, Alaska; Ted Bryant of Greenwood Village, Colo.; Manuel H. Johnson of Fairfax, Va.; B. Z. Kastler of Salt Lake City, Utah; David J. Matheson of Plummer, Idaho; Neal A. McCaleb of Edmond, Okla.; and Walter B. McKay of Paradise Valley, Ariz.

Following the swearing-in, the commission convened its first business meeting. The body's formation was observed at a no-host reception held at the Capital Holiday Inn on Wednesday evening.

The commission is expected to complete its work and transmit its report and recommendations to the President by November 30, 1984.

Roy Sampsel, former deputy assistant secretary for Indian affairs in the Department of Interior, has been appointed executive director of the Presidential commission.

For additional information call Roy Sampsel or Dan Schausten at (202) 343-3107.

THE CHANGELING EAGLE

An American Indian legend tells about a brave who found an eagle egg one day while he was hunting. The old tree trunk which the nest had been in was lying on the ground shattered by the lightning. The two adult eagle's lie near by next to the huge nest. In the nest lay three eagle eggs, two of them having been broken by the fall of the tree trunk. One of the eggs was cuddled in amongst a cushion of feathers almost

hidden from the eye. The brave made a little pouch from one of the rabbits he had killed then placed the eagle egg inside of it. Then he placed it on a raw hide thong around his neck so the pouch rested upon his breast to keep it warm. Then removing the key eagle feathers from the two dead birds he placed them in a bundle and buried the two birds. He then continued his way back to his camp. On the way he found a nest of prairie chickens which had eggs in it. So he carefully put the eagle egg in with the prairie chicken eggs. The eaglet hatched with the brood of chicks and grew up with them. All his life the changeling eagle - thinking he was a prairie chicken - did what the prairie chickens did. He scratched in the dirt for seeds and insects to eat. He clucked and cackled. And he flew in a brief thrashing of wings and flurry of feathers no more than a few feet off the ground. After all, that's how prairie chickens were supposed to fly. Years passed, and the changeling eagle grew very old. One day, he saw a magnificent bird far above him in the cloudless sky. Hanging with graceful majesty on the powerful wind currents, it soared with scarcely a beat of its strong golden wings. "What a beautiful bird"! said the changeling eagle to his neighbor. "What is it?" "That's an eagle. The chief of the birds," the neighbor clucked. "But don't give it a second thought. You could never be like him." So the changeling eagle gave it a second thought again. And it died thinking it was a prairie chicken. The great moral of this beautiful legend is: It's all too easy to go around and through life thinking we're prairie chickens when we're really eagles, but doing so short changes us and everyone else. Be what you are, be all that you can be, don't stay on the ground, when you have it in you to soar.

Jake Osawwawnemeke



USA TODAY - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1983

NORTH DAKOTA

DEVILS LAKE - Firm gets \$9.6 million defense contract: A defense contract to a firm on an Indian reservation is "an outstanding example" of how the defense needs of the country and the employment needs of a reservation can serve each other, says U.S. Sen. Andrews. The Devils Lake Sioux Manufacturing Corp. will build 8,000 camouflage systems for the Army.

COVERAGE OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Starting January 1, 1984, all employees of nonprofit organizations will be covered by Social Security. Under the old law, such employment was not covered unless the organization waived its exemption from Federal taxes including Social Security taxes. The new provision is included in the Social Security Amendments of 1983.

Newly covered persons can get Social Security retirement and survivors insurance with fewer years of coverage than normally required if: they are at least 55 on January 1, 1984; and they earn a specified amount of Social Security credit after January 1, 1984. The amount ranges from 1 1/2 years for a person who is 60 or older on that date, to 5 years for someone who is 55 or 56 at that time.

Under the old law, these organizations could end coverage if they gave 2 years' notice if coverage had been in effect for at least 8 years. This is no longer allowed.

These provisions are designed to end gaps in the protection of workers who move between covered and noncovered work. In addition, they reduce the payment of windfall benefits to workers who work under Social Security and then qualify for a relatively high benefit in

relation to the Social Security taxes they paid into the system.

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MICWA

Greeting to the Saginaw Chippewa Community and those in the surrounding areas.

Please accept my apology for the delay in sending a message to you earlier in the Newsletter.

I have been here for 7 months now and want you to know that I enjoy being among you and I greatly appreciate the welcome and acceptance within your community.

As you know the MICWA office is a busy place and we are "on the go" a lot.

Feel free to check us out to see if we are in. You are welcome to stop in whenever you want. We are here to help out if we can.

As you probably have heard Hiedi Vialpando is no longer working in our office. She will be preparing to add a new member to her family and being a full time homemaker. She is greatly missed.

Our new worker is Carla Sinaway whom many of you know. She worked for MICWA when the office first opened here. We welcome her and look forward to working together.

Our goal is to provide the best services we can to your children if they are in our foster care program and to yourselves in helping you find the best resources to help you have a strong, healthy family united. Families are very important and we need to take pride in our families and work to provide the good care and give our attention to the activities that build up caring, respect, honesty and strength in ourselves and our children. Remember our children are our future people, we need to prepare them as well as we can.

At this time also I would like to appeal to the community at large to support your Child Welfare Program. Remember they are your future. Please consider taking an interest in Child Welfare matters.

I would also like to recruit additional families for being foster parents as there is a need for families to help a child or young teen needing "out of home" placements.

Meqwetch

Sister Anne Jeffrey, MICWA Caseworker
Carla Sinaway, MICWA Case Aide

JOM

The number of students having perfect attendance in school have increased during the month of November. They are Ellarine Casner, Heather Jason, Troy Kendall, Carla Jeffrey, George Mandoka, Luann Pelcher, Jennifer Shanks, Eric Sowmick, Austen Brauker, David Flamand, Henry George, Foster Hall, Beth Merrill, Warren Pelcher and Tim Sprague at West Intermediate. At the High School, it was Steven and David Sowmick.

We appreciated those parents and students who came out for the Pot Luck dinner November 22.

The Skating Party was a tremendous success and our students are looking forward to another one soon. Remember though, perfect attendance will provide a free pass and lunch.

There will be a homework hour at the Tribal Center. Tutors will be there to assist students in subjects where needed. This will be every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon 3-4 p.m. On Tuesday, December 20, 1983, an election will be held for a Title IV A - JOM Parent Committee. Voting will be held at the Tribal Center, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Anyone interested in serving on this Committee, contact Henry George or Carol Bennett. Wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season!

Carol Bennett

4-H PROGRAM

Swimming Events:

December 16, 1983 7-9 p.m. at CMU Finch field house.

Ojibwe 4-H youth meetings every Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. at the Housing Authority Building. Movies for youth every Thursday 5-6 p.m. at the Housing Authority Building.

Rescheduled

December 15, 1983 - Dealing with Dangerous situations with Strangers is at 3:30 p.m. in the Non-Smoking Bingo Room.

Youth meeting on Wednesday December 28th will be cancelled because of the Holidays. Meeting will begin on January 5, 1984.

Parents if you are interested in volunteering some of your time for activities and transportation contact:

Delmar Jackson Jr. 773-9123
Ojibwe Program

Do you need some help for Christmas? Isabella County Outreach will be helping again this year at the Wesley Foundation on Central Michigan University Campus corner of Preston and S. Washington. One phone call to either of these phone numbers:

Wesley Foundation 772-2320
Eight-Cap 773-5320
Time to call before December 12, 1983, a volunteer will answer your phone call and ask for information about family size, sex and ages of children, this information will put on a file card so when you go in, whatever day you are given will be easier for the workers to process you through the line faster. Dates and times of pick up are: December 20th to the 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. I will be working there Dec. 20-23, at noon to 4 p.m. - if you need more information or help call me.

Mildred Pelcher
Social Service

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

4th - 6th graders:

1st place - Kimberly Campo - \$25.00
2nd place - Amanda George - \$20.00
3rd place - Culver Judson - \$15.00
4th place - Tracy Johnson - \$10.00

7th - 9th graders:

1st place - Racheal Francis - \$25.00
2nd place - Alvin Zygmunt - \$20.00
3rd place - Paula King - \$15.00
4th place - David Sowmick - \$10.00

10th - 12th graders:

1st place - Steve Sowmick - \$25.00
No other essays for 10th - 12th grade
were submitted.

Essay

Why I need a good education and what I
need to do to get it:

First place winner for 10th- 12th grade:

The reason you need a good education
is to broaden your qualifications for
different jobs, so you can get the one
you want, but if you try hard enough
there is no reason you can't get the job
you want, the better your education the
better possible chance of good
advancements and a chance to make more
money, but you should try to get a job
because you like it, not because the
money, and to help the Indian people
with your qualified skills.

Steve Sowmick

First place winner for 4th - 6th grade:

I need a good Education to help me
prepare for my future going to school
every day helps me learn more about what
is going on in our world and what am
able to do about it when I get Older,
depending on which kind of work I'll be
in. I like school very much, listen to
the teacher and doing my homework
present myself every day in school will
help me get the best kind of Education I
need and want.

Kimberly K. Campo

First place winner for 7th - 9th grade:

Well I think what every person
needs is education, to make a living.

Because if your not educated your
not going to get a job no where.

Education is free to anyone who
wants to learn.

But first thing is for you to get
Best grades while your in school. Learn
new things about the world and you
express your feeling's about what you
feel is needed to get what's best for
yourself and your education.

So give yourself a hand in a good
life and a good start of education. Do
your best all the way through school.
College is part of education and to go
through College is what you need to go
through before you can get a job. Don't
worry about not getting a Job cause
theirs always a job for a well educated
person.

P.S. Thank you for the makers of
this essay contest

Racheal Francis



WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

We regret to inform you that due to
circumstances beyond our control the
Christmas Banquet has been cancelled.
Plans are being made for a Valentine's
Banquet in February. Thank you.

Sincerely
Ojibway Women's Support Group

NATIVE AMERICA SPEAKS!

Among the many customs of mankind, is the celebration of the New Year and Christmas.

Having grown up in today's society, the Indian of today joins his brothers in the happiness of the season. Most of the elders can remember the lean years, but the season still holds good memories of Christmas past.

One Christmas in particular I remember as though it were yesterday.

I came from a family of seven brothers, three sisters, mom and dad and a marvelous old grandad. Grandad was a picture himself with long flowing white hair, big bushy mustache and a bald head. He said that was the French part of him, his hair being gone.

Christmas was a special time in our modest house. The living room was small and when a X-mas tree stood in it too, well that was a crowded room. The season was officially begun when Grandad would take the tree and build a stand for it. Then we kids knew it was time to decorate. The tree was always Spruce, the kind that picks. After the supper meal was over and my sisters finished the dishes, Mom would get out the lights and ornaments and everybody would attack the tree. Grandad had the seat of honor, next to a big coal stove. He would sit, smoke his pipe, and far away memories would mist his steel gray eyes. He never said very much, but we understood. In those years, if one light burned out the whole line would go out, then you would have to start testing one by one. Many old ornaments and real lead icicles completed the job.

There were so many presents that we couldn't put them all under the tree. After awhile, mother made a huge bag about 4 feet across and 6 feet long, and decorated it with candy canes and snowflake designs. She hung it on the wall and as the shopping progressed and presents were wrapped they were dropped in the bag. By the time Christmas day neared, the bag was full.

Finally Christmas Eve came. Anticipation ran high as our favorite Aunt from Manton always appeared on Christmas Eve. While waiting for them and my youngest sister who lived with them for health reasons, we would all gather around the old upright piano. One of my sisters would play the Hawaiian guitar, while mother played the piano. We would sing carols and admire the tree. It always seemed to look better than the year before. The old worn out ornaments seemed to take on a different glow each year.

Not too many cars were out in the winter time then. Most people put them away for the cold months, but there was always an eye kept on the road for Auntie and Uncle. Time rolled by, mother was concerned; they should have been with us. Perhaps something had happened. We had no phone. That was a luxury Dad could'nt afford. Then a car pulled up. They were here, all smiles, with a story to tell. It had been sleeting near Mancelona and the car went into a slide, hit the snow bank and rolled over. Lucky for them, nobody was hurt. Someone came along and helped them put the car back up on its wheels. Some of the presents were smashed a little but they were welcome as they were.

Next day, a typical meal of roast goose (raised by us), corn soup, fry bread, and vegetables all from Grandfather's garden was eaten.

We had plenty to be thankful for. We were a close family unit. We were happy in that simple house. Water came from a spring fed well, heat from a wood stove, boiling water from tea kettles. All good memories for me.

It's my pleasure at this time of year to share some of them with you. Keep your brothers in mind and share with them the year through and together.

"WALK IN PEACE"

Simon Otto

To all of you, from all of us here at the Tribal Center.

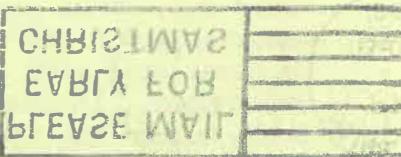
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