

# tribal observer

JANUARY 1987

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE



## NOTICE

A free Income Tax Preparation Service will be provided to all Tribal members and staff by Sherry Davidson and Harriet Moran of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.

Sherry and Harriet are planning to be at the Tribal Center on February 10th, 11th and 12th. They will only be available for these three days. So, if you're interested in their assistance please contact Brenda Chamberlain at (517) 772-5700 to schedule an appointment.

Again, this service is being offered to all Tribal members.

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COUNCIL

## OJIBWE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PRESENTS:

"The Honour of All" -the movie about a tribe that defeated the alcohol problem.

Part 2 - Friday, January 16th at 3 p.m.  
Part 3 - Friday, January 23rd at 3 p.m.

And on Friday, January 30th, Lois Hartzler will give a presentation on Suicide Prevention.

All meetings will be held in the Senior's Room of the Tribal Center.

## PRESS RELEASE

The Grand Rapids Inter-Tribal Council history book of Michigan Indians entitled "People of the Three Fires" is now in stock and ready for distribution.

Hailed as a class document by both scholars and historians, the book fits in with Michigan's Sesqui-Centennial and is perfect for classrooms, libraries or just interesting reading.

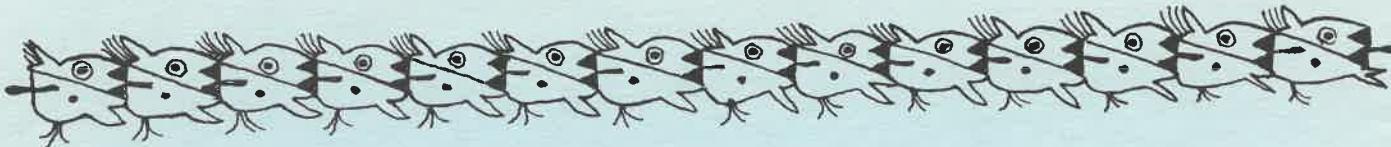
Paperback covers are available for \$12.95 plus tax and \$2.00 postage and handling.

Send check for \$15.47 to:

Grand Rapids Inter-Tribal Council  
ATTN: Gritc Publishing  
45 Lexington N.W.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Hardback covers will be available in 4 to 6 weeks, for \$20.95 plus tax and \$3.50 for postage and handling. Send check for \$25.29, same address as above.





## COMPUTER CENTER OPENS

The computers have finally arrived, the room is set up and the Computer Center is ready to open the doors. This new program has been funded by a Title IV Educational Enrichment grant received last year. After a number of shipment and delivery delays, four APPLE computers and a variety of software packages have been received and installed at the SCE building. The building is currently being used for the Commodity Foods Program. The Computer Center has been set up in the break room.

For the next several months, two programs will be available to the general reservation community. The first is the Open MicroComputer Lab. This program is open to anyone, but is mostly designed for the school aged youth. A wide variety of software packages are available to help explore the world of computers. These include many game and adventure packages that offer many hours of entertainment. Educational software packages can also be obtained for anyone with specific interest or needs. For any student that is interested in learning how to program a computer, several computer languages are also available, including BASIC and LOGO.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, an Adult Education program will also be available. This class is designed to introduce you to using computer for office and business application. This includes word processing, spreadsheet and data base applications.

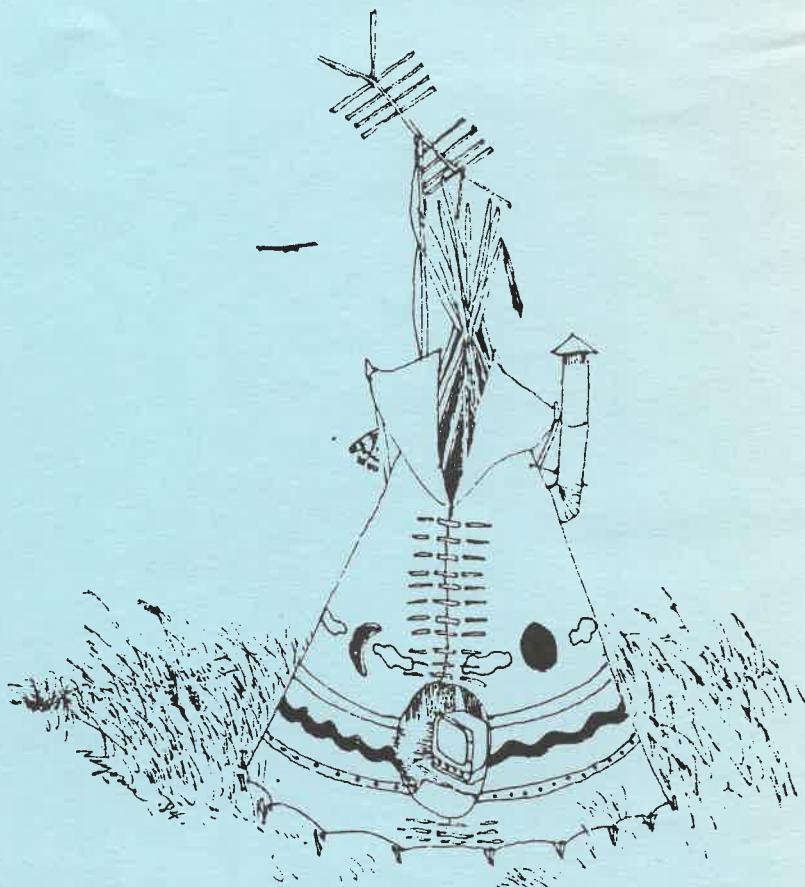
The Open Lab is open to anyone. No registration or sign up is necessary. Anyone interested in the Adult Ed Program must sign up for the class. You can sign up at the switchboard of the Reservation Center building. For further information, please call Richard Tillman at 773-2584 between 3 and 6 p.m.

MONDAY - FRIDAY 3p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Open MicroComputer Lab  
Open to anyone interested.

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Word Processing

Open MicroComputer Lab is open to the community. Anyone may come. The lab will make available a variety of recreational and educational activities.

The Tuesday and Thursday evening Word Processing class is available to anyone in the community. They will be held if there is sufficient interest.



## PROGRAM NOTICE

Please be advised that the following programs are available for eligible Tribal community members:

1. LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program). This program provides a one-time payment to income eligible participants.

The program is divided into two parts: 1. The Director Assistance Portion (DAP) is for any community member that is income eligible. 2. The Emergency Crisis Intervention Portion (ECIP) is available for the Elderly and/or Handicapped community members who are income eligible, AND who are experiencing an emergency (i.e., out of fuel, past due notice, and/or no other means of energy assistance is available to the applicant).

2. COMMODITY FOOD PROGRAM. This program is available to income eligible participants, and provides a food package that is distributed once a month.

Harriet Moran, Program Director  
Commodity Foods



## INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN, INC ANNOUNCEMENT

The 1987 Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is now available for income eligible applicants.

The contact person for your area is listed below (get applications from this person):

### BAY MILLS

Corrine Cameron  
Tribal Center  
Route #1  
Brimley, MI 49715  
(906) 248-3241

### KEWEENAW BAY

Gerry Mantilla  
Tribal Center  
Route #1  
Baraga, MI 49908  
(906) 353-6623

### HANNAHVILLE

Audrey Teeple  
Tribal Center  
Route #1  
Wilson, MI 49896  
(906) 466-2342

### SAGINAW CHIPPEWA

Carol Hall  
Tribal Center  
7070 E. Broadway  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
(517) 772-5700

The income guidelines are 125% of the federal poverty guidelines:

Household Size	Income
1	6,700
2	9,050
3	11,400
4	13,750
5	16,100
6	18,450
7	20,800
8	23,150

Add \$2,350 for each additional member.

For further information/questions, call your contact person or Harriet Moran, Program Director, 1-800-562-4957.

**COMMODITY NEWS**  
**"Tell a Friend"**

The Commodity Food Program has new guidelines for Fiscal Year 1986-87. You may know someone who is interested in our program, and you can let them know the Income Guidelines for our program. (Open to Indian households, or Non-Indian households residing on Reservation land).

Household Size	Net Income	Wages
1	545	681
2	702	877
3	858	1,072
4	1,015	1,268
5	1,172	1,465
6	1,328	1,660
7	1,485	1,856
8	1,642	2,052

This is just to give you an estimate of whether or not a person qualifies. Final determination is made by the Certification Worker.

-Add \$157 for each additional household member.

-Up to \$160/mo. can be deducted for dependent care costs.

-20% of earned income is taken off your total wages prior to determining if you meet the net income standards.

Earned Income = Money from wages

-Unearned Income = SS, SSI, AFDC, unemployment, Disability, Pensions, etc. 20% is not taken off.

-A household may have all earned income, unearned income, or both types, and may still qualify if they meet the income guidelines listed above.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

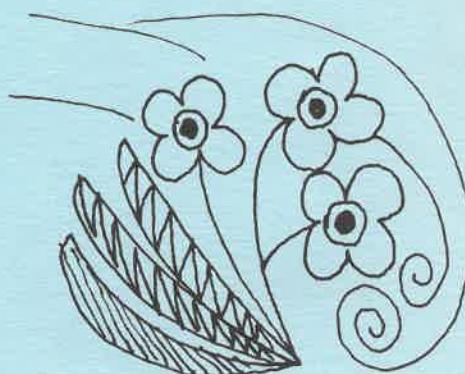
1. Fill out an application. Get it at the Commodity warehouse, or call to ask for one and it will be sent to you.
2. Send or bring in your completed application along with your proof of income (check stub, award letter, etc.)
3. The Certification Worker will notify you if more information is needed, or if you do or do not qualify for the program. This is done within 7 working days.
4. If eligible, you are scheduled a time to pick up your commodities. Commodities are picked up once a month.

Saginaw Chippewa/Inter-Tribal Services the following areas:

Montcalm	Gratiot
Mecosta	Isabella
Midland	Clare
Gladwin	Osceola
Arenac	Missaukee

The Contact person for these areas is: Mary Ellen Sawmick, Site Supervisor (517) 773-2584

If you do not live in the Saginaw Chippewa Service Area or you need further information, please contact Harriet Moran, Program Director, at 1-800-562-4957.



## A CALL FOR MEMBERS: OLD AND NEW

### NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH CONFERENCE

Stardust Hotel and Country Club  
San Diego, California

January 27 - 30, 1987

Sponsored by:

American Indian Health Care Assoc.

Urban Indian Health:

Past Traditions - Future Visions

The Association encourages all Indian and non-Indian health care professionals and others interested in improving Indian Health to attend its National Conference. This Conference was to be held at the Ramada Inn-Old Town, San Diego, California. However, because of unforeseen circumstances, the Conference will now be at the Stardust Hotel and Country Club, San Diego, CA. The Conference is designed to share knowledge and ideas, stimulate interest, and develop and implement strategies to improve urban Indian health care.

Conference fees range from \$15 to \$55. Although onsite registration will be provided, we encourage all of you to pre-register in advance to take advantage of the ten dollar discount. Pre-registration will continue until January 12, 1987. A pre-registration form is attached for your convenience. The Stardust Hotel and Country Club would like reservations by January 5, 1987. The Stardust Hotel and Country Club charges \$45 for a single room and \$50 for a double room. There will be exhibit space for rent for those individuals who wish to advertise or sell items at our National Conference. For details, contact either Charles Curd or William La Roque.

The American Indian Health Care Association invites everyone to begin or renew their Organizational and Individual membership. Members receive the quarterly newsletter, discounts at the National Conference and other activities.

Individual and non-Indian staff and Board members of urban Indian health programs are eligible for Individual membership. The individual members shall elect one representative to the AIHCA Board of Directors who may vote on all corporate matters in accordance with the by-laws of the AIHCA.

The AIHCA Board of Directors shall be composed of one delegate of American Indian or Alaskan Native descent from each of the nine (9) regions as defined in Article II, Section 1, and one delegate of American Indian or Alaskan Native descent representing individual membership (total 100 Board members).

Individual and Membership became effective on the first day of the month in which the application and applicable dues are received by the AIHCA principle office. Annual Individual Membership dues are \$20.00.



AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION

Individual Membership Application  
1986-1987

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

HOME  
PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS  
PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ INDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ NON INDIAN

URBAN INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT  
WITH WHICH YOU ARE ASSOCIATED: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CHECK  ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WHICH DESCRIBES YOUR RELATIONSHIP  
WITH THE ABOVE URBAN INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT:

\_\_\_\_\_ STAFF \_\_\_\_\_ BOARD MEMBER

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

This area is to certify eligibility for membership.

DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE CERTIFIED: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFIED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

245 East 6th Street St. Paul, MN 55101

(612) 293-0233

## YOUTH CENTER OPENS!

This November brought the opening of the Youth Center once again. Under the direction of myself, Kevin Chamberlain, I must say that this job means more to me than any other job and I think everyone should feel this way. Unfortunately, most do not. Many people do not seem to know or care about the future of our youth, it seems, and I would like to say that the future of their lives depend highly upon what we do for them now, not what they can do by themselves.

The Youth need the adults, every child does. Our purpose is to keep the youth off the streets where things like drinking and drugs take place. By doing things such as swimming, sledding, camping and canoeing gives the kids something to look forward to. The future of this place can and will work but it takes more than myself and a few other people to make it work.

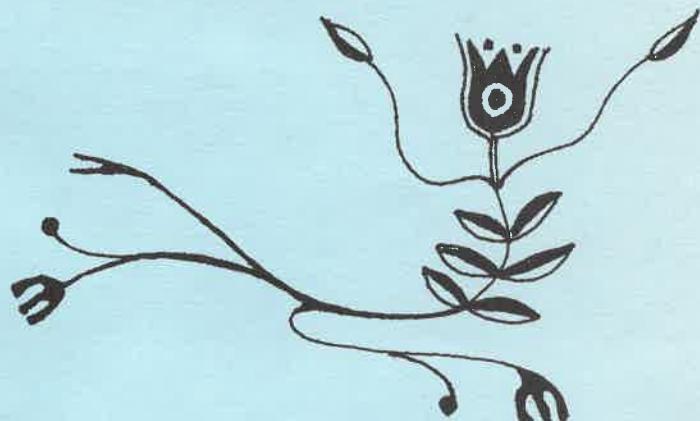
Not only do they need you but I need you. If you really want to make your child happy, let them know you care. I already have let them know but I can't be 100 different fathers and mothers. Encourage any ideas and hopes they have because they want to make you proud. So be that special parent they need and never make them feel unwanted or apart from the love you give. Some might think this to be corny, but it's no more corny than parents leaving their kids aside to learn and fend for themselves throughout life.

Their future depends on you! We are trying our best to see that they are cared for and helped when they need it. The Youth Center is open 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday thru Saturday and it is up to me to see that they are occupied. Just remember I'm not here everyday and hour for them but you can be. If you're not, hopefully you are at work and if you're still not there for them, don't feel bad if they don't succeed. Just ask yourself, "Was I there when he or she needed me to be?"

Kevin Chamberlain, Youth Specialist

Brad Bennett and Twila Sprague are January's students of the month in Mrs. Cantrell's class at Mary McGuire School. Keep up the good work!

Dorothy Pabami passed away November 20, 1986. Beloved mother and grandmother. A woman with many interests, caring for nature and the beauty it held. We will all miss her.



### TIDBITS

Satisfaction - If you don't get everything you want, think of the things you don't get that you don't want.

Experience - Experience is a wonderful thing it enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

Achievement - The man who rows the boat generally doesn't have time to rock it.

Success - If you have tried to do something and failed, you are vastly better off than if you had tried to do nothing and succeeded.

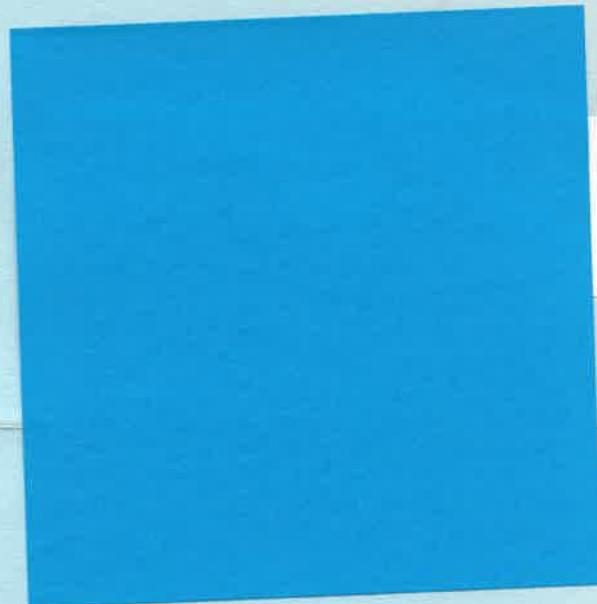
Pot Shots - Will all those who feel powerless to influence events please signify by maintaining their usual silence.

The existence of God has already been proven to my satisfaction by the existence of everything else.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe  
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Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858



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USE ZIP CODE



If anyone knows the address or  
addresses of the following people, would  
you please contact the Tribal Observer  
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