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# Tribal observer

JULY 1984

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE

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## ATTENTION EVERYONE!

Once again we will be having our yearly TB testing at Nimkee Clinic. Our day will be TUESDAY JULY 31st. It will be walk-in no appointment needed. We will be open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will be open during lunch. We will schedule chest x-rays on this day for any one who needs them. Keep in mind that people travel back and forth from other reservations where they have active TB. So come in Tuesday July 31st and get tested. Please let's keep TB off this reservation. Thank you.

Twila Schrot, LPN

## LITTLE ELK'S RETREAT

More years than I can remember, a fine elderly gentleman in full buckskin regalia, would attend a gathering of Indian people and offer his unique and wonderful talents as part of the program.

The gentleman I'm referring to is none other than Chief Little Elk of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Some of you might already know that a Pow-Wow in his honor will take place August 3-5, 1984, at the campgrounds on the Isabella Reservation. For those of you who didn't know it, consider this as your invitation to enjoy a Pow-Wow and honor a well known friend, Chief Little Elk.

Although we expect to have some informal activities Friday evening for the campers, the Grand Entries are:

Saturday August 4th at 2:00 p.m.  
Saturday August 4th at 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday August 5th at 2:00 p.m.

Free camping, small fee for electric hook up.

## Admission Per Day:

Adults ..... \$2.00  
Youth (12-15)..... \$1.00  
(Youths under 11 Free)  
Seniors ..... \$1.00

Traders Fee: \$15.00 for one day or \$25.00 for the weekend. We hope to see you there. Thank you.

Ed Whitepigeon  
Pow-Wow Committee Member

### THE OJIBWE YOUTH PROGRAM

The Ojibwe Youth Program of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe and the Native American Outreach Project have "combined forces" to offer summer programs for youth and families. Contact Delmar Jackson, Jr. at 773-9123, or David Staddon at 773-9622, for information and sign-up.

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| July 11      | Trip to Michigan State University Museums  |
| July 13      | Open Swim at CMU   |
| July 23 & 27 | Youth -In-Tribal-Government Program at Lake Superior State College, Sault Ste. Marie |
| July 27      | Open Swim at CMU   |
| Aug. 1       | Trip to Detroit Zoo  |
| 13           | Kellogg Factory Tour - Battle Creek  |
| 17-18        | Howell Rainbow Rally Overnight Camp-out  |
| 23           | Trip to the Bridge, Ft. Mackinac and Seashell City                                   |
| Sept. 8      | Sleeping Bear Dunes Adventure  |

### NOTICE

WIC Participants - Being layed off for 5 weeks, I am still required to work one day a week. I am planning to work Wednesdays until I return to work full time, August 6th. If you need to see me, especially for recertification, then Wednesday is the day to catch me. Coupon pick up day is the 18th which is also a Wednesday and I know the Health Board would appreciate it if everyone came in for their coupons on this day or the Wednesday before, July 11th. Because the 18th is busy with people picking up coupons, I can't do any recertifications on this day. But I can schedule all recertifications for the 11th and would appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

Patty Heron, CHR

### COMMODITY FOOD PROGRAM

The Commodity Food Program has recently received new INCOME STANDARDS for monthly household income. We also deduct 20% from all EARNED income. If you have any questions please give us a call.

The new guidelines are as follows:

| <u>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</u> | <u>NET INCOME</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1                     | 504               |
| 2                     | 649               |
| 3                     | 794               |
| 4                     | 939               |
| 5                     | 1,084             |
| 6                     | 1,229             |
| 7                     | 1,374             |
| 8                     | 1,519             |

Each additional member add \$145.00.  
Dependant care cost: The maximum allowable cost for all areas is \$125.00.

Mary Ellen Jackson  
Commodity Foods

### FLANDREAU INDIAN SCHOOL

Jack A. Belkham, the Superintendent at the Flandreau Indian School, Flandreau, South Dakota, has set August 22nd, 1984 as the opening date for the 1984-85 school year. Applications for enrollment are now being accepted.

The Flandreau Indian School is an accredited four year off-reservation boarding high school operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Courses are offered in the following areas: general course of study, college bound, career areas and special education. A wide range of competitive sports and extra-curricular activities are also offered.

For further information on the school please contact Jack Belkham, Superintendent, Flandreau Indian School, Flandreau, South Dakota, 57028. Thank you.

Jack A. Belkham

## TRIBAL POLICE

It has come to my attention through various investigations, that certain adults on the reservation are having parties with juveniles in attendance. This is of course not a problem, unless, alcoholic beverages are being served to the minors.

Both State Law and Tribal Ordinance No. 9 makes 21 the legal drinking age in Michigan. A minor caught drinking is subject to ordinance number 9, and Chapter 2.6 of Title II of the Tribal Code.

If an adult is carrying out ANY activity with a juvenile that is against the law, the adult is subject to being charged with contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile, under 1.2011 of the Tribal Code. Violation of 1.2011 is punishable by a maximum of 6 months imprisonment and/or a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

We are trying to set a good example for our young people on this reservation and any adult who is helping a juvenile break any law is hindering our progress. The Tribal Police Department has discussed this issue with the Court and we have decided to rigidly enforce the provisions of 1.2011.

Therefore, any individual who is with a youth that has been drinking or otherwise violating the law will be subject to the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile. If we can show that the activities of that adult led directly to the juvenile offense, we will charge the adult under 1.2011.

Joe Kequom  
Tribal Police Department



## COMMUNITY COURT REPORT

JUNE 1984

William Alexander - Convicted of Failure to Comply with Judgment. Sentenced to 15 days in jail.

Linda Hunt - Convicted of Open Container in Vehicle per guilty plea. Fined \$35.00 and costs.

Roxene Judson - Convicted of Operating a vehicle while Under the Influence of Liquor per guilty plea. Fined \$100.00 and costs.

Allen Pego - Convicted of Permitting an Unauthorized Person to Drive per No Contest plea. Fined \$50.00 and costs.

Sam Pego - Convicted of Open Container in Vehicle, Driving without Operators License per guilty plea. Fined \$35.00 on each count with costs.

Donna Sanders - Convicted of Malicious Mischief and Disobedience to Lawful Court Order. Suspended sentence of 30 days in jail invoked.

## ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Thanks to all of you, we have raised our percent of children properly immunized for their age - from 4% in September 83 to 66% in June 1984!! Lets keep up the good work -- remember no appointment is necessary, just walk in during Nimkee Clinic open hours.

Recommended Schedule:

2 months - DPT & OPV #1  
4 months - DPT & OPV #2  
6 months - DPT & OPV #3  
15 months - MMR & TB tine  
18 months - DPT & OPV #4  
4-6 years - DPT & OPV #5

Remember lets keep our children healthy!!

Twila Schrot, LPN



## STRAIGHT DOPE ABOUT DOPE

When talking about drugs, too many people are ignorant. It's not that they don't know enough, it's usually that they "know so much that ain't so!" I've tried to organize a short report on much misunderstood facts about drugs. I hope this helps you to make intelligent decisions about drug use and misuse. So, read on and find out how much you do, and don't, know about drugs.

**FOR STARTERS** - From here on when you hear the word "drug", don't think only of pot and heroin. Those are well-known drugs, but any chemical that gets inside the body can be considered a drug if it changes the activities or tissue inside the body. So "drugs" include tobacco and coffee, alcohol, carbon monoxide, all prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines as well as the more famous illegal drugs.

Drugs of abuse are ones that affect the way the brain and nervous system operate. Depressants slow down brain and nerve functions. Stimulants speed up those systems. Hallucinogens are stimulants that interfere with the way the brain organizes its activity. We'll explain more of the particulars as we go along. But first there are some vocabulary words you need to know before you get too far along.

One of the first words you need to know and understand is SET. A person's personality and the mood he is in when a drug is taken as well as any expectations he might have of what the drug experience will be, all make up the SET, and can influence a great deal what the actual reaction to the drug will be. SETTING is the environment in which the drug is taken; including the surroundings and the people present. An unfavorable set or setting can bring on an unpleasant drug experience, just as a favorable set or setting can facilitate pleasant ones.

After a drug is used for some time TOLERANCE may develop. The body builds up a resistance to the effects of the drugs, so that larger and larger doses must be taken to reproduce the original effect. Heroin is a drug to which tolerance quickly develops. Some drugs,

especially the depressants, can produce PHYSICAL DEPENDENCE (usually called addiction) following continued use. A person is physically dependant when he has become tolerant to a drug and experiences WITHDRAWAL when he stops taking the drug. Withdrawal is an uncomfortable, and sometimes life-threatening reaction to the absence of the drug; the addicted person becomes physically ill, similar to being poisoned.

PSYCHOLOGICAL DEPENDENCE may result from the abuse of any drug. Psychological dependence occurs when the individual finds the drug use so desirable or pleasurable that a craving develops. This craving may become so powerful that the person spends all his time and energy getting, taking, or talking about the drug. Some people develop psychological dependencies on social activities like watching TV, buying clothes, or girl/boy chasing.

In many cases, taking more than one drug at a time creates serious problems. POTENTIATION is an effect some drugs have on each other, increasing the strength of each. It is like multiplying the strength of the drugs, rather than just adding them. Potentiation is especially noticeable with depressants like barbiturates and alcohol. Too many young people, and old ones have washed down a few downers with a couple beers to increase their buzz and buzzed themselves into a hospital or morgue.

Ojibwe Sustance Abuse Program



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I have been following with great interest the tribal council's plans to use the remaining judgment funds for tribal projects. As an enrolled member living off the reservation, I laud the council's decisive action and foresight.

Having worked for a tribe in Montana for a number of years, I know what a tribe can accomplish when the majority stands behind the council. I would very much like to see my tribe follow in that tradition.

Access to the undisbursed judgment awards could open up many options to the tribe. Options which would benefit all tribal members. For example, the tribe could invest in low risk opportunities such as AAA bonds, blue-chip stocks, or prime income real estate. In addition to these, the tribe could consider buying a franchise such as Pizza Hut or McDonald's. Franchises would create employment for the young as well as the old. It would also mean a steady income to the tribe and the training of a managerial class for the tribe.

The point I would like to make is that the tribe now has a golden opportunity before it. The tribe needs to seize that opportunity and establish a solid foundation for the tribe's future. The tribe may not get another opportunity such as this for a long time. I would ask all tribal members to give serious thought to what the tribal council is attempting to accomplish. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Randy Holyday  
Denver, Co.

## COMMISSION ON AGING-ISABELLA COUNTY

Minor Home Repairs are available for Isabella County residents over age 60, who own their own homes. The Isabella County Commission on Aging, performs minor repair services such as patching

roofs, walls and ceilings, installing handrails, repairing steps and stairs and many other activities. This program will expire at the end of September, so be sure to call your requests in now.

Personal care and home chore services are still available for senior citizens with physical limitations that hinder their ability to do these tasks.

Personal care is assistance with bathing, dressing, ambulation, feeding and transferring. Home chore is help with heavier housework tasks, as well as yard work. All people interested in these services are first screened by an Outreach/Caseworker to receive an explanation of the program.

Plans are being made to sponsor an "Older American Indian Heritage Day" at the Senior Center, 3480 S. Isabella Road. We want to sponsor this day to honor the older Indians and lend the opportunity for sharing Indian cultural traditions with other interested seniors. This event is slated for August 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Call Emily Kahgegab at 773-5262 or Toni Young at 772-0748 for more information or to participate.

## PAGEANT FINALISTS CHOSEN

Two Mt. Pleasant girls have been selected to be state finalists in the 1984 Miss United Teenager Pageant to take place at Adrian College Aug. 3.

Theresa Lynn Peters, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Peters, and Kristen Mary Aschenbach, 16, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Holder will represent Mt. Pleasant at the event.

Contestants will be judged on scholastic and civic achievements, beauty, poise and personality. No swimsuit competition or talent is involved and contestants must be between 14 and 18 years of age.

Theresa is a student at Beal City High School and a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. Her hobbies include bowling, crocheting, baking and knitting.

## LETTER TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY

Dear Tribal Council and Indian Community:

I express with great sadness that my last day of employment as the health care provider in the Nimkee Memorial Health Clinic will be Wednesday, August 8, 1984. This date will allow me ample time to get things together, pack and move to New York before school starts.

My four years here on the reservation have been special and unforgettable. I have had the pleasure of watching a practice and clinic materialize out of a dream and plans on paper, and a community grow and prosper without feeling like an outsider. I have learned many valuable things about life and myself from the Indian ways that I have adopted into my own personality, and I hope that the memory of my sincere caring and dedication will remain in your hearts long after I have gone. The memories of my experiences and the people here will live with me for a lifetime.

I feel that the choice I made to go back to school and get a master's degree was the right one as far as my career; I only hope that whatever job the future holds for me can be as wonderful an experience and can make me as happy as this one did. I love you all for your kindness and acceptance; you will be greatly missed.

With great sadness,  
P. Jane Powers



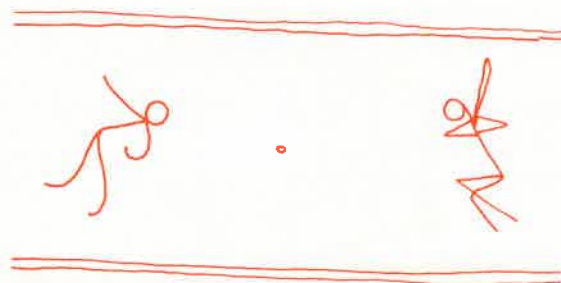
## BRAVES SOFTBALL TEAM

The Saginaw Chippewa Braves softball team is still undefeated and only have the direct play-offs left on August 4, place to be announced.

Their record is:

|         |                                |          |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------|
| June 3  | Hobby Horse<br>Braves          | 2<br>33  |
| June 17 | Broomfield Valley<br>Braves    | 6<br>13  |
| June 24 | Hobby Horse<br>Braves          | 1<br>15  |
| July 1  | Pioneers<br>Braves             | 1<br>24  |
|         | Pioneers<br>Braves             | 10<br>24 |
| July 7  | Broomfield Valley<br>Braves    | 9<br>10  |
| July 8  | County Play-offs:              |          |
|         | 1. Pioneers<br>Braves          | 1<br>7   |
|         | 2. Broomfield Valley<br>Braves | 5<br>9   |

Congratulations Braves, we are proud of you!!



## CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

As many of you are probably aware, the Tribal Council has proposed certain revisions to the Tribal Constitution. After these revisions were proposed, we conducted a Constitutional Convention on May 19, 1984, in order to promote discussion of the proposed changes and additions. Unfortunately there was very little feedback from the Tribal Membership at the Constitutional Convention. Therefore, the Tribal Council has appointed me to Chair a Committee which will revise the proposed Constitutional Revisions and Amendments.

Therefore, I am requesting volunteers to assist me in reviewing the proposed changes. In order to be on the Committee, you must be a member, and preferable a member who is eligible to vote. If you are interested in serving on this Committee, please tear off and fill out the application and turn it in to Ruth Moses at the Tribal Center.

Sincerely yours,  
Alvin Chamberlain

### APPLICATION TO SERVE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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

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

PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN THE  
FOLLOWING HOURS TO ATTEND MEETINGS:

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## POW-WOW SCHEDULE

|              |   |
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| July 19-22   | Lac Courte Oreilles, WI<br>11th Annual Lac Courte<br>Oreilles Traditional<br>Pow-Wow. Contact: Stanley<br>Larson 715-634-3961 or<br>715-634-8924          |
| July 21 & 22 | Bay Mills, MI<br>Bay Mills Pow-Wow<br>Contact: Al Teeple<br>906-248-3241 or<br>906-248-5507   |
| July 21 & 22 | Walpole Island, Ontario<br>Canada. Walpole Island<br>Pow-Wow at High Banks<br>Park, Hwy 40. Ferry<br>service from Algonac, MI<br>Contact: 519-627-1481    |
| July 23-27   | Sault Ste. Marie, MI<br>Youth-In-Tribal<br>Government at Lake<br>Superior State College in<br>Sault Ste. Marie.<br>Contact: David Staddon<br>517-773-9622 |
| July 27-29   | Baraga, MI<br>6th Annual Keweenaw Bay<br>Traditional Pow-Wow at<br>Ojibway Camp on US-41<br>Contact: 906-353-6623   |
| August 3-6   | Little Elk's Retreat<br>Mt. Pleasant, MI.<br>Ph. 517-772-5700<br>Ed Whitepigeon   |
| August 3-6   | Manitoulin Island,<br>Ontario, Canada<br>24th Annual Wikwemikong<br>Indian Days Pow Wow<br>on the Pow Wow grounds<br>Ph. 705-859-3122                     |
| Aug. 11 & 12 | Mendon, Mi.<br>Traditional Pow Wow at<br>Function Junction Camp-<br>grounds, corner of M-60<br>& M-66<br>Ph. 517-372-6177<br>Judy Pamp                    |



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