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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 ...*

TO: ALL INDIAN PEOPLE, ALL
INDIAN RESERVATIONS, ALL INDIAN
ORGANIZATIONS

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe invites all concerned and interested individuals, groups, and organizations to attend a meeting regarding the reestablishment of a Mt. Pleasant Indian School.

Because of the need expressed by our local people, the elderly who met at the Conference on Aging in Traverse City, and many other Indian people throughout the State, and a report which was done in 1974 by Joanne Morris and Larry Martin, we have decided the time is NOW to reestablish a Mt. Pleasant Indian School. Because the State school system is NOT meeting the needs of our children, the drop-out, push-out, throw-out rate is high throughout the State and our children are not excelling to their full potential!

Although we are seeking funding for the conference, please have your Title IV or other local sources pay your travel and per diem, if possible.

Please plan to attend and participate. The meeting will be held July 18 and 19, 1980. We strongly encourage Senior Citizens and Youth participation. Camping is available for a small fee. There is water and electricity hookups.

For any questions, please contact Lorna Kahgegab Call, Tribal Secretary at (517) 773-9887 or 773-4219 and/or Margaret & Arnold Sowmick at (517) 773-3743 after 4 pm.

THE GRAND RAPIDS
Inter-Tribal Council
&
Part A
Indian Education Program
THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBE

CONGRATULATES the following for their achievement & would like to reiterate: this is the beginning, the future is in the hands of those who take a chance in life, you're never too old, let this be the start of your way to the top. And remember it is your Attitude, not Aptitude that determines your Altitude!

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| Arlene Boda | Chris Loonsfoot |
| Dorothy Boda | Dawn Loonsfoot |
| Robin Chartrand | Ernest Loonsfoot |
| Rosemary Day | Annette Luke |
| Elaine Donahue | Gertrude Malmgren |
| Pat Elrick | Neil Malmgren |
| Toni Foster | Merri Medawis |
| Nelxine Francis | Celia Osawabine |
| Izetta Gee | Lyle Pontiac |
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| Bambi Groenke | Mark Rueckert |
| Connie Hacker | Mary Schrubbe |
| Roberta Hinmon | Charlotte Sheahan |
| Marion Hoogsterp | Phyllis Sheahan |
| Diane Kelly | Brenda Totten |
| Joe King | Clyde Trudeau |
| Larry King | Rose Van Coevering |
| Pat Lightfoot | Terry Warren |
| | Carl Wesaw |

-HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES-

UNION Alma Adams, Steven Green,
Roxanne Johnson, Loretta Marks

CENTRAL Ruth Bartaway, Gary
Robertson, Tim Stanton

CRESTON Julie Krzeminski

WALBRIDGE Charles Shananaquet

New Personnel Manager

Just a note to let you know that I've begun employment for the tribe as Management and Personnel Consultant on May 12, 1980. After working for the State of Michigan for the past twenty years, I've decided it was time to change.

This first week, I've been just kind of sitting back observing office activity and getting acquainted with various programs. My duties consist of 1/ Developing Tribal Personnel system for Tribal Council review and implementation. 2/ Provide Management training to appropriate Tribal Personnel and 3/ Perform other management duties as assigned by Tribal Chairperson ie, project liaison.

It is interesting to note that under the roof of this Tribal Center, there are forty employees (I may have over looked a few), and there are also eight residents of Saganing that are employed and responsible to this office.

I have an idea of what needs to be done in order to develop office production and productive employees, but I will need some time to gradually implement procedures.

I hope no one has the wrong impression of my being here, as I am here to "help" make our Tribal Operation more efficient and effective.

Joann Jackson

SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM

Hi! My name is Judy Graff, and I've been hired out here to work as a Nutrition Educator. You may have seen me around before though; for the past half year I gave nutrition education presentation on the reservation as part of the requirements for a class I was taking at C.M.U.

I'd like to tell you a little about my past, and then what I plan to do while I work here this summer. I'm from a town that is so small that it's not worth mentioning its name because not many people have heard of it! I'm here in Mt. Pleasant to get my degree in Foods and Nutrition. I will receive my Bachelor's degree this December, and will then do my internship to become a Registered Dietitian.

While I am your nutrition educator, my goal is to help people in understanding the importance of good nutrition. I am planning on being involved in different programs, including the WIC program, Food For Friends, as well as some programs that I would like to start (like a weight control group...how about it ladies?).

Even though I will be working on these programs, I hope that anyone who has any questions about nutrition will feel free to come in and see me. I hope to see you this summer!!!

"You are what you eat".
Now quick, think back to the last couple days to see what you have eaten. Have you snacked on pop and potato chips; gorged yourself on chocolate cake;

and indulged yourself on donuts and fry bread? Okay, then look at yourself in the mirror. It's true you are what you eat!

Your body is constantly breaking down and building new cells. You need to provide your body with foods that are nutritious, so that the cell being built will be healthy and strong. Foods from the Basic Four Food Groups: milk, meat, fruits and vegetables, and breads and cereals, will give you the nutrients you need to build and maintain that healthy body.

Not only will you look better, you'll feel better! So, the next time you're tempted to pick up that hot fudge sundae, remember: You Are What You Eat!!

Judy Graff,
Nutrition Educator

ATTENTION

All Nishnabes in the Mt. Pleasant School District!
Please get out & vote on June 9th to put me (take your friends & neighbors)

Lorna Kahgegab Call
on the Mt. Pleasant School Board
LETS GET INDIAN REPRESENTATION
ON THE SCHOOL BOARD
TO HELP OUR STUDENTS!

CHILD WELFARE

The Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency has had many changes since it began in January of 1978. Since then, the Agency has obtained its first provisional license by the State of Mich. This enables the Agency to license foster homes, and accept children from Probate Courts, Tribal Courts and a few parents, and place these children in our licensed foster homes. After the children are placed, a M.I.C.W.A. worker will supervise the placement. This means, workers set up individual plans for each foster child according to their special needs. The purpose of a case plan is to enable the child to return home with a better outlook on himself, life and his family. This also requires much help from our foster parents. The natural parents, child, foster parent, and worker must all work together to ensure a positive return home placement. It must be remembered plans and goals are different for each individual. A case plan could involve going back to school, finding a job, family & individual counseling, substance abuse programs, parenting classes or home making aides coming into the home. One change in the Agency is that of Protective Services. M.I.C.W.A. workers no longer go in and remove children. The main goals are to work with children being placed in foster homes so that they may be returned home and recruit & license foster and adoptive homes. A second change is handling of referrals or complaints. Workers can no longer accept referrals or complaints without an O.K. from Central

Office in Sault Ste. Marie, or from a Supervisor. A third change is that of location. M.I.C.W.A. is no longer housed at Inter Tribal. They have their own office on Shunk Rd. in Sault Ste. Marie. A fourth change is that of personnel. M.I.C.W.A. has a new Director, Ms. Barbara Riley. Barbara, was hired last December. The former Director, Wilma Thomas is currently working in Lansing as a supervisor for the Agency, her office is housed at the Commission on Indian Affairs office. The Agency has also hired three new workers, one in Keeweenaw Bay, one at Sault Ste. Marie, and an accountant, Henry Bush, who was working with Native Americans in SouthWestern Michigan, has transferred to Hannahville. Ms. Carla Sineway is still located at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Center. Lastly I would like to make a pitch for Native American Foster Parents, these people are in great demand. If any of you concerned Native Americans would care to have your homes licensed as foster homes please contact your local worker. Contact her at the Tribal Center or her home at your Convenience.

Carla Sineway

Just be glad you're not getting all the government you're paying for.

Will Rogers, Jr.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Boo-shoo!

My name is Cindy Barrett. I'm a Senior at Central Michigan University and will be doing my field training at the Tribal Center from May 27th - June 20th. Since my major is Public Health I'm sure I'll be seeing many of you when you come to the health clinic.

This is my fourth consecutive summer of working among the Native Americans. During the summer of 1977, I worked through the Genesee Indian Center and the United Methodist Church with Indians in the Kingston/Mayville area. Then, in the summer of '78, I worked in Peshawbestown through the Methodist Church and Genesee Indian Center in conjunction with the Greater Traverse Bay Area Indian Center. Last year, my summer was highlighted by a trip to New Mexico where I worked at a Navajo Methodist Mission School in Farmington.

This summer is sure to be an interesting one, too. Right now, Judy Graff and myself are working on a slide presentation for the WIC program. A few of my other responsibilities include working with the new Nurse Practitioner, Substance Abuse Center, and just about anywhere else I can be of assistance.

My main goal while at the Tribal Center is to get to know as many of you as possible. So, please stop in, say "Hi", and get acquainted. Looking forward to meeting you soon!

Cindy Barrett

The newly elected Tribal Council members for the next two years are:

Lorna Kahgegah Call
Alvin "Booster" Chamberlain
Yvonne E. Bavis
Delmar Jackson
Josephine Jackson
Keith Mandoka
Peter D. Otto
Arnold Sowmick
Jim Strong Jr.
Sue Durfee

PLEASE FEEL FREE, at the appropriate times to let your council members know your wants and needs so that we can all work together for the benefit of our people.

ATTENTION

The week of June 9th I will be checking ears. Please bring your child in even if there is no complaints. This is a prevention and early-referral measurement. Please come in between 10 to 4 pm.

If you wish to have your child's hearing checked we can set up a date at that time or right then, if there is time.

Lorna Kahgegah Call
LPN-CIIR

If you need transportation please call the Health Board 773-9887.

WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

I have been assigned to administer the Energy Crisis Assistance Program (ECAP) which will be closing in May. I also will be administering the Weatherization Program. Both programs follow the same income guidelines for eligibility. A few of the requirements include:

1. Meeting low-income guidelines
2. being a senior citizen, or
3. handicapped.

For details on these criteria, call me or stop in at the Tribal Center. The Weatherization program involves the provision of materials (caulk, weatherstripping insulation, storm windows) in order to assist the community in reducing energy costs.

In addition, I will be working as Court Clerk. These duties include: Taking complaints, setting up hearings, handling paperwork, accepting bail, initiating summons, communicating with Tribal Police Officers, and serving as Tribal Notary Public.

Ruth Moses

SOLAR ENERGY

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe is now a member to the Michigan Solar Energy Association (MSEA). According to the by-laws of MSEA:

"The purposes of this Association shall be to further the use of solar energy and the related arts, sciences, and technologies, with concern for the ecologic, social, political, and economic factors. This shall be accomplished through the exchange of ideas and information by means of meetings, publications, information centers and events. The Association shall serve to inform the

public, institutional and governmental bodies, and seek to raise the level of public awareness of solar energy utilization".

Membership to MSEA will enable the tribal planners to gain more information about alternative energy systems. Also, Tribal representatives will be able to interact with other public and private organizations involved in alternative energy technologies.

Over the past five years, the tribe has grown significantly in the provision of housing and community facilities. And this has been good as far as meeting the various social and physical needs of the community. But with the ever rising energy costs it is now necessary for the tribe to consider alternative ways of providing heat and power to the homes and the tribal center. There is potential for this community to become less dependent on the utility companies and more independent, utilizing its own resources to provide for its own people. This is self-determination.

Seem far-fetched? It's not, in fact a model which the tribe might be able to follow exists at Jordan College, Cedar Springs, Michigan. This small private school has been working on solar, wind, and biomass systems for several years. They have been increasingly converting their water and space heating systems to the point where they may soon be "utility-free". It is possible. But these things take time and involve the united effort of the Community to begin to conserve energy as much as possible. Included in this and subsequent newsletters will be articles on how energy consumption can be reduced in and around the home.

Mark Dougher

TRIBAL POLICE

Our Dept. was asked to write a report to inform you of our duties and happenings in the Tribal Police Dept.

Our Law Enforcement program has been in operation since November 1976. Due to the lack of adequate funding the Police Dept. has had to struggle and cut corners on a day to day basis and through the dedication of our officers and staff we have been able to maintain a Law Enforcement Agency. As some of you may recall, we originally set up a police office in the youth center, it was a small office and we were cramped. Now, we delight in the space and comfort of the new office.

Officers Capt. Ralph Sawmick and Sgt. Joe Kequom are on 24 hr. call. They have 2 regular days off, occasionally they are called out on their days off- It makes for a heavy work load. But the officers somehow manage to maintain time off for themselves. Being fairly new, the Dept. has a small personnel, but there are future plans for more personnel, so this community can have complete 24 hr. service. Average monthly complaints received in our office are any where from 45 to 55. The police Dept. is only as effective as the community allows it to be, whereas of the 45 to 55 complaints that the Dept. receives 5% are called in by citizens of the community. The rest of the complaints are what the officers come upon during routine patrol. Routine patrol covers the hours where the rate of crime is the highest. Evening and nighttime hours are the heaviest.

On May 13th, 14th, and 15th, Indian Police officers and Indian Conservation officers of the Michigan area met at Sault Ste Marie to qualify with firearms. The Qualifications were held on the Bay Mills Reservation with 24 officers taking part.

Indian Police Officers and Indian Conservation officers are required to qualify with firearms every six months in order to carry sidearms. The three day affair consisted of one day of firearms orientation and 2 days of shooting on the field. An officer must qualify with a marksman or better rating in the practical pistol course as set up by strict guidelines and codes used by Indian Police Officers. Our office hrs are 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. If its necessary that you wish to contact tribal police call the Isabella County Sheriffs Dept, the dispatcher will be glad to assist you.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Capt. Ralph Sawmick
Sgt. Joe Kequom
Secretary Marylin Williams
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Dep.

Congratulations to the "Stormy Weather" bowling team for first place in the Friday Night Specials winter bowling leaguc. The team included Helen Peters, Diane Trepanier, Cherie Nagy, Yvonne Davis, and Lorna Kahgcgab-Call. Eleanor "Stormy Weather" Starkweather sponsored the team and received a beautiful trophy.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
1980

On May 3, 1980 the tribe submitted a proposal to the HUD Community Development Block Grant program. There were two proposals involved in the package. The first priority concerned upgrading the water system on the Reservation. Originally installed in 1967, the water/pumphouse system was constructed to service the first twenty-unit housing project. But since then the tribe has tripled its housing stock, plus additions of the youth center, the tribal center, and the fire truck. The fire truck alone has the pump capacity to drain the water storage tank in less than six(6) minutes. The total estimated project cost is \$58,100.00. This includes the addition of a 5000 gallon storage tank, renovating the pumphouse, a new well, and the replacement of the existing pumps.

The second proposal concerns the need for working capital in order to begin operation of Sag-Chip Enterprises - the woodproducts manufacturing plant. The various funding sources committed to constructing the building (to house the business) have required that the tribe first obtain a commitment for working capital. The amount requested in the form of a grant is \$100,248.00. The tribe is applying to the Campaign for Human Development for a loan amounting \$50,000.00 to be used for the same purposes. The tribe has also contracted with Walter Butler Company, a management consulting firm hired to prepare a market

analysis and feasibility study of woodproducts manufacturing in Michigan. The analysis will give particular attention to the feasibility of the tribe developing such a business. The tribal council rejected Butlers preliminary report. But after meeting with one of the firm's representatives it was agreed that the firm would revise the report to the satisfaction of the Tribal Council. So if and when all these bureaucratic strings get tied, then the tribe can begin construction on the building that is to house Sag-Chip Enterprises.

Mark Dougher

A woman called the tribal center to complain about the foul language used by two Indian Action Team Members working on her house. An investigation followed, and the supervisor submitted this account of the incident: "Me and Ollie were on this job. I climbed up on the roof and accidentally dropped my tools on Ollie's head. Ollie looked up and said, "My goodness Duane you must learn to be more careful!"

"MICHIGAN INDIAN ARTS 1980"

To all Michigan Indian People 12 years, and older; and ¼ degree Indian blood. Your presence and help is needed; for the 5th annual Michigan Indian Arts, exhibit, and sales. To be held on August 8th, 9th, and 10th, at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Center; 7070 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

In the past, Michigan Indian Arts has been a huge success, why? because of the many Indian people, who have entered the judged exhibit; and those who came and had a booth with items for sale.

Once again we are asking for your participation to make this year the biggest and best year ever for Michigan Indian Arts.

Booth space is \$25.00 for 3 days or \$10.00 per day; However; if you enter in judged exhibit your booth space will be free.

We will have dual-ribbons and prize money. There will be 9 categories.

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| First place..... | \$25.00 |
| Second place..... | \$20.00 |
| Honorable Mention..... | \$15.00 |
| Best of Show..... | \$50.00 |

Categories are as follows:

1. Beads
2. Baskets
3. Quill work
4. Fiber
5. Oil painting & Drawings
6. Sculpture
7. Photography
8. Ceremonial
9. Pottery

Entry deadline no later than 5 O'clock p.m. on the 7th of August, so send your items early if you send by mail. For more information call or write:

Margaret Sowmick.,
Co-chairman of Mich. Indian Arts
7200 E. Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

Telephone: (517) 773-3743 (Home)
or (517) 772-5700 (Tribal Center)

Me- Gwetch & Hope to see you there!

Margaret Sowmick

THE GREAT REMOVER:

A friend of mine says he read a newspaper story telling that ALCOHOL will remove stains from clothing. This is quite correct, he says, and just goes to prove the amazing versatility of alcohol. It will ALSO remove winter clothes, spring clothes and autumn clothes from a wife and children if used in sufficient quantity, Alcohol will ALSO remove furniture from a home, rugs from floor, food from a table, lining from the stomach, vision from the eyes, and judgment from the mind. Alcohol will ALSO remove reputations, good jobs, good friends, happiness from children's hearts, sanity, freedom, man's ability to adjust and live with his fellow men, and will ALSO remove life itself.

As a REMOVER of things, alcohol has no equal!

NEW HOUSING OPENING SOON

If work continues as scheduled, a new low rent housing project located, off of Broadway on the reservation will be open for occupancy by mid-summer. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the project will be managed by the Saginaw Chippewa Housing Authority. The project architects were Wakely Associates of Mt. Pleasant, Inc. and the construction was R.C Hendrick and Son, Inc. from Saginaw.

The first HUD housing project for the reservation was a 20 unit development constructed in 1967. The second project contained 14 individual homes, and was and was completed in 1976. This new project includes 15 individual homes, a 5 unit apartment complex for the elderly and/or physically handicapped, and a new structure to house management and community activities.

Each of the new individual homes was designed to accommodate a solar roof top heating system and woodburning unit if the need should arise. Other amenities provided for each house include a one car attached garage and a washer and dryer, as well as other major appliances. Five of the houses will be two bedroom units, six will have three bedrooms, and the remaining four will have four bedrooms. The five unit apartment building for the elderly all have one bedroom with two designed to accommodate handicapped.

1980 Indian Girls Softball Team. D & M FOODLAND

This years women's softball team is really promising. With a few new ones and some great old ones, we hope to have a really great record. The enthusiasm the young girls show really keeps up the team spirit. The Team Manager, Patty Kequom earnestly tries to keep things going for the team. Team Sponsor is D & M Foodland, the same sponsor as last year. With the Communities support we hope to have a really good record, so come on out to the games and root for your favorite player.

Players

Bonnie Cantu, Patty Kequom
Faith Montoya, Esther Kequom
Connie Alonzo, Lorna K. Call
Carmen Otto, Michelle Otto
Kim Otto, Marion Falcon "Sput"
Adelaide Davis, Mercedes Sprague
Audrey Falcon, JoAnn Alonzo
Alfreda Moses, Sonja Kerthen
Crystal Pelcher, Brenda Chamberlain

1980 Womens Softball Schedule

| DATE | PLACE | TIME | TEAM |
|--------------|-------------|--------|----------------|
| Tues. Ju 3 | Island Park | 6:15PM | WS Smith New |
| " " Ju 5 | " " | 6:15PM | Wineshin |
| " " Ju 10 | " " | 9:00PM | Miller Beer |
| " " Ju 17 | H.S. | 6:15PM | The Store |
| Thurs Ju 26 | R.F.#4 | 6:15PM | SBX |
| Tues Jul 1 | IS.Park | 6:15PM | Isa. Bank |
| Thurs Jul 3 | H.S. | 6:15PM | Mid-MI Welding |
| " " Jul 10 | H.S. | 6:15PM | WS Smith |
| Tues Jul 15 | Is.Park | 6:15PM | Nw. Wineshin |
| Thurs Jul 17 | H.S. | 7:30PM | Miller Beer |
| Tues Jul 22 | H.S. | 7:30PM | The Store |

BEN AND BOB



BOXING TEAM

Central Michigan Indian Services, under the direction of the prevention program is pleased to announce that the Saginaw Chippewa Boxing team is now underway. This was made possible by Mr. Gill Sheets and his trainers at the Mid Michigan Boxing Association. They have offered to train anyone of the sixteen Indian Youths who have signed up. Hopefully some of the youth will be ready to box within the next thirty days. An exhibition is planned to take place in the Tribal Center gym to raise money for the program.

This prevention plan will hopefully deter the use of alcohol, drug, and tobacco leading to healthier bodies, alert minds, and pride.

We also give many thanks to Joe Johnson and David Perez, two volunteers who have dedicated many hours of service to this sector of the prevention program. Also we urge all the parental and community support we can get. There will be a 50/50 cash drawing to raise funds for the boxers for transportation costs to different exhibitions.

John Williams, Director
Youth Prevention

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE POOL?

Recent attention has been brought up about the campground pool. We would like to see it in operation again. But the pool and the bathrooms have been damaged by vandals and the tribe currently does not have the funds to upgrade and maintain it. Hopefully, these problems can be overcome with community support. We who work with youth in Substance Abuse Prevention see the pool as a very valuable asset to the tribe and the public at large. Charmaine Benz has been doing research into grants and foundations with Mark Dougher and Pete Otto. We are optimistic about getting the pool open again and welcome any ideas or suggestions.

Substance Abuse Prevention

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| Tribal Operations----- | 772-5700 |
| Management & Personnel Consultant----- | 772-5700 |
| Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department----- | 773-4371 |
| Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court----- | 772-5184 |
| Nimkee Clinic----- | 772-3767 |
| Indian Health Board----- | 773-9887 |
| Health Planning----- | 773-4219 |
| Indian Action Team----- | 773-2998 |
| Tribal Planning----- | 772-5700 |
| Central Michigan Indian Services----- | 773-2097 |
| Saginaw Chippewa Housing Authority----- | 773-4000 |
| Saginaw Chippewa Const----- | 772-0000 |
| Accounting Office----- | 772-5700 |
| Headstart Program----- | 773-4820 |
| Food with Friends----- | 773-5262 |
| Child Welfare----- | 773-4684 |
| Home/School Coordinator--- | 773-2383 |
| Tribal Land Claims----- | 772-5700 |
| Y.A.C.C Program----- | 772-1310 |
| Saginaw Chippewa Youth Center----- | 773-4154 |

Horoscope

Your Birthday today:

Good news- ten weeks from Friday will be a pretty good day. Do not drink coffee in the early morning, it will keep you awake until noon. You could get a new lease on life, if only you didn't need the first and last month in advance. Desires are not necessarily needs, take alot of showers. In one hour you will consult your horoscope again.

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