

# Tribal Observer

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THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE



## LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION PROPOSES TO CUT BUDGETS OF INDIAN PROGRAMS

Indian Legal Services programs have been targeted of a 21.6 percent reduction in funding so that other non-Indian programs can receive increases, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) claims.

The 1986 budget request of the federal Legal Services Corporation is the same as its 1985 appropriation of \$305 million. NARF, an Indian legal aid organization, said the budget request contains no express justification for the cut in Indian programs other than the provisions of increases for non-Indian programs. Indian legal services programs and components provide free legal services to low-income Indians and tribes throughout the country. They receive only 2.2 percent of the entire Legal Services Corporation budget. In addition to the reservation-based aid programs the funds support an Indian Law Support Center which provides training, research assistance and co-counseling of cases involving important Indian law issues.

## IHS OFFICIALS: "NO MONEY FOR BATHROOMS IN NEW HOMES

Indian Health Service officials, testifying before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior, said budget constraints forced the agency to delete funds for bathrooms in new homes that will be built on Indian reservations in fiscal year 1986. They said there are now about 20,000 homes on reservations without indoor plumbing. The IHS testimony indicated that the Bureau of Indian Affairs plans to construct about 1,000 homes in 1986 and another 1,900 will be built with tribal and other funds. IHS has the responsibility of providing sanitation facilities for homes on the reservation. Dr. Robert Graham, a Health and Human Services official, said funds requested for the sanitation facilities were deleted because of budget constraints. [Note: BIA does not have any new construction funds in its FY '86 budget request.]



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*Border Lines*

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SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN COMMUNITY  
ALCOHOL AWARENESS DAY

Where: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Center  
7070 E. Broadway  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

When: Tuesday June 11, 1985

Registration in the hall by gym  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
\$1.50 per person  
\$2.00 per couple  
\$3.00 per family  
Set up trader tables - \$5.00 fee

Blood Pressure/Diabetes check/  
high risk appraisals  
Nimkee Clinic Staff

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch on your own

1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Darryl Jackson, M.C. - Out line  
Agenda

Rev. Joseph Sprague - Invocation  
Arnold Sownick - Welcome  
introduction of Tribal Council,  
dignitaries and guests

2:00 p.m. - Film Festival

2:00 p.m. - Chalk Talk

3:00 p.m. - Bitter Wind's

3:45 p.m. - Between Two Rivers

Free Babysitting in the Senior's  
Room

B.A.B.E.S. 45 minutes, Margaret  
Sownick, John Frisch & Don Abel

2:45 p.m. - Tribal School Update  
Rick Albers, Saginaw Chippewa  
Indian School Development Dir.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian School  
Board - Open discussion

4:00 p.m. Guest Speaker - Rick  
Albers

5:30 p.m. - Community Feast  
Alvin Chamberlain - prayer

Menu: Roast beef, mashed  
potatoes, corn soup, fry bread,  
hot dogs, cinnamon rolls,  
coffee, tea, kool-aid

7:00 p.m. - Keynote Speaker -  
Adam Lussier, Red Lake, MN

At the conclusion Adam Lussier's  
presentation, we will hold the  
raffle drawing

1st prize - Indian Basket

2nd prize - 60/40 Raffle

3rd prize - Afghan

4th prize - Booby prize

Fee includes meal

MT. PLEASANT WOMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

1985

The Mae Beck Committee of the Mt. Pleasant Woman's Club has two goals. The first is to encourage Native American craftspeople to develop their artistic abilities. The second is to encourage Native American youth to achieve the highest educational development they can. These two goals come together each spring in the annual Crafts and Cards Benefit, when the craftspeople display and sell their beautiful crafts, Mt. Pleasant Woman's Club members make cookies and sandwiches, provide card tables and sell tickets to raise the funds needed to offer encouragement to the students.

This year we had 22 Native American exhibitors and performers, which means that we almost completely surrounded the Cafetorium at West Intermediate School with displays. Eighteen members brought sandwiches, 22 members brought cookies and 15 brought card tables.

Additional interest was provided to the program this year by Kerry and Kevin Chamberlain, students at Mt. Pleasant High School, who entertained members and guests by singing four popular songs.

Without your interest and joyful assistance none of the aid given to the students would have been possible.

JCM-TITLE IV PROGRAM

As our school year (1984-85) draws nearer to a conclusion, our group of graduating seniors remains intact. However, there is a change in Title IV personnel. Patricia Schwalbach, who was the Tutor/Counselor at West Intermediate School, has resigned her position to pursue a teaching career, near her upper Peninsula home town, of Escanaba. She will be replaced for the remainder of the current school year by Angeline Bouley.

Whether the Johnson-O'Malley programs will continue to be funded or eliminated, remains a question. At present, the prospects are not bright. JCM is not at this time on the FY 1985-86 federal budget. However, the United States Congress is still considering the FY 1985-86 federal budget, so we can only take a "wait and see" attitude. We have been informed by the BIA field office, at Sault Ste. Marie, that we will be immediately contacted should any official word be received concerning Johnson-O'Malley appropriation.

There will again be an Early Childhood summer program. This will start several days later than in previous years, due to the Head Start program continuing to the end of the present school year. The tentative dates are July 1 to August 9th, a period of six weeks. No applications will be necessary. Sign-up sheets will be posted in obvious places. A noon meal will be served.

We have been asked by the Minneapolis Area Office to inform students who wish to attend Federal Boarding Schools to be positive that they wish to remain the entire school year, and not apply in order to "just try it out". In the past, Indian students from this area enrolled at Flandreau Indian School, only to return after a brief stay. This type of action increases the school's drop-out rate, and could give federal officials, who monitor federal boarding schools, a negative opinion on the effectiveness of Indian programs. One argument used by those who would eliminate Indian Education projects is that these programs have had no significant impact on the reduction of Indian student drop-out rates, or have increased high

school graduate numbers. Please consider this. If you decide to make a committment for a full school year, and wish to attend a federal Indian school, the JCM office has applications available. Roxene Judson has recently been added to our Parent Committee.

Have an enjoyable summer.  
From the JCM/Title IV Staff  
Wilmer Smith  
Cory Flamand  
Patty Heron  
Jeanette Deiss



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June 16, 1985

Father's Day Dinner

Will be at the Old Housing

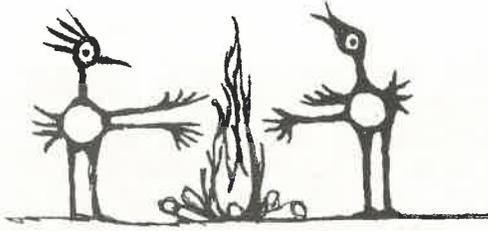
Everyone Welcome, we ask

That you bring a dish to pass

If you can't bring a dish to pass

Please come anyway

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### COMMODITY FOODS

Commodity Food Program will have a food demonstration June 25, 1985. Everyone welcome, but Commodity Food recipients should attend.

We need two volunteers to bake bread for the food demonstration. For further information regarding commodity foods, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 773-2584.

Thank you.  
Mary Ellen Jackson  
Commodity Food Director

### TEEN HEALTH PROGRAM

Want to lose weight and have fun doing it this summer?

Who: All teenagers interested in losing weight.

Purpose: To assist in weight loss thru individualized programs. Nutrition and various health issues will also be offered, in addition to a variety of recreation activities - volleyball, softball, running course, swimming... Prizes can be earned at the end of the program if goals are attained.

How: If interested please contact the Nimkee Clinic at 772-3767. Leave your name, address and phone number so we can contact you before June.

### CHR TRANSPORTATION POLICY

March 22, 1985

Saginaw Chippewa Health Department  
Effective April 1, 1985

#### PURPOSE:

The CHR Program has been providing transportation for health related needs of clients of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community for approximately 10 years. Changes have occurred requiring the establishment of a Transportation Policy for CHR's and other Tribal transportation resources.

The reasons are:

1. Lack of funds, budget cutbacks in Indian Health Service Program.
2. Our population is increasing, so we have a shortage of staff to continue providing transportation the way the Community is used to.
3. CHR's are needed in other areas to provide direct medical services and programs, which does not allow much time for transportation anymore.
4. Currently there is no policy for transportation except health related reasons ONLY.
5. Growing concern of the liability of the CHR providing transportation for clients.
6. Other resources (Dial-a-ride) are not being utilized to their potential.
7. Transportation has been provided for client's who have cars, relatives, or friends who could provide transportation, so CHR's are being used inappropriately.
8. Mileage and salary makes CHR's transportation very expensive.

Therefore, the following policy outlined below is being recommended to the Health Board Committee and the Tribal Council for approval.

#### TRANSPORTATION POLICY:

1. The CHR should be considered the lowest priority (last resort) when it comes to transporting. They will try to arrange transportation with a relative or friend who has a car.
2. A CHR will provide transportation for only medical emergencies:
  - a. Premature labor and delivery;
  - b. Any acute airway obstruction;
  - c. Laceration of a major vessel.

FREEDOM FROM SMOKING

A CHR would transport only after basic first aid measures have been provided. Week-end travel to be done in extreme emergencies only (as outlined above).

3. Handicapped, elderly, and those with no other means of transportation (non-emergency transports) will be provided.

4. A twenty-four (24) hour notice is required for non-emergency transport.

5. The CHR is authorized to do local travel according to home visits scheduled.

6. No one under twelve (12) would be transported without a parent or guardian.

7. Seat belts and child restraints will be used according to Tribal and State Laws.

8. A CHR may refuse to transport in adverse weather and may refuse to transport an abusive person.

9. The Health Director can refuse to honor a mileage claim that she does not consider necessary or proper.

10. All CHR's will carry a copy of the policy with them. It will be posted and sent in a newsletter to the community members.

11. The policy will be submitted for support to the Health Board Committee and the Tribal Council.

Is your lifestyle killing you? It could be, even when you think you have never enjoyed life more. Most of us abuse our bodies, and often our emotions, more than we realize.

As a result we Americans will lose work time, spend hundreds of dollars, and could eventually die from a health risk disease, ie., respiratory problems, heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure.

Freedom from smoking is an eight session program designed to assist those who are serious about changing their lifestyle (quit smoking). It involves more than simply eliminating a bad habit. It is a major change in life style which affects a persons' self-image and the way daily stress is handled.

Starting May 23rd at 9:30-11:00 a.m. there will be an orientation of what will follow, this program is directed toward youth and adult prevention. Located in the seniors room.

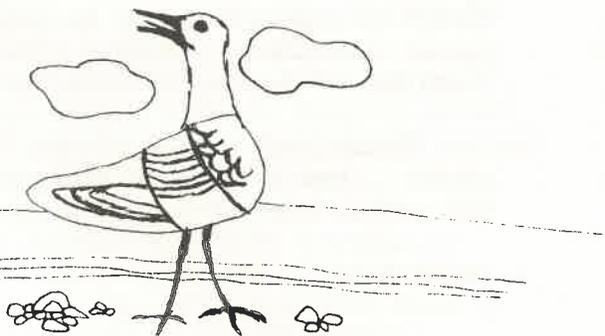
For more information contact: Nimkee Clinic Health Educator, 772-3767.

John Frisch  
Health Educator

POSITION OPENING

The Hannahville Indian School is in immediate need of a Bilingual Director. Fluency in Ojibway (Anishnabe) and proficiency in teaching the language are required. A teaching degree is preferred but extensive experience in teaching Ojibway would be considered. The Bilingual Director will plan, direct and coordinate the teaching of the Ojibway language and culture for grades pre-school through 12 at the Hannahville Indian School. Interested parties may call or submit resumes to:

Walter Abbott, Principal  
Hannahville Indian School  
Route 1  
Wilson, MI 49896  
Phone: (906) 466-2658



## NATIVE AMERICA SPEAKS!

Last November we planted tulip and jonquil bulbs. Now we are reaping the benefits of that planting, in spite of Dog's excavation of bulbs in early spring. All the different plant species, blossoming, tell us that the Great Spirit has worked another wonder.

The birds and animals are now reproducing, and the never-ending life cycle begins another generation.

One must wonder how Mother Earth can still produce. Naturalists, environmentalists, ecologists are striving to help her hang on a few more years. With air pollution, chemicals and overcrowding, how much more can this planet take?

Grandfather would say, "When it gets tired, something will happen." This spring in the North country, we have unusually cold weather and rain. Perhaps Mother Nature is showing us the results of abuse.

The floods in the West, earthquakes, and other natural disasters seem to be Mother Earth's comments. We must take stock, and see what is happening around us. We cannot put a harness on Mother Nature, and expect her to do our bidding, with no consequences. There's an old commercial which may sound foolish to many, but it's true, "You don't fool with Mother Nature." She has existed for who knows how long, and shall go on until man destroys himself and everything with him. By creating weapons that upset the elements, and combining man made substances, earth may explode like one big bubble.

We lovers of nature and this earth feel sorry for those who cannot grasp the wonders of Mother Earth, those who constantly strive to create a plastic wonder world.

The Indian of old gave thanks to the Great Spirit every morning for what was here. He utilized everything, but strove to replace what he reaped. We sometimes forget that one does not get something for nothing.

Even though we battle everyday with nature's elements, we cannot or should

not question her superiority. There is a reason and somewhere the Mother Earth is changing something, every second. We must accept the all powerful and knowing system with which Mother Earth in her wisdom has blessed us.

"Walk in Peace"  
Simon Otto



## CONGRATULATIONS

The following kids had perfect attendance at floride rinse for the 84-85 school year. They win a \$5.00 cash prize!

LeAnn Francis	Gordon Sprague
Paula King	Stephanie Sprague
Ryan Chippeway	David Sownick
Christina Flamand	John Trepanier
Rachel Francis	Steven Wassegijig
Jennifer Priuer	Valerie Wassegijig

"Thank you" to all of the kids who participated in floride rinse throughout the school year.

Twila Schrot, LPN

EMERGENCY NEEDS ASSISTANCE GRANT

The Office of Services to the Aging has allocated funds to be used to pay for fuel costs or other emergency needs of older adults. These needs may include financial assistance for high utility bills, minor home repair, prescription medication or the purchase of fuel. Eligibility will be determined by income, need and other available resources. Eligible income level is based on 150% of the poverty guideline. Program managers will work closely with the Department of Social Services, Eight-Cap and other assistance programs to fill service gaps and avoid duplication.

The grant will begin April 1, 1985 and continue through September 30, 1985 or until funds are depleted. If you would like more information, please call the Commission on Aging at 772-0748.

The following scale is the poverty guideline for this grant:

<u>No. of People in Family</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>150% Poverty Level</u>
One	\$ 4,980	\$ 7,470
Two	6,720	10,080
Three	8,460	12,690
Four	10,200	15,300

FOUND

A pair of children's glasses. Can be inspected at the Receptionist desk at the Tribal Center.



GOLDWATER URGES SENATE TO HELP  
AMERICA'S PEOPLE OF NEED

Senator Barry Goldwater from Arizona made the following comments March 19 during a Senate floor discussion of an African Famine Assistance bill: "Here we are, once again, looking all over the world for people to help. We have approximately a million Indians living in this country. I have about one-third of all Indians living in my State. Their average income is about the average income of what we are talking about in Africa. The unemployment rate is so high that it is almost too ridiculous to mention. We have reservations in Arizona where in 200 years we have never been able to build a hospital. We have reservations in Arizona with no schools. This is not true just in my State; it is true across the Nation. The American Indian has never been treated right by the Federal Government. Treaties have never been kept. Why this Congress can send billions of dollars around the world to every little Godforsaken country and then not pay attention to our Indians in this country is beyond me. I hope to live to see the day the American Government realizes its responsibility in the United States and does not have to look all over the world for places to toss its money. Mr. President, I do not like to be against a bill like this. I do not want people to think of me as being inhuman, but I have lived with Indians all of my 76 years, and I am a little sick and tired of the US Government not taking care of them."

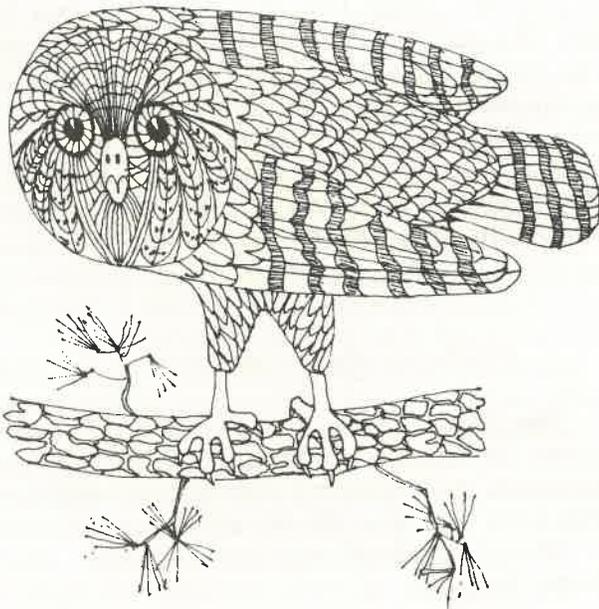
TEACHING POSITIONS OPEN

The Lac Courte Oreilles School System is taking applications for Secondary and Special Education teaching positions for the 85-86 school year.

Send letter of application and resume to:

Lac Courte Oreilles High School  
Route 2, Box 2800  
Hayward, WI 54843  
Attention: Dana Quaderer  
Phone: (715) 634-8924

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe  
7070 E. Broadway  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858



A wise old owl sat in an oak,  
the more he saw the less he spoke,  
the less he spoke the more he heard  
why can't we all be like that wise old bird.

Anonymous

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