

Public Hearing Regarding Substance Abuse Services Within Michigan

The Native American Substance Abuse Association is conducting a Public Hearing to receive input regarding substance abuse services needs within the State of Michigan.

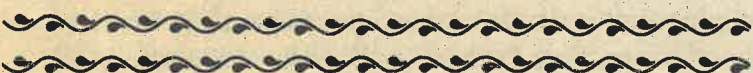
HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Do we need a half-way house here in the lower peninsula? Do we need our own Native American Treatment Center here in the lower peninsula? Do we need more funds to help our own here? Come and bring you written or verbal testimony.

This will be the sixth (6th) public hearing scheduled out of the ten planned hearings. Communities, organizations, programs and concerned individuals are encouraged to attend and provide written and/or oral testimony regarding treatment services needs.

The public hearing will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on June 9, 1992 at Zauel Memorial Library, 3100 N. Center, Saginaw, Michigan.

For more information, please contact Amy Alberts at the Saginaw Inter-Tribal Council, 3239 Christy Way, Saginaw, MI 48603 or by calling (517) 792-4610, or contact Clinton Pelcher at the Ojibwe Substance Abuse Program, 7363 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 or by calling (517) 773-9123.



President Bush Issues Proclamation: YEAR OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN, 1992

Half a millennium ago, when European explorers amazed their compatriots with stores of a New World, what they actually described was a land that had long been home to American's native peoples. In the Northeast part of this country and long the Northwest coast, generations of tribes fished and hunted; others farmed the rich soil of the Southeast and Great Plains, while nomadic tribe roamed and foraged across the Great Basin. In the arid Southwest, native peoples irrigated the desert, cultivating what land they could. Each tribe formed a thriving community with its own customs, traditions, and system of social order.

The contribution that Native American have made to our Nation's history and culture are as numerous and varied as the tribes themselves. Over the year, they have added to their ancient wealth of art and folklore a rich legacy of service and achievement. Today we gratefully recall Native Americans who helped the early European settlers to survive in a strange new land; we salute the Navajo Code

Talkers of World War II and all those Native Americans who have distinguished themselves in service to our country; and we remember those men and women of Indian descent, such as the great athlete, Jim Thorpe and our 31st Vice President, Charles Curtis, who have instilled pride in others by reaching the heights of their respective fields. We also celebrate, with special admiration and gratitude, another enduring legacy of Native Americans; their close attachment to the land and their exemplary stewardship of its natural resources. In virtually every realm of our national life, the contributions of America's original inhabitants and their descendants continue.

During 1992, we will honor this country's native peoples as vital participants in the history of the United States. This year gives us the opportunity to recognize the special place that Native Americans hold in our society, to affirm the fight of Indian tribes to exist as sovereign entities, and to seek greater mutual understanding and

trust. Therefore, we gratefully salute all American Indians, expressing our support for tribal self-determination and assisting with efforts to celebrate and preserve each tribe's unique cultural heritage.

The Congress, by Public Law 102-188, has designated as the "Year of the American Indian" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this year.

Now, therefore, I, George Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim 1992 as the Year of the American Indian. I encourage Federal, State and local government officials, interested groups and organizations, and the people of the United States to observe this year with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of March, in the year of our Lord Nineteen hundred and ninety-two, and of Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.



Utility Authority Reorganization

by PATTY HERON

This is to inform the community that the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe is presently reorganizing the Utility Authority (water and sewer). This is being done to accommodate the growth of the Saginaw Chippewa Housing Authority and the water sewer systems.

If anyone has been near the lagoon lately, the new lagoon being constructed will be a welcome relief. The present lagoon is too small to accommodate the growing community, and this is the reason for the unpleasant odor.

The present water system is also expanding as a new water tower is to be placed at the South end, and construction will begin late this summer.

As you can see the system will require the Utility Authority to expand and since the Housing Authority itself is expanding less time is available for the Housing Authority to maintain the systems. There are two reasons why it has become necessary to reorganize the Utility Authority at this time. As the systems are a public service everyone will be kept informed of the changes being implemented by the Tribe.

Finally, I would like to comment the Tribal Systems water quality. As a public drinking water utility, we are required to meet stringent quality control standards mandated by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. This means water must be tested and sent in to the State Health Department on a monthly basis. These test results are monitored by E.P.A. and Indian Health Service (IHS). E.P.A. and IHS communicate to the Tribal administration if tests are not sent in or problems occur, etc. In addition, to further protect the public the Utility Authority is mandated by Federal law to notify the public if a contaminate is found that exceeds public health protection standards. This assures the public that the drinking water is safe and that you must and will be informed.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Substance Abuse Issues
Tuesday, June 9, 1992
At 6:30 p.m.

At the Zauel Memorial Library, 3100 N.
Center
Saginaw, Michigan

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! YOUR OPINION IS
IMPORTANT AND NEEDED!

"RESPECT MY CHILD"

**The following letter appeared as an article in The Northian Newsletter. It was submitted by Surrey School Trustee, Jock Smith, who is an educational counselor for the Department of Indian Affairs. It is a moving document and was supplied by the mother of an Indian child, in the form of an open letter to her son's teacher.*

Before you take charge of the classroom that contains my child, please ask yourself why you are going to teach Indian children. What are your expectations? What rewards do you anticipate? What ego-needs will our children have to meet?

Write down and examine all the information and opinions you possess about Indians. What are the stereotypes and untested assumptions that you bring with you into the classroom? How many negative attitudes towards Indians will you put before my child?

What values, class prejudices and normal principles do you take for granted as universal? Please remember that "different from" is not the same as "worse than" or "better than," and the yardstick you use to measure your own life satisfactorily may not be appropriate for their lives. The term "culturally deprived" was invented by well meaning middle-class whites to describe something they could not understand.

Too many teachers, unfortunately play the roll of the rescuer. My child does not need to be rescued; he does not consider being Indian a misfortune. He has a culture, probably older than yours. He has meaningful values and a rich and varied experiential background. However strange or incomprehensible it may seem to you, you have no right to do or say anything that implies to him that is less than satisfactorily.

Our Children's experiences have been different from those of the "typical" white middle-class child for whom most school curricula seem to have been designed. I suspect that this "typical child does not exist in the minds of curriculum writer. Nonetheless, my child's experiences have been as intense and meaningful to him as any child's.

Like most Indian children his age, he is competent. He can dress himself, prepare a meal for himself, clean up afterwards, care for a younger child. He knows his Reserve, all of which is his home, like the back of his hand.

He is not accustomed to having to ask permission to do the ordinary things that are part of normal living. He is seldom forbidden to do anything more usually the consequences of an action are explained to him and

he is allowed to decide for himself whether or not to act. His entire existence since he has been old enough to see and hear has been an experiential learning situation arranged to provide him with the opportunity to develop his skills and confidence in his own capacities. Didactic teaching will be an alien experience for him.

He is not self-conscious in the way many white children are. Nobody has ever told him his efforts towards independence are cute. He is a young human being energetically doing his job which is to get on with the process of learning to function as an adult human being. He will respect you as a person, but he will expect you to do likewise to him.

He has been taught by percept, that courtesy is an essential part of human conduct and rudeness is any action that makes another person feel stupid or foolish. Do not mistake his patient courtesy for indifference or passivity.

He doesn't speak standard English, but he is no way "linguistically handicapped." If you will take the time and courtesy to listen and observe carefully you will see that he and the other Indian children communicate very well, both among themselves and with other Indians. They speak "functional English," very effectively augmented by their fluency in the silent language, the subtle, unspoken communication of facial expressions, gestures, body movement and the use of personal space.

You will be well advised to remember that our children are skillful interpreters of the silent language. They will know your feelings and attitudes with unerring precision, no matter how carefully you arrange your smile or modulate your voice. They will learn in your classroom because children learn involuntarily. What they learn will depend on you.

Will you help my child to learn to read, or will you teach him that he has a reading problem? Will you help him develop problem solving skills, or will you teach him that school is where you try to guess what answer the teacher wants?

Will he learn that his sense of his own value and dignity is valid, or will he learn that he must forever be apologetic and "trying harder" because he isn't white? Can you help him acquire the intellectual skills he needs without at the same time imposing your values on top of those he already has?

Respect my child. He is a person. He has a right to be himself.

Yours very sincerely,
His Mother

Congratulations 1992 Adult Education Graduates

The following adult education students received their high school diplomas in May, 1992. Please extend your congratulations to:

*Sean P. Chippeway
*Bryan L. Kunst
*Leslie M. Mills
Marla M. Pelcher
Dolly Rueckert
Juanita E. Slater

* also holds G.E.D. certificates

The graduates have been honored several times by different groups. On April 14, 1992, a dinner was given by the Wesley Foundation to honor adult education graduates as well as the graduates from Oasis High School, Mt. Pleasant High School, and CMU.

The cap and gown graduation ceremony for adult education students was held May 14, 1992 and a reception sponsored by the Tribal Education Department followed. It was a joyous day for everyone!

Binoojiinh Montessori Registration Day

by LEANNE BARTON

We will be having registration on Monday, June 22, 1992 and Tuesday, June 23, 1992 at the Tribal Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Register your child (or children) if they are from 3 to 6 years of age and are potty trained. All children must register - new and returning students.

Please bring with you the following items: birth certificate, copy of income, immunization record, and adult's social security number.

Don't miss out on a great opportunity. You'll be doing the best for your child's beginning education.

STUDENT VOICES

Submitted by ELIZABETH BANKS

Students from the Native American Literature class, offered through the Education Department as an extension of Bay Mills Community College, are using their voices.

The class members have written their own personal opinions of the United Methodist Church's inclusion of a revised version of the green corn ceremony for "The Book of Worship."

The ceremony, in its full form, lasts for several days in August with a series of rituals that includes games, spiritual dances, a harvest blessing, and the naming of babies with sacred Indian names, according to Betty Admussen, a Shawnee who also belongs to the United Methodist Church.

The revised green corn ceremony has been renamed "A Native American Service of Thanksgiving" and takes out the lighting of tobacco, replaces an eagle feather with any kind of feather, and lasts about an hour. Other symbols in the revised and renamed ceremony have been changed as well.

Rev. Fred Shaw, a United Methodist pastor in Ohio who leads one band of Shawnees, gave permission to use the green corn ceremony and helped revise the text.

Including the green corn ceremony in the next edition of "The Book of Worship" is part of an ongoing United Methodist effort to honor Native Americans and learn about their culture, according to the committee of church officials who were asked by a small group of Indian church members to include the ritual in the new book.

Others who would like to share their opinions should write to: United Methodist Headquarters, 21700 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI, 48075. David Crum, Free Press religion writer, is also asking for responses. Write to: David Crum, Free Press, 321 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI, 48226.



German Exchange Students Visit SCIT

German exchange students from Gottingen, West Germany visited with junior high, senior high, and adult students along with elders, Education Department personnel, and other tribal members in the Seniors' Room on April 14, 1992.

Wilma Henry of the Tribal Education Department and German/English interpreter Kalle Cremer led a question and answer session between the groups. Elder Mr. James Pego, a retired school teacher, welcomed the German students to this country and to the Reservation.

Along with German and English, Ojibwe language was spoken during the get-together as Hap McCue, Ojibwe language instructor for the Education Department, addressed the group and also conversed with elder, Eleanor Sprague, in Ojibwe. One of the German students videotaped these exchanges as well as other events of the afternoon.

A slide show presentation of Gottingen was narrated by a German student in English, which is a required course in their schools. Kalle Cremer also presented the Americans with a paper fold-out miniature model of Gottingen. The Germans

were given Saginaw Chippewa Family Olympics t-shirts in bright yellow.

The finale came after Wilma Henry offered tobacco to Faith Montoya-Pego, Frank Buswa, and Christina Sawmick to dance for the group, accompanied by an audio cassette tape. The dancers were representative of the following dancing styles: Faith, jingle dress; Frank, fancy dancer; and Christina, fancy shawl dancer. Frank, a student at Bay Mills Community College, and Faith explained the significance of the dances, of their regalia, how colors are chosen, and about pow-wows. A few of the German students joined in during the inter-tribal dance.

John Jankowski of Circle Pines Center has invited individuals aged 18-28 to participate in an International Cultural Program in Germany. Participants will visit Cuxhaven, Hamburg, Berlin, and Gottingen from the middle of August to the first week of September. If you're interested, please contact Circle Pines Center, 8650 Mullen Road, Delton, MI 49046, or call (616) 623-5555.

Housing Authority News...

The Housing Authority is still accepting homeownership applications. If the need is there, the Housing Authority will submit another application for additional homeownership homes.

The current 20 homes off Shepherd Road are assigned to individuals and a list of alternates is being kept in case a potential homeowner changes his/her mind or becomes ineligible. Please contact the Housing Authority if you would like to be on this list! In addition, rental applications are still being taken for the new elderly units. No deadline exist for taking rental application which include elderly or family rental units

In the last year, HUD has added a new category of applicants and that is near elderly or persons 50 years of age. Another change in application in-take is that the Housing Board has mandated housing staff to require reference with each application in-take is that the Housing Board has mandated housing staff to require reference with each application, that is to curb problems in the area of non-payment of rent and substance abuse related problems. One of the main goals of the Housing Authority is to provide decent, safe housing to community members and this includes providing a positive healthy environment.

ARE YOUR CHILDREN VANDALIZING?

While on the subject of community issues, the Housing Authority is still experiencing problems with children not being properly supervised and causing vandalism of property. **Everyone, please make sure your children are properly supervised. Parents of children causing damages will be held responsible for any damages and repairs caused by unsupervised children.**

HOUSING BOARD MEMBERS

The Housing Board members are: Kelly Kendall, Chairman; Anita Pelcher, Vice-Chairman; Esther Chamberlain, Secretary/Treasurer; Gloria Marshall, Member; and Elsie Sawmick, Member.

A Board vacancy is currently posted and will be selected by the Tribal Council in June (Elsie's term was up in May).

NEW STAFF

Mary Heinzelman, Grand Traverse Band Member, is currently coordinating the renovation, CIAP Program of the East Broadway units.

Harvey Wright, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member, has been hired as the new Maintenance Worker in order to transfer Stan Sineway to Utility Operator.

Leslie Mills, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member, is currently working as Development Assistant and Mutual Homeownership Counselor.

FLUSHING LINES

In maintaining the water lines, etc. we are planning to flush all the water lines on June 8, 1992 and June 9, 1992. On June 8, 1992 the North end will be flushed and June 9, 1992, the South end will be flushed (Tribal Center is the border).

Persons may be experiencing some brown water (rust) in the lines due to the two fires recently where fire trucks, ours and Shepherd's filled up the fire trucks. Also, the construction taking place tends to disturb rust deposits, etc. in the lines.

Housing Available To Qualified Tribal Elders

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe has been operating a Bureau of Indian Affairs', Housing Improvement Program (BIA-HIP) for many years. In FY'91, the Tribe decided to focus the activities of this program on new home construction and decided to allocate the majority of the program funds to providing new homes to qualified tribal elders. During FY'91, two modular homes were purchased for tribal elders with BIA-HIP funds from the FY'90 and FY'91 program.

This year (FY'92), the Tribe is again allocating most of the BIA-HIP program funds toward the purchase of a new home for one (1) qualified tribal elder. To qualify, elders must demonstrate a need for new housing, be at least 55 years old and own their own property upon which to build the house. Program guidelines mandate that property must be located in Isabella County (which is the BIA service area). Any tribal elder meeting these requirements and interested in this opportunity should contact Mr. William R. Mrdeza of the tribal Planning Department for an application. Mr. Mrdeza can be reached at the Tribal Center at (517) 772-5700, Ext. 262. The deadline for receiving applications is Tuesday, June 30, 1992.

Health Care Services No Longer Provided Effective Immediately

March 24, 1992 thru September 30, 1992

1. Patient Transportation will be limited to payment for ambulance services for medical emergencies. Dial-A-Ride tickets and mileage for medical referrals will be discontinued.

2. Tribal Optical Dispensing Program will be used for all glasses being requested. Eye exams andlasses will be paid for students only 18 years and under. Adults may purchase glasses. Eye exams for adults will only be covered when a medical provider determines a medical necessity. (A waiting list will be kept by staff to be submitted to IHS on a deferred services request only.)

3. CHS Dental Services referrals will be limited to Level I - emergencies by a referral from the Nimkee Dental Clinic dentist. (A deferred dental services list will be kept by the staff to be submitted to IHS for funding.)

4. Norplant devices will be discontinued for the remainder of the contract year.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Health Advisory Board approved the changes as recommended by the health staff on March 24, 1992. Appeals or denials for CHS can be made to Audrey Falcon, Health Administrator.

Home Owners Seek Other Members In Purchasing Their Property

The Tribe is in the process of taking names of individuals interested in owning their own homes located on tribal trust land. Appearing on the list will not guarantee that housing will be available, but will help the Tribe assess the need for this type of demand. In addition, there may be two types of opportunities available to members and those appearing on the list will be initially notified.

The first opportunity involves private homes for sale by tribal members. From time to time, tribal members currently owning homes on trust land seek other members interested in purchasing their property. By maintaining a list of interested home buyers, the Tribe can assist in locating interested members who may qualify for homeownership.

The second opportunity involves the HUD 248 mortgage guarantee program. This program assists qualified members obtain mortgage loans for purchasing homes on trust land. There may also be a program offered by the Farmers Home Administration for the same purposes.

Those individuals interested in learning more about these programs and opportunities are encouraged to contact the tribal Planning Department at (517) 772-5700. Your name will be placed on our computerized file of members interested in homeownership opportunities.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP! JUNE 8 - 16, 1992

- *HOUSE TO HOUSE PICK-UP
- *PLACE ITEMS AT THE END OF YOUR DRIVEWAY
- *NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE
- *NO LEAVES OR BRANCHES

SCHEDULED PICK-UP IS AS FOLLOWS:

DATE:
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1992

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1992
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1992
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1992
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1992
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1992

PICK-UP:
E. BROADWAY/TRAILER PARK/SENIOR AREA
OTTO/OGEMAW
OJIBWAY DRIVE/NISH-NA-BE-ANONG
LEATON ROAD/EAST REMUS ROAD
TOMAH ROAD/ANYONE MISSED
ANYONE THAT MISSED SCHEDULED DAY

****IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY, PLEASE CALL THE HOUSING AUTHORITY at 773-4000 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

Clifton Moses Chippewa

Paratrooper-Active in Indian Affairs

Clifton Moses Chippewa, 69, a paratrooper in World War II, who was active for many years in Indian Affairs when he returned to Michigan, died of cardiac arrest on Friday, February 7, 1992 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, Michigan.

Mr. Chippewa, who was born on the Isabella Indian Reservation near Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, joined the Army in 1940 and later was a member of its 82nd Airborne Division in Europe. He made 3 combat jumps as a paratrooper--over North Africa, Sicily, and in Operation Market Garden in Holland, was wounded twice and was awarded the Bronze Star.

After the war, Mr. Chippewa worked as a letter carrier and truck driver for the U.S. Post Office in Detroit. He retired in 1964. He was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, military order of the Purple Heart, disabled American Veteran and Veteran of Foreign Wars.

He also was a Board Member of the North American Indian Association in Detroit and a member of Orchestration and Development Services (ODS), which was formally Concerned Indians of Michigan, and then Native American Strategic Services. ODS Director, Frederick Boyd, said Mr. Chippewa worked closely with him in lobbying state officials for years on Indian causes. His lobbying efforts included a tuition waiver for Indian students who are at least part Indian and a measure to reduce desecration of Indian grave sites.

He is survived by three daughters, Colleen Chippewa, Darlene Chippewa, and Betty Roy; a son, Clifton M. Chippewa II; 6 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services took place at Martenson Funeral Home, Allen Park with burial in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, Michigan.

Vacancy On ACE Board

The Tribe has a tribally chartered telecommunications company called Anishinabe Communications Enterprise (ACE). ACE is a joint-venture partner in Saginaw Chippewa Telecommunications which is involved in providing cellular telephone services to West Central Michigan.

There has been several recent resignations from the ACE Board, creating one (1) opening for interested tribal members ACE Board meets periodically throughout the year.

Any tribal member interested in serving on the ACE Board should contact the Planning Department at (517) 772-5700 by June 19, 1992.



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