

Tribal Observer

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THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE



HELLO TO THE COMMUNITY

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL BINGO 4TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In celebration of our 4th Anniversary, we will add some extra prizes to our Regular Bingo Games on Thursday, April 25th, Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27th, 1985.

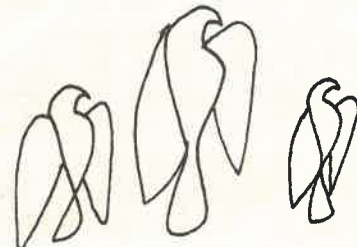
- 1) You will get an extra \$50.00 if you bingo on your door card!
- 2) Your neighbor on both sides will get a silver dollar when you bingo!
- 3) We will pay double on hard cards if you bingo within the first 4 numbers called!
- 4) On Saturday Night Only - for those interested in staying late, we will offer 20 "Late Birds" at \$10.00 a pack (or .50 cents each) for a 50/50 pay-out prize!

No Reservation - first come first serve basis only.

For further information, please call: (517) 773-2998 or 773-9423.

Hello Saginaw Chippewa Community. You have probably been seeing a new face in the community since January 21, 1985. The name that identifies the new face is Cleophus C. Melvin. I am serving in the capacity of Tribal Operations Officer. My family and I have resided in Mt. Pleasant for the last eleven (11) years. Eight (8) of those years I served in an administrative capacity at Central Michigan University.

I am pleased to have been selected to serve the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community. Hopefully, during the coming weeks, I'll have the opportunity to become acquainted with each and everyone. When you visit the Tribal Center, please stop by the Tribal Operations Office, I would like to say hello in person.



A FAMILY PROBLEM

"Chemical dependency is a family problem," I said to the couple who had come to look over our treatment program for their child's drug problem.

"Do you mean that we are the problem?" they asked. I explained, "Whenever one person in a family becomes dependent upon drugs (including alcohol), it affects the whole family. As one writer put it, 'As the family attempts to cope with the crazy behavior of a child, family members start to do crazy things in response.' It is almost as if the family were a free-hanging mobile and one member became heavier and tipped the whole thing off balance. Each item in the mobile then makes an effort to pull the whole thing back into the proper alignment. Families are just like that. Each member will begin to act in such a way that society will not see the chemical dependency in their family, and think everything is O.K."

There are some very definite roles which are played in such cases. One of them is the role of the enabler. This may well be the mother or the father enabling them to continue to abuse and misuse chemicals. It is that person in the family who usually does for the chemically dependent person (CDP), who calls work and tells the boss that the CDP is sick when he is really hung-over, who goes down to jail to pay bail or to court to pay the fine, or who pays for the repairs to the car if it is smashed.

I'm not impugning the motives of this sort of parent or family member. However what they are really doing is taking the responsibility away from the CDP, and allowing that individual to go on his merry way.

Another role is that of Hero. One member in the family will be the Super Kid or what society would call an outstanding upright citizen. If a child takes this role he will strive for academic or athletic excellence. An adult will often work hard at career advancement. Sometimes this demonstrates itself in religious circles as the hero moves to a position of leadership or importance within the group. His sad situation at home only serves to make him appear more wonderful.

Two roles children often take in chemically dependent families are the mascot or the scapegoat.

A mascot is the clown. This is the kid who is always cutting up, clowning around, being funny, doing very humorous things. He may act this way to get the attention he needs, but he may be trying to distract attention from the growing tension of the chemical dependency within the family. He is almost saying, "Let's not look at the problems we have here in our family, let's laugh and enjoy life." This is a major form of denial.

The scapegoat also wants to distract attention from the problems, but he does it in another way, he misbehaves. When

the tension or the problems build the scapegoat will run away from home, get arrested for a crime, or act in some other fashion which will cause the attention to be taken off the CDP and focused on himself. He thereby becomes the scapegoat for the family's problems.

One other role is that of Lost Child or Passive Adult.

This person will simply pull into himself, be very quiet, spend long periods of time alone possibly not doing anything at all. This child has gotten away from the problem by simply withdrawing. This sort of behavior is not confined to children. Sometimes an adult in such a family will do the very same thing and become very passive. This often happens when a person decides that there is little or nothing he can do about the problem within the family.

Chemically dependent families need to be treated as a family. The IP (identified patient) needs specific and intense treatment, but the other family members also need to make some changes which will enable the entire family to become whole and healthy.

This column features the writings of those involved in the local chapter of The Chemical People. Direct questions or comments to the: Beacon, P.O. Box 3065, Seminole, FL 33542.

NIMKEE CLINIC HOURS

There will be a change in the clinic hours for a brief period in April. The clinic will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for community visits. The dates are April 2, 4, 9, 11.

Effective April 1, 1985

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL CODE

TITLE VII

ANIMAL AND RABIES CONTROL

Chapter 7.1

Definitions

- 7.101 Animal. Means any animal other than dogs which may be affected by rabies.
- 7.102 Dog. Any canine animal three months of age or over.
- 7.103 Owners. Any Indian having a right to property in, or who keeps or harbors, or who has in his or her care, or acts as custodian, or who knowingly permits a dog or animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by him or her.
- 7.104 At Large. Any dog shall be deemed to be at large when it is off the property of its owner and not under restraint by a competent person.
- 7.105 Restrained. A dog is under restraint within the meaning of Title VII if it is controlled by at least at "heel" beside a competent person and obedient to that persons voice command or within the property limits of the owner or keeper.
- 7.106 Stray. "Stray" shall mean any dog not having a known owner.
- 7.107 Rabies Vaccination. "Rabies Vaccination" shall mean the injection subcutaneously or otherwise of canine antirabic vaccine approved by the Michigan State Department of Agriculture or by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Public Health Service, received from a licensed veterinarian or at a public clinic which may be established for this purpose by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and approved by the Service Unit Director, United States Public Health Service, Division of Indian Health, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.
- Service Unit Director. "Service Unit Director" shall mean the Medical Officer in Charge of the United States Public Health Service, Division of Indian Health, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.
- Dog Pound. A premise and shelter for the purpose of impounding and caring for all animals found running at large in violation of Title VII of this Code.

Chapter 7.2

Registration of Dogs

- 7.201 Dog to be Registered. No dogs shall be kept, harbored or maintained within the boundaries of the Saginaw Chippewa Jurisdiction unless such dog has been registered by the owner with the Secretary of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, or with the Isabella County Clerk, or Mt. Pleasant City Clerk.
- 7.202 Rabies certificate of Vaccination Required. The Tribal Secretary shall issue a Certificate of Registration and registration tag for each dog within the Saginaw Chippewa Jurisdiction provided that the owner exhibits a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian, evidencing that the dog described in the registration application has been vaccinated against rabies within a period of one (1) year preceding the date of the application and provided further that the owner shall pay to the Tribal Secretary-Treasurer a registration fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each dog registered.
- 7.203 Information Required on Certificate of Registration-Registration Tags Issued and Disposition of Fees. Each certificate of registration shall set forth the name and address of the owner; the dog's name, color, breed and sex; the date of rabies vaccination and the name and address of the licensed veterinarian; and the registration number. Each registration tag shall set forth the registration and registration tags issued and shall deposit and maintain a separate record of all fees collected thereof in a special "Rabies Control Program" Tribal account for use in the defrayment of the expenses connected with the administration of Title VII of this Code.
- 7.204 Expiration of Registration Certificate and Tags. Registration certificates and tags issued under Title VII of this Code shall expire at midnight on the last day of the registration year. For the purpose of Title VII of this Code, the registration year shall begin September 1 and end on August 31. Applications for renewals may be made for the ensuing registration year during the month of July and August and upon payment of the fee required in Section 7.202.
- 7.205 Attaching Registration Tag Without Proper registering. No Indian person shall attach registration tags to a dog unless such dog has been properly registered with the Secretary of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.
- 7.206 Refusal or Failure to Register or Pay Impoundment fee. The refusal or failure of the owner of any dog to pay the registration fee or any impoundment expenses within three (3) days after written notice thereof by the Tribal Secretary shall be deemed an abandonment of such dog by the Court. Written notice shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Chapter 7.3

Impoundment and Destruction of Dogs

- 7.301 Dogs to be Seized and Impounded Notification of Owner Unclaimed Dogs. No dog without a current registration tag; no dog of a fierce, dangerous or vicious nature; no female dog in heat; and no dog which becomes a nuisance to others when trespassing upon streets, public places or premises of others shall be permitted to run at large within the Saginaw Chippewa Jurisdiction. The police or any persons specifically appointed for such purposes are hereby authorized to seize and impound such dogs in a tribally designated and maintained impoundment; and the owner within three (3) days after its impoundment, it shall be considered unclaimed.
- 7.302 Requirement Before Release - Disposition of Service Fees. No dog will be released from impoundment to its owner without payment of a service fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) and presentation of a registration certificate for the current registration year. Service fees shall be deposited in a special "Rabies Control Program" Tribal account and shall be used to defray the expenses connected with the administration of this Title VII of this Code.
- 7.303 Dogs to be Destroyed in Humane and Sanitary Manner. All unclaimed dogs will be destroyed in a humane and sanitary manner by the police or by a person designated for such purpose by the Tribal Council.

Chapter 7.4

Control of Rabies Infected Domestic Animals

- 7.401 Care and Control of Dog or Animal Known to Have Bitten a Person Any dog or other animal known to have bitten a person so as to cause abrasion of the skin, or which appears to be infected by rabies, shall be closely confined by the owner by means of a substantial metal chain for a period of ten days or as may be recommended by the Service Unit Director. During the ten (10) days confinement period, the dog or other animal shall be placed under the observation of the sanitarian of the Public Health Service.
- 7.402 Failure of Owner to Confine Dog or Other Animal. If the owner fails to confine such dog or other animal or if the owner is not known, the Public Health Service Sanitarian, the police, or other tribally designated person shall remove the dog to a veterinary hospital or other location as designated by the Service Unit Director and placed under observation. The owner shall in such

cases be required to reimburse the special Tribal "Rabies Control Program" account for necessary expenses connected with the confinement. Confinement expenses for stray dogs shall be paid out of the same special Tribal account.

7.403 Quarantine of Animals Authority to Establish Period and Location. Whenever a diagnosis of rabies is confirmed in any animal from the Saginaw Chippewa Jurisdiction, the Chairman of the Tribal Council may establish a quarantine on domestic animals and shall define the area under quarantine. Unless sooner rescinded by the Chairman of the Tribal Council, such quarantine shall remain in effect for a minimum of sixty (60) days after the diagnosis of the last known case of animal rabies within the quarantine area.

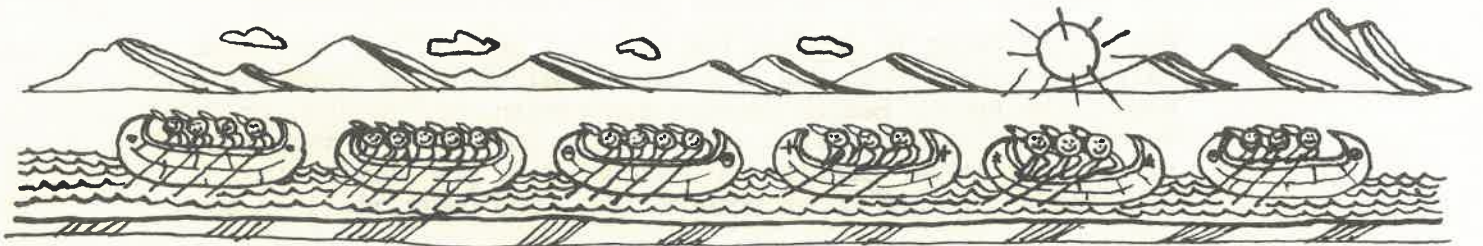
7.404 Animals to be Confined Responsibility of Owners. No animal subject to the quarantine shall be removed from the quarantine area without written permission of the Chairman of the Tribal Council. Owners of domestic animals within a quarantine area shall confine the animals to the owners premises or maintain them under leash.

7.405 Requirement for Vaccination of Animals. The Chairman of the Tribal Council, may on recommendations of the Service Unit Director, require the vaccination of any or all domestic animals within the Saginaw Chippewa Jurisdiction during the period of quarantine.

Chapter 7.5

Penalties

7.501 Penalties for Violation of this Title. Any person who willfully or knowingly violates any provision of Title VII of this Code shall be deemed guilty of an offense and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine of at least \$25, but not more than \$50, or sentenced to imprisonment for a period not to exceed 15 days, or both such fine and imprisonment with costs.



WELL CHILD CARE - WHAT IS IT

The health of children in the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community is our concern at Nimkee Clinic. Our primary goal is to help you prevent problems with your child's health before it occurs. A second goal is the early detection of health problems in your child. When you bring your child in for a clinic visit to make sure that no problems exist and to make sure that the child is growing properly is a part of well child care.

We have many resources at the clinic to help you prevent problems. The WIC program is designed to give a child a healthy start before birth by helping a woman have a healthy pregnancy through good nutrition and education about the harmful effects of alcohol and smoking on the unborn child. The program continues to help children with good nutrition during infancy and early childhood so they can grow to their full potential.

Another aspect of wellness care for children at the clinic is regular check ups (well child checks). These are very important in infancy and early childhood when the child is growing fast. During these check ups we look for problems with growth, vision, hearing, heart, lungs, kidneys, bone, speech, muscles, etc. If a problem such as "lazy eye" is found early it can be taken care of before it causes blindness. There are many other problems that can be prevented or taken care of early before they become serious. Immunization if needed are included with the check ups.

Through our health education program we offer several services. Preventive dental instruction and referral to dentists for regular care is one part of the program. Our car seat program is offered to protect your child from serious injury.

Helping with family problems is a part of well child care. If your child has school problems or difficulties at home, we may be able to help. Cheryl Ebeling, our Family Resources Counselor, is available to discuss these problems with you.

We suggest the following ages for bringing your child in for a check up. This is the same schedule as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Before	1 month	2 months
	4 months	6 months
	9 months	12 months
	15 months	18 months
	2 years	3 years
	4 years	5 years
	6 years	8 years
	10 years	12 years
	14 years	16 years

The Nimkee Clinic Staff



EDUCATION UPDATE

There is a need to be concerned! Since 1976 American Indians represented over 10 percent of all the minority high school graduates, but currently represent only 4 percent of the college, University minority students. Recent data indicates the Michigan Indian population is near 1 percent, and the K-12 Indian population has fluctuated from 0.8-1.0 percent in the last several years. Data provided by the Michigan Department of Education indicates the American Indian representation is less than one-half of 1 percent of the total college, University students.

Have you made any plans for your future? Have you set any goals and objectives for yourself? Are you aware of the assistance that is available to help you achieve your educational goals and objectives? Take a minute of your time and think about your future.

If you would like to discuss education and your future contact Mr. Cleophus Melvin. Tribal Operations Officer.

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COMMODITY FOOD PROGRAM

We have moved to a new location, we are now at the old Wood Products Plant, SCE, located just down the road from the Tribal Center, behind the trailer court.
(517) 773-2584

Income Guidelines

Size of Household	(Net) Wages
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.
Dependant care cost deduction up to 125.

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