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# Tribal observer

MARCH 1987

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE

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## NOTICE

RE: Enrollment as a member in the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, under the Tribal Constitution of November 4, 1986.

You may qualify for membership under Article III of the amended Tribal Constitution of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, if:

1. Your name appears of the roll of:

- a. November 10, 1883;
- b. November 13, 1885;
- c. November 07, 1891; or
- d. December 10, 1982

2. You are at least one quarter degree Indian, born to a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

3. You are a descendant of any individual whose name appears on the rolls set out above and are of at least one quarter degree Indian blood.

If you qualify for membership you may become a member by making an application with the Tribal Enrollment Officer, on or before May 4, 1988. In making an application, you should know:

1. That the membership criteria under Article III of the Constitution will be followed precisely as there can be no exceptions to the law, and every legal requirement must be met.

2. The burden of proof for enrollment is on the person who applies for membership. Each individual applicant must submit persuasive evidence in order to be enrolled.

3. Each application must be accompanied by documentation that supports the statements made in the application.

If you feel that you may qualify as a member, you should request an application for enrollment from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Enrollment Office. The office is located at the Tribal Center in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. You may call or write to the:



Tribal Enrollment Clerk  
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe  
of Michigan  
7070 E. Broadway  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
1-800-225-8172

CHIPPEWA INDIAN METHODIST CHURCH

Easter Revival

April 12 - April 19, 1987

Pastor: Maynard Himmon  
Ass't Pastor: Alvin Chamberlain

"And that he died for all, that they  
which live should not henceforth live  
unto themselves, but unto him which died  
for them and rose again."

II CORINTHIANS 5:15

Speaker/Singer: Jack Neyome  
Services nightly at 7:00 p.m. and Good  
Friday services at 1:00 p.m. Special  
music Saturday night featuring the  
"Latin Messengers". Easter morning  
sunrise service at 5:00 a.m., with  
Breakfast immediately following.

Refreshments served nightly after  
services.

Evangelistic Committee for 1987:

Keith Mandoka, Chairman (517) 772-1375  
Cindy Quigno, Treasurer (517) 772-5166  
Mary L. Chippeway,  
Secretary (517) 773-9106



POW-WOW

The Third Annual Little Elk's  
Retreat will be held on August 8 & 9,  
1987. Prize money will be awarded for  
all dance categories. For more informa-  
tion please call:

Larry Sprague at (517) 773-6032  
or  
Kenny Sprague at (517) 772-5700

SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK

May 1 - 9, 1987

The Saginaw Chippewa Housing  
Authority and the Tribe are gearing up  
for a community wide clean-up. Plans  
are that dumpsters be available all week  
and pick up days scheduled where trucks  
go from house to house picking up  
anything needing to be disposed of.

We will also be asking for  
volunteers to participate in picking up  
the grounds, etc. Details are forth-  
coming. This is a chance for everyone  
to get INVOLVED in keeping our community  
neat, clean and a nice place to live.

Saginaw Chippewa Housing Authority  
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Operations

TRIBAL BASKETBALL TEAM

On Wednesday, March 4th the Tribal  
basketball team traveled to Grand Rapids  
for their first game of the year. Mt.  
Pleasant came out on top with an  
exciting 60 to 58 victory. We would  
like to thank Rev. Joseph Sprague for  
inviting us down to their gym. Members  
of the team were Mark Vasquez, Ed  
Chippewa, Simon Jackson, Lance Peters,  
Louis Judson, Mike Kashata, Bob Sells,  
John and James Trepanier, Henry, Joe,  
Bernie, Larry, Aaron, Bean, and Ken  
Sprague.

FLANDREAU INDIAN SCHOOL

Report of student progress for the  
period ending 02/27/87.

CRAIG BENZ      Grade 12      Period 2  
Class: American Government

Craig has an average of 96.7 or "A".  
I find this level of achievement to be  
outstanding! Congratulations!!

Mr. Zephier

## TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Education Department is in the process of being developed. Many of you have met the staff already-they are: Gordon Henry, Jr., Tribal Education Director; Lorna Kahgegab Call, Tribal Education Administrative Assistant; Wilma Henry, Student/Parent Advisor (Counselor); Connie Sprague, Student/Parent Advisor (Counselor); Howard Webkamigad, Language/Culture Consultant; and Richard Tillman, Computer Instruction.

Some of the activities we have been doing is: Working with the Mt. Pleasant School System to increase and improve the services to Indian Students, and to develop a good professional working relationship within the Mt. Pleasant School system; Develop a coordinated effort of all Tribal Programs to improve services and activities to improve attendance, motivation, parental involvement, and scholastic/social development of our children and youth.

To assist the staff in helping your children we need to have your input, ideas AND moral support. We will be doing a "Needs Assessment" in the near future so your input and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Plans are being made for this department to be located at the old Housing Office at Nishnabe Anong Road within the next couple of weeks.

Please feel free to come and discuss your ideas and views on education anytime. You can also see one of the Education Task Force members. They are: Henry & Gail George, Patty Heron, Bruce Hinmon, Linda Hunt, Jeanette Johnson, Anita Pelcher, Richard "Moose" Quigno, Elsie Sawmick, Kim Sawmick, and Rose Wassegijig.

## Parent/Student Exchange Day

The third Parent/Student Exchange Day was held February 25, 1987, at West Intermediate. Indian parents in attendance were:

Mrs. Gail George - Amanda

Mrs. Janet Jackson - Rodney

Mrs. Arlene Kashata - Mike

Mrs. Sue Durfee - Shawn

## School Visitation Day

On Thursday, February 26, 1987, a group of fourteen (14) community people toured Mt. Pleasant High School. The purpose for the visit was to observe student behavior, school appearance, and a positive learning atmosphere. A lunch was provided. Indian parents in attendance were:

Mr. & Mrs. Henry George

Mrs. Rose Wassigijig

The Native American Critical Issues Conference was held March 5-7, 1987, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. John Trepanier, Mt. Pleasant High School Junior, was in attendance. Also attending were Henry and Gail George, Linda Hunt, and Jeanette Johnson, of the Johnson/O'Malley Title IV-A Parent Committee (LIEC).

Now serving in the J.O.M. office as an aide is Leslie Bennett. She is funded through the Michigan Indian Employment and Training Program. Gail George is now employed in temporary position of Acting Indian Education Advocate for a period of thirty (30) days. She will also be on duty at West Intermediate School in the Title IV Room.

J.O.M./Title IV-A Staff,

Wilmer Smith, Margaret Goudie,  
Gail George, and Leslie Bennett





## COURT RULES GAMBLING LEGAL ON RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON (UPI)-Indian reservations are exempt from state and local gambling laws, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday, giving a boost to the growing tribal bingo industry.

The justices, voting 6-3, affirmed a 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that barred the state of California from applying its gambling laws to the Cabazon and Morongo Bands of Mission Indians in Riverside County.

The Tribes conduct card and bingo games, with cash jackpots in the thousands and other prizes including boats and pickup trucks. The games are open to the public and played mainly by non-Indians coming onto the reservations.

Writing for the majority, Justice Byron White said the state's interest in protecting the tribes from organized crime did not justify restrictions on the tribe's money making activities.

"The tribal games at present provide the sole source of revenues for the operation of the tribal governments and the provision of tribal services," he said. "Self-determination and economic development are not within reach if the tribes cannot raise revenues and provide employment for their members."

The court's action in the case coincides with congressional efforts to address the growing use of gambling as a source of income for Indian tribes.

Legislation has been introduced that would regulate reservation bingo and recognize it as a legitimate source of revenue.

Tribal reservations are self-governing, but are generally subject to state laws unless they are preempted by federal law or infringe on tribal sovereignty.

The appeals court ruled in February that California's gambling laws infringed in the two tribes' sovereign rights because their reservations rely so heavily on bingo and card games as a source of revenue.

Under California law, charitable organizations may operate bingo games, although jackpots cannot exceed \$250.

No other bingo is allowed.

The state, however, runs a lottery and also has horse tracks and more than 400 poker casinos.

The state, in its appeal, argued reservations do not have the right to sell to non-Indians goods or services outlawed elsewhere in the state.

The case was closely watched by Indian tribes around the United States. Court documents show at least 100 tribes in 19 states sponsor gambling and bingo operations.

Isabella County's Saginaw Chippewa Tribe began a gambling operation February 11, when its card room opened to the public. Bingo has long been a revenue producer for the tribe. In addition, plans are in the works to expand gambling on the reservation through the addition of poker tables and perhaps a money wheel.

Glenn Feldman, who represented the Cabazon Band, called the decision "a significant victory for tribal self-government and tribal sovereignty in a general sense."

"The reason the tribes are using bingo to generate revenues is exactly the same reason the state of California is using lotteries and horse racing," he said. "It's a form of voluntary taxation."

Riverside County counsel Gerald Geerlings said he was disappointed with the ruling but declined comment.

Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor and Antonin Scalia dissented from the court's ruling.

Justice Stevens said accepting the majority's reasoning "would require exemptions for cock fighting, tattoo parlors, nude dancing, houses of prostitution and other illegal but profitable enterprises."

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## CONTACTING SOCIAL SECURITY

Chances are you or a family member will contact Social Security in the near future: A teenager needs a Social Security card; someone applies for monthly retirement, disability, or survivors checks; an older individual wants to discuss the effect of part-time work on his or her benefits.

Visiting any government office can be trying. There may be long waits and forms to complete. Then there's the nuisance of finding a parking spot and possibly another visit if you forgot something. Here's how to avoid some of these problems:

Use the phone! Most Social Security business (including applying for benefits) can be handled by phone. Look in the telephone directory under "Social Security Administration" or "U.S. Government." The number for the Mt. Pleasant office is (517) 773-9924.

Time your contacts! The best and least busy times to contact Social Security are generally the last half of each day, week and month. There are times, however, when you should get in touch with Social Security as quickly as possible (such as reporting a change of address, work activity, or other event that may affect benefits).

Find out what you need! If you decided to visit Social Security, call first to find out what information and proofs you need so you can avoid a second trip. Evidence required for most claims include: Proof of age and Social Security number for each applicant; most recent W-2 form or tax return; and possibly marriage, divorce, military, or other documents.

If you apply for disability benefits, you will be asked for names, addresses, and phone numbers for doctors, hospitals, etc. that have treated you and dates of treatment. If you need a Social Security card, be prepared to bring evidence of age, citizenship and identity.

Donald L. Hire, District Manager  
Social Security Administration  
304 W. Michigan  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
(517) 773-9924



IF THE GREAT SPIRIT HAD DESIRED ME  
TO BE A WHITE MAN, HE WOULD HAVE MADE ME  
SO IN THE FIRST PLACE. EACH MAN IS GOOD  
IN HIS SIGHT. IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR  
EAGLES TO BE CROWS.....SITTING BULL  
(SIOUX)



## ATTENTION CRAFTSMAKERS!!

On Thursday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m., the Mt. Pleasant Women's Club will have its twenty-fifth annual benefit to raise funds to be used by the Mae Beck Committee for the educational needs of Indian Students and to recognize and reward their scholastic achievements. You are invited to bring you arts and crafts to West Intermediate Cafetorium, 440 S. Bradley, any time after 4:00 p.m. to allow time to set up you display. The Mt. Pleasant Women's Club members prepare and serve refreshments for everyone from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Elementary teachers and principals, and junior and senior high school counselors advise us of students' special needs such as shirts, jackets, alarm clocks, text books or art supplies for college students, etc. Each Mt. Pleasant High School graduate has been given \$25 as a graduation gift for the past several years. Our policy is not to publicize the names of those we help - feeling it would not be appropriate.

Please talk with your acquaintances who make crafts, or any other form of art expresison and assure them we wish them to attend with their crafts even if they do not receive a letter. We will appreciate your assistance in contacting others who might wish to participate.

The Mt. Pleasant Women's Club is proud to sponsor this annual opportunity for area residents to become acquainted with their Indian neighbors, and to view and purchase their beautiful, unique Indian crafts.

You may call Marcile Garrod (517) 772-5835 or Polly Goodell (517) 773-5566 with any questions or information you may have.

We look forward to sharing this special evening with you.

Sincerely, Mt. Pleasant Woman's Club

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Dear Community Member:

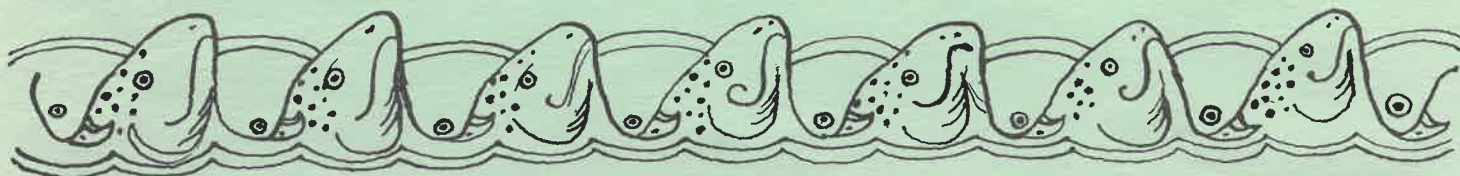
On March 27, 1987, Tom Sincic, F.N.P. will be leaving the Nimkee clinic for new employment in Portland, Oregon. Tom worked for the Tribe since August 28, 1984. I have appreciated his dedication and loyalty on behalf of the Nimkee Memorial Health Clinic and the Indian people served.

I also want to make community members aware of the transitional phase the clinic will be going thru until we can identify a full time clinic provider. I am currently meeting with Dr. Dan Dean, D.O. and a physician assistant who works with Dr. Dean part time to provide temporary coverage in the clinic 3-4 days a week.

With the new fiscal year, April 1, 1987 thru March 31, 1988, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board will be instituting new policies which will change the current health system and assist us in being more cost effective. It is because of budget cuts that new policies must be implemented to reduce costs to the medical contract.

We must have full utilization of the Nimkee Clinic by the Indian Community. I am trying to identify Physician coverage within the clinic in an attempt to reduce the number of authorizations that go to doctors outside the clinic.

To provide physician services within the Nimkee clinic, I need to know that you will go to the clinic for services. Hiring a physician will cost more compared to a Family Nurse Practitioner and to make it worthwhile we will have to utilize the clinic. This will require limiting the use of other doctors in the community to the Nimkee Clinic unless you are referred out of the clinic by the physician or his assistant.



## SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COURT REPORT

November, December, January - FY '87

SOWMICK, STEVEN - Pleaded Guilty to two counts of No Registration and No Car Insurance. \$70.00 in Fines and Court Costs.

JACKSON, VICTOR - Pleaded Guilty to Disorderly Conduct. \$50.00 in Fines and Court Costs.

BENNETT, EVA - Found Guilty after trial by a Judge. \$100.00 in Fines and Court Costs, 6 months in jail, suspended unless found in violation of probation and/or state or tribal codes.

PELCHER, CARL - Pleaded No Contest to Disorderly Conduct. \$45.00 in Fines and Court Costs, 6 days in jail, suspended unless found in violation of any Tribal Laws.

The cost of health care continues to rise and our funds are being reduced. Medication costs more, physicians charge more and our health care dollars are not adequate to meet all the needs. Within the next fiscal year you will probably see many more changes. Some of you will not like it and some of you may think it's unfair but we must improve our current health system by adjusting our health care program policies and do it wisely to get the most for our money.

We would appreciate your support and patience with us during this time. Do not hesitate to call John Frisch, Jean Pego, or myself. Call at (517) 773-9887 or (517) 772-3767.

Megwetch, Audrey Falcon

### GOOD NEWS FOR LUNGS

Taurine, an amino acid in cabbage, broccoli, and similar vegetables, as well as in fish, may prevent much of the lung damage that occurs after exposure to nitrogen dioxide, which is commonly found in polluted air and in tobacco smoke. Researchers at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York conducted the experiments on hamsters.

### BENEFITS OF MAGNESIUM

Studies abound on the effects of salt, potassium, and other trace metals on blood pressure. Now, scientists with the Honolulu Heart Program say their study of 615 healthy men of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii suggests magnesium plays an important role, too.

The researchers found that the lowest levels of blood pressure were linked with higher intake of calcium, potassium, fiber and, especially, magnesium. The results suggest vegetables, fruits, whole grains and low-fat dairy products are sources of nutrients that may protect against high blood pressure, the scientists report in the February issue of the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.



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with our readers, please feel free to  
submit it to:

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