
Tribal Observer

MAY 1987

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE



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

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING

We will not accept requests for applications, or applications filled out on behalf of another person unless the person is:

1. A minor child. The application is to be filled out ONLY by the child's parents or the child's legal guardian.
2. A handicapped person unable to write. The application is to be filled out by the adult who is caring for the handicapped person.

Applications will be given out by Kim Chamberlain, Tribal Enrollment Clerk. Please do not make copies of applications, they will not be accepted and marked as VOID.

Documents MUST accompany the application to determine your eligibility.

Our office will not accept hospital birth certificates. We can only accept State Birth Certificates.

If these procedures are not followed the application process cannot be completed.

Kim Chamberlain, Tribal Enrollment Clerk

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

"Megwetch" to everyone who participated in Community Clean-Up week, May 2 thru May 9, 1987.

Special recognition to the following individuals for all the effort and work they put into a successful spring clean-up!!

Ken Sprague
Stanley Sineway
Marion Mena
Patty Heron
Mike Bennett
Leo Bennett, Sr.
Chuck Benz

TRIBAL HISTORY

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe has contracted with Mark O. Keller, Historical Consultant, on April 6, 1987, to do a history on the Tribe. He will be doing a history and background of the treaty making process from the Northwest Ordinance of 1787/1795 through the Treaty of 1864. Mark will be in and out of the Tribal Center til January of 1988 when the project will be completed.

TRIBE'S MINI BUS

The Tribe has purchased a mini bus from Lake Superior State College for tribal activities. The Seniors have used it to go to the North American Indian Center in Detroit on May 20th. The North American Indian Center was celebrating its 11th Anniversary.

ATTENTION SENIORS!!

June 19, 1987, the Seniors will be having a Picnic.

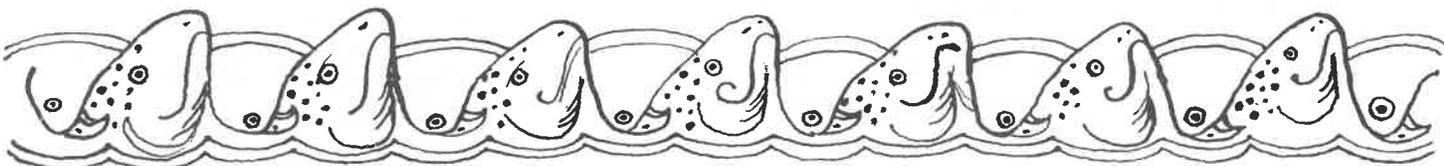
Location: Island Park

Time: 12:00 Noon

GAMES, ENTERTAINMENT, FUN!!
Every Senior Welcome to join the party.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Saginaw Chippewa Police Department sponsored a "Shoot Out" for all the federally recognized Tribes in Michigan on May 14 and 15. The "Shoot Out" is for firearms qualifications for the officers. The Tribes in attendance were Sault Ste. Marie, Keweenaw Bay, Hannahville, Grand Traverse and then the home team, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.



SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Substance Abuse will be having their Open House in June. More details in the June newsletter.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Summer Youth Employment applications will be available May 18th for youths between 14 - 21. Employment date will be June 15 thru August 22, 1987. Contact Kim Sawmick at the Tribal Center or at (517) 772-5700.

ENERGYFEST

The Tribe is going to participate in the Energyfest parade on June 20, 1987. We need volunteers for the float, please contact Kim Sawmick at the Tribal Center or at (517) 772-5700.

CONGRATULATIONS MARLIN

The staff of Michigan Indian Employment & Training Services, Inc. Region IV of Mt. Pleasant is proud to announce and congratulate Mr. Marlin Strong on his graduation from Mid Michigan Community College on Saturday, May 9, 1987. Marlin was an Honor student for his last two semesters at MMCC and received Associates in Applied Science; Diesel Heavy Truck Technology. We are proud to have had the opportunity to assist Marlin in his endeavors and wish him great success in the future.

PRESCRIPTION POLICY Effective May 1, 1987

The CHS Program has contracted with Downtown Drugs for Prescription Services. They are the only Drug Store you can charge prescriptions for Indian Health Board. They are located at Main Street and Broadway Street downtown. Remember the CHS Program is the last resort for charging prescriptions, you will be asked for any Medicaid, Blue Cross/Blue Shield or other Insurance coverage first. We have provided a list to the drug store with Insurance information.

Nimkee Clinic can provide some prescription medication and supplies. You may be directed to have your prescription filled at Nimkee Clinic, if the Clinic has the medication. The CHS Program will no longer pay for co-payments on prescriptions. Co-payments are the \$1.00-\$2.00 charges for a Insurance Company. The CHS Program will pay for over-the-counter drugs or supplies that can be obtained from the Nimkee Clinic. Downtown Drugs has a delivery service to the Nimkee Clinic if you have a transportation problem. For evenings, weekends, holidays or emergencies call 773-5544.



NOTICE ON DELINQUENT FINES

Individuals who have either pleaded guilty or have been found guilty in the Tribal Court and have had Fines assessed and Costs ordered, are expected to pay those Fines and Costs. Within the past few months, it has come to my attention that a number of individuals are delinquent in payment of their Fines and Costs to the Court.

On June 30, 1987, I will be reporting all delinquent Fines and Costs to the Chief Judge, whereupon he will most likely issue Show Cause Orders against those individuals who have failed to pay their Fines and Costs within the prescribed agreed upon time. The ultimate result of a Show Cause Order is that an individual may be determined to be in violation of a Court Order and confined to the ISABELLA COUNTY JAIL under Tribal Code Section 1.2016.

A charge under Section 1.2016 could lead to another Fine and Costs. Therefore, I urge anyone who has not abided by their agreement to pay Fines and Costs, to contact me prior to June 30, 1987, to clear this up.

Thank you, Nicki Perez
Magistrate/Court Clerk

NOTICE

Elders from Big Mountain will be at the Tribal Center on May 25th at 5:00 p.m. to talk about the Removal from their homeland. The U.S. Government is still forcibly removing Native Americans from their homeland.

This time not for settlers' homesteads or gold mining, but to quench the thirst of energy corporations for low cost coal and uranium. As this old pattern continues, the risks and consequences have escalated. The lives and well-being of individuals are threatened, the very survival of two different self-sufficient peoples, Hopi and Navajos, and the balance of the earth. Modern scientists acknowledge that this particular area, the Four Corners area of the southwest (where Big Mountain is located) maintains the earth's electrical and magnetic energies in balance.

The Hopi people speak of being guided there centuries ago to care for the sacred land for all people. And they say what is happening at Big Mountain is a warning. "If these sacred lands are disrupted and the Navajos driven off their land, this will signal the longest 'walk to death' for the Navajos and Hopi peoples. If this sacred land is abused and ripped apart by mineral exploitation and other destructive activities, this in the long run will also signal the 'longest walk to death' for all the peoples of the world," said Thomas Banyacya, Interpreter for the Hopi high religious leaders in an address to Japanese Buddhist monks on the eve of the World Peace March, 23 October 1981.

If the Navajo people are removed and the land is extensively mined, the balance will be disrupted. Hopi prophecy says that if destructive forces are not stopped, other forces will arise to purify the land.

WILL SAMPSON UNDERGOES DOUBLE-ORGAN TRANSPLANT

LOS ANGELES, CA: Sources close to Indian actor and activist, Will Sampson, report that the 53-year-old Oscar nominee underwent a lung and heart transplant April 22nd. The operation took place in Houston.

Sampson's condition is precarious. A special fund has been established to offset extraordinary expenses; contributions can be sent to: The American Indian Free Clinic, c/o Will Sampson Fund, 1330 South Longbeach Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

Sampson is probably most well-known for his role as Chief Bronden in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest", for which he was nominated for an academy award. He is Chairman Emeritus for the American Indian Registry for the Performing Arts, a Hollywood-based academy to promote increased participation of Native Americans in all aspects of the movie industry. Sampson is a full-blood Creek Indian from Oklahoma.

ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

The Tribal Education Department and Central Michigan University will co-sponsor an oral history/college experience program for 7th and 8th graders from the Tribal community. The program will include four days in residence at CMU. Each student will attend classes and participate in recreational activities under the supervision of CMU and Tribal Education staff. In addition, students will work on an oral history project with local community members and teachers from CMU. If you would like to send your child(ren), fill out the following application and return it to Wilma Henry at the Tribal Education Office.



GOOD HEALTH-LONG LIFE

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE
HEALTH PROMOTION/DISEASE PREVENTION NEWSLETTER



A LIFESAVING MEASURE!

Would you light a match while pumping gasoline at a service station? Or try to cross a busy highway with your eyes closed? Or carelessly handle a loaded gun?

If your answer is no, then you probably have your blood pressure checked at least once a year by a medical professional. Right?

You see, the dangers of hypertension, commonly called high blood pressure, are no less deadly than these other risks.

Hypertension is a contributor to the deaths of more than 760,000 Americans that die from heart disease annually. It cripples many more. Doctors believe that hypertension is also a factor in a large portion of the 1.5 million heart attacks and 500,000 strokes in the U.S. each year. Compare this to the 414,000 people who die each year from cancer and you begin to understand the scope of the hypertension problem.

One out of every four adults suffer from high blood pressure. Most people don't even know they have it! Much of the death and illness attributed to hypertension could have been prevented, because high blood pressure is easily detected and **CONTROLLED!**

Blood pressure readings measure how hard the heart is working to pump throughout the body by comparing pressures exerted on the walls of arteries when the heart is pumping and when it is at rest.

The readings always bear two numbers; the top number, called the systolic pressure, is the pumping pressure. The bottom pressure, the diastolic pressure, is the reading while the heart is at rest between beats.

It is normal for blood pressure to be higher at times, such as when a parent yells at the kids, a jogger runs around the block, or a fan watches an exciting football game. The heart must pump harder to answer the body's need for more blood. Because normal arteries are elastic, they can take the extra pressure when necessary and literally snap back.

But, constant high blood pressure is a serious health hazard! The heart can simply wear out from pumping too hard, causing a heart attack. So, too, the arteries can break under too much pressure. If this happens in the brain, it is called a stroke.

While in most cases there are no telltale signs, some people with high blood pressure may suffer from headaches, dizziness or exhaustion. Doctors have been able to identify

certain characteristics which seem to increase the likelihood of someone developing hypertension.

As people grow older they are more likely to develop high blood pressure. Black Americans are more likely to have hypertension than White Americans. Also, certain families seem to have histories of hypertension.

While these factors can be recognized, they can't be controlled. Yet other contributors to high blood pressure can be combatted.

Doctors have found that salt reduction in the diet, sensible exercise, managing stress and maintaining proper weight can cut down the risk of developing hypertension.

If you do have high blood pressure, be sure to follow your doctor's orders to the letter! Take any prescribed medication. Remember, the medicine won't cure high blood pressure, it simply controls it! If you stop taking the medicine, hypertension will return!!!



Word Search

Find these words in the puzzle below. Words may read right to left, backwards, horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

Always
Cardiovascular
Care
Checkup
Commitment
Consistent
Control
Daily
Diet
Doctor's Orders

Exercise
Family
Fruit
Garlic
Goals
Habit
Healthy
Heart Attack
Helping
Herbs

Hypertension
Involved
Jog
Lemon
Life
Lifetime
Medication
Nondrug
Pills
Prescription

Regimen
Risks
Salt-Free
Swim
Therapy
Together
Treatment
Vegetables
Walk
Weight
Well-Being

A E P I L L S A N H B A N E M I G E R H S W I M
L I V R P H E L M F Y R E D W E R I E K A E H P
G L O A R S A M E P E P X S I G R R S I L L E R
N U L T X F P B M M L A E S R L B I A P T L L E
I N V O L V E D I O O O R R Y S R Z L Y F B F S
P O R G P W A L K T N N C L T V S A R C R E S C
L B D E F M E D I C A T I O N E K L L A E I S R
E L M T C F P I Y F G H S H N M N O M R E N R I
H C Z H G R J O G E J I E E O T P S N D Q G E P
H A A E H U Q X Z H S R O A N F R U I I C V D T
A R Y R O I R W A D T U C L D V Y O P O O E R I
L G V J E T E I D C H H Y T R B A O L V N G O O
W O U K N L P V B E E L C H U E G R I A S E S N
A A T L M I T V A C I X S Y G R L S F S I T R F
Y L I M A F A L K A S T C I L R A G E C S A O I
S S A S S E P U D C O M M I T M E N T U T B T N
L H P F Q Y P A R E H T P S A E I R I L E L C I
P E I L S T R E A T M E N T L A B R M A N E O P
X L A N R F A K C A T T A T R A E H E R T S D Q

Tribal Education/CMU
Application Form
Oral History Program

Student Name _____
Last First I.

Home Address _____
Rt. #, or House # Street

City/Town Zipcode

Parent or
Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City/Town Zipcode

Home telephone _____ Work Telephone _____

Person To Notify In Case Of Emergency

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Relationship _____

SUMMER CULTURAL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Cultural enrichment classes will begin in June for interested students, parents and community members.

Participants will do projects in areas of:

- Beadwork
- Bustle Making
- Ribbon Shirts
- Basket Making
- Shawls

Other projects may also be planned. If you would like to attend these classes, please fill out the following application and return to Connie or Wilma in the Education Department.

Tribal Education Department
Application Form
Cultural Enrichment Program

Name _____
Last First I.

Home Address _____
Rt. #, or House # Street

_____ City/Town Zipcode

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

_____ City/Town Zipcode

Home telephone _____ Work Telephone _____

HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION AND GED CLASSES

High School Completion and G. E. D. classes will begin in the first week of June. To apply complete the following form and return it to the Tribal Education Department.

ADULT EDUCATION

Today's date _____

Name _____ (Maiden) _____

Address _____ Social Security Number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Birthday _____ Number of brothers and sisters _____

Parents' names _____ Are you living with parents? _____

Are you employed? _____ Where? _____

Address _____

What school did you last attend? _____

Why did you leave? _____

What school subjects do you like? _____

May 15, 1987

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA HEADSTART
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ESTIMATING YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY
RETIREMENT CHECK

Graduating Class of 1987

Students receiving diplomas:

Alaniz, Albert
Alaniz, Gilbert
Alonzo, Betsey Mae
Anderson, Erin
Bennett, Tiffany
Davis, Levi
Francis, Robin
Heron, Carrie
Ishan, Charles
Jackson, Jacqueline
Jackson, Matthew
Mandoka, Lacey
Pelcher, Joshua
Peters, Jared
Sanders, Javier
Trofatter, Dustin
Vasquez, Janine

Students receiving certificates:

Anderson, Joseph
Bennett, Ashley
Davis, Shannon
Floyd, Monica
Jackson, Samuel
Otto, Christina
Quintero, Juan Jr.
Sawmick, Adam
Sprague, Seryna
Vasquez, Elizabeth
Woodbury, Krystal

We wish to thank all who have
donated to the Head Start Program.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
Mae Beck Indian Affairs
D & M Foodland

And all the parents, friends and
relatives that helped out during the
year and gave much of their time.

People who plan to retire in the
near future naturally are concerned
about their post-retirement income once
they are no longer employed, Donald
Hire, Social Security manager in Mt.
Pleasant, said recently.

Social Security can provide an
immediate answer to this question for
people 60 and over. All they have to do
is call the Mt. Pleasant office and ask.

People under 60 can also get an
estimate of their benefits, but it will
take a little longer. Those in this
group can obtain a free form, Request
for Statement of Earnings, fill it out
and mark it to show they want a benefit
estimate, and mail it. In return, they
will get the information they want.

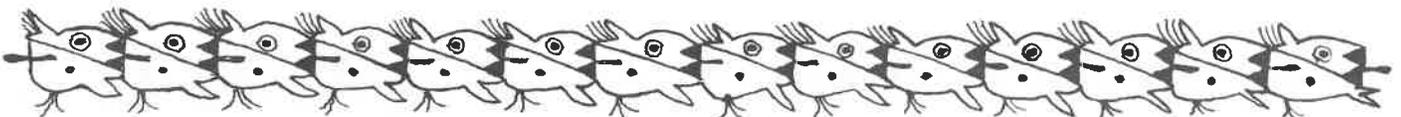
A retired worker and his or her
spouse can get full monthly payments if
they wait until 65 to start receiving
benefits. The length of time a person
must have worked in employment or self-
employment covered by Social Security to
be eligible for benefits depends on the
person's year of birth. But no one ever
needs more than 10 years of credit for
work under Social Security.

People who would like more
information about estimating benefits
should contact the Mt. Pleasant Social
Security Office. The office is located
at 304 W. Michigan and the telephone
number is (517) 773-9924.

Donald L. Hire, District Manager

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



OF SONS . . . AND MOTHERS

No comment is needed - however, I do pay homage in this drawing to the good humored, gentle patience and devotion of Indian women towards their offspring.

The little ones swoop around Pow Wows like swallows, laughing, squealing and somehow . . . rarely crying, while older children and adults keep an eye on them.

Done at a 1986 Summer Pow Wow where this two year old Chippewa man-child demonstrates how he gets attention (and anything else he wants) from his delighted mother.

His name is Quentin

Saginaw Chippewa from an original drawing by Michele Gauthier, Beaver Quill Studio, P.O. Box 647, St. Joseph, MI 49085



BATMAN AT THE POW WOW

The number of Chippewa (Ojibway) in Canada and the U.S. may be close to 80,000. In the early 17th century, at the time of contact with Europeans, they were estimated at 35,000 and thus, the largest tribe north of Mexico.

They ranged from the East to the Great Plains, from Michigan to Hudson's Bay. Over this territory they used the lakes and rivers for transportation in their birch bark canoes.

Because they inhabited the fur rich but agriculturally less desirable colder areas of the U.S., the Chippewa were not moved westward in the 1830's Indian Removal.

My models, two rambunctious brothers from the Isabella Reservation, posed at a Pow Wow.

Saginaw Chippewa from an original drawing by Michele Gauthier, Beaver Quill Studio, P.O. Box 647, St. Joseph, MI 49085



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