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of Lake Superior Chippewa



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Boozhoo and welcome to the Miisaninawiind weekly newsletter!

The Miisaniinawind brings you important news, announcements and updates, designed specifically for the Red Cliff community. But that's not all. The weekly eNewsletter will also provide news about neighboring tribes, communities and broader issues across Indian Country that matter to you.

If you have photos, news or information you'd like to share, please email submissions to communications@redcliff-nsn.gov.

Check our Facebook page [HERE](#) and our website [HERE](#). We are working on a new website

and can't wait to share it with you!

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News & Updates

Community Meet and Greet with Tricia Zunker

February 3 @ 3:00 PM, Legendary Waters

All are invited to meet and speak with Tricia Zunker of Ho-Chunk Nation as she runs for congress to be a voice for the people of northwest Wisconsin.

Zunker seeks to take the Wisconsin 7th congressional district seat in a special election after the departure of Sean Duffy. She previously visited Red Cliff in January to meet with Tribal Administration regarding the issues facing our community and how she can help us overcome these issues if she were to be elected to Congress.

Zunker expressed the importance of community members getting out to vote in the upcoming primary and special elections. The primary will be held on February 18. The special election will be held on May 12.

Zunker has served as an associate justice for the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court since 2013 and serves as President of the Wausau School Board.

She is the first Native American woman to run for Congress in Wisconsin since Ada Deer lost to Republican Scott Klug in 1992. If elected, Zunker would become Wisconsin's first-ever Native American member of Congress.

For information on how to register to vote and details on how to vote on February 18, visit myvote.wi.gov

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Tricia Zunker.

Click [HERE](#) for Zunker's campaign website.

A poster for a community meet and greet event. The top section has a dark blue background with white text: "COMMUNITY MEET & GREET" in large letters, followed by "with Democratic Candidate for Congress" in smaller text, and "TRICIA ZUNKER" in large letters. Below this is a photograph of six people (three men and three women) standing in front of a mural depicting a sunset over a body of water with a lighthouse. The bottom section has a dark blue background with white text: "FEBRUARY 3, 2020 | 3:00 PM" and "LEGENDARY WATERS RESORT & CASINO". Below this is a paragraph: "All are invited to meet and speak with Tricia Zunker of Ho-Chunk Nation as she runs for congress to be a voice for northwest Wisconsin". Then, "Mark your calendars to vote in the Primary Election (Feb 18) and the General Election (May 12)". At the bottom, there is a logo for "Tricia Zunker U.S. CONGRESS" on the left, social media links "Learn more about Tricia at: www.triciaforwisconsin.com facebook.com/triciaforwisconsin" in the center, and a circular seal on the right.

COMMUNITY MEET & GREET
with Democratic Candidate for Congress
TRICIA ZUNKER

FEBRUARY 3, 2020 | 3:00 PM
LEGENDARY WATERS RESORT & CASINO

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Mark your calendars to vote in the Primary Election (Feb 18) and the General Election (May 12)

Learn more about Tricia at:
www.triciaforwisconsin.com
facebook.com/triciaforwisconsin

Red Cliff Receives Donation for Veterans

Red Cliff Offers Transportation Assistance for Medical Appointments

The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Community Health Center is the recipient a \$10,000 donation from Wounded Warriors Family Support, a national organization whose mission is to provide support to the families of those who have been wounded, injured or killed during combat operations, and which supports and advocates for our nation's Veteran wounded warriors.



In 2018, Wounded Warriors Family Support also donated the Red Cliff Veterans Medical Transit van, offering veterans assistance with transportation to and from their medical appointments within the Chequamegon Bay, Twin Ports, Iron Mountain and Twin Cities area.

To date, over 2,741 miles of transports have been provided to our Veterans, with the crucial support of seven Volunteer Drivers.

This unexpected gift from Wounded Warrior Family Support will allow for expanded services for the Red Cliff and Chequamegon Bay Area Veterans.

If you are a Veteran looking for a ride to your medical appointment or interested in volunteering, please contact Barb Gordon, Medical Benefits Specialist / Tribal Veteran Representative at the Red Cliff Community Health Center.

715-779-3707 x 2238.

www.redcliffhealth.org



"Every day we come into contact with veterans that may not qualify for the VA health system benefits, but they are still our brothers and sisters in arms. The Red Cliff Veterans van allows veterans to help veterans no matter their cultural or ethnic background or beliefs. To me the greatest satisfaction is knowing that we can get veterans that



"As a Vet, I have used the van for my personal appointments, which made it easier for my family. My wife had to take days off from work. Having the van and a volunteer driver has made things much easier," said David Curran, Navy Senior Chief USN (BMCS-Retired).

"As a Volunteer Driver, I have had the

wouldn't normally receive specialty care due to transportation challenges. The opportunity to get to those appointments cost-free even if those appointments are outside the VA system, which allows veterans a higher level of health care and in turn a higher quality of life," said Michael Lang Petty Officer Second Class USN (HM2 8404-Retired).

honorable opportunity to support our Veterans, There have been several local Tribal vets who needed transports or help getting to their Comp-Pen appointments. All of these are so valuable to be able to support our Veterans and Communities," Curran added.



Nature Activities & Language Table with Alex Breslav and Mark Gokee Jr.

On Wednesdays you can find Alex Breslav, the Indigenous Arts and Sciences Coordinator with the Treaty Natural Resources Division, working with youth on all sorts of arts and sciences.

Breslav works along with Mark Gokee Jr., the Red Cliff Native Connections Language/Culture Teacher.

The youth learn many amazing things about their culture and sciences! Come check them out at the club on Wednesdays!

See below under the Boys and Girls Club section for details and photos of some experiments and activities.

GREAT FUTURES START [HERE](#).



Housing Authority Notice Regarding Taxes



RED CLIFF CHIPPEWA HOUSING AUTHORITY

37645 NEW HOUSING ROAD BAYFIELD, WI 54814
(715) 779-3744 (715) 779-5044 FAX

TO: 2019 Tax Filers
FROM: Jean Defoe, Interim Executive Director
Tanya Wachsmuth, HR/Finance
DATE: January 24, 2020
RE: 2019 Tax Preparation/Filing Schedule

Our 2019 Tax Filing Season will begin at the Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority on:

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Our hours and schedule thereafter will be as follows:

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

We will begin accepting/scheduling appointments on Monday, January 27, 2020. For those who have left us your contact number or have e-mailed, we will return your phone calls/e-mail also on Monday to schedule your appointment.

To schedule your appointment contact: **Jean Defoe, 715-779-3744 Ext: 3504**
Tanya Wachsmuth, 715-779-3744 Ext: 3503

With the high volume of people and limited schedule to provide this service to our community, we ask if you cannot keep your appointment or need to re-schedule, please call to let us know.

We thank you for your patience.

**Reminder to have all your tax documents with you (health ins., unemployment, ss cards/numbers, bank information, etc).
Dates and Times are subject to change without notice

Biboon Gabeshiwin Winter Camp

Tribal staff gathered to plan and create an activity schedule for the upcoming Biboon Gabeshiwin winter camp.

The group has set fun activities at Buffalo Bay Campground and the Red Cliff Library for February 15-16. We'll offer a herring net demo, deer hide mitten making, snowshoe and foraging hike,

wolf tracking, lacrosse, potluck dinner, Star Legends, and more!

The Biboon Gabeshiwin planning team consists of Gena Mertig, Shelley Maday, Scott Babineau, Alex Breslav, Mark Gokee, Ron Nordin, Tanner Bresette, Mark Duffy, Edwina Buffalo Reyes, Marvin Defoe, and Noah Saperstein. They represent different Tribal departments: Native Connection, Family Service BFI, Red Cliff Natural Resources, Education, and THPO.



See the schedule below and join us for some fun!

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

BIBOON GABESHIWIN



February 15-16, 2020
Buffalo Bay Campgrounds



Saturday, February 15, 2020

9am - 11am @ Buffalo Bay Campgrounds

Herring Net Demo- Pulling net & harvesting fish

9am - 4pm @ Red Cliff Library

Deer Hide Mitten Making w/Mary

Moose - 2 Days

Register w/\$20 supply fee @ THPO Office by 2/14/20 to guarantee your spot. Any questions call: 715-779-3700; Marvin DeFoe Ext. 4244 or Edwina Buffalo Ext. 4243 -Space is limited to 15 participants
Learn Basic Beading

11am - 1pm @ Buffalo Bay Campgrounds

Lunch & Herring Preparation Demo
Wood Splitting Demo

1pm - 4pm @ Buffalo Bay Campgrounds

Snowshoe & Foraging Hike; Wolf Telemetry/Tracking Demo; GLIFWC Animal Hide Education; Animal Trap Demo; Lacrosse; Snow Snake

5pm Potluck Dinner @ Red Cliff Library

6pm - 8pm @ Red Cliff Library
Star Legends w/Abe Sutherland

Sunday, February 16, 2020

9am - 11am @ Buffalo Bay Campgrounds

Herring Net Demo- Pulling net & harvesting fish

9am - 4pm @ Red Cliff Library

Deer Hide Mitten Making w/Mary

Moose - for registered participants.

Makizin/Dish Game

Learn Basic Beading

11am - 1pm @ Buffalo Bay Campgrounds

Lunch & Herring Preparation Demo
Wood Splitting Demo

1pm - 4pm @ Buffalo Bay Campgrounds

Snow Shelter Making; Wolf Telemetry/Tracking Demo; GLIFWC Animal Hide Education; Animal Trap Demo; Lacrosse; Snow Snake

****Please dress appropriately for the weather. Some winter gear will be provided. The Boys & Girls Club will have a sign up sheet @ the Youth Center for any youth that want to participate. Bring your own chair!! Most importantly, come & have some fun!****



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:
YOUTH PREVENTION COORDINATOR: SCOTT BABINEAU 715-779-3706 OR
THPO OFFICE: 715-779-3700



Chippewa Federation Meets at LCO

By Joe Morey
LCO News Editor

Six Chippewa Tribes of Wisconsin who make up the Chippewa Federation, met at the Sevenwinds Casino Conference Center on

Thursday, Jan. 19, to discuss several issues concerning all the bands.

To kick off the meeting, the LCO Badgers performed a welcome song and an invocation was done by Dennis White.



Former LCO Tribal Council member Rusty Barber was introduced at the beginning of the meeting to share some information on Get Out the Vote and what's going on at Lac Courte Oreilles.



“We need this to be the most active Get Out the Vote ever here at LCO,” Barber stated. “These elections start off with the 7th Congressional District seat vacated by Sean Duffy. We’re going to do a strong push for Tricia Zunker, a Ho Chunk member who is running for the seat.”

Barber went on to say, “Giving rides to polling sites is something we can do we need to identify people who can help us do that. We have many young 18 to 25 year olds available to help.”

Barber said LCO is planning to draft a resolution to support the Get out the Vote campaign.

“When you go to vote, don’t go alone. Grab someone and bring them with you,” Barber said.

Mike DeCorah, St. Croix Governmental Affairs Director, said Tricia Zunker was at the last Chippewa Federation meeting and she was very impressive.

“We have to let people know we aren’t going to go away quietly. We are going to fight to protect our lands,” Barber said.

Click [HERE](#) to read more about what the Federation discussed.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Chippewa Federation website.

Tribes Defend Sovereignty Amid Attack on Indian Child Welfare Act

From Indian Z
By Acee Agoyo

Indian Country turned out in full force here on Wednesday to defend the sovereignty of tribal nations and their most valuable asset — their children.

Speaking outside the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals following arguments in a critical Indian Child Welfare Act case, tribal leaders remained confident that the law would survive an attack from hostile state governments and private parties. Congress enacted ICWA in 1978 to ensure that Indian children remain connected to their communities and their cultures.



"We all lived through a time when tribal children were taken from tribal homes, tribal communities," Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. of the Cherokee Nation, said after the lengthy hearing in case known as *Brackeen v. Bernhardt*. "We don't want to return to that time."

Fawn Sharp, the president of the Quinault Nation, also was optimistic about ICWA's future. But she was troubled by some of the questions posed by the judges on the court, most of whose members do not have a strong background in Indian law and policy.

"There still seems to be a very clear lack of understanding of inherent tribal sovereignty," said Sharp, who was recently elected president of the National Congress of American Indians, the largest inter-tribal advocacy organization in the United States. "It exists by virtue of who we are as Indigenous peoples and tribal nations."

Teresa Sanchez, a council member from the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, was bothered by the focus on blood quantum during the hearing, which lasted nearly 90 minutes. More than one judge brought up the issue in connection with a completely different case, one in which opponents of ICWA tried to undermine the law by questioning whether one particular child was, in effect, Indian enough.

"An Indian is an Indian is an Indian," said Sanchez. "You can't take that from us. It's inside of us. It's not blood. It's who we are."

Read the full article [HERE](#).

The Four Hills of Life

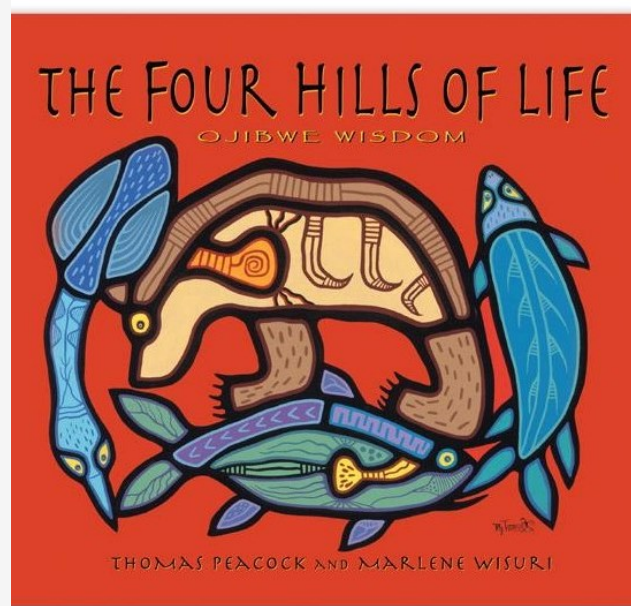
Ojibwe Wisdom

"The Four Hills of Life tells the wise and beautiful Ojibwe story about the path we walk through the seasons of life, from the springtime of youth through the winter of old age.

The hills we climb along the way are the challenges we face and the responsibilities we accept.

The path is not always easy; some of us lose our way. We question the meaning of life. But when we walk the Good Path—when we commit to values and fulfill our goals—the meaning of life finds us.”

“With text and activities developed by Ojibwe elder and educator Thomas Peacock and heavily illustrated with photographs by Marlene Wisuri, *The Four Hills of Life* describes the journey taken by previous generations of Ojibwe and the relevance of these life lessons for young readers today.”



Click [HERE](#) for more information on this book written by Thomas Peacock from the Fond du Lac Band.

4th Annual Legendary Pow Wow

The 4th Annual Legendary Pow Wow took place last weekend at Legendary Waters Resort and Casino.

The Pow Wow featured representatives from neighboring tribes across the region, a crowning of Charlotte DePerry as Junior Miss Red Cliff, host drum Always Thundering, contests, great vendors, and of course lots of dancing.



Red Cliff Princess Leah Savage was in attendance, and her family donated 50 pounds of wild rice and \$1,000 to the Red Cliff Pow Wow committee.

Click [HERE](#) to see more photos from the Pow Wow.

Bayfield County Seeks To Reduce Spread Of CWD

From WPR

By Danielle Kaeding

One northern Wisconsin county passed an ordinance last fall to regulate deer farms in an attempt to prevent the spread of chronic wasting disease, while a neighboring county is considering whether to

follow suit. The move is not embraced by deer farmers who feel local control is unnecessary and may be cost-prohibitive for new farms.

Bayfield County adopted state standards for fencing and movement of farm-raised deer. It also included requirements for moving live deer into the county and more frequent fence inspections. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources currently inspects fences once every 10 years, said county conservationist Ben Dufford.



"Bayfield County decided that wasn't good enough, that annual inspections are more necessary," Dufford said.

Any live deer moved to the county must have a certificate of veterinary inspection and be enrolled in the state's herd status program. Deer farmers must also submit a document demonstrating the animal was not housed within 10 miles of known cases of CWD within five years prior to being moved.

Officials have been taking steps to prevent the spread of CWD to the area after fears that a deer herd in the county may have contracted the disease from a southern Wisconsin farm where the animals originated. Far northwestern Wisconsin has been largely unaffected by the fatal neurological deer disease.

The ordinance doesn't include a requirement to double-fence new deer farms, although a county committee had recommended added fencing in a report earlier this year in an attempt to reduce the risk of the disease's spread. Currently, whitetail deer farms in Wisconsin are required to have a single, 8-foot-tall perimeter fence. The state had also approved an emergency rule to require enhanced fencing of deer farms last year, but it expired in February.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full article.

Tribal Business League - Buy Native

From Native Business Magazine

The newly launched Tribal Business League seeks to help Tribes reap the benefits of a "buying club" — getting the best possible prices on their enterprise goods and services including fuel, tobacco and grocery or convenience store items. The organization affords member Tribes volume discounts on pricing of goods and services as well as exclusive product lines only offered to large



groups. The goal is to increase Tribal enterprise profitability without any investment, warehousing, or storage of bulk goods.

The five founding members of the Tribal Business League are Wisconsin Tribes: Red Cliff, Lac du Flambeau, Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles and St. Croix.

“This has been long overdue for the Tribes to engage in collaborations, nearly 25 years of previous attempts, and we’re proud to announce publicly we have officially launched this initiative to benefit all Tribes involved,” says Curtis DeCora, Founder of the Tribal Business League. “If we can work collectively on ensuring our enterprises are profitable, efficient and positively contributing to the Tribal economy, there is no limit to what we can tackle next.”

The business collective and buying group was announced on October 9, 2019, with a launch party held in Danbury, Wisconsin at the St. Croix Casino, attended by Tribal business leaders from across Wisconsin and twelve vendors specializing in convenience store service delivery. Now the Tribal Business League is looking to expand its Buy Native group through Q4 2019, especially in Minnesota and Michigan, with hopes to eventually reach all Tribes in the Midwestern states and beyond.

The league is the first and only Tribally-led nonprofit buying club in the United States. Added benefits include monthly meetings to discuss common challenges and hurdles experienced by Tribal business leaders. A five-person consulting Team is also available to work with each member Tribe to negotiate business deals and develop networking relationships to benefit the tribe as a whole. Other advantages of joining the league include gaining access to an annual \$50,000 scholarship fund to help support individual members achieve career goals. These goals aren’t limited to academic ventures; practically any venture can qualify, such as trade schools and certification programs.

Pivotal to the Tribal Business League’s mission is its Buy Native initiative to support buying from Native-owned businesses and enhance the well-being of local economies.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Tribal Business League website.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Native Business Magazine website.

Listen: Breathing Easier Indoors

Indoor pollutants like smoke, radon and mold can contribute to heart disease and cancer, which are the leading causes of death for Native Americans. They can also exacerbate respiratory illnesses like asthma.

The Environmental Protection Agency links poor indoor air quality to disproportionate health issues among Native people. We’ll get reminders on paying attention to air quality inside homes and businesses and hear how some tribes are breathing life into clean air programs.



Click [HERE](#) to listen!

Ice Safety Tips For A Fun Winter

If you head out to one of Wisconsin's many lakes or rivers to ice fish, snowmobile, ATV, cross-country ski, or just to enjoy a winter day, we want you to have fun and be safe. A bit of advance planning and practicing basic ice precautions can help you return home safely.



When is ice safe?

There really is no sure answer, and no such thing as 100 percent safe ice. You cannot judge the strength of ice by one factor like its appearance, age, thickness, temperature or whether the ice is covered with snow. Ice strength is based on a combination of several factors, and they can vary from water body to water body. Ice strength can also vary in different areas of the same body of water.

Know before you go

Because ice conditions vary, it is important to know before you go. The DNR does not monitor local ice conditions or the thickness of the ice. Local bait shops, fishing clubs and resorts serve winter anglers every day and often have the most up-to-date information on how thick the ice is on local lakes and rivers, as well as areas that are especially dangerous.

Safety tips

- Dress warmly in layers.
- Don't go alone. Head out with friends or family. Take a cell phone if available, and make sure someone knows where you are and when you are expected to return.
- Know before you go. Don't travel in areas you are not familiar and don't travel at night or during reduced visibility.
- Avoid inlets, outlets or narrow that may have current that can thin the ice.
- Look for clear ice, which is generally stronger than ice with snow on it or bubbles in it.
- Carry some basic safety gear: ice claws or picks, a cellphone in a waterproof bag or case, a life jacket and length of rope.

What to do if you fall through ice

If you fall through the ice, remain calm and act quickly.

1. Do not remove your winter clothing. Heavy clothes can trap air, which can help provide warmth and flotation. This is especially true in a snowmobile suit.
2. Go back toward the direction you came. That is probably where you will find the strongest ice – and what lies ahead is unknown.
3. Place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface. This is where a pair of nails, sharpened screwdrivers or ice picks are handy in providing the extra traction you need to pull yourself up onto the ice.
4. Kick your feet and dig in your ice picks to work your way back onto the solid ice. If your clothes have trapped a lot of water, you may have to lift yourself partially out of the water on your elbows to let the water drain before starting forward.
5. Once back on the ice, don't try to stand up. Lie flat until you are completely out of the water, then roll away from the hole to keep your weight spread out. This may help prevent you from breaking through again.
6. Get to a warm, dry, sheltered area and warm yourself up immediately. In moderate to severe cases of cold-water hypothermia, you must seek medical attention. Cold blood

trapped in your extremities can come rushing back to your heart after you begin to warm up. The shock of the chilled blood may cause ventricular fibrillation leading to a heart attack and death!

Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to make ice claws.

He Acted As His High School's 'Indian.' 50 Years Later, He Calls For Ending Native American Mascots.

Push For All Native Mascots, Imagery To Be Retired

From WPR
By Rob Mentzer

Richie Plass was 16 when he became his high school's mascot.

The school principal approached him about it, along with the basketball coach and the athletic director. The Shawano Community High School mascot at the time was the



Indians. Plass is Menominee and Stockbridge/Munsee, and grew up on the Menominee Indian Reservation. He was one of maybe 15 Native Americans in the school, and the principal knew he could dance. Would he be willing, they asked, to dress up as the Shawano Indian and perform at halftime?

It was 1968. His time as mascot would last three games, and would end in tears. The experience would be with him for the rest of his life.

Today, Plass is an educator and the curator of "Bittersweet Winds," an exhibit of more than 400 artifacts that show how Native Americans have been depicted in culture — from caricatured mascot images to plastic toys and old cowboy movies. In November, more than 50 years after he graduated, he came back to Shawano High School to show the exhibit in the school library. Plass is also an activist, calling for an end to Native American mascots in schools and professional sports.

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards at its annual convention last Wednesday voted against a resolution calling on all Wisconsin schools districts to retire any remaining Native American mascots, symbols and imagery.

Eighteen school districts from around the state have already said they support the resolution. There are about 30 high schools in Wisconsin that use Native American names or mascots. The resolution was created by Wausau School Board president Tricia Zunker. Zunker, a Ho-Chunk woman who is also running for Congress as a Democrat in the 7th Congressional District, cites research showing psychological and educational harm from the mascots to both Native and non-Native students.

"It still does affect (students') perceptions," Zunker said. "And it affects their educational experience outside of the classroom."

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards is a lobbying body; it doesn't have the power to force any district to make a change. But the group's adoption of the resolution would have been seen as progress by those, like Plass, who argue the use of Native Americans as mascots devalues the humanity of actual Native Americans.

Read the full WPR story [HERE](#).

Read below to learn about the WASB vote against the proposal.

Wisconsin School Board Members Reject Proposal To Ban Native American Mascots

From WUWM

By Emily Files

An effort to ban Native American mascots, logos, and nicknames in Wisconsin public schools was quashed on Wednesday, at least for now.

A resolution to rid schools of the mascots was rejected by a delegation of about 300 school board members from across the state.



This latest push against Native American mascots started with Wausau School Board President Tricia Zunker, who is now also running for Congress. Zunker is Ho-Chunk, and she objects to the about 30 Wisconsin school districts still using Native American mascot and nicknames.

“This is essentially interscholastic discrimination,” Zunker said. “Mascots, logos, nicknames — they do not stay confined in the school district. Other school districts are exposed to them. Our students in the Wausau School District are exposed to them. That’s why we undertook this resolution.”

The Wausau School Board passed a resolution in support of requiring districts to retire Native American mascots. The resolution made it to the statewide group that represents school districts — the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, also known as WASB.

Each year, WASB members vote on resolutions that set the group’s legislative agenda. If members approve a resolution, WASB will advocate for the policy change in the state Legislature.

On Wednesday, school board members from across the state gathered to vote on policy priorities. The mascots resolution was one of the most controversial.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and read the full article.

Native Connections Youth Advisory Group

Native youth (age 12-24) are invited to join

on February 21st at 5:00 p.m. at the Mishomis Wellness Center to review Red Cliff's Community Readiness Assessment results and provide input on Red Cliff Native Connections Grant programming.

Food, beverages, and stipend provided!

Contact Mark or Shelley to sign up.

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Native Report

With Rita Aspinwall & Ernie Stevens

Season 15 Episode 3

Come with us and experience the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa's Nation Annual Wildrice Celebration and Powwow.

We then learn about the Bad River Nation's efforts to protect the environment in and around the boundaries of their reservation. And we meet Bad River Tribal Chairman Mike Wiggins, Jr.



The Native Report is an entertaining, informative magazine style series that celebrates Native American culture and heritage, listens to tribal elders, and talks to some of the most powerful and influential leaders of Indian Country today.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Native Report website.

Events

JANUARY

MONDAY 27	TUESDAY 28	WEDNESDAY 29	THURSDAY 30
	9:30 AM - Sliding @Mt Valhalla 1-4 PM - Beadwork @ Nooji Center 4:30-8 PM - B&G Activities 5:45 PM - Bayfield Boys Basketball @ Bayfield School	5-8 PM - B&G Activities @ B&G Club 6 PM - Wellbriety @Nooji Center 5 PM - Family Story Telling Night @ Elderly Site	10 AM - Narcotics Anonymous 2-3 PM - Men's Group @ Nooji Center 3:30-8 PM - B&G Activities 7:15 PM - Bayfield Girls Basketball @ Bayfield School
FRIDAY 31	SATURDAY 1	SUNDAY 2	NOTES
Ma'iingan Symposium @ Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center 10 AM - Prenatal Gathering @Health Center 5:30 PM - Movie Night @B&G Club 6 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @Nooji Center	Ma'iingan Symposium @ Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center	Ma'iingan Symposium @ Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center	Tricia Zunker Meet and Greet February 3 Council Meeting February 3

[Nooji Calendar](#) [Elderly Calendar](#) [B&G calendar](#)
[Sliding Into Wellness](#) [Story Telling Night](#) [Prenatal Gathering](#)

Upcoming Events in Bad River, LCO, Mole Lake

Bad River, LCO, and Mole Lake have some events coming up!

January 31-Feb 2 : [Ishpaagoonika Deep Snow Camp, Mole Lake](#)

February 7 : [2nd Annual Round Dance, LCO](#)

February 8 : [Bad River Round Dance](#) and [Bad River Winter Camp](#)

Health & Wellness

Cervical Cancer Screenings - Stay up to date!

Turquoise Tuesday is a national cervical cancer awareness campaign for American Indian and Alaska Native people. The Red Cliff Health team joined Native people around the country last week by wearing turquoise clothing and jewelry.

Native women are nearly twice as likely to develop cervical cancer compared to White women. Turquoise Tuesday aims to educate



people about the importance of early detection and remind women to stay up to date on their cancer screenings. Because this national campaign happens on a digital platform, community members are able to participate from anywhere!

Share

Share a picture of yourself wearing turquoise on AICAF social media, using the hashtag #TurquoiseTuesday.

Get screened

Talk to your health care provider to schedule your next Pap test, and to learn more about cervical cancer screenings and routine care. Talk to the women in your lives about the importance of early detection and encourage them to schedule a Pap test. Please call the Red Cliff Community Health Center at 715-779-3707 to make an appointment today!

Get the HPV vaccine

Boys and girls ages 9-26 can prevent HPV-related cancers by getting the vaccine. Learn more about the HPV vaccine at

<https://www.americanindiancancer.org/acif-project/hpv/>

<https://www.americanindiancancer.org/aicaf-project/turquoise/>

For other Health Center information or general questions call: 715-779-3707 or
Email RCHealthCenter@redcliffhealth.org

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Red Cliff Community Health Center website

Sliding into Recovery & Wellness

January 28th!

Join us at Mt. Valhalla for some fun in the snow!

We will be sliding and snow shoeing. Transportation is provided!

Click [HERE](#) for more information

PRENATAL GATHERING



Human & Family Services

The Family Services Division provides fantastic resources for our members. We work hard to ensure our members receive the help and support they deserve.

Our Mission: To work collaboratively with compassion in providing a broad range of quality of life-enhancing services to our tribal families, from cradle to grave.

Here's a list of programs that Family Services offers in order to improve the lives of individuals and strengthen families:

Elderly Programs - Family Violence Prevention Program - Indian Child Welfare
Kinship Care - Respite Care - Title VI-B - Boys & Girls Club - Brighter Futures Initiative -
Child Support - TANF General Assistance - State Child Care - WHEAP - Keep WI Warm -
Food Distribution - Food Shelf - IM-Food Share, MA, Child Care eligibility

How to get help:

Come see us! We are located at 88385 Pike Rd.

For more information on how to utilize these programs please Family Human Services Division at 715-779-3706

Education

Scholarship Opportunities for HS Seniors



Scholarship Opportunities



- The Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation (WROF) is offering a scholarship to high school seniors who have been living in rural Wisconsin for at least 2 years. Student must maintain a 2.5 GPA to qualify. For more information, visit www.wrof.org or stop by the counseling office. **Deadline is February 28, 2020.**
- Duluth Builder's Exchange is offering a \$2,000 scholarship for student's going into the trades such as Plumber, Equipment Operator, Electrician, Carpenter, etc. Visit www.dsacommunityfoundation.com for more information on how to apply.
- The Wisconsin Professional Police Association awards scholarships to Wisconsin students enrolling in a course of study leading to a degree in police science or criminal justice. **Deadline is February 3rd, 2020.** Applications in Counseling Office.
- The Community Partnership Scholarship will be awarded to a female high school senior who will be graduating from a northern Wisconsin school. Many qualifications apply. **Deadline is February 28, 2020.**
- Northwoods Community Credit Union (NCCU) is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to graduating seniors whose family members are members of the credit union. More qualifications apply. Visit www.northwoodscu.com for online application and more information or stop by the counseling office. **Deadline April 15, 2020**
- Northwoods Community Credit Union (NCCU) is offering a military scholarship for graduating seniors entering into any branch of service. Please visit www.northwoodscu.com for more information.
- The Ab Nicholas Scholarship Foundation is offering senior students planning to attend a UW system University and participated in basketball their senior year. This is a substantial award. Stop by the counseling office or visit www.abnicholasscholars.org for more information.
Applications accepted February 1st - April 30th online only.
- Senior students who plan to attend UMD and major in Computer Science can apply for the Saturn Systems Scholarship. Visit www.dsacommunityfoundation.com for more information and online application. **Deadline is January 15th, 2020.**
- Foremost Media is awarding \$500 to a graduating senior who is entering the Marketing or Web Development field. Visit www.foremostmedia.com/scholarship or the counseling office for more information. **Applications being accepted March 1st-May 1st, 2020.**
- The Duluth/Superior Area Community Foundation is offering several scholarships to students who plan to attend in the Superior/Duluth area. Visit www.dsacommunityfoundation.com for application and more information.

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Ojibwe Phrase of the Week

Sandy Gokee, Anishinaabe Language and Cultural Coordinator for the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, shares a practical question and a message about incorporating every-day phrases into our lives in the Ojibwe Phrase of the Week for January 27, 2020.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more on the Red Cliff Heritage and Culture site.



Bayfield School

Click [HERE](#) to see what's going on this week and the Bayfield Daily Bulletin.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the School District of Bayfield website.

ECC Announces Storytelling Night

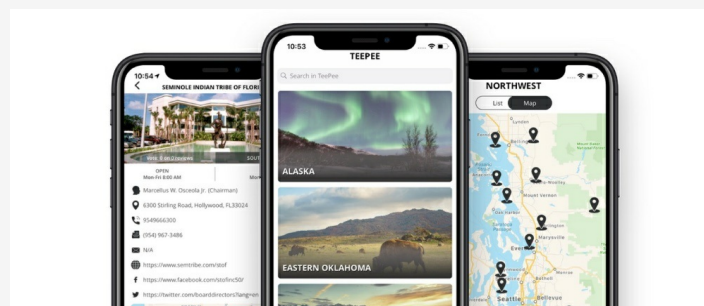


Business Spotlight: TeePee App

Puyallup Entrepreneur Launches App 'TeePee – An Indigenous Directory'

From Native Business Magazine

TeePee, a new mobile app created by Miguel Douglas, an enrolled member of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, acts as a digital directory, providing users with the resources to contact each of the 573+ federally recognized Tribes, their enterprises as well as Alaska Native Corporations.



Douglas founded and serves as the executive director of American Indian Republic as well as the lead developer for Bella & Belle.

Douglas created TeePee – An Indigenous Directory, available for the iOS and iPadOS platforms for \$4.99, after strong response—including more than 2,000 downloads—confirmed the interest and benefits of his previous Puyallup Tribe Directory app (that app is available for download at <https://apple.co/2QEmBno>). As he states, “The next progressive step was to create TeePee.”

TeePee is a mobile digital directory where every Tribe in the United States is available at the app user’s fingertips. It provides easy access to information on the currently federally recognized Tribal communities, Tribes, Bands, Nations, Pueblos, Rancherias, and Native Villages located in the United States.

The TeePee app key features include:

- Detailed information for all 573 federally recognized Tribes.
- Detailed information available for all significant tribal organizations and Alaskan corporations.
- Information includes name, leader, address, phone number, fax number, email address, website, and social media channels.
- Historical background on every Tribe.
- Map functionalities to quickly locate and access directions to your chosen destination.
- Search function to find Tribes, organizations, and corporations quickly.
- The ability for users to create accounts to save their favorite locations, as well as submit reviews for Tribes, organizations and corporations.

“The concept of connecting the various Indigenous communities through technological means has always been an enormous undertaking of mine, and the practice of developing such an app was not taken lightly,” he writes. “Months of research took place prior to initiating programming of the mobile application, which entailed attentively inquiry into each Indigenous community to develop an understanding of how to best foster connection.

“This extensive search, was a driving point for bettering communication pathways amongst Indigenous peoples, and was one of the key inspirations for creating the app.”

TeePee bridges an “immense gap in effectively connecting Indigenous communities, both internally and externally,” Douglas states.

“... Bringing Indigenous communities together through technological measures is but one step in course correcting and taking control of our ability to connect once again.”

Boys and Girls Club of Gitchigami

Nature Activities & Language Table with Alex Breslav and Mark Gokee Jr.

On Wednesdays you can find Alex Breslav, the Indigenous Arts and Sciences Coordinator with the Treaty Natural Resources Division, working with youth on all sorts of arts and sciences.

Breslav works along with Mark Gokee Jr., the Red Cliff Native Connections Language/Culture Teacher.

The youth learn many amazing things about their culture and sciences! Come check them out at the club on Wednesdays!

We ran an experiment with making a lamp with Makwa (bear) fat and a tree-bark wick. Mark told a traditional Anishinaabe story that amused and educated as the kids drank pine tea and snacked on edible crickets.



We experimented with boiling water using a bear-fat candle, eating crickets, and drinking spruce tea. Then we played a game where the kids learned about team work and appropriate behavior as they competed to make each other smile and laugh through silly antics.

Snacking on edible crickets and home-made apple sauce, the kids got to try a few new teas and learn about their medicinal properties (in addition to the regular selection of spruce needles!) – red clover, yarrow, peppermint (this was the favorite!). They also tried, for the first time, Birch syrup. Afterwards Mark Gokee facilitated a game of Ojibwe Charades, and one could only earn points if the action was named in Ojibwemowin!

Click [HERE](#) to see some photos!

The Boys & Girls Club have announced their calendar of events for January! Click [HERE](#) to see what activities they have going on this month.

Contact Youth Director Paige Moilanen at 715-779-3722 with any questions.

GREAT FUTURES START [HERE](#).



Gitchigami

Gichiayaa'aag - Elderly Services

Do you know about the services provided to you as an elder?

Contact Elderly Services for more information:

Elderly Dining Site: 715-779-3746 ext. 3511

Office Phone: 715-779-3706 ext. 5018

Click [HERE](#) for the Elderly Nutrition Program Information.

Click [HERE](#) for the Gichiayaa'aag website.

Treaty Natural Resources

2020 MA'IINGAN SYMPOSIUM

JANUARY 31 -
FEBRUARY 2,
2020

AT THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES VISITOR CENTER

29270 County Hwy G, Ashland, WI 54806



Ma'iingan is a brother to Anishinaabeg and an asset to the ecosystems in which he lives—still, fear of the wolf persists. Join Great Lakes Tribes with our government and non-government partners to learn about Ma'iingan through research and traditional stories.



Friday Evening

Informational tables by tribes and partners, a Welcoming Address, Story of Ma'iingan and Anishinaabe, Talk on Ma'iingan by Adrian Wydeven, Feast, Showing of *Brother Ma'iingan* Documentary

Saturday Morning

Informational tables, Stories of Ma'iingan, Tribal conservation of Ma'iingan, Lunch

For more information or to get involved, contact Bad River Wildlife Specialist Abi Fergus at wildlife@badriver-nsn.gov or (715) 685-7840 ext. 1554.

Click [HERE](#) to view the entire Treaty Natural Resources Division Winter Newsletter!

January Birthdays

Be sure to wish these members a happy birthday this month!

Click [HERE](#) to view the Tribal Member January Birthdays



Community Updates

Follow the link below to see announcements for upcoming events!

[View the announcements](#)

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