

RED CLIFF BAND

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!

Want to receive the newsletter each week? Sign up [HERE](#).

[Click HERE](#) to view this email as a webpage instead.

Red Cliff News & Updates

Cell Tower Launched, Brings Service to Red Cliff

On Friday, January 31 AT&T and FirstNet officially launched cellular and wireless broadband service to Red Cliff and the surrounding areas on the Bayfield Peninsula and Apostle Islands.

The cell tower now provides cellular service for public use, and will be used by first responders for emergency communications.

This has been a year in construction and a lengthy process since the first time the Tribe spoke with First Net. The Red Cliff Band broke ground on the cell tower construction site in May of 2019, and has been eagerly awaiting this moment.

Theron Rutyna, Red Cliff IT Director, has been a driving force behind advancing cell communications on the reservation.

"The cell tower has represented a significant amount of work for both the Tribe and AT&T. As the first cell tower that First Net and AT&T have built from the ground up on Tribal lands, there have been many hurdles and challenges to overcome," said Rutyna. "Red Cliff tribal members, employees, and associates have done everything from turning bolts to plowing roads to making sure that the contractors felt welcome in the area."

The launching of the cell tower now provides Tribal Members living on the reservation the ability to communicate electronically on a constant daily basis, and will lead to drastically faster emergency response times.

"The tower coming online today represents a new day for broadband and technology in Red Cliff, and in Indian Country overall," Rutyna said.

"On behalf of the Red Cliff Tribal Council, we'd like to thank all who have contributed to making this project possible, especially FirstNet, AT&T, and our tribal staff. This cell tower will not only give our first responders the critical ability to communicate in areas that they were not able to previously, but it also enhances the ability of commercial cell phone users to report emergency incidents. We are also proud that Red Cliff was the first Tribe in the country to have completed a FirstNet cell tower," said Red Cliff Tribal Chairman Richard Peterson.

Tribal Members searching for a phone provider can visit the AT&T store on Tower Avenue in Superior, or at several locations in Duluth. Mobile phones are also available at Walmart.

Red Cliff would like to thank AT&T and FirstNet for helping the Tribe to become the first tribal consultation in the United States, and to bring this service to our community.



Meet 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.

**COMMUNITY
MEET & GREET**

with Democratic Candidate for Congress

TRICIA ZUNKER



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

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

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



Council Meeting February 3

The Tribal Council Meeting begin its Regular Session at 4:30 pm at Legendary Waters Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom.

Community members are invited to attend.

Click [HERE](#) for the Council Meeting Agenda.

Pilcrow Foundation Donates To Red Cliff Library

The Red Cliff Library (Ginanda Gikendaasomin) has received a generous number of books from the Pilcrow Foundation's Children's Book Project Grant.

Red Cliff would like to extend a huge Miigwech to the Pilcrow Foundation and to individual donors who made this possible: Mr. & Mrs. Carl and Nancy Bennett of Wisconsin and Mr. & Mrs. Hal Berenson and Laura Ackerman of Colorado.



The Pilcrow Foundation is a national non-profit public charity, and provides a 2-to-1 match to rural public libraries to provide new children's level books for selected communities.

This program provides a list of over 500 quality hardcover children's books, from which Children's Book Project grant recipients can select books best suited for their community. The book list includes award-winning and star-reviewed titles from educational and literary organizations.

In our grant we were awarded over \$1000 worth of books, far above our expectations and with this we are proud to have them in our growing collection. Please stop by the library and check them out!

Library Hours: Tuesday and Thursdays from 3pm-6pm
Saturdays from Noon-6pm

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Red Cliff Library website.



Red Cliff Receives New Road Maintenance Truck

After a U.S. government lawsuit with Volkswagen in 2016 over false emission claims, Red Cliff has received a new truck that will help with road maintenance.

Ernie Grooms from the Red Cliff Environmental Department submitted an application to replace several vehicles throughout the Tribe, and the road maintenance department qualified for the funding.



The use of this new truck will greatly increase the quality of Red Cliff roads and help in snow and ice control, placing gravel on roadways, hauling equipment, shoulder work and hauling debris.

"The addition of this new truck will be a significant increase to our capability in road maintenance and enable Red Cliff to continue their efforts in self-determination," said Red Cliff Transportation Director Jeff Benton.

In September of 2015, the EPA claimed Volkswagen diesels intentionally violate clean air standards, and in January of 2016 the U.S. government sued Volkswagen over cheating on emissions tests.

Volkswagen ultimately agreed to buy back the vehicles and pay U.S. owners of these diesel vehicles, which allowed Red Cliff to qualify and apply for this new truck.



How to: Easily Register and Vote Your Vote Matters!

The Spring Primary Election will happen February 18.

This is your chance to vote for who will represent our area of Wisconsin.

Registering and voting is very easy!

To Register:

Go to myvote.wi.gov

Click "Register to Vote" and follow the short steps.

Or you can register at the polling place on voting day!

Where Do I Vote?

Go to myvote.wi.gov

Click on "Find My Polling Place"

Enter your address.

The site will give you the polling place and address.

Most Tribal Members living in Bayfield County will vote at the
Russell Town Garage

35900 State Highway 13, Bayfield, WI 54814

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 7.00 AM - 8.00 PM

Be sure to double check your polling place at myvote.wi.gov.

Click [HERE](#) for information on what to expect at the polls.

Felony Trespass Bill: AB 426 What Is It and Why Does It Matter?

Note: This is an update to allow people to make informed decisions. This is NOT an endorsement of the law nor is it meant to scare, deter or intimidate anyone from exercising "rights of usual occupancy" (Treaty Rights) protected by the 1837 and 1842 treaties.

What is it and what is new about it?

AB 426, known as Felony Trespass Bill, expanded Wisconsin law that prohibited trespassing

on land that is owned, leased or operated by energy infrastructure such as electric or natural gas powerplants punishable by up to six years in prison and up to \$10,000 fine. The updated bill expands the definition of “energy infrastructure” to include oil pipelines, electrical transmission lines and water pipelines and affiliated companies.

How can it affect tribal members?

The use of energy corridors (such as pipeline right of ways electrical lines) for anything from hunting to recreational snowmobiling could constitute as Felony Trespass under the updated law. Additionally, protesting at a work site, office building, right of way or other land used, leased or owned by an energy company constitutes as Felony Trespass.

Where did it come from?

This bill is similar to other bills proposed across the country that have been written by the American Legislative Exchange Council and other lobbyists like the American Petroleum Institute. The bill was sponsored by Senator Bewley and signed by Governor Evers.

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*

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR LAND LEASE

Chapter 18 Tribal Code of Laws



**YOUR LEASE RENT IS DUE EVERY YEAR
ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR LEASE**

**IF YOU DON'T PAY YOUR ANNUAL LEASE RENT,
THE TRIBE CAN PURSUE COLLECTION OF YOUR UNPAID
ANNUAL LEASE RENT**

PAY YOUR ANNUAL LEASE ONLINE AT

[HTTPS://PAY.GOV/PUBLIC/FORM/START/25771951](https://pay.gov/public/form/start/25771951)

OR

SEARCH "BIA TRUST PAYMENTS" AT [HTTPS://PAY.GOV/](https://pay.gov/)

OR

BIA TRUST PAYMENTS APP ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

**IF YOU POLLUTE ON YOUR LEASE SITE,
YOUR LEASE WILL BE CANCELLED (RCCL SECTION 18.7.6)**

POLLUTION INCLUDES MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES THAT SPOIL OR DESTROY

LAND, WATER, BUILDINGS PLANTS, OR ANIMALS

CONTACT THE LAND OFFICE AND ENVIRONMENT DEPT ABOUT POLLUTION CONCERNS ON LEASE SITES

**IF YOU DO NOT REMOVE YOUR HOME FROM THE LEASE SITE AFTER YOUR LEASE
ENDS, THE TRIBE CAN OBTAIN OWNERSHIP OF ANY REMAINING HOME AND
IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH TRIBAL COURT ACTION (RCCL SECTION 18.9.2)**

CONTACT THE RED CLIFF LAND OFFICE ABOUT A LEASE RENEWAL

FIND RED CLIFF CODE OF LAWS ON THE TRIBE'S WEBSITE: [HTTP://REDCLIFF-NSN.GOV](http://redcliff-nsn.gov)

CLICK TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AT THE TOP, THEN CLICK CODE OF LAWS ON THE SIDEBAR.

**WANT A PRINTED COPY? CONTACT THE RED CLIFF LAND OFFICE TODAY
AMORIN MELLO -- PARALEGAL (LAND SPECIALIST)
715-779-3700 EXT. 4262**

WTCAC Offers Tribal Food Safety Workshop

WTCAC is offering a PSA Tribal Food Safety Workshop in Oneida February 18-20. The workshop will provide participants with PSA Food Safety certification, and will cover developing a plan allowing Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification required to sell food to the federal government ("commod" program).

WTCAC will provide up to a \$150 Travel Stipend for Tribal Members and Staff for this training as well as pay for the PSA Food Safety Training manual (\$50). Space is limited to 25 participants.

Contact Jerry Thompson to sign up or for any questions.

715-821-0555

TribalConsultationServices@gmail.com



Click [HERE](#) for more information.

2020 Census: Please Participate!

This benefits Red Cliff and other tribes around Indian Country



2020 Census Snapshot — American Indian/Alaska Native

What is the census?

Every 10 years, the United States counts everyone living in the country on April 1. Our tribes do not share enrollment numbers with the government, so it is important for all American Indians and Alaska Natives to participate in the 2020 Census.

What's in it for me?

The 2020 Census is an opportunity to provide a better future for our communities and future generations. By participating in the 2020 Census, you help provide an accurate count of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Your responses to the 2020 Census can help shape how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year for programs and grants in our communities.

The 2020 Census is our count. Our responses matter. Regardless of age, nationality, ethnicity, or where we live, we all need to be counted.

Responding to the 2020 Census is:

> Easy

In early 2020, every household in the United States will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail.

> Safe

Your responses to the 2020 Census are confidential and protected by law. Personal information is never shared with any other government agencies or law enforcement, including federal, local, and tribal authorities.

> Important

The federal government and local American Indian and Alaska Native leaders and decision-makers will use 2020 Census data in a variety of ways that can benefit Native people and our communities.

2020Census.Gov

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Frequently Asked Questions

> Q. Who should complete the census questionnaire?

A. One person in the home should complete the questionnaire and include every person living there, including relatives, nonrelatives, babies, and children.

> Q. How do I fill out the race question correctly?

A. If you self-identify as American Indian or Alaska Native, you should check the American Indian or Alaska Native race box. You should then print the name of your enrolled or principal tribe in the write-in area.

> Q. What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?

A. Assistance responding to the 2020 Census will be available on 2020census.gov and via our toll-free phone number. Language guides, language glossaries, and language identification cards will be available in 59 non-English languages. Large-print questionnaires will also be available upon request, as well as TTY via Federal Relay Service. On 2020census.gov, video tutorials and how-to resources can help you complete your census form. Many communities, partners, and local organizations will also provide assistance.

> Q. How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?

A. Census Bureau employees work extensively to take in-person counts of people living in group housing, like college dormitories and shelters, as well as those experiencing homelessness or who have been displaced by natural disasters.

For more information, visit:

2020Census.Gov

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2020 Census Key Dates



January-April 2020

First census enumeration takes place in Toksook Bay, Alaska.



March 2020

Census notices are mailed or delivered to households.



March-May 2020

Census takers visit each household to update address lists and collect information on the questionnaire.



April 1, 2020

Census Day



May-July 2020

Census takers visit households that have not completed the questionnaire.



December 31, 2020

By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President for apportionment of congressional seats.



March 2021

By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

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2020 Census is HIRING

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring census takers for the 2020 Census.

The positions offer competitive pay, flexible hours, paid training, and weekly paychecks. To determine the pay rate in a specific area, learn more about these positions, or apply for one of the temporary jobs, visit 2020census.gov/jobs.

Currently, positions in Bayfield County are being paid \$19.00 per hour.

“Whether you’re looking to earn some extra cash, pay down your student debt, or offset holiday season spending, our part-time positions are a great way to do that,” said Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham. “What better way to earn some extra money and help

shape the future of your community for the next 10 years than with the 2020 Census?” Anyone age 18 and older, such as recent high school graduates, college students, veterans, retirees, military spouses, seasonal workers and people who are bilingual are highly encouraged to apply. People who already have jobs and want to earn extra income evenings and weekends are also encouraged to apply. The selection process begins this month, with paid training occurring in March and April. After paid training, most positions work between May and early July.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

PAC Public Outreach Meeting

Do you have ideas on how tribal departments can better communicate code changes and policy updates related to the PAC process?

Do you want to be a part of creating an action plan to promote a more effective review and engagement process for the community?

We want your input! Join representatives from Environmental, THPO, and Zoning to discuss methods of engagement to better educate and involve the community.

Date: February 6th from 5-7pm

Place: Red Cliff Fire Hall

Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information:

Contact Olivia Stroinski, Zoning Manager at 715-779-3795 ext. 4332



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.

715-779-3741 ext 2409, 2405

mgokee@redcliffhealth.org

smaday@redcliffhealth.org

Native Connections Youth Advisory Group

Limited to first 5 participants
Contact Mark or Shelley for
sign-up.
(715) 779-3741 ext.2409,2405
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Health & Wellness

Honoring Sobriety

By Sonia Reyes-Buffalo

Last Saturday, January 25, 2020 the AODA Reduction Team held a community event in efforts to accomplish an endeavor. At the winter powwow we as a team took some time to recognize and "Honor Those in Sobriety."



This idea was brought up by me, Sonia Reyes-Buffalo (CPS) to gift those who have really made the difficult decision to refrain from using alcohol and drugs. The plan was to speak about the AODA Reduction Team and its past and future, and then ask anyone to come up to the front and tell us, "Why have you chosen to stop using drugs or alcohol?" This question was answered with, "FOR MY FAMILY" and "To walk in a better way."

Having the crowd's attention as they said these things was a way for others to see that this

idea of sobriety is a HEALTHY one! I also told the people about my own struggles with drugs and alcohol and told them that it was possible for us to recover! It was a great way to show people hope that may be dealing with addiction themselves or with relatives.

So, in honor and collaboration with the Bayfield Health Department committee we purchased some small tokens of appreciation: A Native American Sobriety coin, a “One Day At A Time” bracelet, a Sober is Strength bumper sticker, and a card telling them how proud and thankful we are for their choices to live healthier lifestyles.

In the midst of honoring those in recovery, we honored another special employee and beloved helper to our community, Linda Dunbar. The AODA Reduction Team thought it was necessary to honor all her efforts and work within the Mishomis Wellness Center. Linda travels a distance to come and work for this community, and to me I see that it is more than work, this is her compassion and views work as a progressive experience to well-being. She offers so much, and we love and honor her dedication by giving her a gift.

As the drum played, we danced for those who are still struggling to welcome them into a better life. It was a beautiful moment and I believe it was a step towards fighting the stigma towards alcohol and drug abuse.

Miigwech to all those who couldn't make the powwow and everyday work hard to be sober!
WE THANK YOU!



Nooji Center Releases February Calendar

Click [HERE](#) to see the February calendar of events for the Noojimo'iwewin Center

Bear Grease Making Workshop

February 19 from 10 am - 2 pm @
Mishomis Wellness Center

Maria Nevala – GLITC VRNA Counselor will
be teaching how to make Bear Grease and

how it can be used for healing.

Each Participant will learn how to process Bear Grease.

There will be information on the VRNA Program & other programs available

All supplies & Lunch will be provided

To Register with Linda Dunbar call by
February 14, 2020
779-3741 x 2403

Only 10 spots Available!



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

Human & Family Services

Red Cliff Food Shelf

At The Red Cliff Food Shelf, we help the hungry in our community. We provide an assortment of food items to families in need.

Families may visit The Red Cliff Food Shelf once a month, receiving two to three days' worth of groceries. This is emergency, supplemental food, which The Red Cliff Food Shelf obtains from the Second Harvest Food Bank.

If you are interested in visiting the Red Cliff Food Shelf call the Red Cliff Family/Human Services office at (715)779-3706 and set up a time with one of our staff members (usually within 24 hours of call).

Any of our staff here at the Family/Human Services office are willing to assist you and/or your family in this time of need.

To Visit the Red Cliff Food Shelf:

-Call the Red Cliff Family/Human Services Office at 715-779-3706. (Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm)

-Arrange a time for you and a Family/Human Services staff member to meet (usually within 24 hrs of call)

-Meet at food shelf



Let's work together to stop hunger in our community!

For more information on how to utilize this and other programs please contact the Family Human Services Division at 715-779-3706.

Red Cliff Offers Fit Families Program



take steps to improve your family's health

Fit Families will identify health habits they want to improve for their child and/or family

Parents select 1 of 3 common health goals:

- 1 Make Every Bite Count...
More Fruits and Vegetables!
- 2 Move More...Watch Less!
- 3 Make Every Sip Count...
More Healthy Beverages!

- Your efforts to make health changes will be rewarded by incentives or prizes for your participation! Incentives will be given at enrollment, month 3, month 6, month 9, and month 12.
- A Fit Families Coach will provide monthly contacts by phone, email, or in person, to provide support as you make these lifestyle changes.
- You will also receive monthly newsletters.

The Fit Families Program is for families with children between 2-4 years of age.

Enrolling now!
Contact Mercie Gordon



This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Printing of this poster was funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP. SNAP provides nutrition assistance to people with low income. It can help you buy nutritious foods for a better diet. To find out more, contact your local Fit Families Project.

fit families
• be active • eat healthy • drink water

Enrollment will begin towards the end of February.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on the Fit Families Program.

Click [HERE](#) for information on the enrollment procedure.

Your Fit Families Coach for Red Cliff is

Mercie Gordon
88430 Pike Road
Bayfield, WI 54814
715-779-3740
mercie.gordon@redcliff-nsn.gov

Education



RED CLIFF EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FAMILY STORYTELLING NIGHT

The Red Cliff Early Childhood Center hosted their yearly Storytelling night on Wednesday, January 29, 2020.

We had a total of 17 participants for this event. We also had the SNAP Program Educator, Mercie Defoe, who provided families with resources about nutrition.

We had some good food with two Elders along with a community member telling stories.

Chi-Miigwech for all those who attended!



Elder and Tribal Member Frank Montano telling a story.



Elder and Tribal Member Carolyn Gouge telling a story.

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

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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



Register For Deer Hide Mitten Making

Don't forget to register for Deer Hide Mitten Making with Mary Moose! This is in conjunction with Biboon Gabeshiwin February 15-16, but you must register to guarantee a spot in the mitten making event.

Red Cliff Tribal Historic
Preservation Office Presents a
2-Day Event:

Deer Hide Mitten Making with Mary Moose

February 15-16, 2020
9am-4pm
Red Cliff Library

Register w/\$20 supply fee @ THPO Office by
February 14, 2020 to guarantee your spot.

Any questions call: 715-779-3700

Marvin DeFoe Ext. 4244

Sandy Gokee Ext. 4261

Edwina Buffalo Ext. 4243

Space is limited to 15 participants.

This event is in
conjunction with the
Red Cliff Biboon
Gabeshiwin (Winter
Camp).



Bayfield School

Click to [HERE](#) see what's going on this week at Bayfield School.

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

Boys and Girls Club of Gitchigami

Red Cliff To Host Intertribal Youth Pow Wow

Save the date for our first Boys & Girls Club Intertribal Gathering Pow Wow! We will be hosting other Boys & Girls Clubs from across Wisconsin and Minnesota for a cultural exchange and mini powwow May 2, 2020.

SAVE THE DATE

1st Annual Boys & Girls Club Intertribal Gathering Powwow

May 2nd, 2020

Ledgendary Waters Resort & Casino

6pm to 9:30pm

More Information to Follow

Contact Paige Moilanen at 715-779-3722 for questions



B&G February Calendar

The Boys & Girls Club have announced their calendar of events for February! 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](#).



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE RED CLIFF BAND OF
LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPEWA**

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Gichiayaa'aag - Elderly Services

Elderly February Events Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for the Elderly Activity Menu for February

Elderly February Meal Menu

Click [HERE](#) for the Elderly Food Menu for February

Red Cliff Elderly In Need of Plastic Bags

The Red Cliff Elderly is in need of plastic bags.

If you would like to donate them we would gladly accept!

You can drop them off at the dining center: 37645 New Housing Road

Any questions please feel free to call
Dining Center 715-779-3746
Anna Hanson 715-779-3706

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

SPRING SPEARING MEETING



OPEN TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN SPRING SPEARING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020 AT 5:00PM

**RED CLIFF FIRE HALL, 37435 ST HWY 13
STEW AND BISCUITS WILL BE SERVED**

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT THE RED CLIFF WARDENS AT 715-779-3732



Gi-Ganawemaanaan Nibi: We Are Protecting the Water

January 2020

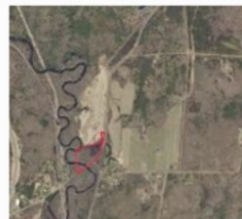
Nibi Akawe Mashkiki, water is the first medicine. **Nibi Bimaadiziwin**, water is life. Any threat to water is a threat to all life, the Anishinaabeg, **giigoonh** (fish), **mashkiki** (medicines) and all of our other **indinawemaaganag** (relatives). As industry continues to try to destroy the **aki** (land) and **nibi** (water) people continue to resist.

Line 5 Updates:

- Enbridge's 66 year old pipeline moves oil and natural gas from **Oodenaang** (Superior, WI) to near the Aamjiwnaang First Nation near Sarnia, Ontario travelling under the Straits of Mackinac. Line 5 has had over 30 spills totaling over 1 million gallons of oil.
- Enbridge is preparing to reroute the pipeline directly around the Bad River Reservation in response to Bad River's lawsuit.
- Enbridge is seeking consent from land owners to survey land for a potential Line 5 reroute directly around the Bad River Reservation. There have been several reports of surveyors trespassing on private land.
- Mellen Common Council denied Enbridge's request to do land surveys on city owned parcels after hearing from community members. A couple months later the City of Mellen sold one of the parcels to Enbridge. The land deal may not be binding because Mellen acquired the land for the purpose of turning it into a public park.
- The Sierra Club, Bad River and others are working with landowners to resist Enbridge's pressure and intimidation to allow land surveys.
- A Michigan Court of Claims ruled that Enbridge is able to build a tunnel for Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac per Public Act 359. Michigan's leadership plan to appeal this decision. Attorney Generals in Wisconsin, Minnesota and California have filed amicus briefs supporting Michigan's lawsuit claiming the State has an obligation to protect the public's rights in public waters and decommission Line 5.
- A report of Enbridge's Financial Assurance focusing on Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac was completed for the State of Michigan. It found that Enbridge assets are tied up in various projects and are not readily available in the event of a spill. Additionally, the relationship between Enbridge Energy and Enbridge Inc. is setup in a way that shields the parent company from any spill related costs.



Enbridge's proposed reroute



The land Mellen wants to sell to Enbridge



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Events

FEBRUARY

MONDAY 3	TUESDAY 4	WEDNESDAY 5	THURSDAY 6
3 PM - Zunker Meet and Greet @ Legendary Waters 4:30 PM - Tribal Council Meeting @ Legendary Waters	5-8 PM - B&G Activities	5-8 PM - B&G Activities @ B&G Club 6 PM - Wellbriety @Nooji Center	10 AM - Narcotics Anonymous 10 AM - Senior Companion / Foster Grandparent In-Service Meeting @Dining Center Meeting Room 3:30-8 PM - B&G Activities 5 PM - PAC Public Outreach @Fire Hall
FRIDAY 7	SATURDAY 8	SUNDAY 9	NOTES
9:30 AM - Elderly Ashland Shopping 5:30 PM - Movie Night @B&G Club 6 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @Nooji Center	1 PM - Meat Raffle @VFW 1-6 PM - B&G Activities 1-4 PM - Painting the 7 Grandfather Teachings @Nooji Center		

[Nooji Calendar](#) [Elderly Calendar](#) [B&G calendar](#)
[Meat raffle](#)

[Bayfield School Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events in Bad River, LCO

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

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

Legendary Waters Resort & Casino

All you can eat!

CHICKEN BUFFET

Every Thursday

**STARTS THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 6**



Only \$10.⁹⁹
 Kids 5 & Under FREE
 Service Begins 5:00 p.m.

FRIED CHICKEN	BAKED CHICKEN	BBQ CHICKEN	CHICKEN WINGS
MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY	MACARONI & CHEESE	STEAMED CORN	BAKED BEANS
	COLE SLAW	DESSERTS	

Subject to change or cancellation. Special rules apply. Management decisions final. While supplies last. Refreshments extra. Regular menu available.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Legendary Waters Resort and Casino website.

Business Spotlight: Standing Bird Crafts

Standing Bird Crafts is owned and operated by Dan (Standing Bird is his Ojibwe name) and Barb Gadbois. Dan is a Red Cliff Tribal Member and Barb is a Tribal Member of the Bad River Band.

The pair design and create Ojibwe-inspired crafts to sell locally. They feature products like earrings, blankets, shirts, one-sies, decals, purses, clocks, lanterns, and more. They even use artwork created by their granddaughter to use on products like coffee mugs.



Dan and Barb love attending the area pow wows, and have created a "Regalia First Aid Kit." The kit has anything a dancer would need to fix their regalia during a pow wow, including bobby pins, thread, duct tape, and more.

Dan grew up crafting as a young boy and got his start with beading.

"I've been crafting for as long as I can remember," he said. "I've just always had one of those creative personalities."

A turning point in Dan and Barb's life happened when Dan suffered a stroke in 2006. Dan had been operating a computer consulting business, but the stroke left him with some lost surface sensation and even some language difficulty.

Dan's sister bought him a Cricut machine two years ago (used for cutting paper, felt, vinyl, fabric and other products) so Dan decided he might as well use it and turn his hobby in to a business. What started as earrings has now become a business with all types of crafts and products with the help of some additional craft and design equipment.

You can check out the Standing Bird Crafts Facebook page [HERE](#) to see what events they will be selling at or to view some of their items for sale. You can also send product requests

through their Facebook page.



New Employee

Brian Pospet, Medical Coder

Brian has joined the RCCHC team as a medical coder. He completed the Medical Coding Specialist program offered by WITC in the spring of 2019, and is eager to put this training to good use. In previous occupations, Brian has worked in the field of mechanical engineering and has also been a low-level staffer for a political candidate.

Brian grew up in Ironwood and has lived in Ashland since 2006. He enjoys fishing, camping, spending time with family, and living here next to “the Lake.” Brian is a fan of old “maker”-style TV shows such as “Junkyard Wars” and “Design Squad” (look them up!), as well as “DeBoss Garage” YouTube postings.



Aaniin Brian!

February Birthdays

Be sure to wish these members a happy birthday this month!
Click [HERE](#) to view the Tribal Member February Birthdays

News Across Indian Country

Menominee Tribe Loses Appeal On Back Forty Mine Lawsuit

Panel Says Matter is Left to Michigan and State Courts

From WPR

By Danielle Kaeding

A federal appeals court panel told a Wisconsin tribe this week it can't review a decision by two federal agencies that reinforced Michigan's permitting authority over a proposed mine on the Michigan-Wisconsin border.



The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency and Army Corps of Engineers in 2018 after the agencies failed to address the tribe's concerns that federal review of a wetlands permit for the mine was warranted.

The tribe alleged the agencies were "arbitrary and capricious" when they declined to exercise authority over the permit for the Back Forty mine. The agencies had delegated that authority to the state of Michigan in 1984.

Toronto-based Aquila Resources sought permits as part of plans to mine gold, zinc and other metals near the Menominee River in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The tribe has said the proposed mine threatens the river, burial mounds and other cultural sites that are significant to its members.

"It's a huge disappointment obviously. We think that delegation is something that should be applied to the river," said Tribal Chairman Douglas Cox.

If permitting for the project rested with federal agencies, they would be required to conduct official consultation with the tribe on the project.

"There's government-to-government relations and that trust responsibility that the government and those agencies owe the tribe. And, they've failed," said Cox. "They've entirely failed on this one."

The ruling Monday by a three-judge panel in the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals means the tribe's only recourse on the matter lies with Michigan and state courts. However, they questioned the way in which the agencies handled the tribe's concerns, as well as whether their delegation of permitting authority to Michigan remains valid.

"The court was not happy with the federal agencies, pointing out pretty bluntly that the agencies had given the tribe the runaround," said Janette Brimmer, a staff attorney with the environmental law firm Earthjustice, which is representing the tribe.

Read the full article [HERE](#).

Fond du Lac Band to Charge Land Use Permits

General Public will need a permit as Band tries to preserve wildlife and vegetation

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"We also recognize these resources provide appealing recreational opportunities for people outside our Band, which is why we welcome the general public to utilize the permitting system to access Band-owned land in a responsible way that helps us protect these sensitive habitats."

See below for the full press release from Nagaajiwanaang, and click [HERE](#) for the policy.

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Fond du Lac Band Issues Policy on Access to Band-Owned Lands

Fond du Lac Lake Superior Chippewa, MN, January 27th, 2020 – Today, the Fond du Lac Band announced a new policy governing hunting on and access to its Band lands. Over the upcoming months, the Band will post all Band-owned lands with signs that read “No Trespassing- Fond du Lac Band permit required” with additional information on how to obtain a permit. The policy is part of the Band’s effort to better manage and conserve its resources.

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Band-owned lands are defined as all lands owned in fee or held in trust on the Fond du Lac Reservation for the Band, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, or any allotment land where the Fond du Lac Band is part owner of that allotment. This policy does not govern an individual’s ability to engage in any outdoor activity, such as hunting, fishing, and trapping on the reservation. An individual’s ability to engage in outdoor activities is governed by other applicable laws, such as the Band’s conservation code or state hunting laws.

“This policy is about taking proactive steps to ensure that traditions centered around hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering remain viable and sustainable customs on these precious lands for current and future generations,” says Thomas Howes, Natural Resources Program Manager of the Fond du Lac Band. “Over the years, we have seen an enormous amount of stress placed on these fragile

ecosystems. Issues such as illegal garbage dumping, increased ATV traffic, and overall growth in population have the potential to take their toll on wildlife and vegetation.”

As part of the posting process, the Band’s Resource Management staff will begin issuing monthly and annual permits to the general public for access to tribal land at the cost of \$25 for a monthly permit or \$100 for a one-year permit. We will prohibit certain activities such as overnight camping, leaving a fire unattended, harvest of timber or non-timber forest products, etc. These prohibitions will be listed on the permit and communicated to permit holders at the time of permit issuance.

There will be exceptions to the posting policy. In particular, all lands acquired over the past several years with funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund will still be open to the general public for outdoor recreation. In addition, this policy will not affect any existing easements or agreements in place for such things as ski or snowmobile trails on the Reservation.

An informational meeting for the Fond du Lac Band members will be held on January 28th, 2020 at the Cloquet Community Center in the Elder Nutrition Program Room, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. There will be a discussion on this policy and light refreshments will be provided.

Attached is the policy,

<http://www.fdlrez.com/RM/downloads/TribalLandAccessPermitPolicy.pdf>. Permits will be issued by the Resource Management Division, as authorized by the Resource Management Director. For more information please contact Resource Management at 218-878-7101.

About Fond du Lac Lake Superior Chippewa

The Fond du Lac Band (Nagaajiwanaang; where the water stops) is one of six Chippewa Indian Bands that make up the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. The Fond du Lac Reservation was established by the La Pointe Treaty of 1854.

Archaeologists, however, maintain that ancestors of the present-day Chippewa (Ojibwe) have resided in the Great Lakes areas since 800 A.D. The Band includes 4,200 members.

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Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Call for Native Artwork

Seeking Native Artist local to WI, MI, MN

The National Indian Health Board is seeking to work with a Native artist local to the IHS Bemidji Area for our 2020 National Tribal Behavioral Health Conference taking place in the Bemidji Area in late spring / early summer 2020. Selected artwork will be featured throughout our conference books, banners, staging, and digital

marketing.

Artwork could be paintings, drawings, beadwork, crafts, pottery, sculpture, photography, etc.

The selected artist will also receive a complimentary conference exhibit booth in our exhibit hall.

Please submit high resolution images of original artwork to Courtney Wheeler, cwheeler@nihb.org no later than Friday, February 7, 2020.

National Indian Health Board



Native Report

With Rita Aspinwall & Ernie Stevens

Season 15 Episode 4

We travel Lawrence, Kansas and visit the campus of Haskell Indian Nations University.

We then meet several student athletes and learn how they manage their academics with sports.

And we learn about the Indian Sports Hall of Fame also on the campus of Haskell Indian Nations University.



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