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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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Red Cliff News & Updates

COVID-19 Community Updates

Various Tribal programs, services, and events have been canceled or temporarily suspended in our efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19.

See list of notices below from these Tribal programs and services. Click on each notice for details.

This newsletter is published on Monday morning, and new closures and date changes may happen throughout the week, so please remember to call ahead of time. [An up-to-date list can be found on the Tribal Facebook](#)

page, and is updated continuously throughout each day.

Updates as of April 6, 11 AM

CLOSURES & CANCELLATIONS

Elderly Feeding Closed - Staff doing home delivery

Legendary Waters Closure Extended to April 30

Utilities Commission April meeting cancelled

Gaming Commission 4/13 meeting cancelled

Updated Court Policy - Closed to public use effective 3/25

Enrollment Department Closure

Nooji & Mishomis Closed. Services offered via phone

ICW Office Closure and Guidelines

Legendary Waters Closed

Frog Bay Tribal National Park restroom closed

All Elder Activities Cancelled

Boys and Girls Club

Boys and Girls Intertribal Gathering postponed

Case Management workshop postponed

Early Childhood Center closure

Library Closed

Ziigwan Fest Cancelled

TNR Feast Cancelled

NOTICES & RESOURCES

Boys & Girls Club Virtual Daily Lesson 4/6

Housing Authority Public Notice

COVID Situation Summary 4/2

Homemade Facemasks

COVID YouTube Video

Virtual Recovery Resources

Online Recovery Meetings Updated 3/31

Chequamegon Bay Community Care 3/30

Judicare Resources & Applications 3/30

Food Distribution Notice 3/30

Pharmacy offers curbside pickup as of 3/26

GA/TANF Checks Distribution Notice 3/26

Support and Crisis Services 3/24

Miskwaabekong Transit Reduced Hours

Environmental Permits issued via phone or email as of 3/23

3/22 Risk Assessment Guideline & Close Contacts Recommendation

Seasonal and Second Homeowners

Letter from Chairman Peterson 3/20/20

Letter to Foster Parents

Peterson's Store hours: Mon-Sat 7 am-7 pm; Sunday 8 am-7 pm

ECC Resources and Stories for Children

Buffalo Bay Store Updated Hours

Family Violence Prevention Program

WHEAP & Economic Support

Food Distribution Notice

Free Meals for Children

PRC Clients

Child Support Services

TANF & GA Program Updates

Veterans Service Modified

Complete Census Via Online or Phone

Tribal Programs Working For Community

Red Cliff Tribal Administration and the Red Cliff Health Division have been leading efforts over recent months to ensure our community is prepared for the COVID-19 outbreak. Various Tribal programs are providing additional assistance to our Tribal community. Here are some more recent highlights:

Elder Outreach - Community Health has been consistently calling and reaching out to our population of elders living both on and off the reservation. This list has expanded to over 400 elders. While the Elderly Feeding Center has been closed, meals are being delivered to elders' homes. Facility Maintenance crews are also now doing trash pickup at elderly homes. The Red Cliff Pharmacy is offering curbside pickup, and is also delivering medication for those that do not have someone to pick up for them. The Family Services Division is delivering roughly 1,000 meals per week to elder homes.

Families Outreach - The Early Childhood Center staff have been preparing and delivering meals and activity bags. Teachers and Family Service staff are calling families regularly to speak with their students and parents. The ECC building is hosting an ongoing community drive that is accepting donated items for any community members in need. Family Services staff are conscious about the well-being of not only children, but parents as well. Help and support services are offered for any parents in need.

Food Distribution - Red Cliff Food Distribution is working incredibly hard to provide meal pickup and delivery services. As of last week, Food Distribution is preparing over 300 meals each day.

Employee Well-Being - Red Cliff is operating with essential personnel only. Non-essential employees and those that are high-risk are working remotely from home. Essential employees that continue to report to work have specific cleaning and safety guidelines. Each building is conducting temperature and symptom checks twice each day for all employees in an effort to continue to keep our community as safe as possible.

The Health Division is also kicking off a drive to make fabric masks. While fabric masks are not as effective as N95 masks meant for healthcare workers, they will help trap and limit the spread of germs from coughing and sneezing.

These are just some of the efforts from the Tribe. If you have any questions or are in need of any help, please reach out to the Tribal Administration Building at 715-779-3700.

Council Meeting April 6

There will be a Regular Council Meeting on April 6 at the Red Cliff Community Health Center.

The Regular Session will begin at 4:30 PM.

Request for Proposals

Powwow Royalty Crowns, Headbands, Sashes



REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The Red Cliff Powwow committee is looking for individuals to design and construct three (3) crowns, three (3) Warrior Medallion head bands, and six (6) sashes for the Red Cliff royalty for the upcoming 2020 powwow. If anyone is interested, please submit your bid for three (3) crowns and/or three (3) head bands and/or six (6) sashes. *Please do not put the year in your design.* Completion date will be June 26, 2020.

The crowns, head bands and sashes will go to the new royalty:

- 3 crowns:
 - Little Miss Crown should be 2" height and should read Little Miss Red Cliff.
 - Jr. Miss Crown should be 4" in height and should read Jr. Miss Red Cliff; and
 - Miss Red Cliff Crown should be 6" height and should read Miss Red Cliff.
- 3 Warrior Medallion head bands should be 3" in circumference.
- 6 sashes, 3 male royalty and 3 female royalty, should read as follows:
 - Miskwaabikaang Gwiwizens (Boy), Miskwabikaang Oshki-inini (young man), Miskwabikaang Inini (man).
 - Miskwaabikaang Ikwezens (girl), Miskwaabikaang Oshki-ikwe (young woman), Miskwaabikaang Ikwe (woman).

Please *submit* your bid and design draft to:

Red Cliff Tribal Administration Building
Attn: Property & Procurement Department
88455 Pike Road
Bayfield, WI 54814

or you can email them to ashley.peterson@redcliff-nsn.gov by April 17, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.

Any questions please contact Marvin DeFoe, marvin.defoe@redcliff-nsn.gov or Edwina Buffalo-Reyes, Edwina.buffalo-reyes@redcliff-nsn.gov.

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Primary Elections

Will be held on Friday May 8th, 2020

If you would like to declare your candidacy for

Tribal Council Vice-Chairperson

Tribal Council Secretary

Please submit your intentions in writing no later than

April 8th, 2020 by 6:00 p.m.

To the Red Cliff Tribal Council Secretary, Laura J. Gordon



Polls will be open 8am to 8pm at

Legendary Waters Resort and Casino

For more information please contact

Laura J. Gordon @ secretary@redcliff-nsn.gov

715-779-3741 or 715-779-5518

Presidential Primary Voting Day Set for April 7 Deadline Extended for Returning Absentee Ballot

As of the morning of April 6, the 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference voting day is still scheduled for Tuesday, April 7.

If you have already requested and received an absentee ballot, the deadline for returning your absentee ballot has been extended to April 13. You can mail in or drop off your absentee ballots by 4 PM on April 13 to your municipal clerk.

Voters can call their municipal clerk's office at 715-779-3284 or call the Wisconsin Elections Commission at 866-VOTE-WIS (866-868-3947) or 608-261-8005.

Contact Dave Good for more information at 715-779-3284.

Go to myvote.wi.gov for voting information, where to send your absentee ballot, and voter poll location.

Community Feedback Needed: Waawaashkeshi Population in Bayfield County



Wanted! Your thoughts on the Waawaashkeshi (Deer) population in Bayfield County.

Do you hunt waawaashkeshi? Do you feel current deer numbers provide ample opportunities to bring home some venison? Don't hunt, but still have an interest in watching deer? Maybe you think there are too many waawaashkeshi and that they are having a negative impact on forest growth, eat all your plants, or that they are too common along roadways. Perhaps you feel like deer numbers are just right or too low. Well, whatever your opinion is – now is the time to provide your input.

The Wisconsin DNR is in the process of preparing for the 2020 state deer hunting seasons. While everyone that purchases a Wisconsin archery or firearms deer license is allowed to harvest an ayaabe (buck) statewide, harvest of antlerless deer is now managed at the county level. Every year decisions are made on how many antlerless deer should be harvested (quota) to meet population goals and how many public land and private land antlerless permits should be made available for hunters. Those permits are then made available for purchase on a first come, first served basis until they sell out. Generally, if the goal is to increase the deer population, fewer (or even zero) antlerless permits are made available, but if the goal is to reduce deer numbers then more permits are offered.

As part of the process, each county has a County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC) that is charged with the following tasks:

- Gather public opinion on deer populations and goals, antlerless quotas and herd management strategies.
- Review and consider scientific metrics on deer herd trends, impacts to habitat and agriculture and human-deer interactions.
- Provide the department with recommendations on deer population objectives, antlerless quotas and herd management strategies.

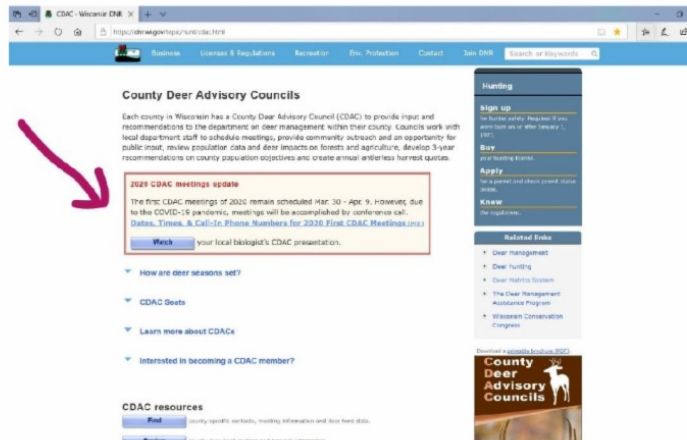
For the last several years Red Cliff's wildlife biologist has served as a tribal representative on the Bayfield CDAC. Since I took over the wildlife position relatively late in 2019, this will be my first year serving on the council and I'd like to make sure you have an opportunity to share your thoughts on the deer population goal for the county. In 2017, the CDAC recommended an objective of decreasing the Bayfield county herd over the next three years.

The 2020 process is just starting to unfold, and like most things this spring, has been impacted by coronavirus concerns. Normally there are two public CDAC meetings where interested individuals can come hear a presentation on recent harvest and population trends and share their opinion on the management goal and levels of antlerless permits before CDAC makes their final recommendations to the DNR. However, this year, the first meeting will be held as a conference call and while the public can listen in, they will only be able to provide formal comments online or by contacting a Bayfield CDAC member directly. The informational presentation that would normally be shown at the meeting has been recorded and is available for viewing online. As a council, we are hoping that people can find time to watch the presentation and then provide comment during the online comment period or by emailing a CDAC member.

There is a lot of interesting information about historical and recent harvest and population trends, forestry concerns, and impacts of predation and weather in the online presentation. The link below will take you to a website where presentations are available for all Wisconsin counties.

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/cdac.html>

On the website, find the red box (see picture below) and click the “Watch” button to find the presentation for Bayfield and other counties. Above the “Watch” button is a link that lets you find information about CDAC meetings and how to listen in. Lots of other deer and CDAC info is also on the page.



Once you have watched the presentation, feel free to leave a message at 715-779-3795 ext. 4334, or send me an email at Andrew.Edwards@redcliff-nsn.gov with your thoughts on the following:

- Should the Bayfield county goal be to increase, decrease, or keep the deer herd where it is now?
- In 2019, the antlerless harvest quota was 2,000 animals with 3,000 private land and 2,667 public land permits offered to state hunters. Total harvest was 2,051 antlered and 1,626 antlerless deer in 2019. Should 2020 antlerless permit levels stay the same, go up, or go down?

Keep in mind that this process is to set a county wide deer goal and determine how many state antlerless deer permits are available for Bayfield county in 2020. It DOES NOT directly influence the tribal deer season structure for off-reservation hunting through GLIFWC.

After the CDAC's first meeting (call) on April 8th they will make preliminary recommendations for an antlerless quota and permit levels. Those recommendations will be posted on the same CDAC website. Anyone may provide online comments on those recommendations from April 16-29, 2020 via the DNR CDAC website. A second meeting or call will take place on May 4th at which time the CDAC will consider all comments and make a final recommendation for the 2020 season to the DNR.

I look forward to receiving your input! Miigwech, Andy Edwards, Red Cliff Wildlife Biologist

Proposed Code of Law Changes

The Red Cliff Water and Sewer Department has proposed changes pertaining to Chapter 34 Water & Sewer Utilities of the Red Cliff Code of Laws.

Click [HERE](#) to view the notice and the proposed changes.

Public comment on this proposal is encouraged. Please drop your comments at the Tribal Administration Building, or forward them directly to the Tribal Council. This proposal will be voted upon on April 6, 2020 at the regular meeting of the Red Cliff Tribal Council. If the Council enacts these changes, the changes shall become effective upon

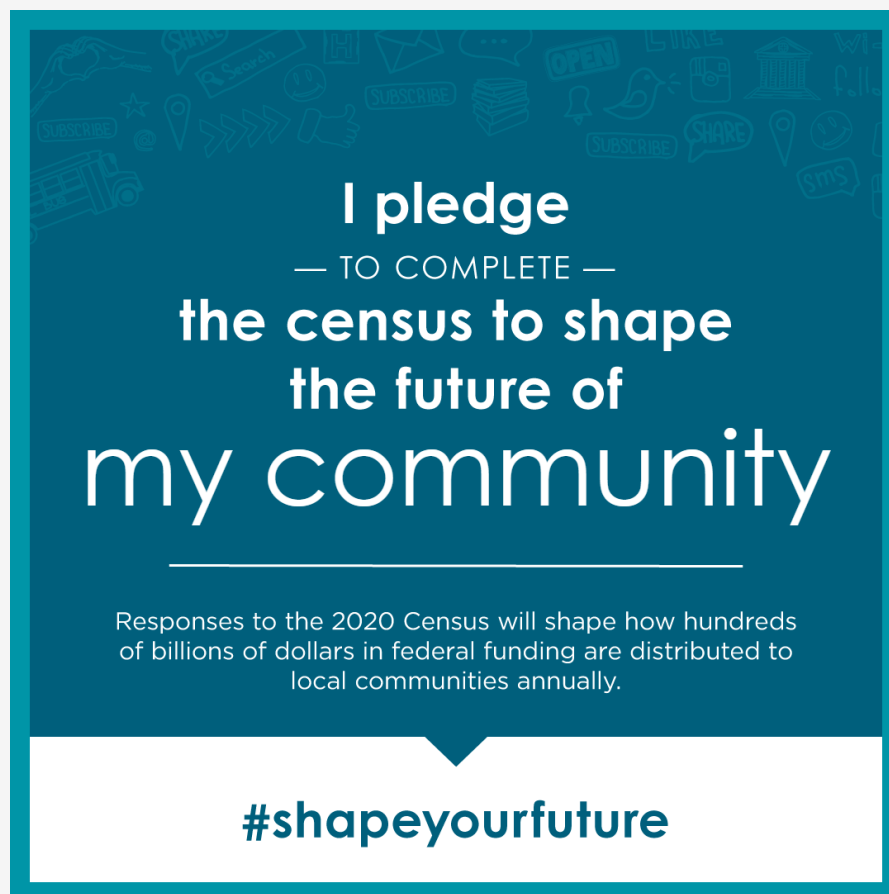


2020 Census: Complete Online or Via Phone

The U.S. Census started in the Red Cliff community on Monday, March 16 2020. Given the current health situation, we are working with the Census Bureau and local field staff to ensure that the health and safety of our community is highly considered.

At this time, we are encouraging residents to complete the Census through online or telephone methods if possible. The census can be taken online at www.2020census.gov or by calling 844-330-2020.

The Census has halted in-person operations. There will be no in-person Census takers until further notice. We do not in any way want to discourage participation but advise and strongly encourage the community to participate in the Census in the safest way possible.





CHEQUAMEGON BAY COMMUNITY CARE

SERVING:

Ashland
Washburn
Bayfield
Bad River
Delta
Marengo
Mellen
Red Cliff
Herbster
Cornucopia
Port Wing

This care network is a way to connect volunteers and organizations with people in need. We are working in tandem with CORE Community Resources in Bayfield to coordinate volunteers and support requests.

- **RUN ERRANDS:**

Pick-up and deliver groceries, medications, mail

- **SOCIAL SUPPORT:** Ex. friendly phone conversations

- **SCHEDULING ASSISTANCE:**

Ex. calling doctors, calling about medication

- **PET CARE:** Pet sit/dog walk

- **TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE**



**VISIT THE WEBSITE TO
SIGN UP FOR HELP
OR TO OFFER HELP**

WWW.CHEQBAYCC.ORG • 716-262-9679

Health & Wellness



Article by:

Tammy Kolesar, LPC-IT, SAC-IT

Mom, Wife, Daughter, Sister



The **COVID-19 pandemic** is an epidemiological crisis, but also a psychological one; while the situation aggravates and/or **creates anxiety, stress and sadness**, it is also a time of collective sadness. People are thinking about **individual losses** such as illness and death, **unemployment** that maybe become permanent, **school** activities, social events, and the **freedom to go** shopping without fear of the unknown. Even people who haven't lost anything are affected as they struggle with their everyday lives of work routines, family, and their health. They have a set of **daily worries** as they consider the "essentialness" of their positions and how this could bring harm to their family and loved ones by unknown exposures.

Grief is not always the identifiable loss of a person; it can be a fear of loss also. Recognizing these emotions is key when dealing with your mental health. "**Grief** is about turning inward and thinking this is not the way the world is anymore, and I need to adapt. It's okay to feel grief over what we're losing [this] allows us to let grief do its job, so that we can move on" (Weir, 2020). **Grief** is natural and humans are resilient, so the good news is you have some skills to pull from and pass on. There is no right way to grieve, there is just the process that each of us must go through to integrate our losses into our lives. **Grief** is the human process of metabolizing and accommodating loss (Emotional Well-Being and Coping During COVID-19, 2020).

Anticipate Moving through the 5 Stages of Grief with an open attitude and acceptance of having these feelings. **Denying** that this is not happening in northern Wisconsin? Feel **Angry** about having to stay home or people not following the guidelines? **Bargaining** by staying safe by social distancing to keep the virus away? **Depression** about loss of income, seeing family, and human physical connection? **Acceptance** that we need to be individually responsible...

Tips to Help You, Help You

- **Name It to Tame It**
 - The beginning of the process to finding stability with your thoughts.
 - Feeling anxious, sad, angry?
 - Get out a paper and pen, your electronic tablet, your PC word document and identify what the thoughts are and what they are about.
- **Divide and Conquer**
 - Take your identified thoughts, and the specific word of what is bothering you, and decide what you have control over and what you don't.
 - Focus on what is in your control to help minimize spiraling.
- **Limit What you Let In**
 - Don't become hyper vigilant to the news.
 - Vet your sources, if it seems to good to be true, don't go down that rabbit hole. Social media is great for staying in touch, not so great for factual health advice, "cures", and how (and what) essentials to shop for if you are faced with a quarantine.
- **Ask for Help**
 - RCCHC is fully staffed daily with therapist who can help you, in addition to the medical team.
 - Find an online group to talk to daily or form your own with your extended family for "check-in's".
 - Use your smartphone, tablet or PC to download free therapy APPs to help you with journaling, breathing, and mindfulness skills and practice.

- Find a community member that help with Traditional Healing
- **Go Gently**
 - Give yourself time to adapt to the new changes, new worries
 - Don't make big decisions now
 - Allow yourself (and your family) to adapt to the changes at your pace without judgment.
 - Don't criticize yourself or others having feelings that are different than the norm-you are YOU.
- **Have Fun**
 - Find something you enjoy and do it. Have no shame in baking 3 days in a row (share where possible).
 - Watch all the seasons of The Office again.
 - Start (another) project.
 - Do random acts of kindness no matter how small for someone. Helping someone helps you too.
- **Make little plans for "tomorrow" when Freedom is at your fingertips**
 - Begin planning a garden, big or small, to set up the idea of the future.
 - Step into activities organized by your new online groups

References

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TRADITIONAL MEDICINES

If you and your family are
interested in the following items:

Sage
Sweetgrass
Bear (Osha)Root

Please contact Angie at the
Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare
Office 715-779-3747 or on her cell
715-209-7149

We have a limited supply, first come first serve

Nooji Center April Newsletter

The Noojimo'iwewin Center has released its April Newsletter. You will find online meetings, articles, and resources to help guide you through these difficult and stressful times.

Click [HERE](#) for the full Nooji Newsletter!



New Employee: AP Social Worker

Muskadee Montano

Muskadee has a master's degree in social work from the University of Minnesota-Duluth (2006) and is currently certified in the State of Wisconsin as an Advanced Practice Social Worker.

Utilizing a culturally relevant relational worldview and a strengths-based, empowering, trauma informed, solution-focused practice, she works with clients to increase overall well-being and improve their quality of life. Services offered include individual and group therapy, case management, information and referral, mental health promotion, and ongoing collaboration with county, state, and tribal service providers.

Muskadee has specialized training in the areas of Motivational Interviewing, Substance Use Disorder Treatment, Intercultural Communication and Child Welfare. Her professional interests include increasing intercultural sensitivity and communication, promoting culturally relevant healing practices in underserved populations, encouraging mindful parenting practices, supporting individual and community empowerment through positive growth, conflict resolution and the use of healthy coping skills. When not working, Muskadee enjoys spending time with family, being outside on warm sunny days, participation in cultural and community events and listening to podcasts.



Join Us For An

**ONLINE
ALL RECOVERY
MEETING**

**MONDAYS &
THURSDAYS
STARTING AT
1:00 PM CST**

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ANYONE SEEKING OR LIVING IN RECOVERY AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT RECOVERY. ALL RECOVERY MEETINGS ARE MEANT TO SUPPORT ALL PATHWAYS OF RECOVERY. USE THIS GROUP TO CHECK IN AND TO SHARE YOUR STRUGGLES OR SUCCESSES!

This meeting is powered by Webex. Please follow the site below to join the meeting:

<https://uwmadison.webex.com/uwmadison/j.php?MTID=m16b01deef1b4e1d66432f7c5772e51b>



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

Human & Family Services

Co-Parenting During Stressful Times

Co-parenting during a pandemic. These are not words any parent would have thought to say out loud just a few months ago. Co-parenting can be difficult in the best of times, but during times of great stress it is more important than ever not to do any damage (intentional or unintentional) to your child's relationship with the other parent.

Children need stability and support - from both parents.

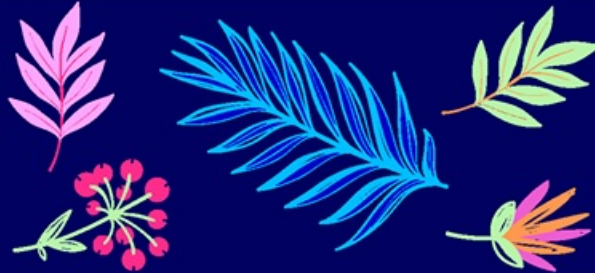
During this time parenting schedules may need to have greater flexibility, check-ins may need to be more frequent and shift to the telephone or video conferencing. However parents accomplish this, children must continue to be the primary focus - not the parents.

Do what you can to create a stable schedule with the other parent. It will benefit you and most of all the child or children you share.

Take care of your children and stay safe!



CULTURAL CONSULTATION



• Tuesdays and Thursdays •

• 10am until 12pm •

• 218-554-7455

OR

218-368-7838 •

Clients who have been receiving Traditional Wellness or are seeking Traditional Wellness services, the Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare Cultural Consultant Darrell Kingbird, Red Lake will be available to assist and guide you.

You Matter. Your Story Matters.

Wherever you are in Wisconsin, know that there's help for all sexual assault survivors and their families. We are here for you when you're ready. We are *By Your Side*.

Please call (715) 779-3706 or visit redcliff-nsn.gov
for advocacy and support services in your area.

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Various Family and Human Services offerings have unique guidelines and hours in response to COVID-19.

See the Notices section toward the top of this newsletter for more information. You can also call the Family Human Services Division at 715-779-3706.

Education

VFW Auxiliary Scholarship - High School Seniors

The Red Cliff VFW Auxiliary Post 8239 has announced two scholarships to a graduating senior in the Bayfield School District who is furthering their education by pursuing a college degree or a career direction at a vocational/technical school.

Applicants must fill out the VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Application and return to Dan Livingston, Bayfield School Guidance Counselor or Jared Blanche, Red Cliff Education Director.

Click [HERE](#) for the scholarship information and application.



Activities, Events, and Resources from the National Museum of Natural History

Click [HERE](#) for the full list of resources!

Fossil Atmospheres – A Smithsonian Citizen Science Project

Ginkgo trees evolved before the dinosaurs, survived three mass extinctions, and one species is still living today. We are researching how the cells of leaves on Ginkgo trees have changed over time and how we can use this knowledge to learn about the ancient atmosphere of the Earth. You can help us track climate change over millions of years by counting cells of modern and fossil Ginkgo leaves.

[Learn More and Participate](#)

From The Ocean Portal: Sea Turtles!

Did you know that there are 7 species of sea turtle? They include the leatherback, hawksbill, olive ridley, Kemp's ridley, green, loggerhead, and flatback. What other questions do you have about sea turtles? We've got all the answers on our [sea turtle overview](#), a page that dives into everything you could possibly want to know about sea turtles.

[The Ocean Portal](#)

Smithsonian Science How Webcast Archives

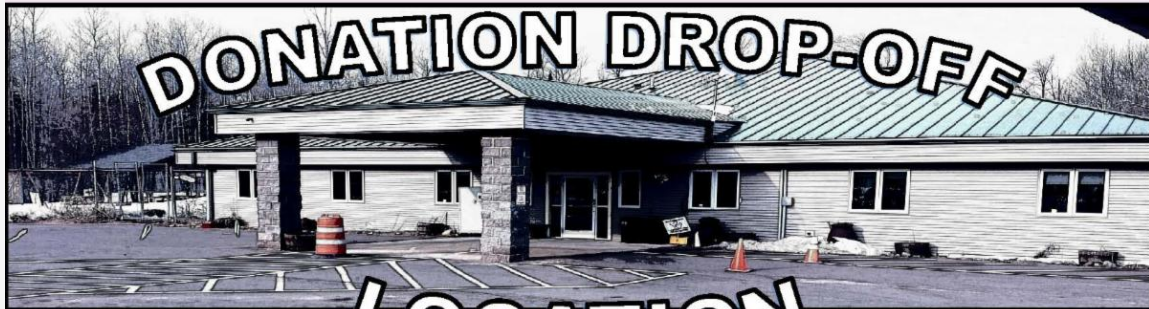
52 Smithsonian Science How videos feature Smithsonian experts covering topics in Earth Science, Life Science, Paleontology, and Social Studies. All of the programs were originally recorded at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC. You can watch any or all of them for free on our website.

[Science How Video Archives](#)

Opportunities for Native American Students

American Indian Science Scholars Program UW Milwaukee - July 20-30, 2020

Great Lakes NARCH paid internships - Summer 2020



LOCATION

The ECC, in collaboration with the Health Center,
is collecting donations for any community members in need.
All donations will be accepted at the front entrance
of the ECC building.

We are predicting a need for hygiene and household products:

Soap; Toothpaste; Shampoo; Conditioner; Laundry Detergent; Baby Wipes; Etc.



For further information, please contact:

Amanda Peterson-Teschner at: **(715) 779-3707 Ext. 2235**

Jonia Gordon at: **(715) 779-5030 Ext. 2521**

Boys and Girls Club of Gitchigami

Virtual Daily Lessons

The Boys and Girls Club has created Virtual Daily Lessons for school-age children!

There is a schedule of activities for both 3rd-5th graders and middle to high schoolers.

Want to access the activity links? Simply click on the Closures & Notices post that is pinned to the top of the Tribal Facebook page. Then click on "Boys & Girls Club Virtual Daily Lesson"

[HERE](#) is the Virtual Lesson for today, April 6!

Enjoy!

GREAT FUTURES START [HERE](#).



Gitchigami

Treaty Natural Resources

What To Do About Nuisance Wildlife

It is that time of year when encounters with wildlife in residential areas are increasing. At this point, many of you may have had encounters or have at least seen Makwa (bears), Wiisagi-ma'iinganag (coyotes) or other animals near your homes. But before you contact the Wardens and request attempts be made to remove them, there are some things to think about.

As residential areas expand and increase on the reservation, so will the conflicts with wildlife. Seeing and encountering bears and other wildlife in residential areas is becoming more normal and may be unavoidable. There are ways to reduce CLOSE encounters with bears and other animals near your home.



In almost all cases, nuisance wildlife, in the spring and summer seasons are looking for food. If you have a dumpster at your home, you have an animal's equivalent to Thanksgiving dinner sitting in your driveway. You may want to consider having the dumpster removed for the spring and early summer months. You may also want to consider upgrading to a "bear proof" dumpster with a metal lid. These types of dumpsters are highly effective in keeping out unwanted pests and are usually available for an additional fee. If this is not a viable option for you, then you may want to consider other means to secure your dumpster such as placing boards under the lids and securing them with straps or chains. It is important to remember that no attempt to "bear proof" a dumpster is 100 percent effective. "Bear proof" dumpsters can still attract bears and other wildlife even if they cannot access its contents and the only way to eliminate the problem is to have the dumpster removed.

Also, if you have a grill that is stored outdoors, a bird feeder, household garbage, or pet food that is left outside,

YOU ARE attracting bears and other unwanted pests such as Esibanag (raccoons), Zhigaagwag (skunks), or coyotes. Do not store garbage outside for even a short period of time. Go to the dump frequently. The Red Cliff transfer station is open two days a week (Tuesday and Saturday from 800am-600pm). Something as small as a discarded juice box, empty tuna or cooking oil discarded outdoors can may be enough to attract the attention of unwanted wildlife.



Sadly, some wildlife have or will become dependent on humans for food, can destruct property and can become a threat to public safety. If you are continuing to have animal issues, or observe an animal that appears injured, disoriented or sick, stay away from it and call the Red Cliff Wardens. The Wardens can help you by providing additional information to help you reduce or eliminate your animal problem and if needed, remove them.

THE RED CLIFF WARDENS CAN BE REACHED AT 715-779-3732. IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE CONTACT BAYFIELD COUNTY DISPATCH AT 715-373-6120. IF YOU FEEL YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY DIAL 911.

ATTENTION VISITORS:

To ensure public health and safety, the Red Cliff Environmental Department is limiting visitors to the office. If you need any of the following permits:

- Burn Permit
- Small Harvest Permit
- Wood Cutting Permit
- Environmental Change Permit
- Environmental Activities Permit



Please call 715-779-3650 (ext. 4310 or ext. 4314) or 715-209-3955 or email linda.nguyen@redcliff-nsn.gov . Permits will be issued over the phone or by email. Miigwech for your patience at this time.



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

Elderly Gichiayaa'aag

From Anna Hanson, Elderly
Director:

I would like to take the time
and say "Chi-Miigwech!" to
these wonderful folks who
work so very hard in preparing
home delivery meals to our
elder participants.

The help is super appreciated
and it's wonderful to come

together and support one another at this time. Shows in the meals that are sent out with care.

We have pretty close to 160 elder participants on our three route lists. We receive calls daily from elders who tell the staff how wonderful and appreciative they are in receiving the meals.

Chi Miigwech to:

Mark Bresette Jr, Henry

Bresette, Gena Mertig, Scott Babineau, Colin Ludwig, Abe Butterfield, Tanner Bresette, Priscilla LaPointe-Willamson, Ron Nordin and Ernie Grooms for your time, heart and work for our elders!

I treated the staff to lunch from ManyPenny Bistro. JOB WELL DONE!

Sincerely Anna Hanson, Elderly Director



Legendary Waters Resort & Casino

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