### 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 <u>HERE</u> and our website <u>HERE</u>. 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<u>HERE</u>.

<u>Click HERE to view this email as a webpage instead.</u>

# **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.

An up-to-date list can be found on the Tribal Facebook page, and is updated continuously throughout each day.

You can also find a series of video updates from the Red Cliff Health Division on the Tribal Facebook page.

#### Red Cliff Tribal Commercial Fishermen Donate 1,000 Pounds Of Fish To Community

Bryan Bainbridge, owner of Bainbridge Fisheries and the fish tug *Ava June*, teamed up with Donald Livingston, owner of Livingston Fisheries and the fish tug *RVH*, to donate their harvest of fresh fish to the Red Cliff community last week.

On April 16, Bainbridge and Livingston lifted their nets and found a great harvest to bring back to Red Cliff. They were able to donate nearly 1,000 pounds of fresh fish.

"Both Donny and I felt better on this day than when we bring in our largest catches to the market," said Bainbridge. "It was a day to be proud to be able to do this for Red Cliff."

The idea originated over a year ago, when Bainbridge mentioned to Livingston the opportunity to set up a community-wide fishing day. The intent was to get all that wanted to be



involved in the process of the harvest--from setting the nets, filleting, packaging, and distributing the fish throughout the community.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic forced Bainbridge and Livingston to adjust their plan and abide by public health directives, which eliminated the large gathering aspect of community participation.

"Our Commercial Fishery is pretty much shut down and as fishermen we have no income, along with the people we employ," said Bainbridge. "But we weren't going to let it stop us from providing to our community."

Bainbridge said they listened to the people in the community with worry and uncertainty of whether they will be working because everything is shut down and being cancelled.

"We were fortunate to have some volunteers help us throughout this whole process and would like to say Chii Miigwech to Hunter, Chad, Justin, Hillary, Jason, Logan, Becky, Cole, Edwina, Nathan, Nicky, and Joe with is son," said Bainbridge.

Bainbridge emphasized that this is a way to honor the community, elders, and all that paved the way so they can take their boats out, set nets, and provide for their families and community.

"This won't be the last time we do this, and we hope to have full community participation once we can gather safely," said Bainbridge.











#### **Red Cliff to Receive HUD grant for COVID-19 Relief**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has made \$200 million of COVID-19 relief funding available to help Native American communities across the nation.

Recovery funding will help American Indian Communities respond to COVID-19. Red Cliff is one of the recipients of this funding.

Click <u>HERE</u> for more information and the full press release from HUD.



#### **Council Meeting April 21**

The Red Cliff Tribal Council meeting is set for April 21 at the Red Cliff Community Health Center.

The Regular Session will begin at 4:30 PM.

Click <u>HERE</u> for the meeting agenda.

# Want fresh, local produce each week? Sign up for your weekly box from Red Cliff's

# **Mino Bimaadiziiwin Farm!**

Each weekly box will include 7-10 items from the farm such as maple syrup, eggs, lettuce, carrots, beets, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, basil, beans, cucumbers, spinach, zucchini, winter squash, herbs, berries, apples, and more!

17 weeks of produce running July through October:

\$50 total for low-income tribal members (8 shares available) \$300 for tribal members \$425 for non-members

\*Bi-weekly option available upon request, payment plans are available

Questions? Ready to sign up? Contact Allissa at (715) 779—3782 or allissa.stutte@redcliff-nsn.gov

## **Governor's Safer At Home Order Extended**

Governor Ever's Safer at Home order has been extended to May 26.

There are some slight updates to the order that will take effect beginning April 24.

Click <u>HERE</u> to read the order and for information on the updates.



# **Stimulus Check Information & Resources**

People have begun to receive their stimulus check payments from the federal government. Here's some more information:

-Any adults who made under \$75,000 in 2019 will receive the stimulus payment, and it is reduced for adults earning up to \$99,000.

-The money will not be counted as income for SSA/MA programs, and they will not be counted as resources for 12 months.

https://blog.ssa.gov/commissioner-of-social-security-shares-update-about-covid-19-economicimpact-payments-for-beneficiaries/

https://www.elderlawanswers.com/how-your-stimulus-check-affects-medicaid-17698

-The stimulus payments will not affect public benefits eligibility.

-SSI recipients are supposed to automatically receive these payments however they usually receive their SSI (usually direct deposit but can be by check). However, if the recipient has dependents, they will have to go to the new IRS portal to provide information in order to receive the extra \$500 for each dependent https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments

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-If people provided direct deposit information, they will receive the stimulus check that way. Otherwise, they can expect to receive a check. However, the IRS has also created an online portal where people can enter their bank account information. Please note this is different than the portal for non-filers even though they are both on this landing page. <u>https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments</u>

-The stimulus payment is not taxable. It is not an advance on 2020 refunds FAQs: <u>https://taxfoundation.org/coronavirus-tax-tracker-covid19/</u> FAQs: <u>https://www.vonbriesen.com/COVID-19\</u>

#### How will my stimulus check affect my Social Security and Medicaid Eligibility?

# Does the stimulus check count toward my monthly income?



No. The stimulus check does NOT count towards income for Supplement Security Income (SSI) recipients.

# Do I have to quickly spend down my stimulus check?



No. Social Security Administration will exclude the stimulus checks from an SSI recipient's resources for twelve (12) months.

# Will the stimulus check affect my Medicaid eligibility?



No. Because the payment is not counted as income for Social Security, Medicaid will not count it as income. State Medicaid programs cannot impose eligibility requirements stricter than SSI requirements.

# Do I have to pay back the money I get from my stimulus check?



No. The stimulus check is considered a tax rebate. It does not have to be paid back and is not considered taxable income. For more info visit: taxfoundation.org/coronavirus-tax-tracker-covid19/.

#### **Further Questions?**

Visit the Social Security Administration page *@* ssa.gov. For further information regarding the stimulus check disbursement, visit the IRS *@* irs.gov/coronavirus/.

#### Need Legal Assistance?

Contact Wisconsin Judicare and apply for services. Email: info@judicare.org Phone: (800) 472-1638 Website: Judicare.org



## **Request Absentee Ballots Early**

The Special Election for Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District will take place Tuesday, May 12.

For information on your registration status, where your polling place is, who is on your ballot, and to request an absentee ballot: visit <u>myvote.wi.gov</u>.

You can also request an absentee ballot in in writing (mail or email) to the Town Clerk's office. The request must include a copy of your photo ID, your name, the address you are registered to, the address you wish to receive your ballot at, and a current phone number and/or email.

The last day to request a ballot by mail is May 7, but don't wait! Request and send back your absentee ballot as soon as possible.

Town of Russell Clerk: 715-779-3284, 715-779-5338. In-person early voting 11 am - 1 pm on Mondays through May 4. City of Bayfield, City Hall: 715-779-5712 In-person early voting 11 am - 1 pm Mon-Fri through May 8.

Town of Bayfield Town Hall: 715-779-3128 In-person early voting by appointment only

#### **Proposed Addition to Code of Law**

The Red Cliff Legal Department has proposed adding Chapter 58--Red Cliff Probate Code to the Red Cliff Code of Laws.

Click <u>HERE</u> to view the official notice.

You can view the proposed Chapter 58 HERE.



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 May 19, 2020 at the regular meeting of the Red Cliff Tribal Council. If the Council enacts this code addition, the code shall become effective upon enactment.

### **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.

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Once you have watched the presentation, feel free to leave a message at 715-779-3795 ext. 4334, or send me an email at <u>Andrew.Edwards@redcliff-nsn.gov</u> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 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 <u>www.2020census.gov</u> 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.



#### #shapeyourfuture

# 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**

# New Employee: Brian Kline, EMS Liaison

Brian comes from a background of public service, including 12 years as paid staff and a lifetime of volunteerism with the Boy Scouts of America. He is a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow (Highest Honor, Scouting's National Honor Society).

Brian is a NREMT certified EMT and a State of Wisconsin AEMT. He is also a Wisconsin structural Firefighter 2 and a

Wildland Firefighter with the Washburn DNR and Federal Forest Service (USDA).

Brian holds a Wisconsin Instructor 1 license for teaching EMS, BLS Healthcare Provider, as well as PHTLS, PEARS & GEMS, WFR and Haz Mat Certifications.

Brian has been a member of the Red Cliff EMS squad for several years, and is looking forward to serving the Red Cliff community in his new position as Emergency Medical Services Liaison.



# **RED CLIFF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**



# **COMMUNITY CARE PACKAGES**

We are here to help Elders, families, and community members in need If you are in need of household or hygiene items please contact us.

### WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

### COMMUNITY HEALTH (715)779-3707

This is a collaboration with other tribal programs and donations from the community & businesses



All staff available to help

#### **Behavioral Health Support Line**

Stressed? Feeling out of control? Worried? Frustrated? If you are having a hard time coping and adapting during this time, our behavioral health staff are available to support you, listen to you, offer emotional support and help you develop new ways to cope during this time.

# **Behavioral Health Support Line**

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Direct line: 715-779-3509** 

"We will get through this together"

#### 24 Hour Support/ Crisis Services

Bayheld County Mental Health Crisis Line 1-866-317-9362 Northland Counseling 715-682-2141 Memorial Medical Center 715-685-5373 911 if threat to harm self or others

# **Behavioral Health**

# Support Line

# 715-779-3509

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

Click <u>HERE</u> to visit the Red Cliff Community Health Center website

## Human & Family Services



WIC is here for you during the COVID-19 outbreak

In an effort to protect you, your family, and our community, we are having our participants complete benefit pick up over the phone.

Also open to new families. Please call for details.

Amaris Andrews-DePerry 715-779-3707 ext 2307

# Successful Co-Parenting

# Education for Divorcing or Separated Parents

Presented by Extension - Ashland & Bayfield Counties

#### Monday, April 27 Noon-3:00 Online Live Via Zoom

This live interactive class includes, discussion, tips and activities to help adults in co-parenting households...

- Support their children emotionally
- Reduce parenting stress
- Keep kids out of the middle of parent conflict.

The fee for this class is temporarily waived due to COVID-19 financial impacts.

Includes special information on Co-Parenting during the COVID-19 pandemic.



An internet connection, webcam and microphone are required. Join from a smartphone, tablet or computer.

Participants must register by April 23 For More Information, Including Online Registration visit: <u>https://bayfield.extension.wisc.edu</u> For questions, call 715-373-3288



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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 <u>HERE</u> for the scholarship information and application.



### **Opportunities for Native American Students**

<u>American Indian Science Scholars Program UW Milwaukee - July 20-30, 2020</u> <u>Great Lakes NARCH paid internships - Summer 2020</u>



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"

Enjoy!

#### **GREAT FUTURES START HERE.**



Gitchigami

# **Treaty Natural Resources**

# **Community Feedback Needed**

The Treaty Natural Resources Division is still seeking comments and community feedback on its drafted Comprehensive Plan.

Click <u>HERE</u> to view the main points of the draft comprehensive plan! You will find information on the plan's timeline and how to provide comment.

The comment window is open through May 1, 2020.

Miigwech for providing feedback to Red Cliff TNR!

# WENJI BIMAADIZIYAANG Where Life Comes From

Treaty Natural Resources Division Comprehensive Plan 2020-2030

# Until further notice, the 2020 Spring Clean-up has been postponed.

Due to health and safety reasons and shortage of personal protective gear for staff, the Environmental Department will be postponing the spring clean up event. We hope to



reschedule this event in the upcoming months. Please stay tuned for future announcements. We apologize for any inconvenience.

The Red Cliff Transfer Station is operating under normal hours **(Tuesday and Saturdays from 8am to 6pm)**. If you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Environmental Department at 715-779-3650.

# **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 <u>linda.nguyen@redcliff-nsn.gov</u>. Permits will be issued over the phone or by email. Miigwech for your patience at this time.



# Legendary Waters Resort & Casino

Legendary Waters closure has extended to at least April 30 due to the COVID-19 situation.

#### Click <u>HERE</u> to visit the Legendary Waters Resort and Casino website.



#### **Community Updates**

Follow the link below to see announcements for upcoming events!

View the announcements

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