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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

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 Primary Elections Set For May 8th

Primary Election Candidates

Vice-Chairperson

Nathan W. Gordon
Mercie A. Gordon
Steven L. Boyd
Christopher Hicks
Joseph D. Montano

Tribal Secretary

Laura J. Gordon
Troy D. Gordon

For more information:

715-779-3700

secretary@redcliff-nsn.gov

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Primary Elections

Will be held on Friday May 8th, 2020



Polls will be open 8am to 8pm at

Red Cliff Boys and Girls Club

(Youth Center)

89645 Youth Center Drive

SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES WILL BE UTILIZED

*For more information please contact
Laura J. Gordon @ secretary@redcliff-nsn.gov
715-779-3741 ext. 2406 or 715-779-5518*

Tribal Council Extends Stay at Home Order

On April 28, 2020 during the Special Council Meeting, The Red Cliff Tribal Council approved to extend the Stay at Home Resolution through May 26, 2020 in order to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the Red Cliff community.



The resolution orders all persons currently living on the Red Cliff Reservation to stay home or in their place of residence, except to engage in necessary activities and work.

Click [HERE](#) to view Tribal Council's Stay at Home order for details and exceptions.

Tribal Council Meeting May 4

The Red Cliff Tribal Council will hold a regular council meeting on Monday May 4, 2020 at the Red Cliff Community Health Center.

The Regular Session will begin at 4:30 PM.

Click [HERE](#) for the meeting agenda.

ECC Parades Through Red Cliff and Bayfield

Red Cliff Early Childhood Center staff drove through the Red Cliff and Bayfield communities last week to greet students and families.

Click [HERE](#) to see more photos on the ECC Facebook page!



How to Make Zhingwaak Tea

Alex Breslav, Indigenous Arts & Sciences Coordinator for the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, shows us how to make some delicious Zhingwaak Tea (White Pine Tea)!

Want more videos like this one?

Email alex.breslav@redcliff-nsn.gov



Housing Board Committee Posting

The Red Cliff Tribal Council is seeking one individual interested in serving on the Housing Board.

For further information contact Cheryl Cloud at 715-779-3744.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please pick up an application at the front desk of the administration building.

Please return your application to the administration building.

The deadline is May 18, 2020 at 4pm.

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 [HERE](#) 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.

Proposed Revision to Code of Law

The Red Cliff Legal Department and the Red Cliff Planning Department have proposed revisions to Chapter 37 of the Red Cliff Code of Laws.

Click [HERE](#) to view the official notice.

You can view the revised Chapter 37 [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 June 1, 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.

Proposed Revision to Code of Law

The Red Cliff Tribal Historic Preservation Office has proposed revisions to Chapter 20 of Red Cliff Code of Laws.

Click [HERE](#) to view the official notice and 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 June 1, 2020 at the regular meeting of the Red Cliff Tribal Council. If the Council enacts this code, the code shall become effective upon enactment.

Lifeline Program: Internet and Phone Help

What is Lifeline?

The Lifeline program provides low-income Wisconsin residents affordable access to essential telecommunications by discounting the cost of phone, cell and internet services.



How much money can I save with Lifeline?

The is depends on which type of services you have, but your discount could range from \$7.25-\$18.50 per month. Your service provider can tell you the exact amount.

Who is eligible?

You are eligible if you participate in one of the following qualifying programs:

-Medicaid (including SeniorCare and BadgerCare)

-FoodShare

-Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

-Federal public housing assistance (Section 8)

-Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit

Or, if your income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Only one person per household may receive a Lifeline discount.

How can I find out if I am eligible?

You can check your eligibility online using the National Verifier at www.checklifeline.org

How can I enroll?

You must contact an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to enroll. You can find a list of ETCs at psc.wi.gov on the Lifeline Program webpage under the Programs tab.

You can determine your eligibility before you contact the ETC, or you can ask them to help you find out if you are eligible.

How can I get help?

Wisconsin Internet & Phone Helpline: 608-267-3595

Federal (USAC) Lifeline Support number: 800-234-9473

Wisconsin 7th District Voting Day

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 myvote.wi.gov.

You can also request an absentee ballot 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.

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

Responding to the 2020 U.S. Census

Red Cliff - Your voice counts, and we need to hear it on the 2020 Census! Your responses to the 2020 Census shape the future for our community.

Click [HERE](#) for a guide on responding to the 2020 Census.

Fill out your 2020 Census online today.



Respond online at

2020CENSUS.GOV

Shape
your future
START HERE >

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Census
2020

Health & Wellness

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

Nooji Center May Newsletter

The Noojimo'iwewin Center has released its May newsletter.

Click [HERE](#) to learn about behavioral health services and resources offered to the community, along with some self-help tips!



Inside this issue:

Mental Health Awareness Month Putting Our Minds at Peace

Together We Heal

Our community is in need of healing. Recovery from drugs, alcohol are possible and people are making effort to recover EVERYDAY! This newsletter will help us stay connected, promote healthy lifestyles, inform community on events, and encourage those still struggling.

Please come visit us at the Noojimo'iwewin Center! The Noojimo'iwewin (We Heal) Center is a safe and comfortable place for people to come to socialize, get support in developing and maintaining

recovery, and wellness in a welcoming, accepting atmosphere.

Services provided:

- ø Socialization
- ø Peer support
- ø Cultural Activities
- ø Monthly Sober Feasts/Meals
- ø Recreation
- ø Groups/Talking Circles
- ø Job Coaching/Life Skills
- ø Helping Finding Medical/Dental Services
- ø Help finding Housing

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*Listen to the
rhythm of the
falling rain.*

MAY

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH 2020

WEDNESDAY'S

MAY 13-27

@6PM

MHA
Mental Health America



3-PART SERIES

I AM NOT A SUPER MOM

I AM NOT YOUR SUPER WOMAN

I AM NOT YOUR SUPER WOMAN
PANEL TALK BACK

#MENTALHEALTHAWARENESSMONTH

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

Family & Human Services

Snap-Ed Minute

With Mercie Gordon

Backyard Gardening Tips

Where to Put Your Garden

When you decide on a spot for your vegetable garden you'll want to consider a few things. First, make sure that you find a spot that gets a decent amount of sun – at least five or six hours a day.

You'll also want to pick a spot that's fairly level. You don't want water running to one side. If your yard is on an incline, you'll have to level out the ground yourself when you dig up the garden bed. The size of the garden is up to you

Understanding Your Soil

Once you've dug up the garden – either with a rototiller or with a shovel and sweat – you should take a look at the soil. Soil needs to allow for aeration and drainage as well as provide nutrients to your plants.

There are a lot of different soil types in the state of Wisconsin. In our region, you could find sandy loams as well as soil with a lot of clay.

Both can be somewhat problematic – but it's going to be harder to break down clayey soil than build up sandy stuff. The easiest thing to do is add good soil and organic material to what you already have.

Find a quality top soil, and peat moss (which you can find at places like Menard's). Start composting and add that to the mix.

What to Plant in Your Garden

Deciding what you want to grow is the fun part. You're mapping out your gardening masterpiece, and your mouth is already starting to water.

You'll want to consider how much sun your garden gets and what your soil is like. Some plants need more sun-light than others and some plants will have a hard time growing in certain kinds of soil. So do a little research before you plant.



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

Michael Bonney, Summer Food Program

Hi, my name is Michael Bonney. I live here in Red Cliff. I first helped with the Summer Food Program back when I was working on General Assistance.

In 2018, I was hired to work full-time as the Site Supervisor Assistant for the Summer Food Program.

I am happy to be back in this position again this year, working to help our community during these trying times.



Oganawenimaan: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Series

An online learning & support group for relative caregivers

Starting Thursday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m.

Live via Zoom—Join from smartphone, tablet or computer

Are you a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or other relative providing care for children? Learn about resources to help you. Share ideas, and support with other relative caregivers. Co-Sponsored by Red Cliff Community Health Center, Red Cliff TREE Program and UW-Madison Extension.

Free and open to all area grandparents and relative caregivers.

Registration required. [Click here to register](#)

Zoom link and details will be sent upon registration.

For more information, contact: Patsy Gordon 715-779-3741

An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements.



Click **[HERE](#)** to register for the workshop!

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

Education

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Intro to Grant Writing

One Credit Course



This course offers:

- the components of a grant proposal
- development of a problem statement & defining specific/ measurable outcomes
- completing an evaluation plan and budget

Funding sources, grant review processes, and timelines will also be discussed.

Must attend all classes:

May 8, 15, 22 & 29,

8:30AM-12:30PM

Virtual Location:

Zoom code 380-374-5351 or

<https://lco.zoomus/j/3803745351>

-Open to All Community Members-

Cost: \$63/student

Register by May 5th
by emailing ext@lco.edu

lco.edu



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August 28, 2020

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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](#).



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE RED CLIFF BAND OF
LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA

Gitchigami

Treaty Natural Resources

Forestry Concerns: Oak Wilt Fungal Disease

Red Cliff Wildlife & Forestry

OAK WILT DISEASE

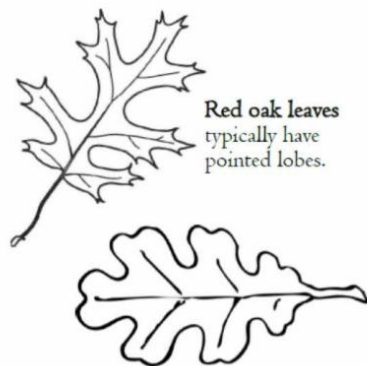
threatens **oak trees** in this area.

Watch the WI DNR's new video about this **devastating fungal disease** at:

dnr.wi.gov/

Keyword: "oak wilt"

Oak wilt kills trees in the **red oak group** (red, black and northern pin oaks), and also harms trees in the **white oak group** (white, bur and swamp white oaks).



Red oak leaves typically have pointed lobes.

White oak leaves have rounded lobes.

Help protect oak trees from oak wilt—
don't prune or otherwise "wound" oaks
from April through July.

WDNR Flyer

Oak wilt has been found in southern Bayfield County. Please contact Red Cliff Wildlife and Forestry if you have questions, comments or concerns; or especially if you spot any oak trees that look like they may have oak wilt disease:

Andrew.Edwards@redcliff-nsn.gov 715-779-3795

Click [HERE](#) to view the TNR Ziigwan Spring Newsletter.

Legendary Waters Resort & Casino

Legendary Waters

RESORT & CASINO

ESCAPE ORDINARY, EXPERIENCE LEGENDARY

April 28, 2020

Dear Legendary Waters Guests & Team Members:

With our top priority continuing to be the health and safety of our valued guests and team members, and at the recommendation of health experts, the Tribal Council for the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians has decided to extend our temporary closing through Memorial Day May 25th, with a target reopening at noon on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. In addition to the casino, hotel and restaurant, this closing notice covers Buffalo Bay and Point Detour Campgrounds, along with the Buffalo Bay Marina and boat launch.

We look forward to resuming operations when it is determined safe to do so. Many of our guests have earned entries towards winning a 2020 Polaris Ranger and we also look forward to giving that beautiful prize away in the near future; however unfortunately, we will not be in a position to award retroactive free play that would have been earned while our doors are closed.

Please visit our website or Facebook page for continued updates.

It is our shared responsibility to follow the direction of health and safety professionals to engage in social distancing by staying home and limiting social contact – We owe it to each other, our families and to our community – Please be responsible and stay safe.

Respectfully yours,
LEGENDARY WATERS RESORT & CASINO

Kurt Schmidt,
General Manager

37600 Onigaming Drive Red Cliff, Wisconsin 1-800-226-8478 www.LegendaryWaters.com

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

News Across Indian Country

Tribes Take Issue With Native Corporations That Are Eligible For \$8B Coronavirus Relief

From WPR
By Danielle Kaeding

Around \$8 billion has been set aside for direct payments to tribes nationwide

under the federal government's coronavirus relief package, or CARES Act. However, some Wisconsin tribes are concerned about how that money is being distributed.



There are 574 federally recognized tribes that would be eligible for aid. In addition, Alaska Native corporations would also be able to receive funding, which is a problem for Rick Peterson, tribal chairman for the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

"They are not tribal governments. They should not be involved in this at all," said Peterson. "Tribal governments right now — tribal communities are being hit really hard."

Peterson said he also believes there's a conflict of interest because Tara Sweeney, assistant secretary for Indian Affairs, formerly worked for one of the largest Alaska Native corporations.

The U.S. Department of Interior has said such statements seek to divide tribes and Alaska Native communities. According to DOI, the U.S. Department of the Treasury is following the law and consulted with the Interior Department officials and tribes earlier this month.

Joan Delabreau, chairperson for the governing body of the Menominee Indian Tribe, said corporations aren't sovereign nations and that their inclusion "will critically dilute the amount of money that could be available for all of the federally recognized tribes."

A group of tribes has filed a lawsuit arguing more than 230 Alaska Native businesses don't qualify for coronavirus relief. Treasury Department officials were set to release funding this week, but a federal judge has blocked any aid to those corporations for now.

Meanwhile, tribes are still waiting for funding.

"Clearly, it will probably impact when any disbursement comes down," said Delabreau. A Treasury spokesperson said the department is working to allocate funding to tribes as soon as possible.

She said tribes have also struggled with the process to apply for funding, as well as understanding what the money would cover. While many expenses are covered, Treasury officials said "revenue replacement is not a permissible use" of direct aid.

"We're taking money that we had saved in what we technically put in reserves because we gear up for the next part of the fiscal year or like an emergency fund," said Delabreau. "And that's what we use to pay people longer and provide for their insurance."

She said about 400 people have been laid off from the tribe's casino, and it's funding their insurance for March and April. Delabreau added about 10 percent of the tribe's government employees — 80 workers — were laid off last week.

Red Cliff's Peterson said the tribe has also used discretionary funding to pay for some services and employees in response to the pandemic, adding that revenues at its clinic has declined from a lack of walk-in patients.

"One of my big concerns is how long we're going to be able to sustain some of this stuff," said Peterson.

American Indians in Wisconsin have higher rates of diabetes, a chronic medical condition that may place them at higher risk of developing serious complications from COVID-19. They're also less likely than Wisconsin residents to have health insurance coverage, according to survey findings released in 2015.

Native Report

With Rita Aspinwall & Ernie Stevens

Meet Norman Deschampe, Chairman of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

Joyce LaPorte, a maker of traditional Ojibwe faceless dolls.

And Richard Smith and his sister Bertha Christensen, both of whom served in the military during World War II.



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

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



Community Updates

Follow the link below to see announcements for upcoming events!

[View the announcements](#)

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