Boozhoo and welcome to the Miisaninawiind weekly newsletter!

The Miisaninawiind 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
715-779-3700 ext. 2406 M 715-779-5568

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.

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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.

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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.

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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](http://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](http://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

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**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](http://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

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**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](http://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

United States Census 2020

Health & Wellness
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.

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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!
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:

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

Listen to the rhythm of the falling rain.
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 sunlight 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

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**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.

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**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

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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**

**LCOOC CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**Intro to Grant Writing**

**One Credit Course**

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**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.

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Must attend all classes:
- May 8, 15, 22 & 29,
  8:30AM-12:30PM

Virtual Location:
Zoom code 380-374-5351 or https://lco.zoom.us/j/3803745351

Open to All Community Members.

Cost: $63/student
Register by May 5th
by emailing ext@lco.edu

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lco.edu  
#LCOcollege | #Community | #Extension
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 and Girls Club of 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).

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
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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