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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.

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 Election Results

Tribal Vice Chairperson

Nathan W. Gordon 135
Joseph D. Montano Sr. 90
Christopher Hicks 62
Steven L. Boyd 34
Mercie A. Gordon 32

Tribal Secretary

Laura J. Gordon 255
Troy D. Gordon 93

Nathan W. Gordon and Joseph D. Montano Sr. advance to the General Election - July 7, 2020.

Laura J. Gordon and Troy D. Gordon advance to the General Election – July 7, 2020.

RCCHC Offers On-Site COVID-19 Testing

Khou Xiong, PA-C for the Red Cliff Community Health Center shares information regarding on-site testing in Red Cliff.

You can call to schedule a medical appointment to get tested, or you can call to set up a drive-thru test.

Contact the Red Cliff Community Health Center at 715-779-3707.



Red Cliff Breaks Ground On Fish Processing Facility

Red Cliff Fish Co. plans to begin operation September 2020

After nearly a decade of planning, the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa has broken ground on its 3,500 square foot commercial fish processing facility. The facility will be home-base for the Red Cliff Fish Company, and will process commercial fish and provide packaged products to distributors and local markets. Construction is expected to finish in September, with plans for operation to begin by Labor Day weekend.

"This groundbreaking today for the Red Cliff Fish Company is an historic milestone in furthering our community and food sovereignty goals," said Tribal Chairman Rick Peterson. "The need to be able to feed our own community with our own resources has really been highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our people have been fishing the waters of Lake Superior for many generations and this new facility will also allow our tribal fishermen to have a more direct role in selling their catch. I'd like to say Miigwech on behalf of the Tribal Council and community to all who were involved in making this new facility possible."

"It's an honor to be part of this endeavor," said Chad Abel, Director of Red Cliff Treaty Natural



Resources. “With this new tribal business, the Tribe can achieve local food control, maximize the fisheries’ economic potential, preserve the commercial fishing tradition here at Red Cliff, and nourish it’s community.”

Once operations begin, the Red Cliff Fish Co will purchase catch from independent Tribal commercial license holders. The facility will process, package, and sell different fish products to distributors, markets, and restaurants. The facility will also have a 400 square foot retail space for direct over-the-counter sales, including fresh and frozen fillets, smoked fish, fish spreads, and caviar. Any fish waste produced by the facility will be converted to compost for fertilizer at the Mino Bimaadiziwin Tribal Farm.

“Through exerting local food control, Red Cliff catch will be more available within the community and will also be better incorporated into food and nutrition programs in Red Cliff,” said Abel. “Developing fish compost and fish fertilizer is meaningful to the Tribe, and will allow the Tribe to fully utilize the Treaty harvest and improve the growing conditions at the farm.”

The Tribe has estimated 105 jobs have been created and/or retained through this endeavor. The Red Cliff Tribe has 33 Commercial fish license holders that bring in over 600 thousand pounds annually. This facility will give those fishermen a more competitive price on their harvest, and will allow the Red Cliff community to reap the economic benefits of selling product from this Tribal-owned business.

“Red Cliff is a tribal fishing community with a robust commercial fishery on Lake Superior,” said Abel. “Despite contributing 10.61% of all Great Lakes lake trout harvest, 17.26% of all Great Lakes herring harvest, and 5.51% of all Great Lakes whitefish harvest, there is not a means to process the tribal catch on-reservation or through a tribal-owned business. As a result, nearly all tribal catch is sold at wholesale prices to off-reservation processors.”

The construction and operation of the processing facility was made possible after the Tribe received a series of grants and funding, including a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Native Americans. The \$1,093,420 grant was awarded to help Red Cliff expand the Tribe’s food sovereignty and community food systems.

Funding sources also include a \$543,140 HUD Indian and Community Development Block Grant for dock expansion and improvements to Dock Road, and \$595,000 of Keepseagle *cy pres* funds for building construction and equipment. A USDA Rural Business Development Grant helped fund the business plan, and a USDA Rural Development Value-Added Producer Grant funded the initial feasibility study in 2015. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Intertribal Ag Council have also provided support, while the Red Cliff Band has invested over \$271,000 into the development and success of the Red Cliff Fish Co.



Tribal Council Cancels Gatherings May-July 2020

At the Regular Council Meeting held on the evening of Monday May 4, 2020, the Red Cliff Tribal Council took action and approved to cancel all Tribal-sponsored events for the months of May, June, and July 2020 in order to preserve the safety of the Red Cliff community, membership, and guests.

Cancellations include, but aren't limited to, the annual Red Cliff Pow Wow, ECC Summer Gathering, and Red Cliff Language Camp. Please contact the Tribal Administration building at 715-779-3700 regarding any events you may be unsure of.

“Given the uncertainty of COVID-19 and safety of our community being the utmost importance, we felt this was the best direction to take,” said Tribal Chairman Rick Peterson. “We want to ensure that we also consider the safety of visitors who may attend these events.”

The Red Cliff Tribal Council will continue to place the community's health at the forefront of any decision-making process.

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

General Election

Will be held on Tuesday July 7th, 2020

If you would like to declare your candidacy for

Member At-large

Please submit your intentions in writing no later than

6:00 p.m. on June 22nd, 2020

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



Polls will be open 8am to 8pm

*****Place will be Determined*****

For more information please contact

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

Noojimo'iwewin Center Receives Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation Award

On April 24, 2020, the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa was awarded \$3,478.00 from the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, for the Artful Healing, Natures Path to Wellness Retreat.

Funds will cover the costs for the Noojimo'iwewin "We Heal" Center to facilitate

an overnight retreat on Madeline Island for ten participants to reconnect and decompress in a spiritual and natural setting. Participants will immerse themselves in their spiritual home and engage in a variety of outdoor, facilitated, group activities including creating a watercolor journal, participation in traditional ceremony, and discuss Tribal history and heritage to regain a new perspective on life that only nature can provide.



The combination of activities and beautiful natural surroundings re-affirms that a life without drugs or alcohol is well worth living. The workshop is planned for September 2020.

It has been shown that creative activities and spending time in a natural, outdoor environment are supportive to recovery and improved mental health. They provide the opportunity to de-stress, express and release feelings in a non-verbal way, improve physical health and connect to our natural home. Cultural connections to Madeline Island will be enhanced through the opportunity to spend time there.

Funded by the Red Cliff/Miskwaabikaang and Apostle Islands Area Community Fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation.

Chi-Miigech (Thank you) for your continued support!

Contact the Noojimo'iwewin Center Project Coordinator at 715-892-3031 with any questions.

Openings on Law Enforcement Commission

The Red Cliff Tribal Council is seeking three individuals interested in serving on the Law Enforcement Commission.

**1 Commissioner
1 Recording Secretary
1 Alternate**

For further information contact Tribal Administration at 715-779-3700.

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 receptionist at the administration building.

The deadline is May 29, 2020 at noon.

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.

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, and who is on your ballot: visit myvote.wi.gov.

Town of Russell Clerk: 715-779-3284, 715-779-5338.

City of Bayfield, City Hall: 715-779-5712

Town of Bayfield Town Hall: 715-779-3128

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.



Health & Wellness



Red Cliff Community Health Center

36745 Aiken Road, Bayfield, WI 54814

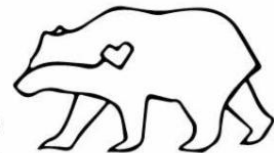
Phone: (715) 779-3707 Fax: (715) 779-3362

On-site COVID-19 Testing Red Cliff Community Health Center

Thanks to tribal, state and national efforts, the Red Cliff Community Health Center has greatly expanded its capacity for COVID-19 testing. In alignment with recommendations by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the CDC, we currently encourage all patients with acute viral symptoms (cough, congestion, sore throat, body aches, headaches and/or shortness of breath) to call ahead for an appointment and come to the clinic to get tested. We are the only clinic within the regional healthcare network to offer the Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 test, which gives results in 15 minutes or less.

Routine screening will help with administrative decision-making as we move into our next phase of COVID-19 management: re-opening services across the tribe and allowing for the return of critical employees back to work. Additionally, it will allow for rapid identification of positive cases, subsequent implementation of routine isolation measures, and contact tracing, which are essential disease management strategies in our community's fight against COVID-19. Please call the clinic with any questions at 715-779-3707.

Caretakers of the medicine, protectors of your health



Adolescent Mental Health

By: Gabrielle Gordon

Red Cliff Youth and Family TREE Project

Adolescence is a crucial time in a person's life that can influence their mental health and wellbeing, as it's a time, where a normal part of their development includes the ability to experience a wide range of emotions. For example, anxiousness can occur due to academic or social pressures, likewise, another emotion



that may be experienced by a young person is depression, which may be felt following something like, the death of a friend or family member. According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), most adolescents are able to experience a lifestyle with positive mental health; however, 1 out of every 5 teens, will develop a serious mental health disorder, at some point in their lifetime. Often problems affecting mental health happen at an early onset, as half of all mental health problems were found to begin at age 14. In general, mental health disorders consist of persistent symptoms that have an affect and influence on how a young person feels, thinks, and acts. Mental health disorders also can disrupt a person's ability to function and carry out regular activities by affecting crucial areas of their life, such as relationships, school performance, sleeping habits, and eating. ⁽¹⁾

The brain also goes through some major and important changes during adolescence. Growth of the brain being one of these, since early adolescence is when brains reach their biggest size. For girls, their brains are at their biggest size at around 11 years old, while boys' brains reach their biggest size at around 14 years old. The brain may stop growing in physical size at these ages, but the brain continues to developmentally grow and mature until people have reached their mid- to late 20s. Changes in the brain that occur during this time of development, along with experiencing physical, emotional, and social changes during adolescence, can cause vulnerability in teens and to their mental health. For example, with the teen brain still in development, adolescents may respond and handle stress differently than an adult would, which could result in the teen experiencing a stress-related mental disorder, such as anxiety or depression. ⁽⁴⁾

Telling the difference between challenging behaviors and emotions that are typical with adolescent development and differentiating them from behaviors that would be a cause for concern, can be difficult, even under the best of circumstances. In fact, the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) has found that many people seeking treatment as adults, often realize when reflecting on their childhood, how their mental health disorders affected many aspects of their lives and lead many to wish that they could've received help with managing their disorders sooner. Consideration should be made to seek an evaluation from a mental health professional about an adolescent's behavior if the behavior is one that either persists for a few weeks or longer; causes distress for the individual or the teen's family; or is one that interferes with the teen's ability to function at school, at home, or with friends. If unsafe behavior is displayed, or if the teen talks about wanting to hurt him or herself or someone else, then help should be sought immediately for the individual. ⁽³⁾

Adolescents who exhibit the listed behaviors, may benefit from a mental health evaluation:

- Lost interest in things that they once enjoyed
- Low energy
- Sleeping too much or too little, or appearing to be tired throughout the day
- Starts to isolate themselves from others and withdraws from social activities with friends or family
- Adopts a fear of gaining weight, or is engaging in either excessive exercising or dieting
- Engages in destructive, self-harming behaviors (example: cutting or burning their skin)
- Substance use (example: tobacco, alcohol)
- Engages in risky behavior, either alone or with friends/peers
- Suicidal thoughts
- Experience periods of highly elevated energy and activity, which results in them requiring less sleep than what's usual for them
- Express the thought that someone is trying to control their mind or that they can hear things that others cannot hear ⁽³⁾

With mental health having an influence on the wellbeing and overall health of adolescents, it's important that if an individual has symptoms that could possibly signify having a mental health disorder, to then seek an evaluation to confirm any suspicions. For those who have a mental disorder, especially if it's found early in adolescence, the earlier treatment is started for it, the more effective that treatment tends to be. Additionally, early treatment can help to prevent

more severe, lasting problems as the teen continues to grow and develop. ⁽²⁾

If you are an adolescent or the parent/guardian of one seeking an evaluation by a behavioral health professional, one resource available that can offer this service is the Red Cliff Youth and Family TREE Project or RC TREE Project, for short. The program's primary focus is towards offering supporting services for substance use treatment, but also has services to diagnosis and assist with mental health disorders as well. Age range to receive services in the RC TREE program is anyone in the 12-25 age range. For parents and guardians of a client, the RC TREE program can coordinate with these individuals in the client's family to communicate and provide updates about the client and the progress they are making in the program. If anyone's interested in scheduling a mental health evaluation with the RC TREE Project, this can be done by calling the program's Project Coordinator/Lead Evaluator, Gabrielle Gordon at 715-779-3741 ext. 2407.

As the month of May is Mental Health Awareness Month, one practice teens should consider adopting is having several emergency numbers to carry on themselves or their cell phones. The emergency numbers can then be called if the teen needs immediate help for themselves or if help is needed for their friends or family. ⁽²⁾

These can include:

- A trusted friend or relative's phone number
- The number for the local police department
- The Crisis Text Line by texting 741741
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) ⁽²⁾

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Dealing with Stress and Relationships During the COVID-10 Pandemic



MAY IS
MENTAL
HEALTH
MONTH

TAKING A SCREEN IS
AN EASY WAY TO
CHECK IN ON YOUR
MENTAL HEALTH.



HELP US REACH OUR
GOAL OF A
#MILLIONINMAY.



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Seasons come, and season go. With each change there is the joy and heartbreak of life and death, the sacred meeting of your personal creator, or the finality of secular death. There are changes to your family that are planned or accidental, legal challenges, employment concerns, financial hardship. The COVID-19 virus and pandemic spread has *changed the ability to practice* your family traditional, religious, and community rituals that help cope with these losses, changes, and challenges. It is also restricting the ability to see a new baby being born for many fathers, limiting grandparents from meeting new grandchildren in person, and preventing daily/constant access from parents whose “littles” were born too soon and need specialized care.

These are *difficult times* for people to *be social*, to share personal experiences, to touch those we care about, to greet with a handshake or hug, to say goodbye with a hug and kiss. We are limited to what is considered “safe” to do with our families and friends to express our emotions without words, when words are not enough with the changes in our abilities to do what we *normally* do, we need to recognize that *whatever we do it is enough*. This is true today and every day, regardless of the COVID-19.

People sometimes needed to be reminded of their *human nature*, and the *limitations* to what we can provide and the ability to feel comfortable expressing them to self and others.

- Stop and ask yourself, “does my involvement help or potentially hinder the situation”. *Right now, it is safer at home*, as our Governor is asking us to do. Stopping by to express condolences or congratulations could potentially set off the unseen web of virus exchange. If you choose to call, that is enough, and you need to accept this. If you choose to wait to reach out, this too is okay. *It is all you can do*, and that is okay.
- Dropping off gifts to help people get through rough days is an age-old token of concern, affection, grief, and congratulations. Today, you need to approach this with the cautions of washing and sanitizing your hands before you package items, leave gift outside and either call to notify, leave with a note, or knock on door and step back to give the minimum 6 feet of necessary space. *This is enough, it is all you can do, and it is okay*.
- Call and listen. Simple task. This is still a very safe way to help someone deal with death, illness, disaster, and other losses. This is everything to the mourner and takes nothing from the caller. It too, *is enough right now*. Be okay with the simplicity. New parents sometimes need an adult (or a new adult voice) to talk to; call and ask “tell me what’s going on” to open that door for expression.
- Give yourself a break from what your expectations are. If you have lost someone and the typical activities need to be adjusted, delayed, or changed, *let it be*. It is out of your control and therefore something you cannot change right now. Give yourself permission to *exhale and wait*.
- Be genuine in your feelings to yourself and others, *but not hurtful*. Stop and ask does that need to be said/felt, how helpful is to yourself or someone else. What does your voice bring to the conversation and is it beneficial?

Tammy Kolesar LPC-IT, SAC-IT
Mom, wife, sister, daughter
715-779-3707 Ext. 2284
tkolesar@redcliffhealth.org



MAY

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH 2020

WEDNESDAY'S
MAY 13-27
@6PM

3-PART SERIES

- I AM NOT A SUPER MOM
- I AM NOT YOUR SUPER WOMAN
- I AM NOT YOUR SUPER WOMAN PANEL TALK BACK

MHA Mental Health America Keytalife

#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

Foster Care Providers Receive COVID-19 Pay

Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency on March 12, 2020 due to the spread of COVID-19 in the state of Wisconsin. The Department of Children and Families was able to secure additional funds to support all foster families in meeting needs related to COVID-19.

The additional funds will be provided to all licensed foster homes with placement, regardless of the home's level of care certification or licensing agency. All licensed foster parents with children for whom a placement was documented in eWISACWIS during the month of April 2020 will receive a one-time or exceptional foster care payment of up to \$300 per child to reimburse some of the COVID-19 costs that the family has incurred.

The reimbursement will be prorated for the days of the month that the family had placement of the child in April 2020. The expectation is that foster parents will use the additional funds to cover allowable increased costs of food, childcare, supervision, additional time, and cleaning

supplies due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The reimbursement will be disbursed as part of the April 2020 foster care payments, which are received in the month of May 2020.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 715-779-3747 or on my cell at 715-209-7149.

Respectfully,
Angela Emrich, Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare Foster Care Coordinator

Extension Ashland & Bayfield Counties



PARENTS CONNECT

Live Online Lunch & Learn

Parents Connect is an online series designed to support parents in Ashland and Bayfield Counties.



- ♦ For parents/caregivers of kids ages 3-12
- ♦ Strengths-based learning, discussion, videos, & more
- ♦ Join live video conference via phone/laptop/computer
- ♦ Fridays in May, 1-hour sessions with time for Q & A

Registration required - Limit 10 per session - Free
To learn more, call 715-373-6104 ext 2
Or [Register Online](#)

SPRING 2020 SERIES

FRIDAYS ■ 1—2PM

May 4	Managing Household Stress
May 15	Gain Cooperation, Reduce Power Struggles
May 22	Helping Kids Cope with Strong Emotions
May 29	Building Confidence by Building Competence

An AA/EEO employer, University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX and ADA requirements.

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

Education Division May Newsletter

Click [HERE](#) to view the Education Department's May newsletter.

You'll find an important message about self-care, updates from ECC teachers to their kids and students, and fun activities to try at home!



Apply Now for the Summer & Fall Semesters

Summer

Registration

March 23, 2020-
May 29, 2020

Fall Registration

March 23, 2020-
August 28, 2020

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RED CLIFF
ST. CROIX

SUMMER CLASSES START JUNE 1, 2020

FALL CLASSES START AUGUST 31, 2020

CALL TO LEARN MORE | 715-634-4790

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Boys and Girls Club of Gitchigami

Native Learning Center Art Contest

The Native Learning Center is hosting a poster contest for Tribal Youth and is offering prizes

for three different age group winners.

Theme: WHAT HOME MEANS TO ME

ENTER TO WIN A PRIZE!

Accepting Submissions from
April 1- June 30, 2020

All Tribal Communities are Welcomed to
Submit! All Posters Must Be Original Art
Work.

You May Use: Markers, Paints, Crayons,
Colored Pencils, Beads and Fabric! Get as
Creative as you'd like! Create a poster that
shows what home means to you!

All forms of art are welcome; however your
submission does need to be poster friendly.

Once you've finished your poster or if you
have any questions, submit to:
WilmaNoah@semtribe.com or
KrystalCedeno@semtribe.com

3 AGE GROUP WINNERS!
5-10; 11-13; 14-18



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

FBTNP Dedicating Benches to Tribal Members

Please take the survey to decide the four honorees

Red Cliff Tribal Members, please vote on dedication names for four new benches that will be placed on the trails at Frog Bay Tribal National Park!

This year, the Red Cliff Treaty Natural Resources Division will be placing four benches along the hiking trails at Frog Bay.

Each bench will be dedicated to Red Cliff community member(s) who have walked on, but contributed greatly to the community in their lifetime.

Bayfield School students will be engraving the names of those chosen on the back rest of each bench, and we are seeking your input on who these benches should be dedicated to.

Click [HERE](#) to view the nominated names and to take the survey!



Request for Bids: Construction of Light Industrial Building

Red Cliff's Treaty Natural Resources Division is soliciting bids for a General Contractor or Modular Building Company to build a 1,500 ft² light industrial building that will be used as a food handling, processing and storage space, as well as an office space.

Click [HERE](#) for submission details, building specifications, and contracting requirements.

All sealed bid proposals and materials must be received by 4:30 pm on May 20, 2020.

A public bid opening by the Project Team will be held on May 26 at 10:00 am in the Tribal Administration Building located at 88455 Pike Road, Red Cliff, WI.

Submit Sealed Bid by mail or physical delivery service to:

Red Cliff Property and Procurement Department
Attn: Mino Bimaadiziwin Farm Building
88455 Pike Road (Red Cliff)
Bayfield, WI 54814

Prospective bidders may also hand deliver their sealed bid to the public bid opening. Hand delivered bids must be received prior to the start of bid opening at 10:00 am.

SPRING GARDEN ASSISTANCE for the Red Cliff Community

Raised Bed Give-Away



- Free raised beds are available for community members
- Crew available to deliver and assemble for you

**Questions? Want to sign up? Please call Noah at
the Environmental Department
(715) 779—3650 ext. 4315 or
noah.saperstein@redcliff-nsn.gov**



Garden Tilling Assistance

Have an existing backyard garden you'd like tilled?
Mino Bimaadiziwin Farm staff are available to help!



**Questions? Want to sign up? Please call Allissa at
(715) 779 - 3782 or
allissa.stutte@redcliff-nsn.gov**



Save the Date for the Annual Plant Give-Away !



**May 28th and 29th at Mino Bimaadiziwin Tribal Farm
Look for more details coming soon!**

Mino Bimaadiziwin Farm Technicians

My name is Marita Thier and I have recently joined the Mino Bimaadiziwin Tribal Farm as a Farm Technician. I grew up on a small farm outside of Bayfield and am excited to be back in my hometown working with plants, animals, and the community. I spend my time outdoors whenever possible and I'm working on completing a nursing degree at WITC. I'm grateful for the opportunity to work for the Red Cliff Tribe!

Hey there! I'm Sean VanZeeland and I'm excited to be helping out around the Mino Bimaadiziwin gardens this season! I graduated Northland College with a Geology degree this May and couldn't bring myself to leave the area, so here I am! I love paddling, climbing, singing, and dancing. Enjoy the veggies!



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

News Across Indian Country

Gunshot Incident on Little Saint Germain Lake

Press Release from Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission

Contact: Dylan Jennings

Director of Public Information

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On the evening of May 2, 2020 at approximately 10:00 pm, tribal harvesters reported both harassment and eventually gunshots on Little Saint Germain Lake in Vilas County, Wisconsin. Local law enforcement and Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) enforcement personnel responded to a local residence and boat landing. One individual was apprehended and arrested for being armed while intoxicated. The incident is under investigation by the Vilas County Sheriff's Department.

Hostile and violent acts of aggression, including rock throwing and racial slurs, occur during tribal spearfishing every year. Obstruction or harassment of individuals practicing their federally protected rights can lead to fines and even arrest.

"This is indeed a sign that we need to continue to educate the broader public about federally protected treaty rights. Tribal subsistence harvesting has been a tradition for generations, and these tribal fishermen were simply out harvesting to feed their communities," said GLIFWC Executive Administrator Michael Isham.

A strict quota and regulatory system governs tribal spearfishing in the Ceded Territories. Through this process, tribes count every single fish that is speared during the spring season. GLIFWC and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources biologists work collaboratively throughout the year to assess fish populations and establish appropriate harvest levels for both State and Tribal fishermen.

GLIFWC is grateful for the local law enforcement and GLIFWC enforcement personnel that responded to the incident so promptly, helping to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

Great Lakes Indian Fish & wildlife Commission is an intertribal natural resource agency comprised of eleven member Ojibwe bands, located in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota.

Latest Edition of GLIFWC's Mazina'igan

Click [HERE](#) for the latest Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife edition of Mazina'igan.

Find fishing updates, cultural features, and environmental news in the Mazina'igan Niibin issue out this week.

Includes details on expanded educational resources and a special message from GLIFWC Executive Administrator Michael J Isham.



Wisconsin Native Loan Fund Offers Consumer Relief Loan

WINLF has just launched a new loan program to help you get through the current national crisis. We are now accepting applications for this loan product. See conditions and qualifications below.

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For additional information, call our office at 715-588-1600 or email use at Info@winlf.org

Eligible Loan Purposes: Funding to get applicant through a time of crisis. Primarily used for food, shelter (rent or mortgage) and critical expenses.

Eligible Borrower: Enrolled members of a Wisconsin Tribe or documented descendants of Wisconsin Tribes. Employed for previous 6 months (prior to furlough or layoff) and a current Wisconsin resident.

Loan Amount: \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Payment and Amortization Schedule: Up to three months interest only payments. The remaining months paid interest and principal. Amortization to reflect this payment schedule.

Loan Terms: Up to 2 years for loans under \$2,499.99 Up to 4 years for loans over \$2,500.00

Interest Rate: 6% for collateralized loans – 15% for non-collateralized loans

Application Fee: \$50.00

Origination and Closing Fees: 3% of loan amount and can be financed.

Ethnic Minority Emergency Grant

To help ethnic minority-owned micro-businesses cope with the economic impact of COVID-19, the Ethnic Minority Emergency Grant Initiative is being launched with a total of \$2 million to be made available to 1,000 Wisconsin micro-businesses.

A business may apply for a one-time grant of \$2,000 for short-term operations assistance through Wisconsin's Collective Ethnic and Diverse Organizations. Applicants will be subject to underwriting, and grant recipients will be required to submit a report indicating how the funds were used.

Applications will be accepted from May 18-24, 2020.

Eligible applicants are ethnic minority-owned businesses with five or fewer full-time equivalent employees (including the owner) in the retail, service or hospitality sectors that have not received assistance through WEDC's Small Business 20/20 Program or the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) through the federal CARES Act.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and frequently asked questions.

Native Report

With Rita Aspinwall & Ernie Stevens

We attend the grand opening of the Thunderbird-Wren Halfway House, a recovery program for men and women.

We then learn about what role a doula plays before, during, and shortly after the birth of a child.

And we meet Thomas Peacock, who found a new career in retirement as an author, editor, and publisher.



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