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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](mailto: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.

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# COVID-19: Free Drive Up Testing Event

## June 11 @ Legendary Waters parking lot

Red Cliff Elder and Tribal Council Member Marvin Defoe shares a message about the importance of community members getting tested.

He shares details on the free drive up testing event scheduled for Thursday June 11 at Legendary Waters parking lot. He also thanks the entire community for working together during the pandemic.



## COVID-19

### FREE DRIVE UP TESTING

The Wisconsin National Guard is assisting the Red Cliff Band to provide COVID-19 testing. **Testing is FREE, available to everyone.**

Thursday, June 11, 2020  
11 AM – 7 PM  
Legendary Waters parking lot  
37600 Onigamiing Drive  
Bayfield, WI

The goal is to test 450 people throughout the day.  
Ages 5 - 17 years must have a parent or legal guardian present.



## Campgrounds Opened to Tribal Members

Red Cliff's Buffalo Bay and Point Detour Campgrounds are now open to Tribal members and their families. There is currently no camping fee associated with these sites.



General amenities will not be available to campers, however portable restroom facilities will be provided. Families are encouraged to continue to follow safe social distancing guidelines as the Tribe begins Phase I of reopening. While no date is set for the beginning of Phase II, it is scheduled to include the reopening of the Marina and Legendary Waters Snack Bar (takeout only).



All reopening phases will be at the advisement of our health professionals and Red Cliff Emergency Response Team.

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## **Tribal Council Rescinds Access Road Closure**

On Wednesday June 3, 2020 during the Special Council Meeting at Merchant Property, the Tribal Council took action and rescinded the previous order to close reservation access roads to non-residents. In approving the initial motion to close access, the Tribal Council's intent was to limit the potential exposure of the coronavirus from external sources into our community.



The Council will continue to explore ways to protect our community while researching the most effective methods of doing so in collaboration with our health officials.

The previous action to close access roads was approved on May 27. Prior to this, road signs were ordered that will designate reservation access roads as local travel only. These signs will continue to be placed as planned in an effort to keep the community safe.

Miigwech,  
Red Cliff Tribal Council

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## **Council Approves Changes to Code of Law** ***Chapters 20 & 37 amended***

On June 1, 2020 the Red Cliff Tribal Council passed changes to Chapter 20 - Historic Preservation, and Chapter 37 - Land Use.

Chapter 20 is now titled Historic Preservation, Protection and Management of Archaeological, Historical, and Cultural Properties and Resources.

Chapter 37 is now titled Zoning Code.

You can find the updated versions of these chapters by visiting [www.redcliff-nsn.gov](http://www.redcliff-nsn.gov) and clicking on the Tribal Government tab then the Code of Laws tab. The changes are effective immediately.

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## **Red Cliff Celebrates the Class of 2020**

Red Cliff celebrated the Class of 2020 on Saturday with a graduation event at Legendary Waters

Buffalo Bay Campground.

Family and community members were able to attend by remaining in their parked cars to watch the ceremony.

Chi miigwech to all for joining the celebration in honoring our graduating seniors.

Click the video below to watch a recording of the ceremony.



## BHS Virtual Commencement



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**COVID-19 Spotlight: Facility Maintenance Crew**



The Public Works and Facility Maintenance crews have been working incredibly hard to keep Tribal buildings clean, sanitized, and safe for employees and community members.

Chi miigwech for all your hard work and ensuring Tribal operations could continue throughout the pandemic.



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## TNR Administrator to serve on Great Lakes Advisory Board

Chad Abel, Treaty Natural Resources Division Administrator has been selected to serve on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB).

GLAB aims to provide advice and recommendations on matters related to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and the implementation of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement between the United States and Canada.



“The advice received from the Board in past years has been a critical part of the work EPA has done, and continues to do, to restore and protect the Great Lakes,” said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. “Our work cleaning up the Great Lakes is far from over, and GLAB’s future efforts will ensure needed expertise is available for environmental agencies to use both here in the U.S. and in Canada.”

“The members of the re-established Great Lakes Advisory Board provide unique expertise that will assist EPA and its federal partners in making important progress to restore and protect the Great Lakes,” said Region 5 Administrator and Great Lakes National Program Manager Kurt Thiede.”

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Great Lakes Advisory Board.

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## IT Director to serve on nationwide committee

Theron Rutyna, Red Cliff Information Technology Director, has been appointed to the State of Wisconsin's Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network Subcommittee. The committee is part of the Department of Military Affairs, Interoperability Council.



The committee handles public safety broadband for Wisconsin and how Wisconsin interacts with the Nation. Rutyna holds the seat reserved for an appointed representative from a Native American Band or Tribe. It will be Rutyna's responsibility to represent the Tribe and other Wisconsin Tribes in matters of broadband and public safety communications.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on the Wisconsin Public Safety Broadband.

## PANDEMIC RELIEF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN WISCONSIN

Small businesses in Wisconsin often operate on razor-thin profit margins and hold very little cash in reserve, which makes weathering the effects of a global pandemic particularly challenging. Complicating matters for these small businesses seeking federal or other financial assistance is that they often lack the financial relationships required, or are otherwise ineligible, to qualify for these programs.

WEDC's We're All In Small Business Grant is designed to help these small businesses get back on their feet while also encouraging adoption of best practices to keep employees, customers and communities safe.

Funded by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the We're All In Small Business Grant Program will provide \$2,500 to 30,000 Wisconsin small businesses to assist with the costs of business interruption or for health and safety improvements, wages and salaries, rent, mortgages and inventory.

The online grant application will be accessible for one week from 8:00 am Monday, June 15th, through Sunday, June 21st at 11:59 pm.

**Learn More at [WIBAnative.org](http://WIBAnative.org)**



## Regional Job Opportunity

Wisconsin Conservation Voices has a great job opportunity for 15-20 hours of weekly work from June 15 - November 15.

Wisconsin Conservation Voices is looking for energetic and outgoing organizers to work with tribal communities throughout the state (urban and reservation-based).

This position will primarily focus on building a team



of volunteers and carrying out activities associated with nonpartisan voter education and voter engagement. To ensure the health and safety of our staff, in light of COVID-19, organizers will utilize digital formats (Zoom, social media, etc) for outreach efforts and planning activities, as well as phone banking, texting apps, and email.

Click [HERE](#) for the full job posting and details. Applications are due by June 10!



## Health & Wellness

### Red Cliff Pharmacy



We are trying to keep everyone safe and healthy during this pandemic so we are continuing to offer curbside pick-up.

We are asking you to try to fill everything that you will need so you do not have to make multiple visits for med pick-up.

Call pharmacy to arrange a time/day and we can run your medication out to you.

Pull up in front of the pharmacy waiting area so that we can see your vehicle.

A pharmacist would like to talk to you if you have any questions on your medications.

Any questions please call pharmacy at  
715-779-3157

# RECOVERY MEETINGS ONLINE

## *Red Cliff-Bayfield-Washburn-Iron River*

Below is a list of local recovery meetings that have been scheduled online through Zoom teleconferencing services.

- You will need a WiFi connection to access these meetings by smartphone, tablet or computer. In some cases there is a telephone call-in number.
- There is a meeting link, ID, and password (below) for each specific meeting. If you don't have Zoom installed on your device you'll be instructed when you use the meeting link.
- Most meetings are limited to 40 minutes.

### **Bayfield Monday Night AA Group (Little Sand Bay)**

7PM Monday night, Meeting ID: 9955440480 Password: 040435

Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/9955440480> or call (312) 626-6799

### **Iron River Tuesday Night AA (Northern Lakes Alano Club)**

7PM Tuesday night

Up to a week in advance send an email to [ironriveraa@gmail.com](mailto:ironriveraa@gmail.com). They will send an invite back to you with a link for that week's meeting.

### **Red Cliff Wednesday Night Wellbriety**

6PM Wednesday Night, Meeting ID: 745 466 870 Password: nicetry

Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/745466870?pwd=Y2dtVC9oK3AyOEY0TlcvME56Z1FiQT09>

### **Washburn Friday Night AA Group**

7PM Friday Night, Meeting ID: 679 698 038 Password: 107048

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/679698038?pwd=WStpNEFjbzZpemF6bjBuS2JCd0JCdz09>

Use Link or call (312) 626-6799 to join meeting

### **Red Cliff Friday Night AA Group**

6PM Friday, Meeting ID: 336 665 9454 Password: REDCLIFF

Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3366659454>

Use Link or call (312) 626-6799 to join meeting

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The Behavioral Health Department has released its June newsletter.

Click [HERE](#) to view!





# Behavioral Health Department

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## June, 2020 NEWSLETTER

### Featured Articles/Program Updates

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### Boozhoo from the Red Cliff Community Health Center's Behavioral Health team!

*We are excited to bring you news that you may find helpful. We hope to be able to provide information that you can use or share with others if you feel you are currently experiencing hard times, feeling down, or may not feel like you have anywhere to go.*

*Please use this newsletter as a resource for you to know you are NOT alone, and there are services that are here to help right in our own tribal community!*

*During the month of June we wanted the community to become more aware the services that the Red Cliff Comprehensive Community services (CCS) provides .*

### Did you know...

- The Wisconsin CCS program is only available in the state of Wisconsin
- Red Cliff is one of only 3 tribes that operate a CCS program
- Each individual's experience with CCS is unique.
- Available in 67 counties and three tribal nations



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

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

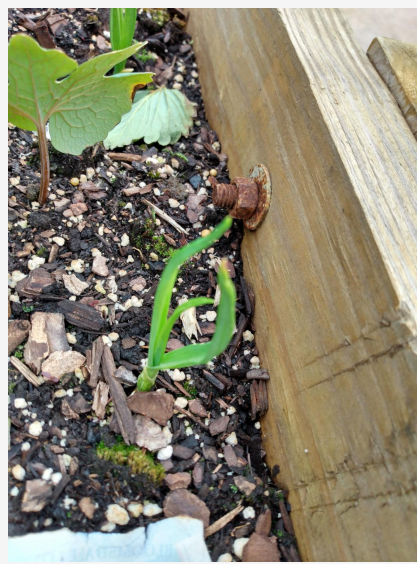
## Family & Human Services

### Richard Gurnoe Villa

The gardens at the Richard Gurnoe Villa are looking good!

The Richard Gurnoe Villa is looking for two more garden beds. If anyone wishes to donate a garden bed please contact [mercie.gordon@redcliff-nsn.gov](mailto:mercie.gordon@redcliff-nsn.gov) or 715-779-3740.





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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**





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## Indigenous Legacy Scholarship

TC Energy has extended the application period for the TC Energy Scholarship Program to June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020! The Program offers scholarships to students in three categories, including 77 scholarships specifically for Indigenous students who can apply online at [www.tcscholarships.com](http://www.tcscholarships.com):

1. TC Energy Indigenous Legacy Scholarship (\$5,000 each) – awarded to Indigenous (Native American) students pursuing any full-time, post-secondary program at a registered education institute. Our priority is to support students from the Nations we work with.
2. TC Energy Community Leaders Scholarship (\$2,500 each) – awarded to students who demonstrate a strong commitment to their communities through volunteerism, leadership and other activities.
3. TC Energy Trades Scholarship (\$2,500 each) – awarded to students who are studying a skilled trade relevant to our business.

If you have any questions about the Program or the application process please contact [TCScholarships@transcanada.com](mailto:TCScholarships@transcanada.com).

## Are you an Indigenous student pursuing post-secondary education?



**Apply for our Indigenous Legacy Scholarship.**

See if you pre-qualify by answering five quick questions.

**Apply today** ▶ [TCScholarships.com](https://TCScholarships.com)



## 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

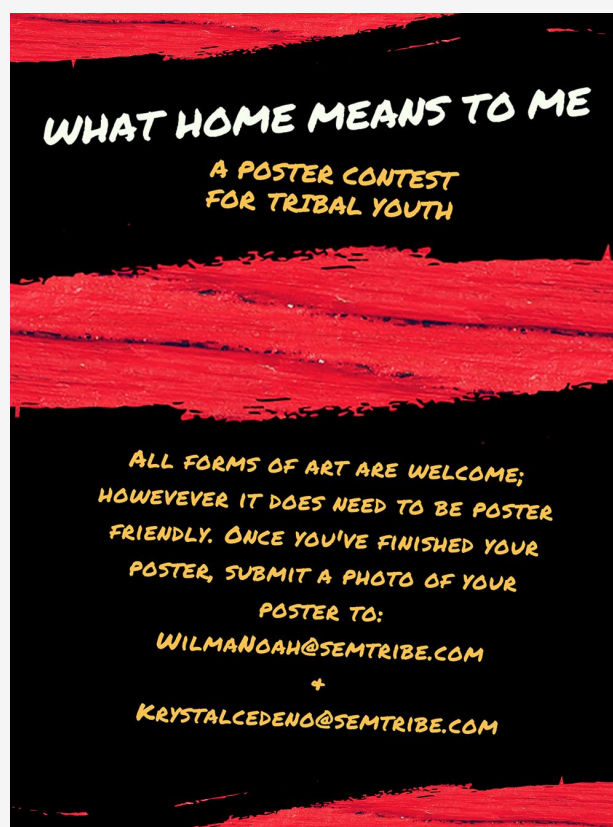
All Tribal Communities are Welcomed to Submit! All Posters Must Be Original Art Work.

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](mailto:WilmaNoah@semtribe.com) or  
[KrystalCedeno@semtribe.com](mailto:KrystalCedeno@semtribe.com)

**3 AGE GROUP WINNERS!**





## 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](#).**



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## Treaty Natural Resources

### Video Webinar: Red Cliff Venison Workshop

This community workshop was provided by the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission's Chippewa Ceded Territory Traditional Food Regulatory System Project.

Topics include information on the Food Regulatory System Project and food systems, eating venison, harvesting venison, as well as licensing and food safety.



# Mino Bimaadiziiwin Farm - New Staff

## Sarah Azure Daniels

I moved my family back to the Bayfield Peninsula 6 years ago and have been getting reacquainted with the area by working at nearby farms and wineries, playing music locally and spending time hiking, canoeing and foraging with my three teenagers. We love the simple life and enjoy spending our time outdoors as much as possible, growing our own food and getting to know our neighbors. I recently finished a course in herbalism with a strong focus on the identification of native plants and their medicinal uses. My past work was in natural childbirth, education and labor support working with families as a birth/postpartum doula. I'm excited to spend my time working at the Red Cliff Tribal Farm and having a great season growing fresh fruits and veggies for this community!



## Housing Authority

715-779-3744

## HOUSING NEWS

Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority News Brief 6/08/2020

### Natural Insect Repellents

- Mosquitoes—toss some fresh rosemary or sage on the fire pit.
- Fruit Flies—apple cider vinegar in a small bowl, cover with plastic wrap and punch a couple of pencil lead sized holes in the plastic. They can get in, but not back out.
- Ladybugs—cloves

### Leasing/Occupancy Reminders (ext. 3501)

- Check your sump pump and drain pipe regularly. Keep them in good working order to avoid issues.
- Make the best of your stay-at-home time by cleaning your yard. In preparation of Investor site visits, yard inspections are coming mid-June.
- Pools—Water usage that exceeds standard water usage will be tenant expense.

### Interested in Joining a Tenant Association?

### June is National Homeownership Month (ext. 3516)

- ⇒ Contact us to add yourself to our interested homebuyer pipeline/wait list.
- ⇒ Contact us if your home is need of repair, rehab or weatherization.
- ⇒ Keep a homeowner's binder with important paperwork such as insurance, repair receipts, warranties, appliance information.
- ⇒ Home Maintenance—Clean dryer vents and change filters!



"Governor Evers announced a Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program on May 20th. Tenants may receive up to \$3,000 in assistance if they are eligible. An adult Wisconsin resident's household income must be at or below 80% of the county median income in the month prior to application to be eligible. State partner agencies are set to begin receiving applications on June 8th."

Cheryl Cloud, Housing Director



**Pictured above: Randall Bresette, homeowner; pointing out the rehab work he was able to have done at his home with a USDA 504 grant for seniors!**

## News Across Indian Country

### Bad River Pow Wow Cancelled

The 2020 Bad River Pow Wow has been cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions.

### Fundraiser for Midge Montano



Due to COVID-19 we had to postpone the fundraiser. We will not be having a bake sale. We will be having the Star Quilt Raffle and 50/50 Raffle drawing at the Red Cliff Health Center on **June 12, 2020 @ 3:00pm.**

\*\*\*No need to be present to win\*\*\*

**(Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20)**

50/50 raffle



Star Quilt Raffle



Tickets will be on sale at the Red Cliff Community Health Center and The Mishomis Wellness Center until June 12, 2020 @ 2:30pm.

Contact Johanna Wilson with any questions 715-779-3741 Ext. 2410

### Native American Farm Working to Keep Community Fed During Pandemic

## From Modern Farmer, by Lindsay Campbell

"In defiance of COVID-19's crippling climate of uncertainty, Neely Snyder has stayed grounded by working to ensure her community is provided with the food of its ancestors."

"Snyder, a member of the St. Croix Band of Chippewa and a Minnesota resident, has seen the Native American population throughout the state disproportionately suffer from poverty and health issues that have been strongly associated with a higher risk of death from COVID-19."

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



## Community Updates

Follow the link below to see announcements for upcoming events!

[View the announcements](#)

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