



Hub of the Chippewa Nation

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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.

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Red Cliff News & Updates

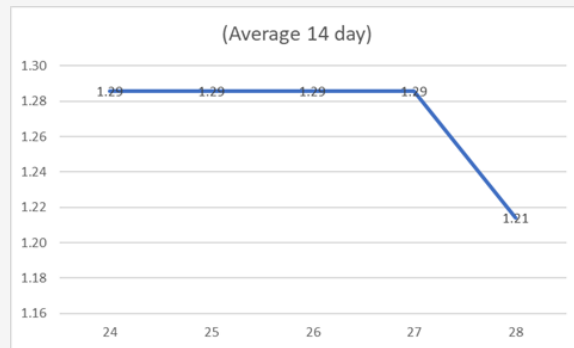
COVID-19 Community Updates

An up-to-date list of COVID-19 related notices and educational resources can be found on the [Red Cliff Band website](#).

Stay At Home Order Amended After Steady Decline in Cases

Order is now an Advisory; community urged to continue safe practices

In response to the downward trajectory of COVID-19 positive cases provided by the Red Cliff Community Health Center, the Red Cliff Tribal Council has approved to change the mandatory stay-at-home order to a stay-at-home advisory. Click [HERE](#) to see the signed resolution for details.



Community members are urged to remain diligent in following COVID-19 safety protocol. The mandatory mask ordinance approved by the Tribal Council is still in effect, and face coverings remain a requirement within the Red Cliff Reservation boundaries.

In order to preserve the safety of the Red Cliff Community, please continue to practice proper personal hygiene and follow safe social distancing guidelines.

Contact the Tribal Administration Building with questions at 715-779-3700.

For health-related questions and guidelines, contact the Community Health Center at 715-779-3707.



Red Cliff COVID-19 Health Pandemic General Welfare Assistance Program

****To maintain safety we ask that you follow these instructions closely****

Check Distribution Instructions

- Pick up location: Red Cliff Boys and Girls Club Parking Lot (89645 Youth Center Drive)
- Pick up time: 10:00am-6:00pm
- Drive up and be directed to the correct lane
- Stay in your vehicle
- Two staff will verify and document the individual picking up and not require a signature.
- Checks may be picked up by immediate family members for those who are unable to pick up in person. *Be prepared to provide an ID if our staff do not know you.
- All transactions are being done under surveillance.
- Red Cliff Tribe will not be held responsible for checks after they are picked up.

Schedule

Monday, October 5th: Last names A & B

Tuesday, October 6th: Last names C-F

Wednesday, October 7th: Last names G & H

Thursday, October 8th: Last names I-O

Friday, October 9th: Last Names P-Z

If you do not pick up your check on the scheduled day it will be mailed to the address on the check that was provided on your W9.

Please refer questions to RCCARES@redcliff-nsn.gov or call (715) 779-3700

**Tribal IDs are now being issued by
appointment only due to COVID-19.**



**Contact the Tribal Administration Building
to set up an appointment. This will allow staff
to properly clean between appointments.**

715-779-3700

Miigwech!

 **Stay Home. Stay Safe.**



New Library, Education, and Cultural Preservation Buildings Progress

In case you missed it:

Two new office buildings are being built at the Red Cliff Cultural Grounds in order to house the Education department, Ginanda Gikendaasomin Library, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, and the Native Connections department. Here are some photos of the progress. Sections of the buildings were delivered last week:



Photos by Nathan Gordon

The move for these departments comes after community feedback valuing the importance of quality programming related to education and cultural preservation, as well as the need to adhere to proper social distancing protocol and safe environments for community members to access these services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other locations were considered; however, it was determined the Cultural Grounds provided the best fit for these two buildings and departments. The Cultural Grounds cover roughly 40 acres. The new buildings will occupy a very small portion of the Cultural Grounds as they are approximately only 36' x 60' structures.

One building will have the Education department and will have the library relocated from the Tribal Administration building. The other office building will have Tribal Historic Preservation and the Native Connections department staff.

"We are very happy that the library in Red Cliff will have its own space, which will allow us to share our collection of Native American focused literature, new resources for community members attending online schooling, and spaces with open wireless internet access for our patrons to use," said Jared Blanche, Education and Library Director. "We look forward to having the Ginanda Gikendaasomin Library being a space for reading, studying, quiet conversations, traditional stories, and community events."

Native Connections Project Manager Mark Gokee said these buildings are the start of more offerings to the community for maintaining and developing our resilience through Red Cliff culture and teachings. THPO will also be able to provide more cultural preservation activities.

"This facility will afford much needed space to ensure a safe work area and programming for staff and community," said Marvin Defoe, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. "This will be a learning place for our community now and into the future."

The project is being funded by the Department of Treasury CARES Act, and Black Wolf Construction is completing the site work and foundation for the buildings. The actual buildings are being purchased through Sustainable Modular Management.

Contact the Tribal Administration Building with any questions at 715-779-3700.

For information on the Ginanda Gikendaasomin Library and Tribal Historic Preservation Office, visit www.redcliff-nsn.gov.

For information on Native Connections and services available, visit www.redcliffhealth.org.

Digital LED Sign Installation

A digital LED sign is being installed adjacent to the Legendary Waters and Blueberry Road intersection on Hwy 13.

The sign will display important public notices such as road closures, safety notices, events, and COVID-19 related news.

Contact the Tribal Administration Building with any questions at 715-779-3700.



Photos by Nathan Gordon

Red Cliff Health Administrator Appointed to Governor Ever's Health Equity Council

Red Cliff Health Administrator Diane Erickson has been appointed to Governor Ever's Health Equity Council.

The Governor's Health Equity Council works to reduce and eliminate health disparities throughout the state of Wisconsin. Health disparities are addressed in populations based on race, economic status, education level, history of incarceration, and geographic location.



"It is important to push for equity and improve the overall health across all communities," said Erickson. "I am honored to represent Red Cliff and other minority communities in looking at the effects of policy on communities with high populations of underlying health conditions."

"Accepting federal funds to expand Medicaid is central to our efforts to improve the health and

well-being of all Wisconsinites, but so too is addressing the racial, socioeconomic, and geographic disparities that contribute to poor health outcomes," said Gov. Evers. "Through programs like our Healthy Women, Healthy Babies initiatives, as well as through the work of our newly created Health Equity Council, we will continue to seek innovative and commonsense solutions to improve health outcomes and reduce disparities."

Red Cliff Tribal Flag Represents Miskwaabekong and Anishinaabe Culture

From James E. Pete, DBA
LCOOC Red Cliff Outreach Director

As with many Tribal Communities/Nations, the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians has a Tribal Flag. Each Tribal Flag is unique and represents the local Community Culture, however, it also relates to the overall Anishinaabe Culture.



For the Red Cliff Community, one interpretation of the Tribal Flag is the significance of the colors of Red, White, Yellow, and Black. These colors may be in direct relation with the four races, the four seasons, the four directions, and the four stages of life.

In each Tribal Community/Nation, they were represented by an animal from the Clan system. This was a traditionally important aspect, as it also represented the responsibility of those individuals who followed the patrilineal Clan system of the Anishinaabe.

The animals on the Red Cliff Tribal Flag may have the following responsibilities to fulfill:

- Loon- Chief
- Eagle-Spiritual
- Bear-Warriors
- Sturgeon-Teachers
- Crane-Leaders
- Marten-Hunters

The Red Cliff Tribal Flag is an important aspect of modern day living. It ties the Tribal Community back to the history, lifestyles, and promotes the teachings of traditions for the next Seven Generations of the Anishinaabe.

Proposed Constitution Changes



The Red Cliff Constitution Committee is proposing important changes to its Constitution and is seeking feedback from Red Cliff Tribal Members.

Please review the proposed changes and information below,
then provide feedback by emailing constitutioncomments@redcliff-nsn.gov,
or by bringing written comments to the Tribal Administration Building at 88455 Pike Rd.
by October 15, 2020. Due to COVID-19, we are unable to listen to in-person comments.
Recommendations will be made by the Constitution Committee to the Red Cliff Tribal Council.

[Click here to view the proposed changes and to learn why these changes are being proposed.](#)

Community Members Needed To Serve on Government Committees

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Tribal Council is seeking individuals to serve on the following
Committees, Boards, and Commissions

HEALTH BOARD (2) members

Health Board meets the **4th Wednesday** of each month at the
Red Cliff Health Center at 5:00 p.m.

HUMAN/FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (2) members

Committee meets the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at the Human/Family
Services Building at 4:45 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (5) member

Committee meets the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at the
Administration Building at 2:00 p.m.

FISHING COMMITTEE (5) members (2) Alternates

Meetings are set when needed and posted

*If you are interested in serving on the Committees, please pick up and drop off an
application at the front desk of the Tribal Administration*

*Please keep in mind the times they meet,
so you are able to commit and serve on the Committee's
If you have any questions, please call 715-779-3700.*

DEADLINE: October 14th, at 4:00 p.m.

REPOSTED, OCTOBER 1, 2020

Tribal Council Meeting - October 5

The next Tribal Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday October 5, 2020 at
Legendary Waters Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom.

Click [HERE](#) to view the meeting agenda.

Complete the U.S. 2020 Census

Tribal Members, please respond to the U.S. 2020 Census if you haven't already! It's quick, easy, and answers are kept confidential.

Click [HERE!](#)

Time is running out. Respond now.



Shape
your future
START HERE >

United States®
Census
2020

Health & Wellness

DRIVE UP FREE COVID-19 TESTING EVENT

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

Saturday, October 10, 2020
9am - 5pm
Red Cliff Community Health Center
36745 Aiken Rd
Bayfield, WI

There are 450 tests available.
Anyone 5 years to 17 years must have a parent or legal guardian present.

Pre-registration is not required, however the testing goes much faster.

If you need assistance pre-registering please call 715-779-3707 ext. 2319



Scan here or go to
register.covidconnect.wi.gov
to pre-register
(optional)

Behavioral Health October Newsletter

The Behavioral Health Department has released its October Newsletter.

Click [HERE](#) to access!



Behavioral Health Department

MH & AODA Outpatient • CCS • CST • TOR • RCTREE • CTAS
Native Connections • Noojimo'ewewin • MWC



October 2020 NEWSLETTER

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~Boozhoo from the 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 community!

During the month of October, we want to offer the community more information about the Behavioral Health Department!



October is Depression Awareness Month!



October is also Bullying Prevention Month and October 10th is World Mental Health Day!

It is estimated that one in 15 adults (6.7%) will experience depression in any given year and one in six people (16.6%) will suffer from depression at some point in their lifetime. As you can see, depression is more common than most people think. Like other diseases, people suffer depression through no fault of their own. There is no reason to be ashamed of behavioral health issues and every reason to seek help as soon as possible. Also, like other health challenges that may occur, it is a good idea to get screened for depression if you feel you may be at risk. Screening is available at Red Cliff Community Health Center, or you can go online to www.mhascreening.org or visit www.HelpYourselfHelpOthers.org to take an online screening.

Red Cliff Behavioral Health Department is dedicated to helping you in your recovery and can connect you to AODA & Behavioral Health services, Recovery Groups and Peer Support. **Please call 715-779-3741 for more information.**



Red Cliff Pharmacy

We are **continuing to offer curbside pickup** for your convenience and safety during this pandemic.

We are **requesting all pharmacy pick ups be curbside** unless you are already coming into the clinic for another reason.

Please request your refills like you always have but **call the pharmacy at 715-779-3157 and schedule a pickup day/time** to let us know your **vehicle model and color**.

There are signs outside the front of the clinic indicating where to park after you have made us aware you will be here.

If you are receiving a **new medication or have any questions** at all a pharmacist would like to talk to you. **Please call us at 715-779-3157** and ask for a pharmacist.

Please continue to wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, disinfect hard surfaces in your home and "Stay Safer at Home".

If you are **quarantined or unable to make it to the clinic**, please let us know and we will help you to get your medication safely.



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.

Click [HERE](#) for COVID-19 Updates and Resources.

Family & Human Services

Click [HERE](#) to register for the Family Violence Prevention Program Virtual Walk.



OCTOBER 11-17TH WALK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Walk to raise awareness and support victims and survivors of Domestic Violence

Register online <https://bit.ly/3cGBrTy>

After registering, email Jamie.corbine@recliff-nsn.gov or call 715-292-7855 to arrange T-shirt pick up time at the Human Services Building October 5th

Wear your T-shirt on your walk and receive a chance to win Raffle Prizes!!

Just send pictures to Jamie.corbine@redcliff-nsn.gov or 715-292-7855

**Walk anywhere in
the Red Cliff
Community**

**The Red Cliff Family
Violence Prevention
Program Thanks you
for all your support
in ending the silence
on Domestic Abuse**

**"You can recognize
survivors of abuse by
their courage, when
silence is so very
inviting, they step
forward and share
their truth so others
know they are not
alone"**

RED CLIFF FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

88385 Pike Road, Hwy 13
Bayfield, WI 54814
715-779-3706



October 2020

Red Cliff Elderly Menu

All Meals Subject to Change without notice

All Meals Served with 1% milk

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Beef Vegetable Barley Soup. Egg Salad Sandwich Pears	2 Pork Roast Mashed Potato Carrots Bun Fruit Cocktail	3 Sack Lunch Club Wrap Chips Fruit Cup 
5 Cheese Burgers/ Bun French Fries Corn Peaches/Cottage Cheese	6 Ravioli Meat Sauce Green Beans Apple Sauce	7 Chicken Jambalaya Mixed Vegetable Rice Cookie	8 Cream of Chicken Wild Rice Soup Fry Bread J-ello w/ Fruit	9 Sloppy Joes Potato Wedges Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	10 Sack Lunch Chicken Salad Sandwich Carrot Sticks Cookie
12 *No Service* Tribal Holiday Indigenous Day 	13 Ham Mashed Potato Corn Bun Cake	14 Sweet and Sour Chicken (Peppers, Pineapple) Rice Pudding	15 Chili Corn Bread Apple Sauce	16 Pancakes Sausage Scrambled Egg Mandarin Oranges	17 Sack lunch Ground Bologna Sandwich Celery Sticks P. Butter Chips/ Fruit Cup
19 Hot Dogs W/ Bun Tater Tots Green Bean Pudding	20 Turkey & Ham Cheese Subs Baby Carrots Chips Pears	21 Chicken Enchiladas Mexican Rice Black Beans Cake	22 Kielbasa Rice Soup Biscuit Apricots	23 Lasagna Brussels Sprouts Bread Stick J-ello W/ Fruit	24 Sack Lunch Chicken Caesar Wrap Chips/Salsa Fruit Cup
26 Cream of Chicken W/ Mixed Vegetable Biscuit Peaches	27 Italian Sausage W/ Peppers Marinara Bun French Fries Broccoli Pineapple	28 Spanish rice Corn Bread Baked Beans Cake	29 Hamburger Macaroni Soup Bun Cake	30 Beef Pot Roast Mashed BB Red Potato Corn Bun Pears	31 Sack Lunch Hot Dog/ Bun Potato Salad Baked Beans Fruit Cup Cookie 

Red Cliff Food Shelf is open by appointment

The Red Cliff Food Shelf provides an assortment of food items to families in need.

Families may visit the Red Cliff Food Shelf once a month, receiving two to three days' worth of groceries.

This is meant to be emergency and supplemental food.

If you are interested in the Red Cliff Food Shelf, call the Red Cliff Family & Human Services office at 715-779-3706 and set up a time with one of our staff members (usually within 24 hours of call). Any of our staff here at the Family & Human Services office are willing to assist you and/or your family in this time of need.



take steps to improve your family's health

Fit Families will identify health habits they want to improve for their child and/or family

Parents select 1 of 3 common health goals:

- 1 Make Every Bite Count...
More Fruits and Vegetables!
- 2 Move More...Watch Less!
- 3 Make Every Sip Count...
More Healthy Beverages!

- Your efforts to make health changes will be rewarded by incentives or prizes for your participation! Incentives will be given at enrollment, month 3, month 6, month 9, and month 12.
- A Fit Families Coach will provide monthly contacts by phone, email, or in person, to provide support as you make these lifestyle changes.
- You will also receive monthly newsletters.

The Fit Families Program is for families with children between 2-4 years of age.

Enrolling now!
Contact Mercie Gordon



fit families

• be active • eat healthy • drink water

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Printing of this poster was funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP. SNAP provides nutrition assistance to people with low income. It can help you buy nutritious foods for a better diet. To find out more, contact your local Fit Families Project.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on the Fit Families Program.

Click [HERE](#) for information on the enrollment procedure.

Your Fit Families Coach for Red Cliff is

Mercie Gordon

88430 Pike Road

Bayfield, WI 54814

715-779-3740

mercie.gordon@redcliff-nsn.gov

Education

Red Cliff ECC 2020-2021 Enrollment

If you have a child age 0-5 or are a pregnant woman living in the Red Cliff/Bayfield County area and are interested in being a part of our program, please complete an application or call 779-5030 ext. 2533.

If your child is already enrolled, please make sure that your child has their annual paperwork completed.

NEW We now have a mailbox outside the ECC Trailer doors that parents/guardians can drop off paperwork.

If you have changes, you can update your application at any time.



Ways to Apply:

1. Go to the Red Cliff Tribe page www.redcliff-nsn.gov and find Red Cliff ECC page under the Divisions & Services tab and you can print applications.
2. You can also apply online on the Red Cliff ECC page, but this is only for families that are new to the program. If you have been in the program, please print or call for applications.
3. Call 715-779-5030 ext. 2533 and leave a message and you will get a call back.

After your application is received, you will be contacted to schedule an application interview.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Defoe at 779-5030 ext. 2533 or jennifer.defoe@redcliff-nsn.gov.

Education Department Seeking Graphic Designer and Media Entrepreneur

The Education Department is seeking a graphic designer and a media entrepreneur.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

Boys and Girls Club of Gitchigami

Virtual Lessons

Boys and Girls Club staff have created Virtual Daily Lessons for youth to follow while the Club is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lessons incorporate fitness and fun, fine arts, virtual field trips, mental workouts, and lessons on character, leadership, and service!



Meals
Coming
Soon!!
Please
Watch for
Meal Flyer!

Must be a Member to Receive Meal (ages 8-18)
Please Fill Out or Renew Your Application by:

Meals
Coming
Soon!!
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Meal Flyer!



Filling Application Over Phone:

715-779-3706



Filling Out and Signing Application Online and Emailing
Application to paige.moilanen@redcliff-nsn.gov

Join us for the



November 2-4, 2020

Spots open for 10 Lucky Teens!

Register with:

Paige Moilanen at paige.moilanen@redcliff-nsn.gov or call 715-209-6222

For a chance to get some
BE THERE SWAG!

Connect with peers, Dynamic Speakers, Team
Activities,

prizes, fun, and a Virtual Dance Party!

#NativeClubsTeenSummit2020



Calling all Club Members ages 10-17



Sign up for MyFuture.net!

GREAT FUTURES START **HERE**.



Young people are drawn to spaces where they can engage with their peers, learn new things, express themselves and earn recognition. Nobody does this better than the Boys & Girls Clubs. With MyFuture, Clubs can reach young people online to provide rich opportunities for fun, learning and positive youth development.

Here's How It Works for Youth:

- MyFuture is a platform designed to engage youth across BGCA's program areas. Youth ages 10 and older take part in 21st century learning activities including STEM, leadership, career exploration and much more.

To create a MyFuture account:

Have Club members click the "sign up" button on the top right-hand corner of the screen.

Club Members Self-Registration:

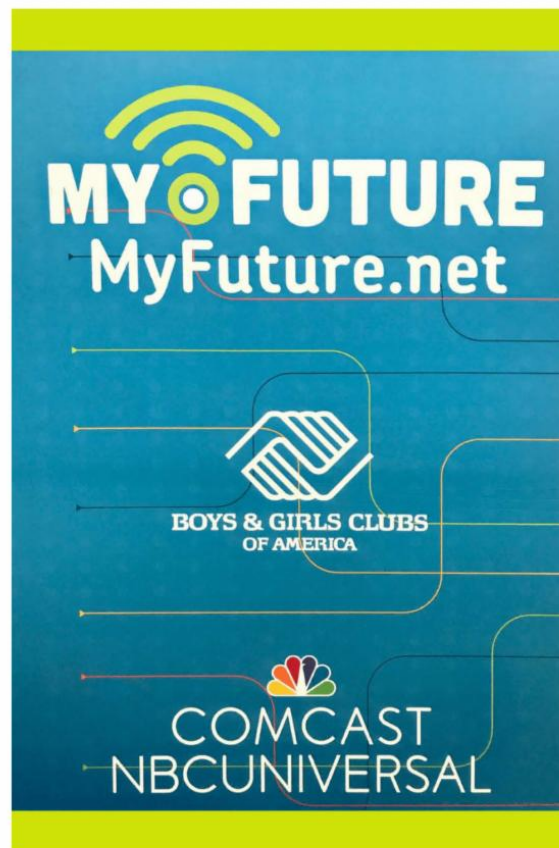
Select "I am currently a member of a Club"

Fill in your First Name, Last Name, Month and Year of Birth, and Gender.

Select the "State" the Club is in and the "City" the Club is located in to find their Club. Staff must approve these accounts for members.

Fill in a password. Remember to write the username and password down. If you forget it, your Club staff will be able to retrieve it for you.

You will not be able to log in until your Club staff has approved your account.



Complete the fields below with your personal info:

Paige	M	01/16/2001
Female	WI	BAYFIELD
Boys & Girls Club of Gitchigami-42767		

Create your own profile password

Password *	Confirm password *
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* Required field

SUBMIT

Make sure your "Find My Club" section has the Boys & Girls Club of Gitchigami selected, so staff can approve youth.

Any questions please email Paige at paige.moilanen@redcliff-nsn.gov

GREAT FUTURES START **HERE**.



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

Gitchigami

Treaty Natural Resources

Click **HERE** to view the Red Cliff Transfer Station Brochure.

NEW BUSINESS HOURS for Red Cliff Transfer Station

Effective October 1, 2020

HOURS OF OPERATION

MON	CLOSED	to	CLOSED
TUES	10: 00 AM	to	6:00 PM
WED	CLOSED	to	CLOSED
THUR	10: 00 AM	to	6:00 PM
FRI	CLOSED	to	CLOSED
SAT	8:00 AM	to	12:00 PM
SUN	CLOSED	to	CLOSED



If there are any questions,
please reach the Environmental
Department at 715-779-3650 or
Transfer Station at
715-779-0171.

Mino Bimaadiziiwin Farm Stand

Thursdays and Fridays

10am—4pm

Fresh vegetables and herbs available!

Self-serve, pay what you can.



Please social distance, wear a mask, and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Questions? Call (715) 779—3782

ATTENTION PATRONS:



To ensure the public health and safety at the Red Cliff Transfer Station, please review the following:

- ♦ **ALL BAGS MUST BE TAGGED.** Tags can be purchased at the Tribal Administration, Peterson's Store, and Buffalo Bay Gas Station.
- ♦ If you are able, please dispose of **tagged bags** directly into the compactor. See red arrow in photo.
- ♦ If you are unable to throw **tagged bags**, please leave your **tagged bags** by the compactor. See red box outlining drop off area in photo.



Please contact 715-779-3650 or 715-779-0171, if there are any questions.

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Red Cliff Environmental Department

Housing Authority

The Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority has adopted a Temporary Emergency Operations Plan. Housing tenants are urged to click [HERE](#) to view details.



RED CLIFF CHIPPEWA HOUSING AUTHORITY

37645 New Housing Road Bayfield, WI 54814
(715) 779-3744 (715) 779-5044 Fax

PUBLIC NOTICE

Temporary Emergency Operations Plan (TEOP) - COVID-19
Effective 10/4/2020

Office Building Operations – Controlled Access

- **In person contact with tenants/clients will not occur at this time.** No foot traffic, visitors, delivery persons, etc. outside of RCCHA staff will be allowed inside the RCCHA administrative office space.
- **Office hours – Front reception window will be open for tenants to drop off payments and/or paperwork from 1:30-3:30 p.m. daily.** Change will not be available. Receipts will not be provided on-site; they will be mailed.
- **It is extremely important to have current contact information (phone number, mailing address, email address) on file.** Electronic Communication is the recommended communication method of communication. You can still reach staff by email or by leaving a message on their office extension; they have the ability to check their work phone messages from telework.

Follow the guidelines and stay home, **do not come to RCCHA offices, especially if you think you've been exposed, have traveled, are sick in any manner.**

Resident/Tenant Services

- Rent –
 - If you are unable to make your rent payment due to layoff, quarantine or other COVID-19 related unemployment, please contact our office immediately to do an interim recertification. **Reduced income levels can result in lower rent payments.**
 - It is important to have a current payment arrangement; if you are behind on rent.
- Lease-Ups will still occur utilizing safe practices and social distancing.
- Move-outs can occur by arranging to drop off house keys; date noted in the system and final close-out/inspection completed at a later date. Security deposit refunds cannot occur until after the move-out inspection has been completed.

Posted 09.28.2020

Maintenance/Inspections/Garbage Pick-up

After Hours On-Call Number: 715-209-0200

- Garbage Pick-Up will occur as normal. *For the month of October, tenants may put out an unlimited number of untagged garbage bags.*
- Work orders are limited to performing those that are emergency in nature, and pose a threat to the health and/or safety of the tenants, the unit or the community. Emergency work orders are defined as the following:
 - Water pipes breaking; toilets/sinks overflowing; sump pump issues; serious leaks in windows, roof, walls.
 - Lack of heat or electricity.
 - Fires, Accidents, Natural Disasters
 - Break-Ins, Vandalism
 - Non-functioning smoke alarms or carbon monoxide alarms.
 - Non-functioning major appliances (refrigerator, range, washer, dryer)

*If an emergency repair is needed at your home and your household is sick or under quarantine, you are **required** to notify the Housing Authority and the Maintenance Worker, so proper safety precautions may be taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the danger to the community.*

- Maintenance staff will continue to work in vacant units to ready them for occupancy.
- Annual inspections will be suspended until the Stay-At-Home Orders have been lifted.

Housing Board Meetings

- Housing Board in-person meetings will occur utilizing video-conferencing or social distancing practices.

Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority Staff

Department/Program	Staff Member	Office Extension	Email Address
Maintenance Supervisor	Mike Gurnoe	Ext. 3507	mgurnoe@redcliffhousing.org
Maintenance	John Duffy, Bruce Gordon	Ext. 3509	
Maintenance/Custodial & On-Call	Brian Bresette; Kyle Klasen; Jesse Duffy; Louis Carlson	Ext. 3508	
Inspections/Project Mgmt.	Dennis Spinner	Ext. 3502	spinner@redcliffhousing.org
Occupancy	Nissia Basina	Ext. 3500	nbasina@redcliffhousing.org
Resident Services	Colleen Hyde	Ext. 3501	chyde@redcliffhousing.org
Homebuyer/Homeowner Services	Cindy Butterfield	Ext. 3516	cbutterfield@redcliffhousing.org
ROSS Coordinator		Ext. 3514	
Administration	Jean Defoe	Ext. 3504	jdefoe@redcliffhousing.org
Procurement/Billing	Colleen Buffalo	Ext. 3510	cbuffalo@redcliffhousing.org
Human Resources	Tanya Wachsmuth	Ext. 3503	twachsmuth@redcliffhousing.org
Director	Cheryl Cloud	Ext. 3505	ccloud@redcliffhousing.org

Posted 09.28.2020

RCCHA Job Openings

Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority is hiring!
Click [HERE](#) to view and apply for Housing Authority employment.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK

Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority (RCCHA) is requesting proposals for a Construction Manager-at-Risk General Contractor for project entailing 22 new residential housing units and modernization of a 2-story, 6-unit apartment complex.

To obtain complete RFP package requirements, contact Cheryl Cloud, Executive Director at ccloud@redcliffhousing.org or 715-779-3477, ext. 3506.

RCCHA is located at 37645 New Housing Road in Red Cliff, WI.
Mailing Address: 37645 New Housing Road; Bayfield, WI - 54814.

Legendary Waters Resort & Casino

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News Across Indian Country

42 Percent Of All Native American COVID-19 Cases In State Were Reported In September

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State health data shows over 40 percent of all COVID-19 cases among Native Americans in Wisconsin have been reported in September, as the state continues to see the highest level of new cases since the beginning of the pandemic.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has recorded 571 cases among American Indian residents in September as of Tuesday, which accounts for 42 percent of the overall

1,346 cases confirmed since March. The state has now recorded more cases among Native



Americans this month than it did in the first four months of the pandemic.

Native Americans make up about 1 percent of Wisconsin's population and COVID-19 cases statewide.

The recent surge in cases has prompted some tribes to reinstate stay-at-home or emergency orders, as well as urge people to avoid large gatherings and take precautions. Many tribes enacted their own stay-at-home orders at the beginning of the pandemic and kept them in place after the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down the state's "Safer at Home" order.

The Oneida Nation extended its public health emergency declaration earlier this month, and the tribe has been under a less restrictive stay-at-home order. Public relations director Bobbi Webster said in a Facebook Live forum that COVID-19 cases have been steadily increasing on the reservation, with 176 cases as of Monday.

"It's not just because the kids went back to school, because the college kids are in school or because of the bars," said Webster. "It's because people are letting their guard down."

COVID-19 fatigue is among a "perfect storm" of factors that have led to a rise in cases both on and off the Menominee Indian Tribe's reservation in northeastern Wisconsin, according to Dr. Amy Slagle, medical director at the Menominee Tribal Clinic. Since Sept. 2, the number of COVID-19 cases on the reservation has grown from 19 to 75 cases as of Tuesday morning. The tribe has also recorded 76 cases among members living outside the reservation.

"Most of our cases have come from small gatherings where folks just let up on the distancing and the masking. We've had some cases related to Packer game parties or sharing rides without masks," said Slagle. "We've had some instances where one case appeared in the house in which there was overcrowding and limited ability for that person to isolate."

The tribe issued an emergency order on Sept. 16 to shut down tribal buildings, bars and restaurants on the reservation to slow the spread of the virus.

In northwestern Wisconsin, the Red Cliff and Bad River Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa both passed stay-at-home orders earlier this month due to an off-reservation gathering. Red Cliff Tribal Chairman Rick Peterson said a wedding in the nearby city of Washburn contributed to an uptick in cases on the tribe's reservation.

The tribe now has 28 confirmed COVID-19 cases, after months in which Red Cliff had recorded just four cases, said Peterson. Red Cliff's chair doesn't blame those who attended the wedding, but he feels the spread of the virus could've been prevented if people had taken precautions.

"In Native American communities, a lot of families live with elders, and some of the most vulnerable people in the community live together," said Peterson. "So, we don't want to expose them that way if at all possible."

The Red Cliff Tribal Council amended its stay-at-home order to an advisory on Monday after new cases began to decline. The tribe, which had more than 100 people under quarantine two weeks ago, has purchased isolation units to limit the spread of the virus.

Slagle said the Menominee tribe bought houses in the past couple months to convert into isolation housing, and construction is wrapping up on a facility that will be able to house 13 people.

Slagle said the rise in cases has been difficult for staff who are working longer days, since they recently extended hours at the clinic to increase access to COVID-19 testing. She said they've also experienced difficulty with contact tracing because many tribal members are difficult to reach by phone.

"They don't have a working phone (or) their minutes are out. They don't have cell phone coverage in the area of the reservation where they live," said Slagle. "A lot of the areas that are deep in the woods have no cellphone coverage."

In those instances, nurses will try to locate people in person.

Dean Seneca would like to see more contact tracing conducted in person. Seneca has previously worked as a scientist for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and served as director of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center. He now works with tribes on COVID-19 response as CEO of his consulting agency Seneca Scientific Solutions Plus.

"Face-to-face should be the primary method in all of rural America and in Indian country. And that's why we have cases that are rising very fast in rural America, because of many of these

deficiencies," said Seneca.

He advises tribal communities nationwide to transition from over-the-phone contact tracing and train contact tracers who understand the tribal community, history, language and culture.

Seneca said in-person tracing helps health officials understand the extent of the exposure among families, and better detect when people may be lying about their potential exposure to the virus, especially when those people show visible signs of illness.

Slagle said they haven't had any issues with people refusing to name contacts on the Menominee reservation, adding that they often know how to reach people because they're a small, close-knit community.

Still, tribes are remaining vigilant and are well-aware that members are often at higher risk of contracting the virus due to multiple families living under one roof, and underlying medical conditions that make them more vulnerable to the virus.

Indian Health Services reported 1,724 confirmed COVID-19 cases as of late Sunday in the Bemidji region, which encompasses tribes in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan. The data doesn't likely reflect the full extent of exposure since reporting by tribes and affiliated programs is voluntary.

Red Cliff's Peterson said they're grounding whatever next steps they take to protect residents in science.

"We're going to look at what our medical professionals tell us, not politics or any other outside influence," said Peterson.

Seneca said many tribal communities have taken steps like checkpoints to monitor traffic in and out of their communities to prevent the spread of the virus, including the Chippewa Cree and Northern Cheyenne tribes in Montana. The Bad River tribe in northern Wisconsin restricted non-tribal residents' access to the reservation earlier this year to limit exposure.

Seneca said people need to embrace basic prevention practices that aren't widely followed right now, as well as tracing and isolating those who are sick or may have been exposed.

"Stick to it, and stick to your guns, and that's how that's how you really stop the spread of COVID-19," said Seneca.

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Marks 50th Anniversary

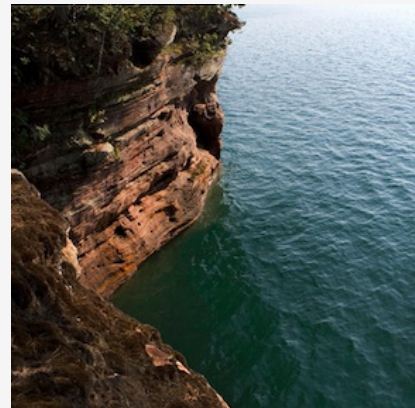
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Often called the "Jewels of Lake Superior," the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore is marking its 50th anniversary. The anniversary kicks off a year of virtual and in-person events to celebrate the islands and their history, said Lynne Dominy, superintendent of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. The National Park Service initially planned to hold events starting in March, but those were canceled or rescheduled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Despite changes, Dominy said the anniversary is an opportunity for people to share and explore their ties to the Apostle Islands.



"There's all these different types of relationships with places like this that are kind of the layers of history and create those personal connections for people about what these places mean to

them," she said.

The islands, which span around 280 square miles, include the colorful sandstone rocks that form the cliffs and sea caves that have drawn hundreds of thousands of visitors to its shore.

They also encompass the rich history of Europeans and Native Americans, who inhabited the islands thousands of years prior to European settlement. The islands were home to villages and a cluster of fishing camps and farms in the late 19th century, and they also became the site of sandstone quarries and logging operations.

The idea to establish the Apostle Islands as a national park was first proposed around the same time, but groups wouldn't support the idea until natural resources were depleted and local leaders sought tourism as a way to grow the regional economy.

In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed a bill to study designating the islands as a national park. But the study's consultant, Harlan Kelsey, advised the park service against the designation because the islands had been marred by clearcutting, according to Bob Mackreth, a former park ranger and historian with the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

"Just 40 years later, Gaylord Nelson spearheading the movement was able to demonstrate that the area had, in fact, bounced back and regained the qualities of natural beauty, and it shows that nature can heal itself," said Mackreth.

Ojibwe History Of The Apostle Islands

The islands were part of the ancestral homelands of Ojibwe communities, said Rob Goslin, tribal elder with the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

Mooningwanekaaning, or Madeline Island, although not part of the Lakeshore, is central to the migration story of the Ojibwe people who traveled to the place where food grows on water, referring to manoomin, or wild rice.

"What transpired then from Madeline Island over time is that many of these clans that came along are traditional clans," said Goslin. "They moved from the island to different locations in Wisconsin and Minnesota."

Goslin noted that travel back and forth from those communities to Madeline Island remained constant, emphasizing the spiritual significance of the islands. He believes Indigenous people would go to Oak Island and set up markers through which they viewed the sunrise and sunset, using them to determine the changing of the seasons and when to conduct various ceremonies. He also recalled traveling to Stockton Island where his family and ancestors would pick blueberries every summer.

"The early Anishinaabe people believe very strongly in nature, and as a result, learned from nature, how to live their own life, and their connection with it and the plants that provided the medicines for them," said Goslin. "And so all of this was gathered not only here on the mainland, but on the Apostle Islands."

Lake Superior Chippewa tribes later signed treaties that ceded territory to the federal government, including the Treaty of 1842 reached at La Pointe on Madeline Island. The United States intended to force the removal of tribes from northern Wisconsin, but Ojibwe bands refused to sell their lands until the U.S. guaranteed they could stay and continue to use them to hunt, fish and gather.

Tribes managed to remain on their ancestral lands, but not before more than 400 people died in the Sandy Lake tragedy as part of the federal government's attempts to reduce resistance to relocation.

The park service has worked to cultivate relationships with the Red Cliff and Bad River Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa through a memorandum of understanding and collaboration on a prescribed burn on Stockton Island in recent years in coordination with cultural traditions.

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