



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.

Check out our website [HERE](#) and our Facebook page [HERE](#).

Want to receive the newsletter each week? Sign up [HERE](#).

[Click HERE to view this email as a webpage instead.](#)

Red Cliff News & Updates

COVID-19 Community Updates

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

Tribal Departments and Programs are still offering virtual and social-distance events! Check out the [Events Calendar](#) on the Red Cliff website.

New Floating Walkway at Raspberry

**A new floating walkway is being installed at Raspberry Campgrounds.
Get outside and enjoy!**

**Reminder that Raspberry Campgrounds are
open to Red Cliff Tribal Members only.**

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**Red Cliff Associate Judge
Appointed to MMIW Task Force**

Red Cliff Tribal Court Associate Judge Gwendolyn Topping has been appointed to Wisconsin's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force. The task force is charged with helping to fight the abduction, homicide, violence and trafficking of Indigenous women in Wisconsin.



"For too long our missing and murdered have gone under recognized, not given the time and attention deserved especially up here in northern Wisconsin," said Topping. "This is long overdue in Indian Country and we have some serious hurdles to overcome."

In partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and Wisconsin's Indigenous communities, the task force plans to focus on examining the factors that contribute to missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW) and the response from social service organizations, understanding the roles federal, state and tribal jurisdictions play, and improving and implementing robust data collection and reporting methods.

"It's great to see many Tribal Nations represented on this newly formed Task Force as this is a very important topic to everyone throughout Indian Country and Across the world," said Red Cliff Vice Chairman Nathan Gordon. "Associate Judge Gwen Topping will do great to represent Red Cliff and share her views to bring awareness. They selected a great person that is passionate and will use her voice for those who cannot."

Click [HERE](#) to view the complete list of members serving on Wisconsin's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force.

New Child Care Center Is Hiring Child Care Staff!

The investment that has been put into this new daycare facility will impact economic development and improve the quality of life throughout our county. We are proud to say that our 4,000 square foot new construction child care center will boast 40 new child care spaces and will be located on a 1.3-acre site, located on the corner of Blueberry and Water Tower Roads.

Over the past few weeks, our much needed and long awaited facility has started to come to life.

Many of you may have noticed the crew of construction workers working hard to get the ground prepared for the arrival of the building; Set up of the building is underway.

While we wait for the completion of the building, the center is still looking to grow its childcare family. If you are a person or know a person that has a passion for working with children and would love to be part of our team, please visit www.redcliff-nsn.gov for a job description and application.

Want to Apply?

**Visit www.redcliff-nsn.gov
and click on Job Openings.**



COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (3) members

Submit application to Tribal Administration, 88455 Pike Rd, Bayfield, WI 54814

HEALTH BOARD (1) member

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 (1) member

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

FISHING COMMITTEE (1) member (2) Alternates

Meetings are set when needed and posted.

If you are interested in serving on any of the Committees, please pick up and drop off an application at the front desk of the Tribal Administration Building. You can also access a committee application at www.redcliff-nsn.gov.

*Please keep in mind the times they meet,
so you are able to commit and serve on the Committees.*

If you have any questions, please call 715-779-3700.

DEADLINE: November 3, at 10:00 a.m.

FOOD BOXES

Thursday October 22, 2020



Approx. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Boys & Girls Club 89645 Youth Center Dr.

Please stay in your vehicle and practice social distancing.

**Brought to you by Family/Human Services and
the Hunger Relief Federation**

For more information call Food Distribution 715-779-3740

OPEN TO EVERYONE !!!!!

Tribal Court CLOSED

Tuesday, October 20 -
Thursday, October 22, 2020

The Tribal Court Staff will be attending In-service training.

Filings may be made via email to
heather.deragon@redcliff-nsn.gov

*Fine payments can be made at The Tribal
Administration Building*

Business will resume on Friday, October 23

Council Meeting - October 20

The next Tribal Council meeting is set for October 20 at Legendary Waters. The Regular Session is scheduled to begin at 4:30 PM.

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

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

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 **Stay Home. Stay Safe.**





HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST!

The first 100 people to sign up for the contest will receive a FREE pumpkin to carve!

**Limited to Red Cliff community members.*

Submit a photo of your carved pumpkin for a chance to win a prize!

HOW TO ENTER CONTEST:

**DEADLINE
TO SUBMIT
PHOTOS:
OCTOBER
28, 2020**

- Email Edwina.Buffalo-Reyes@redcliff-nsn.gov with your name, address (for pumpkin drop-off) & indicate category of entry OR call 715-779-3700;
- Receive pumpkin - we will drop off the week of 10/19;
- Carve your pumpkin & email a photo of it to Edwina!

**WINNERS
WILL BE
ANNOUNCED
ON OCTOBER
30, 2020**

CATEGORIES

1 ENTRY PER CATEGORY

1ST PLACE
PRIZES

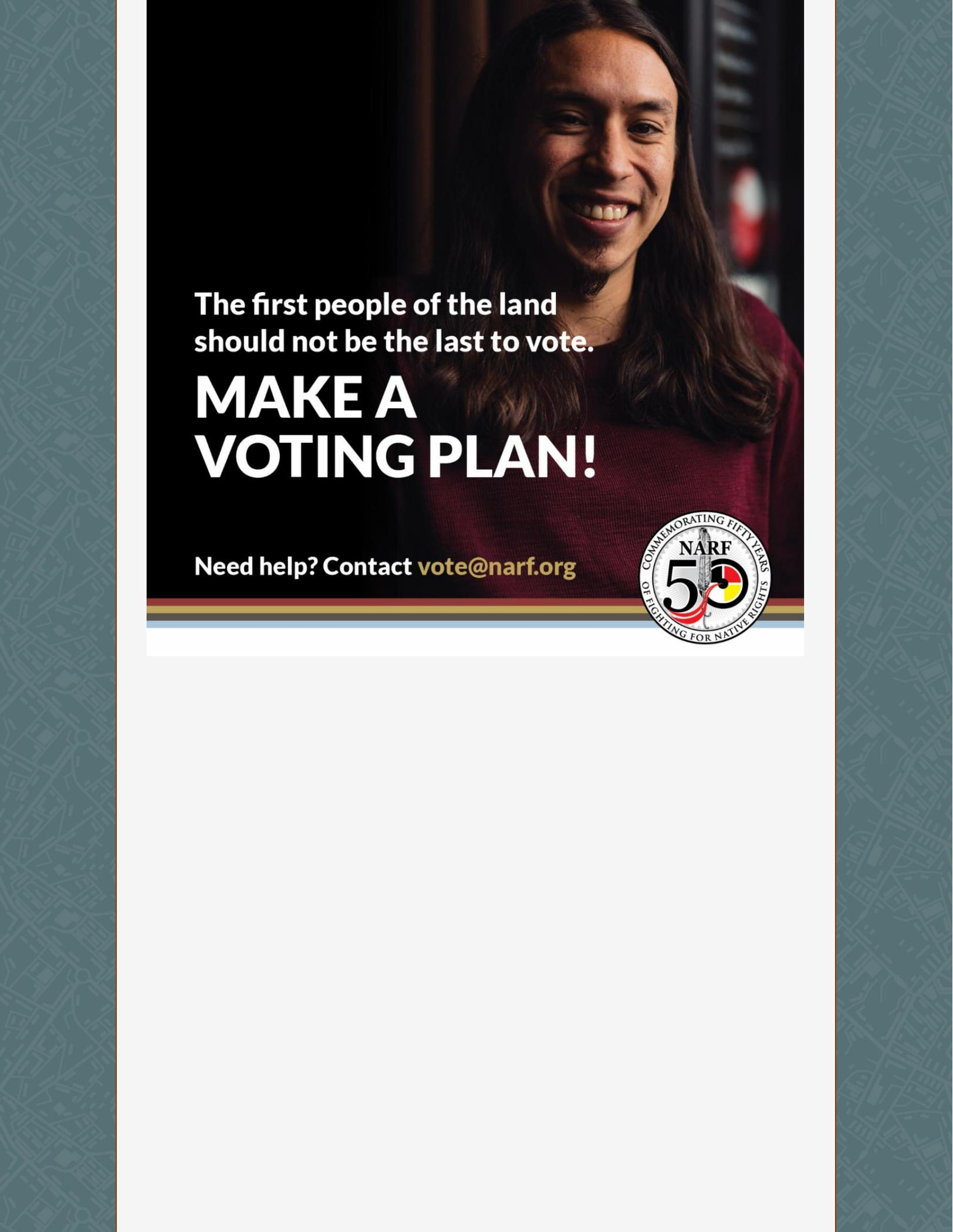
YOUTH AGES	ADULT AGES	ELDER AGES	FAMILY
4-17	18-54	55+	



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Family Violence Prevention & THPO Dept.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF GITCHIGAMI



The first people of the land
should not be the last to vote.

MAKE A VOTING PLAN!

Need help? Contact vote@narf.org



MAKE A VOTING PLAN

1 Check your voter registration status

2 Know how you're going to vote

Does your state offer absentee or mail in ballot options? If so, request your ballot and vote early.

If you plan to vote in person, know your polling place. Find state-specific voter info at NativeVote.org.

3 Stay informed about the latest election information by checking your latest state laws and rules through your state's election office website

4 Research the candidates and initiatives before voting

4 Vote early if voting by mail to avoid USPS mail delays or use a voter drop box

5 Organize transportation to polling places

6 On Election Day, bring a state-approved ID card and follow CDC and tribal-approved COVID-19 protocols



Need help? Contact vote@narf.org

Health & Wellness



Red Cliff Community Health Center

36745 Aiken Road, Bayfield, WI 54814

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

Attention Red Cliff Pharmacy Clients Who Have Been Prescribed Metformin:

You may have seen on the news or Facebook that the
diabetes drug metformin has been recalled:



The diabetes drug metformin
hydrochloride has been recalled ...

Red Cliff Pharmacy does not dispense the metformin that has
been recalled by that specific manufacturer.

Please continue to take your metformin as prescribed.

If Red Cliff Pharmacy did have the metformin that was
recalled and it was recommended by the FDA to stop taking it,
we will contact you and let you know.

Any questions please call Red Cliff Pharmacy at 715-779-3157.

Caretakers of the medicine, protectors of your health





VIRTUAL RELAPSE PREVENTION GROUP

Tuesdays @ 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. October 20th to December 8th, 2020

Informational Sharing and a take home assignment.
Following week will be discussion and insight on assignment.

Week 1
Introduction
Check Ins

Week 2
Triggers
& Solutions

Week 3
Discussion
Triggers &
Solutions

Week 4
Feelings
Healthy
Coping Skills

Week 5
Discussion
Healthy
Coping

Week 6
Stinking
Thinking
Challenges

Week 7
Support
Systems

Week 8
Graduation

Facilitators:
Linda Dunbar, CPS &
Jeanna Metelica, CSAC, LPC

RSVP: Contact: Linda Dunbar, CPS Red Cliff AODA 715 685 8401 Or
Jeanna Metelica, CSAC, LPC 715 779 3707 Ext 2309

jmetelica@redcliffhealth.org

ldunbar@redcliffhealth.org



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.**

Geocaching to Recovery

brought to you by:



Here's how it works:

Download the App! Go to your app store and download the Geocaching® app. Get outside and locate the caches listed below. The GPS coordinates will be shown when you click on the cache you want to find! Follow the directions on the cards and call with the answers to win a prize! The more caches you find, the larger the prize!

The caches are: Higher Education; Dead Man's Chest; BRC-North Pike's Creek; BRC Brownstone trail 2; Laura's-cache; BRC- Big Ravine; Point Detour; Captains cache; Mt. AshWaBay; Orchard's Loop; Booch-Ellie

This event will be held the week of October 18th-24th.

Contact Makayla McGuire or John Helms for Questions: 715-779-3741 ext 2408 /ext: 2403 with Questions



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CURBSIDE PICKUP



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 RCHHealthCenter@redcliffhealth.org

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

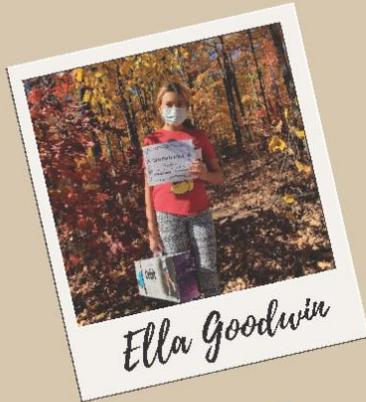
Click [HERE](#) for COVID-19 Updates and Resources.

Family & Human Services

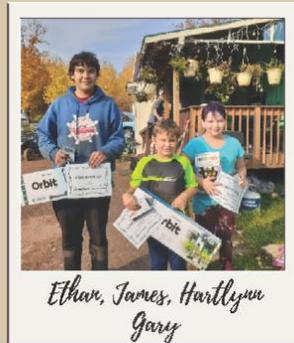
Giminochigewag!

Congratulations Healthy Lifestyles Challenge Participants!

TOP PLACE IN THE 6-12 CATEGORY IS ELLA GOODWIN LOGGING IN AT AN IMPRESSIVE 326 MILES! TOP PLACE FOR 13-17 CATEGORY IS BOTH MARIA PERO AND ETHAN GARY AT 90 MILES! ALL TOGETHER THE 16 PARTICIPANTS LOGGED A TOTAL 1,681 MILES FROM SEPTEMBER 1 - 30. THAT'S ALL THE WAY TO DISNEY WORLD IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA! STAY SAFE AND ACTIVE! PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN TO IMPROVE YOUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH!



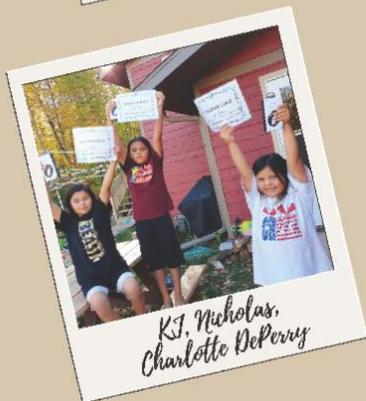
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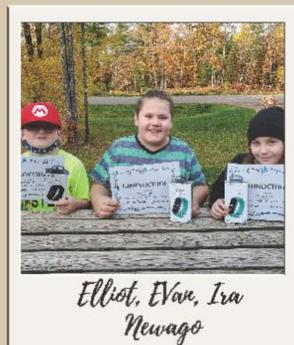
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Gary*



Maria Pero



*KJ, Nicholas,
Charlotte DePerry*



*Elliot, Evan, Ira
Newago*



*Delia and LanShawn
Bressette*



Native Connections | Boys & Girls Club

National Network To End Domestic Violence

Click [HERE](#) to visit the NNEDV webpage and learn how you can support the cause and commit to action!

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

#ConnectTheDots

Join the National Network to End Domestic Violence in calling awareness to domestic violence. Participate in our monthlong activities, follow our #31n31 campaign on social media, join us virtually for a week of action, and help us create a world where domestic violence no longer exists.



October 2020

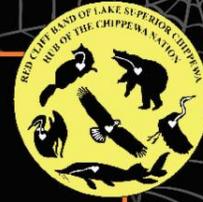
Red Cliff Elderly Menu

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 

Click [HERE](#) to register for the Halloween Decoration Drive By Event!



**Domestic Violence Awareness
Month Family Event**
**Halloween Decoration
Drive by Event**
Decorate your home for a chance to win!!

**Judging Thursday October 29th by the Family & Human
Services Advisory Committee**

Register online to be entered into the contest

Please click [HERE](#) to register!

Best 3 Decorated houses will win a prize!

**Contact chris.boyd@redcliff-nsn.gov or
715-779-3706 ext 5025 with any questions**





TRUNK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN

LOCATIONS:

OLD HOUSING, NEW HOUSING, LW,
HEALTH CLINIC, NEW HOPE, BIRCH
BARK PLAYGROUND, HILLSIDE

OCTOBER 30, 2020 • 1PM TO 4PM

- EACH VEHICLE WILL GET A STAMP CARD AT THEIR 1ST LOCATION , VISIT ALL 7 LOCATIONS THEN

TURN IN YOUR CARD AND BE ENTERED IN TO A DRAWING FOR AWESOME PRIZES!!

- EXTRA DRAWING FOR EVERYONE IN THE VEHICLE WEARING A COSTUME!

PLEASE FOLLOW CDC GUIDELINES, STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE, WEAR A MASK AND PRACTICE

SOCIAL DISTANCING



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RED CLIFF FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, TRIBAL COURT, RC TREE PROGRAM, BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, CHILD SUPPORT, ICW, FOOD DISTRIBUTION, NATIVE CONNECTIONS, LAUNCH/ZAAGICHIGAAZOWIN AND RED CLIFF ADMINISTRATION IN COLLABORATION WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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.

A Moment with Mercie Gordon Snap-Education Nutritional Educator

Boozhoo Friends, as the Grandmother of a very active four-year-old, I have been looking at ways to increase his participation in the kitchen with some simple healthy recipes that are both fun and nutritional. This is a recipe I used to create some creative cooking with my Grandson and the fun part is that you don't have to stick to just broccoli or carrots. You can use as many vegetables as you like and modify to fit your family's favorite veggie. Enjoy.



English Muffin Veggie Pizza

Create your own easy-to-make personal pizza and add your favorite veggie toppings. Choose whole wheat muffins to make this recipe even better!

Makes 4 servings.

Ingredients

- 1 cup **broccoli** (cooked chopped)
- 4 English muffins
- 1 cup pizza sauce (or spaghetti sauce)
- 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded, part skim

- 1/4 cup **carrot** (4 Tablespoons, shredded)
- 1/3 tablespoon Parmesan cheese (1 teaspoon, grated)

Directions

1. Cut the broccoli to make 1 cup of chopped broccoli.
2. Put the broccoli in a saucepan with water. Cook on medium until tender.
3. Drain the water from the saucepan. Let the broccoli cool.
4. Cut 4 English muffins in half. Toast the 8 muffin halves.
5. Shred the mozzarella cheese to make ½ cup of shredded cheese.
6. Peel and shred the carrots to make 3 tablespoons shredded carrots.
7. Spoon 2 tablespoons pizza sauce over each English muffin half.
8. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon shredded mozzarella cheese on top of each half.
9. Put 2 tablespoons broccoli and 1 teaspoon shredded carrots on top of each half.
10. Sprinkle each half with 1 teaspoon grated parmesan cheese
11. Toast in the toaster oven for 2 minutes, until the cheese melts.

Notes: Try making these pizzas with whole wheat muffins.

For nutrition information, please visit [English Muffin Veggie Pizza](#) at What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl.

Start simple with [MyPlate Food Planning](#) during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Education



Red Cliff Early Childhood Center has openings!

The Red Cliff Early Childhood Center is currently doing virtual services until at least until January 2021. Teachers have virtual meetings daily and activity packets are delivered every two weeks! We currently have openings in Head Start center base for children ages 3-5.

We also have openings in our Home Base program for Prenatal and children ages 0-3. Our Home Base program is doing weekly virtual visits with activity packets being delivered every two weeks.

Parent Services offered:

- Parent Activities
- Parent Education
- Community Resources
- Various Assistance

Benefits of Head Start:

- Children with all abilities welcome
- Research based curriculum fosters individual expression
- Individual plans are developed to meet each child's unique learning styles and needs
- Children receive dental, hearing and developmental screenings
- School readiness and help with social skills
- Nutritious Meals

To fill out an application online, please go to the following website:

https://www.redcliff-nsn.gov/divisions_services/education/early_childhood_center_ecc/index.php

Or call Jennifer Defoe at 715-779-5030 ext. 2533 for more information or to pick up an application.



Peek a Booooo!!!!

Drive Thru



October 22, 2020
11 AM - 1 PM

In the Red Cliff ECC Parking lot

Come join us as we dress up and wish all the ECC families well and give kiddos a chance to come see everyone and get a goodie bag.

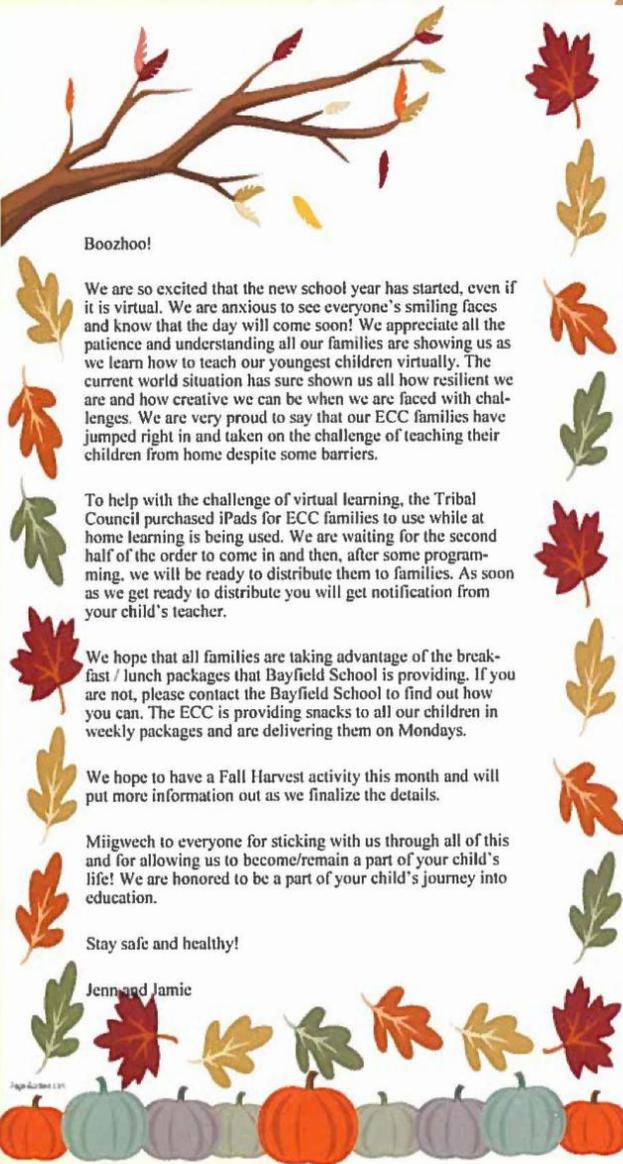
For safety, Families will remain in their vehicles at all times

If you have any questions, please call Cindy at 779-5030 ext. 2551 or email: cindy.garrity@redcliff-nsn.gov



Click [HERE](#) to access the ECC October newsletter.

RED CLIFF EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NEWSLETTER



Boozhoo!

We are so excited that the new school year has started, even if it is virtual. We are anxious to see everyone's smiling faces and know that the day will come soon! We appreciate all the patience and understanding all our families are showing us as we learn how to teach our youngest children virtually. The current world situation has sure shown us all how resilient we are and how creative we can be when we are faced with challenges. We are very proud to say that our ECC families have jumped right in and taken on the challenge of teaching their children from home despite some barriers.

To help with the challenge of virtual learning, the Tribal Council purchased iPads for ECC families to use while at home learning is being used. We are waiting for the second half of the order to come in and then, after some programming, we will be ready to distribute them to families. As soon as we get ready to distribute you will get notification from your child's teacher.

We hope that all families are taking advantage of the breakfast / lunch packages that Bayfield School is providing. If you are not, please contact the Bayfield School to find out how you can. The ECC is providing snacks to all our children in weekly packages and are delivering them on Mondays.

We hope to have a Fall Harvest activity this month and will put more information out as we finalize the details.

Miigwech to everyone for sticking with us through all of this and for allowing us to become/remain a part of your child's life! We are honored to be a part of your child's journey into education.

Stay safe and healthy!

Jenn and Jamie

OCTOBER BINAAKWE-GIIZIS (FALLING LEAVES MOON)

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

UPCOMING EVENTS:

22 FALL HARVEST *TENTATIVE*

ECC/I RIBE CLOSED:

12 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY



OJIBWE LANGUAGE CORNER

BEZHIG	1	ONE	
NIIZH	2	TWO	
NISWI	3	THREE	
NIWIN	4	FOUR	
NAANAN	5	FIVE	
NINGODWAASWI	6	SIX	
NIIZHWAASWI	7	SEVEN	
ISHWAASWI	8	EIGHT	
ZHAANGASWI	9	NINE	
MIDAASWI	10	TEN	

Bayfield School District Weekly Updates

The Bayfield School District will be releasing weekly updates for parents and students.

You can view the school's weekly updates on their website:

<https://www.bayfield.k12.wi.us/>

You can also find the weekly updates on the Bayfield School District Facebook page.



KF&B Scholarship Announcement

The KF&B Academic Scholarship is for 2021 graduating high school seniors or currently enrolled students at a U.S. College or University. Being a Law Student is not a requirement.

Deadline to apply is May 1, 2021.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to fill out a scholarship application.

Click [HERE](#) to visit Red Cliff Education's Scholarship webpage.

New Language and Cultural Coordinator Richard Lafernier

Boozhoo, Kinana awiiyaa

My name is Richard LaFerner and I am the new Language and Cultural Coordinator with the THPO Office. I wanted to say how happy I am to be here in this position. It really means a lot to me to help the growth of our community. I have worked at the Bayfield School for the past five years.

I know it's going to take some time with the new comprehensive language plan, but it is the goal that we put language in place to have an understanding of our culture. I am excited to get at this point, and really immerse our language and culture into our daily lives. I have been on a long journey to learn the language, traditions, and making many things that I incorporate in my life.



Miigwech!

Richard LaFerner

88455 Pike Road

Bayfield Wi.

Phone: 715-779-3700 ext.4261

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!

Click [HERE](#) to access!



October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	Manwich w/Bun Vegetarian Beans Bug Bites Juice	16 Ham & Cheese w/ Bun Chips Pears Juice
18	19	20	21	22	Hamburger w/Bun Peas & Carrots Fruit Cup Juice	23 Smuckers Uncrustables Pineapple Graham crackers Juice
25	26	27	28	29	30 Corn Dog Apples Carrots Juice	31 Nacho Cheese & Chips Green Beans Animal Crackers Juice

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MEALS

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

Saturdays Meal

Meal will be handed out with Friday's Meal

***Meals Are Subject to Change Without Notice**

Please Call 715-779-3706 for questions or concerns.

Meals will be handed out at Food Distribution



*Meals are for Club Members (ages 8-18), youth can sign up to become a member by filling out an application over the phone, email or by person.



BGCA NATIVE SERVICES

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Paige Mailanen, 715-779-3706, paige.moilanen@redcliff-nsn.gov



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OF THE RED CLIFF BAND OF
LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA**

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Treaty Natural Resources

WENJI BIMAADIZIYAANG - WHERE LIFE COMES FROM



The Treaty Natural Resources Division has released the third official draft of Wenji Bimaadiziyaang, the Treaty Natural Resources Division's 2020 – 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to watch a series of videos explaining the draft plan.

The current community comment period for this draft Plan is open until October 31. Community members are welcome to submit comments on paper by dropping them off at the tribal administration building, through the posted survey monkey link (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSQFZCT>), through email to TNR@redcliff-nsn.gov, or by calling 715-779-3750 and leaving a message.

Community engagement has been essential to the development of this draft Plan:

- Community survey from July-September 2019
- Presentation at Open House in August 2019
- Youth and Elder listening sessions in October 2019
- Draft 1 to tribal departments and agency partners in January 2020
- Draft 2 released to the community in March 2020 with an open ended comment period
- Intended to have a community feast on April 1st, where we would have shared a presentation and had a time for discussion. Unfortunately, we had to postpone that event indefinitely due to COVID-19.
- We are now releasing Draft 3 along with short video presentations to the community with the hope that community members will review and provide feedback to help us finalize the plan.
- The current community comment period for this draft Plan is open until Oct 31. Community members are welcome to submit comments on paper by dropping them off at the tribal administration building, through the posted survey monkey link (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSQFZCT>), through email to TNR@redcliff-nsn.gov, or by calling 715-779-3750 and leaving a message.

Looking ahead, we hope to provide a final draft of this Plan for Tribal Council's review and adoption in late November-December.

Red Cliff TNR would like to thank the community for taking the time to provide valuable feedback! Your continued feedback on this draft will enable TNR Staff to finalize the Wenji Bimaadiziyaang 2020-2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Red Cliff Forest Resources Program



Youth

Draft Vision Statement:

To empower Tribal youth to work and participate first hand in the history, culture, and traditions that the Red Cliff Band identifies with.



Waters of Lake Superior Ceded by the Treaty of 1842



- Protect, rehabilitate, and restore native fishes.
- Investigate pollution, remediate polluted sites, and assess contaminant levels in Lake Superior fishes.
- Prevent the introduction of new non-native species and monitor and control existing non-native species.



Wildlife

Draft Vision Statement:

Wildlife will be protected and enhanced through sustainable stewardship that recognizes their intrinsic role as an ecosystem component, the spiritual and cultural connection to Tribal members, and maintains their consumptive and non-consumptive values for current and future generations.



Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Treaty Natural Resources Division Newsletter

Volume 9, Issue 3, Fall 2020

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It is taken care of, protected . . .

We take care of, protect, keep it.



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Red Cliff Community...



Bring your
Hazardous Waste and
Petroleum Products
To Red Cliff Transfer Station
on
Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020
12pm-6pm
Free of Charge!



Hazardous materials in and around your home can affect your family and pets and can be toxic to rivers, fish, and wildlife. Let's prevent illegal dumping and presence of pollutants in our streams.

Red Cliff Community members can properly dispose of their ***hazardous waste and petroleum products free of charge***. Businesses, governmental agencies, and schools must pre-register by calling the Environmental Department, at (715)779-3650.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT:

Red Cliff Environmental
Department
715-779-3650

Website:

[https://www.redcliff-rsn.gov/
divisions_services/treaty_natural_resources/
environmental_department/index.php](https://www.redcliff-rsn.gov/divisions_services/treaty_natural_resources/environmental_department/index.php)

**Please have items
sealed and labeled!**

Hazardous Wastes Accepted

Solvent- & Oil-Based Paint, Lead Paint
Stains, Shellac, Varnish, Wood Preservatives
Roof Coatings, Driveway Sealers
Pesticides, Herbicides, Insecticides, Fungicides, Poisons
Household Cleaners, Acids, Caustics, Pool Chemicals (Chlorine)
Automobile Transmission & Brake Fluids, Antifreeze, Degreasers, Waste Motor Oil (Please do not mix these oils)
Solvents, Thinners, Turpentine, Adhesives, Kerosene, Lighter Fluid, Gasoline
Household Batteries (button, lithium, nicad), Thermometers, and Thermostats
Aerosols
Lead Fishing Tackle
Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Oil Filters

Unacceptable Items

Explosives, Pressurized Containers, Radioactive Materials, Medical or Infectious Wastes, Sharps/Needles, and Latex Paint.

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

Snowplowing Notice and Agreement

Click [HERE](#) to access details and the Snowplowing Agreement & Waiver Form on the Housing Authority webpage.



RED CLIFF CHIPPEWA HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

TO: RED CLIFF CHIPPEWA HOUSING TENANTS
FROM: RED CLIFF CHIPPEWA HOUSING AUTHORITY
DATE: 10/06/2020
RE: BOARD APPROVED SEASONAL SNOWPLOWING RATES

The Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority (RCCHA) will be offering driveway plowing for the 2020-2021 season within Housing Communities at the following rates:

	<u>ANNUAL FEE</u>	<u>LATE FEE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ELDERLY TENANTS (HOH* 65 & older)	NO COST	N/A	\$0.00
TENANTS with Disabled/Handicapped HOH**	NO COST	N/A	\$0.00
TENANTS (all other)	\$150.00	\$20.00	\$170.00

*HOH = Head of Household

**Disabled/Handicapped must be Head of Household and must provide a Doctor's note; certifying such.

- Payment must be made in advance at RCCHA; deadline is November 13, 2020.
- Payments made after 11/15/2020 will be assessed a late fee.
- No clients accepted after December 11, 2020.

SNOWPLOWING RULES

- You must sign a waiver before any snowplowing can/will be done.
- All boundaries, obstacles, structures, culverts, driveway ends must be marked.
- Adequate space must be made available for truck turnaround.
- All housing tenants must have driveways cleared of snow by day's end. If a tenant calls in a work order and the driveway is not cleared, the tenant will be assessed a \$50 fee for Housing to plow the driveway to do the work order.
- Plow trucks will go to each driveway *once*. If your cars are not moved or you do not come out and move them, we will not return to driveway a second time.

Temporary Operations Plan

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



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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

Legends Sports Grill Takeout

NEW FALL/WINTER HOURS

11am - 8pm Sunday - Thursday

11am - 9pm Friday & Saturday

LW Enters Next Phase of Reopening

LEGENDS SPORTS GRILL TO-GO BREAKFAST MENU SERVED SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS 8-11AM



STARTING LINEUP

All breakfasts come with coffee.
Gluten free option available upon request.
All eggs can be cooked to order.

TWO EGGS AND TOAST	\$5
➔ ADD HASH BROWNS OR AMERICAN FRIES \$2	
BISCUITS AND GRAVY	\$6.5
2 biscuits covered in gravy and topped with 2 eggs. Choice of 2 strips of bacon, 2 sausage links, or 2 sausage patties.	
GRAND SLAM BREAKFAST	\$9.5
2 eggs, choice of bacon, sausage links, sausage patties, or ham, and toast. Choice of hash browns or American fries.	
COUNTRY FRIED STEAK	\$10.5
2 eggs, country fried steak, hash browns, and toast.	

SIDES

ONE EGG	\$2
TWO EGGS	\$3
SIDE OF BREAKFAST MEAT	\$1.5
1 bacon strip, 1 sausage link or patty, or 1/2 slice ham.	
HASH BROWNS OR AMERICAN FRIES	\$2.5
BAGEL, TOAST OR ENGLISH MUFFIN	\$2.5
ONE PANCAKE OR ONE FRENCH TOAST	\$3

OMELETS

Omelets come with shredded Monterrey Jack cheddar cheese, or American cheese.
Includes hash browns or American fries, and choice of toast.

CHEESE OMELET	\$8
3 eggs and choice of cheese.	
MEAT & CHEESE OMELET	\$9
3 eggs and choice of cheese. Choice of bacon, ham, or sausage.	
VEGGIE OMELET	\$9
Mushrooms, onions, tomato, green peppers, and choice of cheese.	
THREE MEAT TRIFECTA	\$10.5
Ham, sausage, bacon, and choice of cheese.	
THE FROG BAY GRAND SLAM	\$12.5
Ham, bacon, sausage, hash browns, onions, mushrooms, green peppers, tomatoes, and choice of cheese.	

SWEET EATS

Add bacon, sausage, ham, or seasonal fruit \$1.5

TWO CAKES OR FRENCH TOAST	\$5
THREE CAKES OR FRENCH TOAST	\$5.5

LIGHTER SIDE

GRAND SLAM LIGHT	\$4.5
1 egg, 1 sausage link, 1 sausage patty, 1 strip bacon, or 1/2 slice of ham. Includes 1 slice of toast.	
OATMEAL	\$4.5
Bowl of oatmeal. Includes 1 slice of toast. ➔ ADD APPLES OR RAISINS \$1.5	
1 EGG, PANCAKE OR FRENCH TOAST	\$4
1 EGG AND CHOICE OF POTATO	\$4.5
Choice of hash browns or American Fries, and includes 1 slice of toast.	
HALF-ORDER BISCUITS AND GRAVY	\$4.5
Choice of 1 sausage link, 1 sausage patty, 1 strip of bacon, or 1/2 slice of ham. Topped with 1 egg.	

BEVERAGES

JUICE	\$2.25
Orange Juice Apple Juice Lemonade	
SOFT DRINKS - UNLIMITED REFILLS	\$1.75
Coke Diet Coke Cherry Coke Fanta Orange Barq's Root Beer Dr. Pepper Mello Yello Sprite	

(715) 779-9468

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Use main casino entrance. Wear a mask. Pay and pick-up.

Cooking raw or undercooked meat, seafood or egg products can increase your risk of foodborne illness. Tribal tax exemption available with Tribal ID. Subject to change or cancellation. Special rules apply. Management decisions final. 140C0025-P01.

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For your convenience and safety, every side-by-side slot machine features a new plexi-glass see-through divider. Covid-19 prevention practices are in place and a must.

Be reassured, our Legendary Waters' clean teams are the best! Any time during your visit, ask any team member for assistance.

**We sanitize.
We social distance.
We wear masks.
We wash hands.
We protect.**

GREAT NEWS!
OUR CASINO
SLOT MACHINES
HAVE REOPENED
TO THE PUBLIC
PLAY IT SAFE WITH US!



News Across Indian Country

Dairy Margin Coverage Program Enrollment for 2021 Opens Oct. 13

Enhancements to Online Dairy Decision Tool Now Available

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin accepting applications for the **Dairy Margin Coverage** (DMC) program on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 for 2021 enrollment.

“This year has been a market roller coaster for the dairy industry, and the Dairy Margin Coverage program is a valuable tool dairy producers can use to manage risk,” said Bill Northey, USDA’s Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, during a roundtable at a dairy in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. “We were excited to roll out this new and improved program through the 2018 Farm Bill, and if you haven’t enrolled in previous years, we highly encourage you to check it out.”

Signup runs through Dec. 11, 2020. DMC is a voluntary risk management program that offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed price (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer. DMC payments triggered for seven months in 2019 and three months so far in 2020. More than 23,000 operations enrolled in DMC in 2019, and more than 13,000 in 2020.

Updated Dairy Decision Tool

To determine the appropriate level of coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can utilize the recently updated online dairy decision tool. The **decision tool** is designed to assist producers with calculating total premium costs and administrative fees associated with participation in DMC. An **informational video** is available, too.

Improvements to the decision tool, made in cooperation with representatives from the University of Minnesota and University of Wisconsin, include historical analysis that illustrates what DMC indemnity payments might have been had the program been available over the previous two decades. The analysis indicates that over the course of time, DMC payments made to producers exceed premiums paid. These decision tool enhancements provide a more comprehensive

decision support experience for producers considering DMC.

Additional Support for Dairy Producers

In addition to DMC, USDA offers a variety of programs that have helped dairy producers, including insurance, disaster assistance, and conservation programs. Most recently, the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 1 provided \$1.75 billion in direct relief to dairy producers who faced price declines and additional marketing costs due to COVID-19 in early 2020. Now, signup is underway for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2, which provides another round of assistance for dairy producers and many other eligible producers.

More Information

For more information, visit [farmers.gov DMC webpage](#), or contact your local USDA Service Center. To locate your local FSA office, visit [farmers.gov/service-center-locator](#).



Red Cliff Business Owners

You May Qualify For the Second Round of the "We're All In" Small Business Grants!

This program provides grants to Wisconsin small businesses to assist with any operating costs, including but not limited to wages and salaries, rent, mortgages, and inventory, and/or for health and safety improvements.

You must apply online at revenue.wi.gov starting at 8 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 19 and ending at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 2. If you cannot apply online, you may request assistance by calling the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) at (608) 266-2772.

Seasonal businesses, sole proprietors, gig workers, independent contractors may apply.

Businesses that applied and received a grant through We're All In Small Business Grant Phase 1 program may still qualify for Phase 2.

Businesses that applied and were denied for a grant through We're all In Small Business Grant Phase 1 may still qualify for Phase 2.

Complete details and eligibility requirements are available at revenue.wi.gov/Pages/FAQS/SmallBusinessGrantProgram.aspx

After 2018 anchor strike, Consumers Energy takes cables out of Straits of Mackinac

**By Cheyna Roth
From MLIVE.com**

Long decommissioned Consumers Energy electric cables are no longer running under the Straits of Mackinac, the company announced on Oct. 12.

Discussions over what to do with the cables started in 2018 after damage to a Consumers Energy cable was discovered.

"After learning of the 2018 alleged anchor strike on our cable, we began to investigate the best way to leave the Straits of Mackinac and the entire state in a better place," said Dennis Dobbs, Consumers Energy's vice president of Enterprise Project Management and Environmental Services.

The damage to the Consumers Energy line was discovered in April 2018, after two American Transmission Company (ATC) lines were damaged by a tug and barge that dragged its anchor. The ATC lines leaked dielectric fluid - more than 600 gallons of the fluid, or mineral oil - but the Consumers lines contained no fluid because they hadn't been in use for so long.

The damage to the Consumers Energy and ATC lines came as tensions surrounding Enbridge Energy's Line 5 pipeline were increasing. A portion of Line 5 sends crude oil and natural gas liquids through the Straits of Mackinac. The same vessel believed to have caused the ATC and Consumers Energy damage, was also believed to have put three small dents into Line 5, though the line did not leak.

While the Consumers Energy lines did not leak, the company put a cap on the severed cables so they wouldn't move, said Consumers Energy spokeswoman Katie Carey. But the company was still trying to decide what to do long-term about the cables.

"They're not active. We don't use them anymore. So how can we, you know, does it make sense to pull them out? Does it not make sense?" Carey said of the conversations with state, federal and local stakeholders. The decision was eventually made that the cables had to go.

Consumers Energy spent from May through mid-September pulling four to eight 46 kV cables from the water. The exact number is unclear, Carey said, because some of the cables were severed at various points through the straits and brought up previously since 1990, and the company also had smaller grounding cables that support the larger 46 V electric cable.

The cables had been installed in 1956 to carry electricity to the Upper Peninsula. Consumers Energy stopped servicing the Upper Peninsula, and shut down the lines in 1990.



REACHING KIDS BEFORE DRUGS DO

Virtual Conference

National Substance Abuse Prevention Month

21 October 2020 - 3pm PST



Register: drugfreeworld.eventbrite.com

Community Updates

Interested in upcoming events?

[View our Events Calendar.](#)



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