School’s open … at home

Coronavirus changes the way we must live and learn

By Richard J. Pufall
For the Bad River Band

Because of COVID-19, the coronavirus, Areeyon Pero, 6, will finish kindergarten by being home-schooled by his father, Fred Pero.

Those huge brick and mortar structures that we all identify as “schools” have been closed during these uncertain days of COVID-19. But education cannot and will not be shut down, thanks to home-schooling.

The children of The Bad River Reservation are served by the Ashland School District, but their classrooms in recent days have been inside their own homes.

And that makes Fred Pero a very busy man. Besides serving as Bad River’s Youth Coordinator, Pero – a single-parent – has three children of his own that he must “coordinate” and now, home-school.

“I am enjoying home-school a ton!” Pero said, with great joy jumping from his voice. “It gives me the opportunity to spend time with my kids and it also gives me the chance to help them out as well.”

Pero has three children: daughters Evaiya, 9, a fourth-grader; Iyana, 8, third grade; and son Areeyon, 6, in kindergarten. All are students at Lake Superior Elementary – that is, of course – in the pre-coronavirus days.

“They are adjusting just fine but I know they miss interaction with their friends and teachers,” said the always-
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affable Pero. “The best part of home-schooling is the time I get to spend with my children and helping them out as much as possible.”

Pero admits he’s not a professional teacher but he’s working hard to do the best he can. “The worst part about it is I’m technically not a teacher, so I’m basically freestyling learning options for them to stay ahead,” he said. “All I can really do is help them out as much as possible, so they stay on track with their schoolwork. The Ashland School District is doing a fantastic job at giving them resources and a ton of options for them to keep up with their learning curriculum, as well.”

Pero has some teaching tools on hand and he’s not afraid to use them. “Some stuff my oldest girls use are GetEpic, Prodigy, Reflex math, MobyMax, Education Galaxy, BookFlix and Raz-Kids,” he said. “These options you can find on the Internet and they help out with reading, math, spelling etc.”

Pero’s children are three precious pieces of a bigger education puzzle that must be put together under these trying times faced by The Reservation, Ashland County, the State of Wisconsin, our nation, and the world. Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers announced on April 16 that all public and private schools will remain closed through the end of the academic year. This, of course, underscores the importance of home-schooling.

“We have around 450 students, both on and off the Bad River Reservation within the Ashland School District service area,” said Stephanie Julian, Director of the Education Program for The Tribe. “All of these students are in contact with their teachers/schools and receiving school work and activities they can do while they are home-bound in self-isolation.”

Julian also said that approximately 50 students from Bad River’s Head Start program are receiving homework packets on their front steps from their teachers to continue their learning.

Schools closed on March 18 and home-schooling began in the last week of March. Julian said it is up to the parents to determine how much time their children spend on home-schooling in a given day.

She said assignments and activities are given to the students via their tablet computers from school, through email and/or group meetings. The parents help with the assignments and activities.

“Home-School Coordinators are also reaching out to each of our students and making sure they have what they need to not only complete assignments, but to stay safe and well while they are at home for the duration of the self-isolation,” Julian said.

She added that, Joe Corbine, the High School Home-School Coordinator, has created a social-media page for students, parents and grandparents to follow that will help with a variety of things that students might need.

“The school principals have started using YouTube to send messages out to students

Iyana, left, and Evaiya, flash smiles and learning tools from their home-school “classroom.”
and parents while they are in self-isolation,” Julian said.

The curriculum followed by the students comes from the Ashland School District, however she said, parents are also encouraged to use other resources on their own that can be found on the Internet, such as ABC Mouse and the GLIFWC and GLITC websites, which are posting interactive activities for youth over this period.

On April 16, in a release from the School District of Ashland to families with school children, it was announced that all students from kindergarten through eighth grade, “will be promoted to the next grade for the 2020-2021 school year.”

“We will make every effort to ensure that no child will fail due to challenges posed by COVID-19,” the release stated.

In regard to Ashland High School students, grades 9-12, the release stated that AHS, “will be using a pass/in progress grading system for semester II of the 2019-2020 school year.

Julian has no doubt that the quality of education will not decline with the move from brick-and-mortar schools to home living rooms.

“It is important that the materials and curriculum that the Ashland School District is presenting is the quality material,” she said. “We can only ask at this time that parents do what they can to help their children while we are in this situation. Understanding that there are also parents deemed essential workers, who continue to have to go to work through this time, their time for helping is also limited.”

Of course, the focus of this home-school effort – the children – and their acceptance of this change remains vitally important.

“I think it’s been received well and gives the kids something to do while in self-isolation,” Julian said. “I think it is helpful to be able to connect with their teachers and their peers in this time of uncertainty.”

But like traditional, in-school education, home-schooling has its pluses and minuses. “A strength would be that during the time of uncertainty, maintaining a connection to your school and your peers can be a source of reality and comfort that also helps maintain wellness,” Julian said.

“A weakness would be that not all parents are able to spend eight hours a day with their student teaching and/or helping their students.”

Joining Julian in the good fight against the coronavirus – and for young people – is Lynn Maday-Bigboy, Bad River’s Director of Youth Services.

“We’ve been working with the school district to do a seamless transition to home-schooling and meal deliveries,” Maday-Bigboy said. “Sharing spreadsheets and lots of conversations about how to best serve our youth. We address wellness with videos; one so far but many being edited … handouts with exercise ideas, and mental health well-being, and posts on social media. It’s the most
important job we have to take care of our youth.”
And she understands the importance of feeding the body as well as the mind.
“We delivered over 2,000 meals today (April 7),” Maday-Bigboy said. “We have volunteers from Housing and the Youth Service team. It’s a privilege to serve in these uncertain times.”
And back on the frontlines of teaching, Terri Dejarlait says she is enjoying home-schooling her grandchildren: Brooklyn Whitebird, 13, Grade 8; Keira Weber, 10, Grade 4; and Bodhi Wherley, 3, first year in Head Start.
“It brings back memories when I was a Head Start teacher,” she said. “Things are running smoothly with the kids and they are enjoying calling me, ‘Teacher.’”
At first, Dejarlait said, it was a bit of a challenge for the children to adjust to home-schooling.
“We have our own individual areas to do school work,” Dejarlait said. “Some days it’s maybe in their area or some days we change it up and gather on the couch. We change it up, so they don’t become ‘bored.’”
If there are some positives from the limits imposed by the coronavirus, time spent together as a family certainly would be one.
“The best part for us is the time we spend together,” Dejarlait said. “We are learning different things at three different grade levels. The worst, or difficult part as a grandparent, is being able to juggle the age and grade levels.
“We home-school Monday through Friday for about three hours of subject studies. We then do ‘exploring’ and I’m implementing some home economics into our days along with art and our culture which includes some language. I believe being creative and using your imagination is a great learning experience and helps with development for all children of all ages. The outdoors offer us a lot to learn from.”
She said the daily curriculum for her grandchildren includes reading, writing, math, science and geography.
Her grandchildren, she said, have their Chromebooks from the school district, communicate daily with their teachers and get their assignments.
“I added to the curriculum some Native American heritage and a little of our history along with traditional foods and some language and nutrition,” Dejarlait said. “The range of learning goes from early childhood to junior high, so it has its challenges on the daily for me!”
Dejarlait said she enjoys being a housewife, mother, grandmother and now, a home-school teacher. During her career she also worked for many years as a manager at The Bad River Casino.
“I was a Head Start teacher many years ago, so I have minimal experience,” she said. “Nothing compared to teachers today.”
She said she believes that having close “one on one” with children is important along with “getting down to their eye level.”
“I realize time limits in the everyday classroom may not permit as much, but I do it here,” she said. “I also think that the environment and outdoors offer a wide range of learning tools for our young children. Children need to exercise, they need to learn about what is around them, they need to be aware and learn about safety. Not every day learning needs to be done in the classroom, in my opinion. The kids are aware of safety drills in school, so we did our own here and practice it often.”
So school is not out. It has come home.
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COVID-19 has exacted an enormous toll in death and illness around the world, but the impact on the mental wellbeing of individuals has not been overlooked by those who watch over the overall health of The Bad River Reservation.

Public Health Nurses Pamela Feustel and Tina Gerovac-Lavasseur, and the Bad River Health and Wellness Center (BRHWC) expressed those concerns recently in a release that can be found on Page 31 of today’s “Drum Beats” newsletter.

“We issued an informational piece with resources because we recognized that individuals may be struggling at this time,” Gerovac-Lavasseur said. “We wanted to be sure that there were adequate resources available at everyone’s fingertips. There are telephone, Internet, and face-to-face resources. We wanted to send the message that it is important to be proactive when it comes to health (behavioral or physical). We want people to be able to reach out, without fear of stigma.”

Everyone has been impacted by the coronavirus. Many have lost jobs, had working hours reduced or have had to close businesses. With schools closed, students have lost interaction with their peers. All of us have lost or have had limited contact with close friends and family members. Just having to change a comfortable routine can diminish our quality of life. And all these factors, of course, can add stress to our lives and negatively impact our emotional wellbeing.

“Both myself and Pam are strong advocates for behavioral health services,” Gerovac-Lavasseur said. “We are always only a phone call away.”

Locally, our area has been fortunate, relatively speaking. As of this morning, April 29, there have been just two positive cases of Covid-19 in Ashland County and none on The Bad River Reservation. Meanwhile, on the world stage there have been 3,041,912 positive cases of COVID-19 and 211,167 deaths.

However, the recent COVID-19-related death of a 78-year-old Bayfield County resident did draw attention and concern. But it did not change the focus or mission of those at the BRHWC.

“We are following the guidance put forth by the state, CDC, and the Emergency Management Team here at Bad River,” Feustel said. “We continue to work tirelessly to provide protection to the health of our community. Our responsibilities haven’t changed, but we are diligent to ensure we are taking care of our community.”

On Thursday, April 16, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers extended the state’s “Safer at Home” guidelines from April 24 until May 26. And on Monday, April 20, he shared a video on social media reinforcing the message behind the extension.

In the video, titled “Let’s Get This Done Together,” Evers says, “Wisconsinites, I am once again calling on you to rise to the challenge. ‘Safer at Home’ is working. We have reduced cases, prevented hospitalizations, and saved lives.

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So, let’s get this done together.” Evers’ video: https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=311132969867909

But Evers’ order has not been universally accepted and has met with blow-back from the business community, among others. Protests have been held in Brookfield and Madison in opposition to the extension.

Republicans in the state legislature appealed to the state’s Supreme Court in an effort to block the order.

Also, on April 20, The Tavern League of Wisconsin urged Evers to consider a soft reopening of restaurants, bars and dining establishments in the state on May 1.

“On May 26th, when the current Stay at Home Order ends, the challenges facing Wisconsin in fighting the Coronavirus will essentially be the same as they are today, with no vaccine available,” said the Tavern League in a press release.

“According to experts, a vaccine will not be widely available for 12 to 18 months. Wisconsinites cannot live under a Stay at Home Order for the next 12 to 18 months.”

The Tavern League is recommending a reopening that includes continuing social distancing and other guidelines in place during the coronavirus pandemic.

And on Friday, April 24, the effort against Evers’ order intensified when some 1,500 protesters gathered in Madison on the state Capitol grounds to demand an end to the extended stay-at-home order. Many in the crowd criticized Evers for infringing on their personal freedoms and crippling the Wisconsin economy.

Protesters carried signs with messages such as, “Quarantine Tony Evers” and “Reopen Wisconsin.” Some waved “Don’t tread on me” flags. And there were chants including, “U.S.A.” and “Bring back Scott,” a reference to former Republican Gov. Scott Walker.

Reports indicated that some in the crowd carried firearms, some wore protective masks, and others wore clothing or toted signs in support of President Donald Trump. According to Capitol Police there were no arrests or citations issued.

But here, on The Bad River Reservation, the public health nurses stand firmly behind the Governor’s “Safer at Home” order.

“This is a topic that has sparked a lot of conversation, but the reality is that the extension of the ‘Safer at Home’ order is what is best for the protection of health and prevention of the spread of COVID-19,” Gerovac-Lavasseur said. “It has been stated in the news that even though our local counties have very few confirmed cases, some of those cases were traced back to what is considered community spread (no

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contact with an infected person and no travel to an area with known infections). Following the ‘Safer at Home’ order for another month will ensure that there is limited exposure to the virus.”

Healthcare workers everywhere and at the Bad River Health and Wellness Center are fighting COVID-19 on two fronts. First, of course, it’s their job. Added hours mean more work and more stress. Then, like every other citizen of the world, they must deal with COVID-19 on a personal level, following their own good advice. Feustal and Gerovac-Lavasseur seem to be handling this daily double, which has almost become a 24/7 existence.

“We are doing well,” Feustal said. “We have a great working relationship and make an excellent team. Our strengths complement each other’s, so we really can provide the community with the best care. While we are working longer hours with an increased workload, we both have the attitude and understanding that it is for the good of the community and we are happy to provide services in a time of increased need.”

Certainly, it helps that the numbers of positive reports of COVID-19 remain low in Ashland County but, that too, could be problematic by creating a false sense of security for community residents.

“This is a question that seems to be on everyone’s mind,” Gerovac-Lavasseur said. “We are putting out messages often to remind community members to follow the guidance. By continuing to follow the ‘Safer at Home’ orders and guidance on how to reduce the spread of COVID-19, that is the only way we will keep our numbers low. Unfortunately, we learned lessons from areas of the United States that were hit harder than we were.”

Like many working Americans, the staff at the BRHWC splits time between the office and remote locations.

“A lot of the work we do requires us to be in the office,” Feustal said. “It all depends on the tasks at hand as to where we spend our workday. No matter where we are working, it is going well. We sincerely appreciate the capability for remote access when it is possible as it allows us not to fall behind in other duties.

“As always, we want to remind the community that together we can fight to flatten the curve while remaining ‘Safer at Home.’ Stay Safe, Be Well, and Remain Bad River Strong.”

Council takes action

To support the efforts of the BRHWC, the Bad River Tribal Council took action on April 16. A public notice from the desk of Tribal Chairman Michael Wiggins, Jr. stated, “In order to maintain public health, safety and limit exposure to COVID-19 … non-Tribal access to Bad River Tribally owned FCL or open MFL lands within the boundaries of the Bad River Reservation is hereby revoked.” Trespassers will be subject to citations for trespass, the release stated. (For details and road closures, see Page 14 of today’s newsletter.)

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COVID-19 testing, same-day results at BRHWC

The Bad River Health and Wellness Center is now able to do COVID-19 testing with same-day results for our patients with specific situations or symptoms.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 infection are fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Less common symptoms include chills, body aches, headache, sore throat, or new loss of sense of taste or smell.

People who are 65 or older, or have health conditions such as uncontrolled diabetes, heart disease, lung disease/asthma, severe obesity, or weakened immune systems due to cancer or other diseases are at higher risk of severe infection, and should be prompt to get evaluated if they have symptoms.

If you believe you might have COVID-19 call the Bad River Clinic for evaluation.

Please do not stop by without an appointment.

We do not have the capability to do testing without an appointment.

Call 911 immediately if you experience any of these warning signs:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse (wake) a person
- Bluish lips or face

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To work toward a more progressive, financially stable government; to maintain Tribal Sovereignty; and enable members to progress individually, toward a more fulfilling life culturally, spiritually, and economically.

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*Mino-dibishkaan* to our Elders

**Taking the cake, in May**

- **May 1**
  - Frank Jensen
  - Loretta Livingston
  - James (Jake) Parisien

- **May 3**
  - Wayne Burns
  - Simon (Andy) Maday

- **May 4**
  - Grace Lemieux

- **May 5**
  - Lyle (Mitch) Corbine

- **May 6**
  - Nixola Cloud
  - Joe Maday
  - Anne Rosin

- **May 18**
  - Pat Berlin
  - Ken Boulley

- **May 19**
  - Marvin Vandeventer

- **May 20**
  - Gary Bigboy
  - Isabelle (Dolly) Kappeler

- **May 21**
  - Daria Bigboy
  - Lenore Plucinski

- **May 22**
  - Robin Nels
  - Michelle Wolfe

- **May 26**
  - Eldred Corbine

- **May 28**
  - Christina Ante

- **May 29**
  - Angela Houle
  - Gail Lemieux
  - Janice Madosh Smart
COVID-19 is not like World War II

Unprecedented. That is the word most often used to describe the frightening, limited world we have endured since COVID-19, the coronavirus, attacked our planet, leaving its mark of illness and death on some 212 countries.

Indeed, it is unprecedented in the experiences and memories of most Americans living today.

Truth is, however, from an historic perspective, epidemics and pandemics are nothing new to the world experience.

These plagues date back to 3,000 B.C., so you can be forgiven if you don’t remember all of them.

But those seeking a focus-point for conversation found themselves in need of an historic event that captured the full attention of our nation in the manner of COVID-19.

And so, they have drawn World War II into the conversation. This is an interesting pairing which is both spot-on and way off the mark at the same time.

World War II offers an apt comparison in the way it drew the total attention of the country, in a like manner to COVID-19. The United States, in the early 1940s, was a late entrant to the war, with most of our citizens taking an isolationist view of “Europe’s War.” And President Franklin D. Roosevelt vowed to keep us out of the fighting, even though his “Lend-Lease bill,” which became law on March 11, 1941, clearly picked a side and helped fuel the Allied effort against Nazi Germany and Italy.

Then, on Dec. 7, 1941 the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and isolationist America became an enthusiastic participant in perhaps the only “popular” war in U.S. history.

In both World War II and today’s battle against the coronavirus, Americans have identified the enemy and united in a full-blown effort to defeat a dreaded foe.

But that’s where the comparison begins to fade.

You see, today’s enemy is an invisible, mindless menace. Maybe it’s here. Maybe it’s not. Hard to fight an enemy you cannot see. But we do so, not by drawing together, but by staying apart. We follow “Safer at Home” guidelines and social-distancing protocol. There is no vaccine at present, so we have no weapons, other than personal discipline, with which to fight back.

During World War II the enemy could be seen and easily identified. Our foes then were personified by the faces of evil: Germany’s Adolf Hitler, Japan’s Hideki Tojo and Italy’s Benito Mussolini. These were the Axis Powers. Against these formidable foes stood, “The Greatest Generation,” which formed the Allied Forces. Not just the United States, but Great Britain, the Soviet Union, China, France, Canada, Australia, Mexico, South Africa, and India as well as others. These countries banded together to save the world. With thousands of able-bodied American men in service, their jobs were filled by those who could not fight and by women who joined the workforce.

Today’s U.S. economy teeters on the brink of disaster, thanks to COVID-19. Most non-essential businesses are closed, people are out of work and the stock market is taking a hit.

Conversely, the World War II economy was booming. Factories were busy producing the weapons of war. Rosie the Riveter was born.

Native American men and women made a significant and profound contribution in World II. An estimated 3,000 to 6,000 enlisted and another 6,500 were drafted. Approximately two-thirds of those Native fighting men served in the infantry, which put them in the direct line of fire. They received great praise for bravery and achievement, but it came at a costly price. Approximately 5 percent of Native combat soldiers were killed, compared with 1 percent of American forces overall.

To be sure, American history books have not given these valiant Native soldiers proper recognition. They too, were proud members of, “The Greatest Generation.”

And it is the numbers of death and destruction that add up to the major difference between today’s COVID-19 battle and the war years of the 1940s.

A conservative estimate is that 70-85 million soldiers and civilians were killed during World War II; 3 percent of the global population in 1940. Some 211,167 people around the world have died of COVID-19. American combat soldiers and civilians killed during the war totaled 419,400. Today, 56,164 U.S. citizens have died of the coronavirus.

To be sure, what we are currently dealing with is horrific and must be stopped. But it is not World War II.

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Today is ‘Denim Day’

For the Bad River Band

Today, April 29, is an important day around the world. And here, on The Reservation, it is especially near and dear to the heart of Hiedi-Beth Burns, Coordinator of The Bad River Domestic & Sexual Abuse Program.

You see, today is “Denim Day,” an annual national campaign that aims to raise awareness of rape and sexual assault. On this Wednesday in April, people are encouraged to wear jeans to make a social statement and protest against the misconceptions surrounding sexual assault.

Why jeans? Research done by Burns revealed a story that explains it all:

In Rome in 1992, an 18-year-old girl was raped by her 45-year-old driving instructor. The alleged rapist was convicted and sentenced, but the Italian Supreme Court overturned his conviction six years later because the victim was clad in tight jeans. The justices believed that she must have helped the rapist remove her jeans, thus making it consensual sex.

The next day, the women who worked in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans to express their solidarity with the victim. They protested by holding placards that read “Jeans: An Alibi for Rape.”

The Supreme Court eventually overturned its findings.

A year later, “Denim Day” was made an annual event by Patricia Giggans, who served as Executive Director of the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women (now Peace over Violence). The campaign is held on a Wednesday in April, typically near the end of the month. On this day, people wear jeans as a symbol of protest against misconceptions about sexual assault. For more information, Burns said, contact your local Sexual Assault Program.

To show support of Denim Day, Burns said the Bad River Domestic & Sexual Abuse Program is asking everyone to wear denim today, April 29, 2020. Then take a picture and send it to brdap@badriver-nsn.gov so an awareness collage of everyone supporting can be created. If you have any questions, send an email to the address above.

Says Hiedi-Beth Burns, “If you know someone who is a victim of sexual violence or abuse call 911. Stay Healthy & Be Safe!”

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ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT
Information During
COVID-19 PANDEMIC

For the protection of tribal staff and community, the Bad River Tribe is still temporarily limiting person-to-person contact at the workplace to minimize potential exposure.

The Bad River Enrollment Department will accept new applications from people residing within the Bad River service area only.* We are now requiring safe social distancing procedures to process. You must call and make an appointment to schedule.

Bad River Enrollment Office 715-682-7111 ext. 1525

NOTE: Tribal Members may request a Certificate of Membership in lieu of Tribal ID during the COVID-19 Pandemic

*If you have any questions about enrollment or the service area, please call Enrollment Office, miigwech
Rent-free May added to April!

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Memorandum Subject to Change

To whom it may concern:

As we continue to closely monitor Coronavirus (COVID-19) developments, the health and wellbeing of our employees, families and community members is our greatest concern.

In this time of hardship, the Bad River Housing Authority (BRHA) will suspend all rent and other payments due for the month of April and May. Suspending such payments during April and May is an important step in helping the community survive this historically difficult time. BRHA hopes this will help provide some peacefulness, as you will need to provide for your family.

BRHA will be cutting back on non-essential services such as modernization work, painting, cabinet repairs, flooring, etc. The BRHA operations will continue during this pandemic; however, our physical location is closed to the public until further notice.

• Home Visits: Home visits are temporarily suspended. If you have any changes in your household composition or your employment, it is important to promptly call 715-682-2271 or email one of the following:

  • Micki Corbine: OccupancySpecialist@badriver-nsn.gov
  • Rae Ann Bender: ResidentSpecialist@badriver-nsn.gov

• Maintenance: The BRHA Maintenance Staff will temporarily be responding only to emergency work orders. Maintenance Staff will be wearing protective gear upon entry. If you have health or safety concerns, please call the On-Call Phone at 715-292-8847.

• BRHA Building: The BRHA Lobby will temporarily be closed. Garbage stickers will be mailed upon request. To make this request, please call 715-682-2271 or email Taylor Rosin HousingRecpt@badriver-nsn.gov
Bad River Food Shelf Hours

Monday: 9 a.m.-noon
Tuesday: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m.-noon
Thursday: 11 a.m.-noon
Friday: 9 a.m.-noon

Anyone needing Food Shelf please call ahead before noon, 715-682-7127. If there is no answer leave a message with a return phone number.
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NOTICE
Bad River Lake Superior Chippewa Indian Reservation and Road Closure

In order to maintain public health, safety, and limit exposure to COVID-19 the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa has issued the following order:

NOTICE:
The BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA serves notice that non-tribal access to Bad River Tribally owned FCL or open MFL lands within the boundaries of the Bad River Reservation is hereby revoked. Trespassers to BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA FCL or open MFL lands will be subject to citations for trespass.

And:

Access to all Bad River Reservation roads off of US Hwy 2 State Hwy 169, State Hwy 13 and County A (Road detail below) are closed and will be operating under restricted access until further notice. Access is restricted except to the following:

* All Community residents;
* Bad River Members;
* Tribal Government essential employees;
* Delivery of necessary goods and services, US Post Office, and Food and basic necessities, and other preapproved personnel

Closed roads: Birch, Pine Flat, Falls, Elm Hoist, Potato River, Jolma, Jusala, Albert Mattson, West Fire Lane, Stones, First Landing, Second Landing, Goslin, Kagogville, Kakagon, Lake, Madigan, Beauregard, Ackley, Government, Graveyard Creek

Miigwech (Thank you),

Mike Wiggins Jr.
Tribal Chairman
(715) 292-2930
Bad River Health and Wellness Center CLINIC SERVICES

During the COVID-19 crisis, the Bad River Clinic WILL be open for other services. If you have a chronic health condition such as diabetes, hypertension, or are feeling ill, please call the clinic at 715-682-7133 to schedule an appointment.

While the process of entering the clinic has changed at this time, we are still here to serve you. Please call with any questions, or to schedule your appointment today!

Stay safe and be well.
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Cedar (generously harvested by Abi Fergus) and sage grown by Food Sovereignty is now being distributed to homebound elders and at Elderly meal pick up by Loretta Livingston.

Berthea Olby in Natural Resources put together Earth Day bags and baskets for our community this week. Over 200 bags and 35 baskets are being distributed to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day and 35th Anniversary of Bad River Natural Resources!

Brad Bigboy and Sandra Bender are working together to purchase whitefish and trout from one of our Bad River commercial fisherman. These fish will be delivered to homebound and at the Elderly meal pick up as early as Friday.

If you have good news to share text/call 715-292-8142 or email l.bigboy@badriver-nsn.gov

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Bad River Recycling & Solid Waste Department

Emergency Notice

Due to the COVID-19 Health Crisis Pandemic the tentatively scheduled (MAY 11th – MAY 22nd) 2020 SPRING CLEAN-UP EFFORTS will be postponed until further notice.
Bad River Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services are available during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please contact Jennifer Sorel at 715.292.1133 to schedule a time to meet.

Bad River Medication Assisted Treatment program uses Suboxone or Vivitrol in combination with counseling to assist persons who use opioids to stabilize and enter a life of recovery.

We are here to offer continued help and support to the community!
Boozhoo,

Bad River Health & Wellness Center extends our sincere condolences to those in our community who have lost a loved one.

In our Ojibwe language there is no word to say goodbye, the word we use is ‘giga-waabamin’ ‘miinawaa’ we’ll see you again.

Because of the Covid-19 virus, our Tribal government and surrounding Tribes are practicing guidelines set to keep everyone safe. Following our funeral services guidelines that have been put forth to help families stay safe as they honor loved ones. We share these guidelines in a good way in the hopes that they help our people protect each other while still conducting services for their loved ones journey.

We care for everyone in our community and want everyone to be safe. While supplies last, up to 30 masks can be requested for services.

Remember “Zhwenidig” Take Care Of Each Other.

Funeral Guidance

The following are recommendations that should be considered to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and protect the health and safety of all during funeral services.

- Tribal communities have large extended families & friends, we are respectfully asking to consider smaller funerals
- People who feel sick or are at-risk should stay home, we can pray for our loved one or family from home.
- Please consider recommended social distancing guidelines.
- Wash your hands frequently and/or use hand sanitizer.
- Choose a seat that follows social distancing guidelines.
- Please know that while the CDC has said there is no COVID-19 risk posed by the body of someone who has died, it recommends not touching, kissing, or having direct contact with the body of your loved one. If touching occurs, the person should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before touching anything or anyone else.
- CDC recommends wearing cloth face masks at funerals.
- Do not place cloth face covering on young children under age 2. Also, do not place a face mask on anyone who has trouble breathing or who is unconscious or unable to remove the mask without assistance.
BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. BOX 39 ODANAH, WISCONSIN 54861

2020

Gill Netting for Bad River Members

Will be open on the Kakagon River Complex

Starting

April 29th, 2020 at 10:00am

It is mandatory to bring your catch into the hatchery for creel survey.

Questions contact MNRD Wardens
Brad Bigboy 715-979-1181
Gerry White 715-292-7822

Updated 4/27/2020

(715) 682-7123 NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
FAX (715) 682-7118
In response to the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department recommends that all fish harvesters engaging in on reservation netting, spearing and dipnetting, adhere to the following precautions/guidelines:

**Netting on Kakagon/Bad River/Lake Superior Shoreline**
~When fishing in a boat with others, do so with people who live in your household.
~Wear gloves and a mask to reduce the possibility of the spread of disease.
~Limit the overall amount of people in your boat to a maximum of 3 people.

**Spearing at the Bad River Falls**
~When spearing at the Falls, please exercise social distancing protocol by staying 6 feet away from anyone not living in your household.
~Be respectful of an individual’s right to safe distance. Take it upon yourself to not impose on another’s safe space.
~Wear gloves and a mask to reduce the possibility of the spread of disease.

**Dip-netting at Kakagon & Goslin Bridges**
(Handwashing station and portapotty will be provided)
~Wear gloves and a mask to reduce the possibility of the spread of disease
~Maintain social distancing from creel clerks and wardens on the bridge.

The following are requirements that need to be met in order to participate in dipnetting this year:
1) One person per net will be enforced.
2) No one under the age of 18 will be allowed on the bridge.
3) Utilize the hand-washing station and hand sanitizer.
4) Adhere to Warden and Fisheries staff requests for creeling as there will be changes to the normal protocol.
5) Three marked areas of netting per each side of the Bridge Maximum. (6 total per bridge).
6) Stay in marked areas of your netting area while fishing.

We are including these additional rules for dip-netting due to the amount of people on the bridge in past years and the lack of space for everyone to maintain proper social distancing.

If there are any questions about the upcoming fishing season please feel free to call Brad Bigboy at 715-979-1181 or Gerald White at 715-292-7822.

By following these guidelines, you are reducing the spread of this new virus that has been proven to be dangerous to the elderly and immunocompromised.

See the Bad River [http://www.badrivernsn.gov/news/] site for the most current information and recommendations regarding COVID-19.
BAD RIVER AODA
OPEN RECOVERY MEETING
4pm EVERY DAY!!!!

This meeting is available during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/130162509

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: +1 (646) 749-3122

Access Code: 130-162-509

We are here to offer continued help and support to the community!
Wisconsin teleconference/webinar Family Caregiver Support Groups

For Persons Living with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI):
2nd Wednesday, 10:00-11:00 am

General Family Caregivers:
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 1:00-2:30 pm

Family Caregivers for a Loved One with Dementia Living at a Facility:
Fridays, 10:00-11:30 am

Male Family Caregivers:
2nd Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 pm
3rd Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 pm
3rd Thursday, 10:00-11:00 am
4th Thursday, 1:00-2:30 pm

Family Caregivers for a Loved One with Dementia in the Early Stages:
2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 am
2nd Wednesday, 3:00-4:30 pm
4th Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 am

Spanish Speaking Family Caregivers: Grupo de Apoyo en Español:
2nd Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 am
2⁰ Martes de cada mes, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Líame a Virginia Zerpa 414-431-8811

Family Caregivers for a Loved One with Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD):
3rd Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 pm

To attend any of our Support Groups please verify your attendance by calling 800.272.3900
You will receive connection information after you register

www.alz.org/wi 24/7 Helpline 800.272.3900 Hablamos Español, 414.431.8811
‘Drum Beats,’ Deadline!
To get your news item in the next edition of “Drum Beats,” send email to NewsLetter@BadRiver-nsn.gov or call 920-857-4673 by noon on: **May 7**
Bad River Health and Wellness Center

During the COVID-19 crisis, for your safety, we are asking that you call ahead to the clinic during business hours (8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday) 715-682-7133 prior to coming in for a medical appointment.

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms after clinic hours, please utilize the resources listed below:

In order to protect our community and prevent spread, it is important that individuals who believe they may have been infected with Coronavirus (COVID-19) use the following process to direct your care. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911.

-Essentia Health is providing free screenings to anyone experiencing symptoms by calling their toll-free phone number at 1-833-494-0836 or through an e-visit on their health portal, MyHealth. The e-visits provide 24/7 access to connect to an Essentia Health Care Team without requiring you to leave home. E-visits can be found at essentiahealth.org/services/e-visit.

-St.Luke’s Chequamegon Clinic is also offering two, free E-Care visits per user. You can also call their toll-free phone number at 1-218-249-4200 to complete a COVID-19 screening. E-Care is open 7:00am – 8:00pm and can be found at slhduluth.com/ecare, and the toll-free line is open 24/7.

Memorial Medical Center (715) 685-5500
The Latest Research:

Environmental Impacts on Brain Health

Friday, May 15, 2020
1:00 – 2:30pm

Join us virtually!

Link to register:
www.bit.ly/research515

OR call the alzheimer's association
800.272.3900 and ask for “May 15th Research Event in Wisconsin”

Dr. Renee Richer, Assistant Professor, UW-Green Bay

Dr. Renee Richer received her BA in biology from the University of Chicago and her PhD in biology from Harvard University in 2004. She joined the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay, Marinette campus in August 2014.

Dr. Richer has spent the last decade researching the relationship between environmental quality and human health. In particular, she studies the relationship between water quality and neuro-degenerative diseases such as ALS, Alzheimer’s, and Parkinson’s disease.

There will be a Q&A portion during this presentation, so bring your questions!
We all experience stress in our lives, and everyone reacts to and copes with stress in their own way. What is stressful for one person may not be stressful for someone else. CALM is a method used to minimize stress, anxiety and depression.

Create over Consume

Spend more time creating than consuming. If you are struggling today try to create a new normal until this passes.

Action Focused

Try immediate problem-solving to work on calming down the emotional response in your body. Challenge yourself to focus on what you can control.

Lean in and Learn

Lean in with curiosity to learn. Go to the greater experience of what you are going through.

Move Forward

Move forward by taking incremental steps forward daily. Recreation actions daily that are normal to you. Move your body every day.

Stress overload may cause us to become ill, irritable, depressed and interfere with our daily function. If you’re experiencing any of these symptoms, you may want to seek out additional support and guidance from the Alzheimer’s & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin.

3330 University Avenue, Suite 300, Madison, WI 53705 | 608.232.3400 or 888.308.6251 (toll free) | alzwis.org
THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING

Health and positivity are connected.
Having a positive outlook promotes many health benefits such as...
- Lower blood pressure and improved overall cardiovascular health
- Improved weight control
- Lower rates of anxiety and depression
- Improved blood sugar levels

Positive thinking...
- Protects us from the negative long-term effects of stress on our immune, digestive, cardiovascular, sleep and reproductive systems
- Allows us to take control of our health
- Helps us deal with life’s difficulties
- Encourages others to have a positive mindset

Tips to start embracing positive thinking
- Start a daily gratitude journal
- Practice small acts of kindness daily
- Eat a well-balanced diet and engage in regular physical activity
- Look for opportunities to believe the best about yourself
- Set attainable goals and track your progress
- Create a plan to deal with life stressors in a healthy way
Office of Pesticide Programs Update

EPA provides critical information to the American public about safe disinfectant use

Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is continuing its efforts to provide critical information on surface disinfectant products that can be used to protect the health of all Americans throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency. In support of these efforts, EPA now has nearly 400 products that have qualified to be effective against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. This week the agency also published an overview of its actions and resources related to disinfection against the novel coronavirus.

“EPA is dedicated to its mission of protecting human health and we want all Americans to have access to effective and approved surface disinfectant products,” said Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, assistant administrator of EPA’s Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. “We also want everyone follow the directions on the product so that we can safely use registered disinfectants and provide critical protection to our families.”

When using an EPA-registered surface disinfectant, always follow the product’s directions and remember:

- Never apply the product to yourself or others. Do not ingest disinfectant products. This includes never applying any product on List N (the agency’s list of disinfectants to use against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19) directly to food.
- Never mix products unless specified in the use directions. Certain combinations of chemicals will create highly toxic acids or gases.
- Wash the surface with soap and water before applying disinfectant products if the label mentions pre-cleaning.
- Follow the contact time listed for your product on List N. This is the amount of time the surface must remain visibly wet to ensure efficacy against the virus. It can sometimes be several minutes.
- Wash your hands after using a disinfectant. This will minimize your exposure to the chemicals in the disinfectant and the pathogen you are trying to kill.

EPA provides additional information on disinfectant safety messages on its twitter feeds, @EPA and @ChemSafety. These channels will be updated with new materials throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

EPA is also continuing to add additional chemicals to its list of common inert ingredients. These actions are intended to help address supply chain issues for EPA-registered disinfectants and other pesticides. It allows manufacturers of already-registered EPA products to change the source of listed inert ingredients.

To learn more about disinfectant safety, see this guide from our partner, the National Pesticide Information Center, about using disinfectants to control COVID-19: http://npic.orst.edu/ngred/plype/amicrob/covid19.html
Anthem's members receive COVID-19 treatment at no cost

Dear trusted partner,

We know these are challenging times, and want you to know that Anthem remains deeply committed to supporting you and the communities we serve as we join together as a nation to weather this health crisis. This is why we’re focused on addressing critical issues that need attention now, including affordability and access.

We’re taking unprecedented action to eliminate your employees’ cost shares if they receive treatment for COVID-19 from doctors, hospitals, and other health care professionals from April 1 through May 31, 2020. Their COVID-19 testing is covered, too. They’ll also pay nothing if they have a telehealth visit with a doctor in their plan through June 14, 2020.

We know your employees already have enough things to worry about these days. Paying for treatment for this disease shouldn’t be one of them. We want them to focus on their health and care for their loved ones.

During this time of stress and uncertainty, we stand by our legacy and commitment to your company and employees. Our mission remains unchanged: to improving lives and the health of our communities.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Haytaian
Executive Vice President and President
Commercial and Specialty Business Division
May 5th is National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls.

A congressional resolution to designate May 5th as a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls has been introduced. The resolution was drafted in memory of Hanna Harris (Northern Cheyenne) who was murdered July, 2013. The resolution was first introduced in April 2016 on the same day that Roy Lynn Rides Horse (Crow) passed away after having been beaten, burned, and left in a field to die. Nearly 200 tribal, national, and state organizations supported this resolution.

Wear RED to show your support on May 5th then post a photo on social media with the hashtag #NationalDayofAwareness #MMNWG or #MMIW
Care for your mental health, too!

During the COVID-19 Crisis, it is just as important to care for your mental health as it is your physical health. If you or someone you know is struggling, REACH OUT. Here are just a few of the resources available. We will continue to share free resources with you during this difficult time.

**Mental Health:**

7 cups: [www.7cups.com](http://www.7cups.com); free online text chat for emotional support and counseling

**Disaster Distress Helpline:** 800-985-5990
Or text TalkWithUs to 66746

**Suicide Prevention Hotline:** 800-273-8255
Or text CONNECT to 741741

**MoodGYM:** moodgym.com.au

**National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 800-799-7233

**Recovery Resources:**

**Bad River AODA Open Recovery Meeting:** 4pm daily.
https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/130162509
Or call 1-646-749-3122 Access Code: 130-162-509

**In The Rooms:** intherooms.com/home/

Please call the Bad River Health and Wellness Center at 715-682-7133 if you have questions or would like more information.
Place Your To-Go Order!

Manomin Restaurant

Saturday: Double Cheese Burger w/fries $6.99
Monday: Cobb Salad w/ Chicken Breast, Bacon, Tomatoes & Shredded Cheese on a bed of Lettuce $6.99
Tuesday: Choice of the following for $5.99
   Baked Burrito w/Chips & Salsa or
   3 Hard or Soft Shell Tacos w/Chips & Salsa
Wednesday: 4 piece Broasted Chicken w/fries $6.99
Thursday: Smothered New York Strip Steak Sandwich w/mushrooms & onions served with fries $8.99
Friday: Choice of the following for $7.99
   2 piece Deep Fried Pollack w/fries or
   2 piece Deep Fried Cod w/fries
   $1.00 for an additional fillet

Please call 715.682.7121 extension 1296 to place your to go order!
WHAT HOME MEANS TO ME
A POSTER CONTEST FOR TRIBAL YOUTH

All forms of art are welcome; however it does need to be poster friendly. Once you’ve finished your poster, submit a photo of your poster to:
WilmaNoah@semtribe.com
+ Krystalcedeno@semtribe.com

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WHAT HOME MEANS TO ME
A POSTER CONTEST
FOR TRIBAL YOUTH

ENTER TO WIN A PRIZE!
Accepting Submissions from
April 1- June 30, 2020

All Tribal Communities are Welcomed to Submit! All Posters Must Be
Original Art Work. You May Use: Markers, Paints, Crayons, Colored Pencils,
Beads and Fabric! Get as Creative as you’d like! Create a poster that shows
what home means to you!

All forms of art are welcome; however you submission does need to be
poster friendly. Once you’ve finished your poster or if you have any
questions, submit
to: WilmaNoah@semtribe.com or KrystalCedeno@semtribe.com

3 AGE GROUP WINNERS!
5-10; 11-13; 14-18
Even though the office is closed for regular visits, we are still here for you!

BAD RIVER DENTAL IS OFFERING TELEDENTISTRY!

Teledentistry is a virtual visit between you and your provider. We know that you may have questions or concerns about you or your family’s oral health. We are here to help! This visit is at no cost to you!

Please call (715) 685-7887 and ask for DeAnn @ ext 4413 or Jerelyn @ Ext 4406

We miss you and hope to see you all soon! In the meantime, give us a call!
‘End’ Quote

The Bad River Domestic & Sexual Abuse Program shares this statement for the week. These weekly statements address various issues, concerns and thoughts that we hope you will read and consider why it was written:

“Sometimes you have to stop worrying, wondering and doubting and have faith that things will work out, maybe not how you planned, but just how they’re meant to be.” ~ Words of Wisdom

Watch for the next statement in the May 13 newsletter. If you have a statement you would like to share, feel free to send it to Hiedi-Beth Burns, Coordinator/DV & SA Advocate & Legal Lay Advocate, Bad River Domestic Abuse Program. Send email to brdap@badriver-nsn.gov

BAD RIVER HOUSING
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All meetings are held
at the Bad River Housing Authority Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.

Electronic Conferencing

“Drum Beats,”
is the newsletter for the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Drum Beats is circulated every other Wednesday throughout the year and is produced by The Bay City News Service of Ashland, Wis. Send email to NewsLetter@BadRiver-nsn.gov or call 920-857-4673.