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Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians



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A contract worker from Central America plants a white pine, the first of 42,500 trees planted on the Reservation on May 12. Some 7,500 more will soon be planted.

Growing *the* Future

Thousands of white pines, silver maples planted on Reservation

By Richard J. Pufall

For the Bad River Band

A huge tree-planting recently honored and will replenish The Reservation's white pine past and also sweeten the future of the Bad River sugarbush.

The Nature Conservancy received a \$450,000 grant last fall from a foundation that has asked to remain anonymous. The grant money is earmarked to use trees to sequester carbon in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan. In other words, these trees once grown, will gobble up carbon emissions and produce life-giving oxygen.

The two-year project began on Tuesday, May 12 on the Bad River Reservation where 40,000

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Gena Abramson, Forestry Specialist for the Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department, coordinated the massive tree planting.



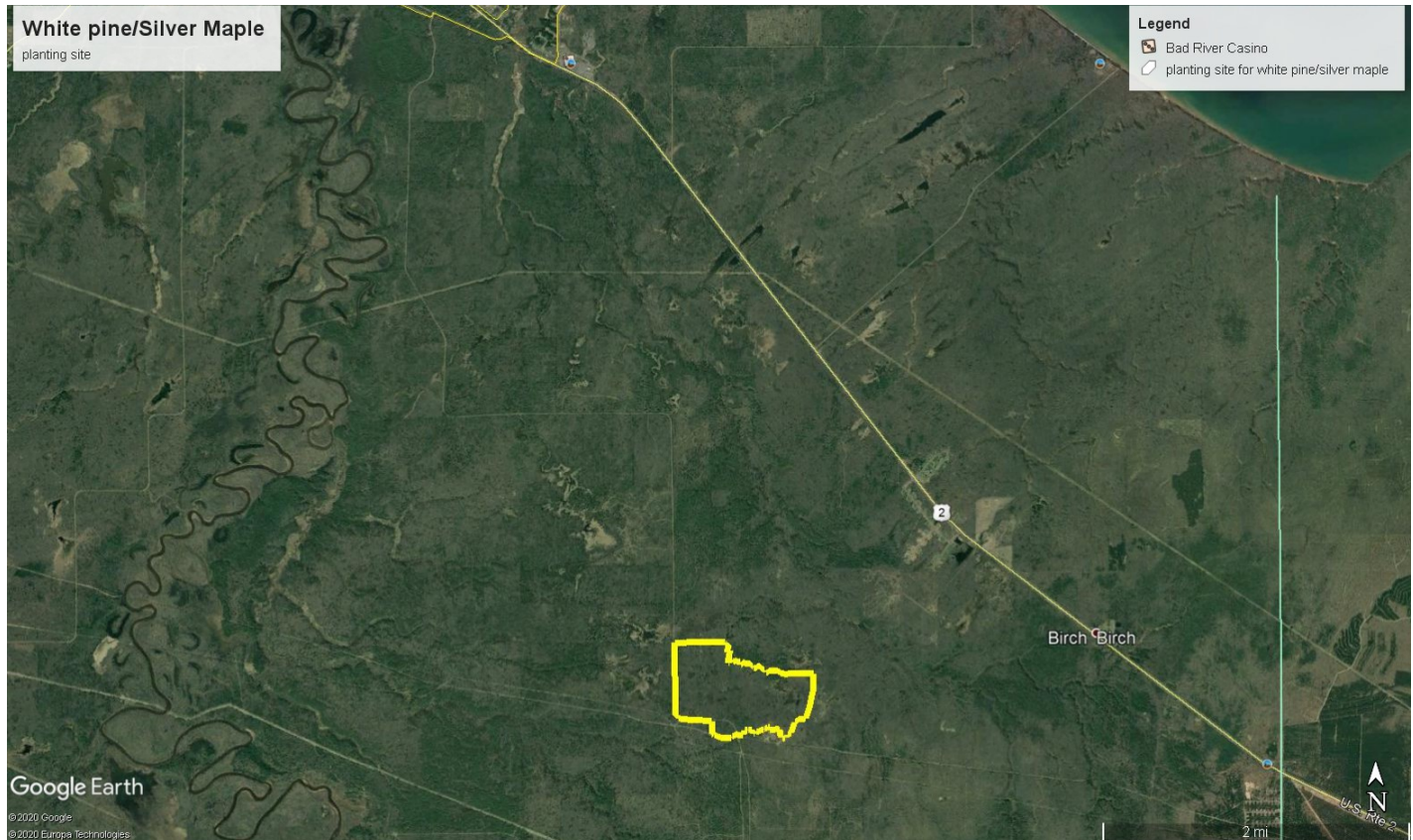


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The yellow border denotes the location of the tree planting, 6.5 miles south of the Bad River Casino on Pine Flat Road, (Section 21 of Town 47N Range 2W). A contract crew planted 42,500 white pine and silver maple trees on May 12.

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white pine and 2,500 silver maple trees were planted in one day, according to Gena Abramson, Forestry Specialist for the Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department (NRD), who is coordinating the program for The Tribe, along with NDR Director Naomi Tillison.

Part 2 of the project will happen in June and July, with 7,500 trees being planted by the Mashkiiziibii NRD staff, according to Matt Dallman, Deputy State Director for The Nature Conservancy.

Dallman said next year the planting will be repeated with likely more than 60,000 trees.

“The Foundation’s goal is to use trees as a natural climate solution to mitigate carbon emissions, but a co-benefit of planting on The Reservation will be to diversify tree species composition in the attempt to make the forest for future generations

more resilient to climate change,” Dallman said.

A contract crew of 14 young men, mostly from Central America, planted the trees. The crew was working for Tom Nolta, who owns Timberland Forestry based in Munising, Mich. Nine of the planters were from Honduras, four from Guatemala and one from Mexico.

Bad River, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and the north shore area of Lake Superior in Minnesota each was awarded \$135,000 for tree work, according to Dallman. The Northern Institute of Applied Climate Sciences, a branch of the U.S. Forest Service, received \$40,000 and The Nature Conservancy is using \$5,000 from this gift to administer the grant.

The location of the planting is 6.5 miles south of the Bad River Casino on Pine Flat Road, (Section 21 of Town 47N Range 2W), according to Abramson, who surveyed and charted the 280-acre area where the trees have been planted.

“I had to survey the entire Reservation in order to choose the best area to put these

trees, so that we didn’t have to jump around or venture too far into the forest,” Abramson said. “I chose a spot in which almost all of the white pine had been removed by past harvest practices. I worked cooperatively with Mr. Dallman to get the work agreement completed and approved by our legal team. Access permits needed to be completed and approved.

“The contractor was found and approved by Mr. Dallman. We all coordinated the timing.”

Abramson has been with the NRD for just one year and said this tree planting was her first big project. She said she appreciated the support she has received from Tillison.

“Huge thanks to Naomi Tillison for her guidance and assistance on making this project happen with short notice,” Abramson said. “She really helped me make sure my t’s were crossed and i’s dotted.”

In June and July, Abramson said, Tribal members working for the NRD will be

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planting 7,500 more trees: yellow birch and white cedar.

“Why plant trees in a forest?” said Dallman, asking a question that many might have. “If you look at the history of this, this was super-canopy white pine, it was birch, it was spruce, it was fir ... it was a mix of trees. Then, after the allotments were lost and people came in and cut, they didn’t think they were going to own land for long. They just cut the trees and they cut it and they cut it. And what we have is a real simplified forest.

“The seed source is gone. We have pine trees here but there’s not enough of them to get established easily or quickly. So, by putting 50,000 trees in a landscape we’re actually giving nature a boost and allowing it to restore quicker.”

Dallman said the white pines were planted in soil that was a bit drier and the silver maples in ground that was a little wetter.

“And that’s just to diversify the forest,” Dallman said. “Eventually, the ash that are in here more than likely might die because of emerald ash borer. So, if we can have some silver maple that don’t mind having their feet wet then they will take the space when the sunlight hits the ground, they will be able to take over that space. It’s about restoring a landscape that is missing some key pieces. This is about adding some key pieces back into that landscape.”

Dallman, who is based in Minocqua, said he was grateful to the foundation that provided the grant but stressed that the benefactor wished to remain anonymous.

“It was great that we were able to find a foundation that was willing to do something like this,” Dallman said. “We got the funding last fall. It was kind of quick. We thought for sure we couldn’t find trees. I gave Tom (Nolta) a call and he was like, ‘I can dig ’em up.’ And he found us 50,000 trees to put here. He’s got a nursery and he does the planting, too. So, he’s like a one-stop shop.”

Abramson and Dallman said Nolta’s crew got all 42,500 trees planted in one, nine-hour workday.

“Pretty amazing if you think about it.”

Dallman said, “The crew has 14 planters, one foreman. The 14 planters planted over 3,000 trees each in one day.”

Dallman and Abramson said there was no



Photo by The Bay City News Service
Matt Dallman, Deputy State Director for The Nature Conservancy, was on site May 12 for the planting of 42,500 white pine and silver maple trees on the Bad River Reservation.

ironclad way to gauge or forecast the survival rate of the trees, but the progress will be watched closely.

“I don’t have a way of estimating mortality, but I will be surveying annually for the first three years, then every five years until established,” Abramson said. “Growth rates depend on soil conditions, moisture, and availability to light. They won’t be open grown, so they will grow slower, but their root systems will be ready to provide heightened growth once the aspen is removed in 2045.”

Like her colleagues in the NRD, Abramson has a love and respect for the environment that makes her work a labor of love.

“Since I started it’s been my objective to take care of the land for the Tribal members and their ancestors and the seventh generation,” Abramson said. “So, yes, it’s very satisfying.”

The addition of silver maple trees will, of course, increase the sugarbush, a traditional favorite among Tribal members.

“Tribal members will have more oppor-

tunity to gather sap,” Abramson said. “It seems like they really enjoy doing that and it really brings them together. There is a potential here for sugar maple. Mostly, I’ve worked on the east side of the Bad River. So far, I have seen lots of sugar maple regeneration with no merchantable sugar maple, which tells me they came in and took all the sugar maple out. And it’s still trying to be sugar maple.”

Those who gather maple-tree sap, of course, are a persistent, patient, passionate lot. As most Tribal members know, it takes between 40 and 50 gallons of tree sap to produce one gallon of maple syrup.

“The Tribe for a long time has been trying to reduce the amount of aspen and increase the species diversity,” Abramson said. “But in doing that I think we can really increase the sugar maple component. The signs show me that historically there was a lot more sugar maple here than what there is now. So that’s a direction we’re going to be trying to move in.”

Dallman said he could only speculate on the question of survival for the newly planted trees.

“It’s so dependent on what happens this summer and into next year,” Dallman said. “If we have good moisture (which shouldn’t be a problem given the location) the trees will begin to set up a good root base. Over the next two to three years they’ll grow more underground than above. Once the root systems are well established, they’ll begin growing up.”

Dallman said the trees planted on May 12 were “container stock” as opposed to “bare root.” Container stock, he said, have a small advantage because their roots remain covered in soil throughout the planting process.

“My guesstimate would be we could expect to see 10 percent mortality, but that’s the reason we plant so many trees,” he said.

Dallman said he wasn’t concerned that browsing deer would eat up the new tree plantings.

“Another difficult question to answer with any exactness,” he said. “My initial reaction is far less will be consumed at Bad River than in many other locations in northern Wisconsin. There are a few reasons for this. The key times for deer browse on white pine are fall and especially spring prior to green-up.”

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And Dallman detailed other reasons why not to fear the deer as a threat to the trees: 1) There is typically ample early and late snow, so the trees are covered or deer are still yarded-up in dense conifer areas on the Reservation and surrounding areas; 2) deer numbers are low in this part of Ashland County, when compared to the surrounding area; 3) he hopes Tribal harvesting of white-tailed deer keeps numbers low.

“These trees will grow fast once the root system is established, could be as much as a foot a year,” he said. “It will only take a few years after the roots are established to get above browse height. And another reason I’m optimistic is that Gena intends to monitor the browse situation. If we see extensive browse we may bud-cap trees, meaning a recipe card would be folded around the leading bud and stapled in late fall. The card stays on the tree till spring rains essentially melt it off. At that time there is enough green grass to keep deer from browsing.”

Dallman said a white pine can live 400 years but said most of the “big trees” that can be seen off of Pine Flat Road, “are still babies, maybe just over 100-125.”

“Rarely do you find trees over 200 because they were nearly all harvested in the late 1800s early 1900s,” Dallman said. “Productivity to me means something different to a logger or a home builder. A productive size for absorbing carbon will occur in 10 to 20 years. A productive size for 2x4s could be when it reaches 18 inches. My hope is that these trees being in Bad River’s forest protection zone are there for seven generations and for seven generations after that doing what they do to absorb what we breathe out (CO2) and giving life by releasing oxygen (O2).”

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Gena Abramson, Forestry Specialist for the Mashkiizibii Natural Resources Department, stands in front of a truck load of white pines before planting begins on May 12.



Before beginning the day of planting, a contract worker from Central America transfers white pines from the “container stock” into his back-pack.

Photo courtesy of The Nature Conservancy.



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Tribal Mission Statement:

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.



'Mino-dibishkaan' to our Elders

Taking the cake, in June

June 2

Linda Mayotte
Patrick Mayotte

June 8

Sharon (Sherri) Letson
Larry Tutor

June 11

Douglas Tutor

June 13

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June 15

Joseph Crowe
Rae Principato
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June 16

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June 17

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June 18

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June 19

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Theresa Parisien

June 20

Rebecca (Becky) Lemieux

June 21

Lissa Andrews
Mary E. Cloud

June 22

Jay McFee

June 24

Gwenda (Candy) White

June 25

Barbara (Cobina) Denomie
Melvin Maday

June 29

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Nurses say, 'Time will tell'

Bad River
has a plan
in place

By Richard J. Pufall
For the Bad River Band

The ruling by the Wisconsin Supreme Court on May 13 that overturned Gov. Tony Evers' Stay-at-Home order was received as "surprising" and "unfortunate," by those who work to guard Tribal well-being for the Bad River Health and Wellness Center.

And it made the work of The Tribe's public health nurses – Tina Gerovac-Lavasseur and Pamela Feustel – a bit more difficult. But not impossible.

You see, they have a plan. "This was a surprising ruling," Gerovac-Lavasseur said. "Wisconsin was doing well with the Safer-at-Home order and it seemed to be working to keep our positive case numbers down. It is unfortunate that the ruling came down the way it did, but we are also happy to see that businesses and individuals are continuing to be mindful of others and following the Safer-at-Home order."

The Safer-at-Home guidelines have been particularly effective on the Reservation where there have been no

For updates on the Bad River Tribe's efforts to combat COVID-19, the coronavirus pandemic, click the link below

[Website](#)

Tracking COVID-19

As of this morning, May 27, there were 1,658,785 cases of COVID-19, the coronavirus, in the United States, with 98,078 deaths. The first coronavirus case in Wisconsin was reported on February 5. There have been a total of 15,863 cases reported in the state and 517 deaths.

Numbers in our 4-county area

<u>County</u>	<u>Reported cases</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Ashland	2	0
Bayfield	3	1
Iron	2	1
Douglas	19	0

positive cases of COVID-19, the coronavirus, since the first case was discovered in Wisconsin on Feb. 5. And there have been just two positive cases in all of Ashland County, with no deaths.

Gerovac-Lavasseur and Feustel were heartened and encouraged by the immedi-

ate response and support of the Bad River Tribal Council, which will continue to observe the Stay-at-Home order.

"Regardless of the State Supreme Court decision, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa will continue to follow the 'Safer-at-

Home' guidance with the outcome of protecting the safety and health of the community while relying closely on the guidance of our public health and medical staff," read a statement, in part, from Mike Wiggins, Jr., Tribal Chairman. (See

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the complete release on Page 11).

The Bad River statement was supported by similar releases from the Tribal leadership of the Red Cliff, Lac Courte Oreilles and Lac du Flambeau Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa.

"This was an incredibly smart decision," Gerovac-Lavasseur said. "This allowed the time to ensure proper plans and safety measures are in place when we do open. The original Safer-at-Home order and the Badger Bounce Back plan allowed for time and planning to keep our communities safe. We are happy that our Chairman, as well as the Chairmen of other Tribal entities have decided to move forward in this manner. It is the safe thing to do to protect our communities."

The unanswered question, of course, here and all over the nation and world is this: "Can we have both an open economy *AND* a healthy populous?"

"This question is one that unfortunately can only be answered with time," Feustel said. "I certainly hope that we can have an open economy and stay healthy. We have been fortunate here in Bad River, and it would be difficult to see that change."

For the nurses, of course, their job is health not politics. So, they and the rest of Wisconsin's public health guardians, wonder if they can move forward from the court's decision and keep people safe.



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

"It absolutely can be done," Feustel said. "There is planning being done here in Bad River to ensure that businesses look at best practices including social distancing. We are now at a

time when it is imperative to follow the guidance provided to us by the experts. Masking, washing your hands often, and keeping a safe social distance will continue to be important going

forward."

It is comforting to know a plan is in place for the time when businesses reopen on the Reservation. But the unknown, of course, is what impact the court's ruling will have throughout the state. Did the overturn of Evers' Safer-at-Home order come too soon?

"Again, this is a question that will only be answered with time," Gerovac-Lavasseur said. "One thing is for certain, it will be important to follow the best practice guidance put out to the public."

The State Supreme Court's ruling trimmed 13 days off of Evers' order, which was set to run through May 26, which was Tuesday. How important were those 13 days?

"Again, only time will tell," Feustel said. "We had very low numbers in the county, which demonstrated that Safer-at-Home was working. We are hopeful that with all the planning and best practices that have been put into place we will see Bad River maintain as a healthy community."

"It is important to remember that this is a stressful time and it can take a toll on the mental health of an individual. There are many resources available if you are feeling overwhelmed. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you feel you are in need of services or resources. We are all in this together."

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Many to thank for success of MMIWG parade

For the Bad River Band

Hiedi-Beth Burns was one thankful woman after the successful completion of the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Parade down Maple Street on May 5.

Burns, Coordinator of The Bad River Domestic & Sexual Abuse Program, organized the parade.

“A huge Miigwech goes out to Hope and Bridgette Mayotte at Crime Victims for your creative ideas and public notification on the MMIWG community

parade. Your efforts were not overlooked and will not be forgotten. Great Job Ladies!”

The Spencer Family took first place for the best decorated vehicle in the parade. Amber and Rick Spencer brought their four children, Preston, 13; Mason, 9; Annalee, 3; and Destiny, just 6 months old, and were the first to arrive in the Bad River Casino’s west parking lot for the parade.

The Spencers won a basket full of household items for their efforts decorating their truck.

“Thank you to those who helped in any manner with the parade,” Burns said. “Those who decorated their vehicles and joined in and those who took time to acknowledge our efforts.

“The Domestic & Sexual Abuse program would like to ask everyone to watch for more information on the safety efforts regarding Missing & Murdered Indigenous Woman. These efforts will continually be developed and shared.”





Ojibwe College to offer bachelor degree programs

For the Bad River Band

HAYWARD – Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College (LCOOC) has recently been authorized to offer fully accredited bachelor degree programs: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Human Services.

Both will be the first bachelor degree programs being offered at Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College starting in the Fall of 2020. The Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) provided confirmation of this action through a letter dated May 8, 2020.

“We are now able to provide the opportunity to further your education, while staying in your community. This opens the door to prepare for and begin to develop additional bachelor degree pro-

grams,” said Dr. Russell Swagger, President of Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College.

Limited pilot courses, in both programs, were offered in the fall and spring of the 2019-2020 academic year. The College would like to thank the students who successfully completed the pilot courses and had confidence in Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College.

The course offerings will be available for enrollment starting May 18, 2020, for the Fall 2020 Semester.

To learn more about these bachelor degree programs or to enroll, call Jimmy White, Recruitment and Admissions Specialist, at 715-634-4790 ext. 148 or visit the website at <https://www.lco.edu/reg>

About Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College

The Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College’s mission is to provide Anishinaabe communities with post-secondary and continuing education while advancing the language, culture, and history of the Ojibwe.

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College (LCOOC) is a non-profit Ojibwe tribal community college. The focus is to help Native students advance themselves in the world, while studying their own history and language. It is an open-door institution which welcomes anyone who would like to work toward a better tomorrow. LCOOC does not discriminate based upon race and will not deny admission to any Native student regardless of tribal enrollment or affiliation.

Tribes support 'stay-at-home' order

On Wednesday, May 13 the Wisconsin Supreme Court made its ruling in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic. And the Lake Superior Bands of Chippewa Indians were quick to counter.

The State Supreme Court overturned Gov. Tony Evers' stay-at-home order, ruling it "unlawful" and "unenforceable," in a high-profile victory for the state's Republican-led Legislature.

But the Lake Superior Bands of Chippewa Indians in Bad River, Red Cliff, Lac Courte Oreilles and Lac du Flambeau independently came to the same conclusion: They were not having it on their Reservations. Yes, the ruling of the State's high court was acknowledged, but not embraced by the Ojibwe Nation.

"The Bad River Tribal Council closed the gaming facility and limited other activities in Odanah, Wis. with the outcome of protecting our tribal community and surrounding areas," Mike Wiggins, Jr., Tribal Chairman, wrote in a release. "Regardless of the State Supreme Court decision, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa will continue to follow the 'Safer-at-Home' guidance with the outcome of protecting the safety and health of the community while relying closely on the guidance of our public health and medical staff.

"We encourage other governments and municipalities or the broader public to voluntarily follow the safer-at-home guidelines to ensure the long-term safety and health of our communities." (See the complete release on Page 11).

Tribal leadership in Red Cliff, Lac Courte Oreilles and Lac du Flambeau issued similar statements in opposition to the court's ruling and in support of Evers' order.

In a 4-3 decision on May 13, the court ruled that Democratic Gov. Evers' administration overstepped its authority when the state Department of Health Services extended the Safer-at-Home order to May 26.

The Legislature's Republican leaders filed a lawsuit last month, claiming the order would cost Wisconsin its jobs, injure many companies, and if it was left in place, "our State will be in shambles."

Specifically, the suit was filed against state Department of Health Services Secretary-designee Andrea Palm and other

health officials, who made the decision in mid-April to extend the "Safer at Home" emergency order until May 26.

The justices wrote in their decision that "an agency cannot confer on itself the power to dictate the lives of law-abiding individuals as comprehensively as the order does without reaching beyond the executive branch's authority."

Evers told CNN that the court's ruling "puts our state into chaos."

"Now we have no plan and no protections for the people of Wisconsin," Evers said. "When you have more people in a small space – I don't care if it's bars, restaurants or your home – you're going to be able to spread the virus. And so now, today, thanks to the Republican legislators who convinced four Supreme Court justices to not look at the law but look at their political careers I guess – it's a bad day for Wisconsin."

And in a statement released separately that night, the governor encouraged people in Wisconsin to continue "to stay safer at home, practice social distancing, and limit travel, because folks, deadly viruses don't wait around for politicians and bureaucrats to settle their differences or promulgate rules."

The City of Ashland, like the Tribes, seems to be listening to Evers. Many businesses, including some taverns in Ashland, opened but continued to observe social-distancing guidelines. To the surprise of no one, the Wisconsin Tavern League issued a statement in support of the court's decision.

As of early this morning, May 27, Wisconsin had 15,863 confirmed cases of coronavirus and 517 deaths, according to the state's Department of Health Services.

Was Tony Evers trying to wear the crown of an all-powerful king, or merely doing what he believed was best for Wisconsinites?

Did the State Supreme Court act wisely in overturning Evers' stay-at-home order?

We know only one crucial thing for certain: Since the first positive case of the coronavirus was recorded in Wisconsin on Feb. 5, there have been none on the Bad River Reservation.



By Richard J. Pufall

For the Bad River Band



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MEDIA STATEMENT

Bad River Statement on Prevention of COVID-19 within the Reservation

In a decision May 13, 2020 the State Supreme Court decided almost all of the State's Safer-at-Home Order, Executive Order 28, is not enforceable. In response Michael Wiggins Jr., Bad River Chairman, issued the following statement:

"The Bad River Tribal Council closed the gaming facility and limited other activities in Odanah, Wis. with the outcome of protecting our tribal community and surrounding areas.

"Regardless of the State Supreme Court decision, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa will continue to follow the 'Safer-at-Home' guidance with the outcome of protecting the safety and health of the community while relying closely on the guidance of our public health and medical staff.

"We encourage other governments and municipalities or the broader public to voluntarily follow the safer-at-home guidelines to ensure the long-term safety and health of our communities."

For more information please read the Coronavirus Updates page at <http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/news/> and the attached Flyer. Miigwech!



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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
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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*

Telephone (715) 682-7111

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Rent-free May added to April!

UPDATED: April 23, 2020

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

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We will continue to closely monitor this situation and hope these steps will continue to fight the spread of the virus. As more important decisions are made, BRHA will send you additional notices, as necessary.

If you have any questions about this notice, please call the appropriate phone number listed in the above sections. For up to date information, please visit <http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/news/>

Thank you for your support and understanding during this difficult time.

Miigwech,

Jennifer Toribio-Warren

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Executive Director
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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, Joima, Jusala, Albert Mattson, West Fire Lane, Stones, First Landing, Second Landing, Goslin, Kagerville, Kakagon, Lake, Madigan, Beauregard, Ackley, Government, Graveyard Creek

Miigwech (Thank you),

Mike Wiggins Jr.
Tribal Chairman
(715) 292-2930

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

REMINDER

P.O. Box 39 • Okauch, Wisconsin 54861

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.

This serves as a reminder notice to community
members placing items curbside that if / when this
effort is possible this year. "All households will have
ample time to place items curbside along with postings
informing the community / area with dates & start
time."

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Telephone (715) 682-7111

Fax (715) 682-7118

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

P.O. Box 39 Odanah, Wisconsin 54861

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

Head Start/Early Head Start Washable Cloth Face Coverings

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is seeking proposals through solicitation for 500 (100 adult size and 400 child size) washable cloth face coverings. These face coverings will need to be completed and delivered to the H.S./E.H.S. building by June 30th, 2020.

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, U.S.C. Section 476. This entitles the Tribe to government pricing and exempts the Tribe from state sales and use taxes and from federal excise taxes. Therefore, price quotations should not include such taxes.

This Request for Proposals is open to all qualified, responsive bidders. Indian Preference will apply in the selection process in accordance with the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) or the Indian Preference Act of 1934 (Title 25, USC, Section 47), based on funding source requirements. Questions regarding TERO, and if the TERO fee applies to the RFP, may be directed to the Bad River Band's Human Resource office at 715-682-7111.

Firms or persons applying for Indian preference must provide evidence in its proposal of 51% or more Indian ownership. In addition, the firm or person must provide evidence of structure, management and financing affecting the Indian character of the firm. Documentation of and compliance with Indian Preference must accompany the proposal.

Sealed bids must be labeled "H.S./E.H.S. Washable Cloth Face Coverings" and submitted by June 5th at 12:00p.m. to:

Bad River Tribe
Chief Blackbird Center
Attn: Executive Secretary
PO Box 39/72682 Maple St
Odanah, WI 54861

Questions regarding this project can be directed to Nona Crowe, Bad River H.S./E.H.S. Assistant Director at 715-682-7144 Ext. 1461

Bid opening will be scheduled at Bad River Head Start 53759 Pine Street Odanah, WI on June 5, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Any or all bids may be rejected when in the best interest of the Bad River Tribe.

Program:	<i>[Signature]</i>
Accounting:	<i>[Signature]</i>
Posted:	5/20/20
	12:10 am

What Tribal Members need to know about COVID-19

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronaviruses are a type of virus (germ) that can cause cold-like symptoms and sometimes serious problems with lungs and breathing. COVID-19 is a novel (new) coronavirus.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Mild to severe respiratory illness, or problems with lungs and breathing. Symptoms include:

- **Cough or shortness of breath.**

Or at least two of these symptoms:

- **Fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.**



How does COVID-19 spread?

Person to person by coughing, sneezing, or personal contact like touching or shaking hands. Someone with mild symptoms may spread the disease without knowing they are sick.

Who is most at risk?

Anyone can get COVID-19. Those at risk of severe illness include:

- **Elders and adults over 60 years of age,**
- **People with heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes.**

How can I protect myself and my family?

Stay at home. "Social distancing" is recommended. This means keeping your family at home and away from others who may be sick.

- If you must go out, wear a mask or bandana and try to stay 6 feet away from others.
- Avoid gatherings with other people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Do not shake hands, hug, or touch others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

If someone gets sick, what can they do?

- **If someone thinks they have been around someone with COVID-19 and they get a fever and symptoms such as cough or trouble breathing, they should call their healthcare provider or local Indian Health Service unit for medical advice.**
- In an emergency, call 911.
- People who are mildly sick with COVID-19 do not need to see a healthcare provider and are able to recover at home.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash hands.
- Stay home and away from others for 14 days to avoid getting others sick.
- Caregivers should keep sick family members away from others in the home and clean and disinfect surfaces and items that are touched often, like door handles, sink handles, toilets, remote controls, etc.

Is there a vaccine or treatment?

There is no vaccine. The best way to reduce the risk of getting sick with COVID-19 is to practice social distancing and healthy habits like washing hands regularly.

There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but medical care can help relieve symptoms. If you are sick, call your healthcare provider for instructions.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in our state?

Yes, there have been cases in all 50 states.

For more information:
[CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



JOHNS HOPKINS
CENTER FOR AMERICAN
INDIAN HEALTH

Effective May 5, 2020
Source: CDC

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P.O. Box 39, Ojibwah, Wisconsin 54861

NOTICE

GRAVEL PURCHASE FOR 2020

The Bad River Roads Department will be offering crushed gravel for individual purchase this year.

There is also a limited amount of fill dirt available. Fill can be found in the field directly north of the casino. If anyone would like to haul this themselves please feel free to take as much as you like. **The Roads Program will not be delivering fill dirt.**

Limit of 5 loads per residence (25 yards) of crushed gravel.

PRICES:

Crushed Gravel per 5 yard load \$19.00 per yard = \$95.00 per load (5 load max.)

The deadline for ordering will be September 18, 2020.

All payments should be made at the Bad River Tribal Accounting Office. Please make sure you leave a contact name and number when payment is made.

Deliveries will begin in late June to early July or as soon as possible thereafter. Repairs to roadways will take precedence and private order deliveries will not begin until road repairs are caught up.

Any question please contact:

Ben Connors Sr
roadsmgr@badriver-nsn.gov
Ph: 715-682-7153 ext 1343
Cell: 715-292-1728



Telephone (715) 682-7111

Fax (715) 682-7118

**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.**

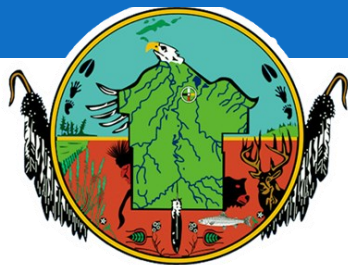


Questions contact MNRD Wardens
Brad Bigboy 715-979-1181
Gerry White 715-292-7822

Updated 4/27/2020

(715) 682-7123 NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

FAX (715) 682-7118



Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department

Guidelines for On-Reservation Fishing

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 immuno-compromised.

See the Bad River [<http://www.badriversn.gov/news/>] site for the most current information and recommendations regarding COVID-19.



Bad River Health and Wellness Center
53555 Nekoma Road
Ashland, WI 54806-4272

Clinic Administration
Phone: 715.682.7137
Fax: 715.682.7837
Main Clinic: 715.682.7133

**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:

2nd Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 am

Grupo de Apoyo en Español:

2^{do} Martes de cada mes, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Llame 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

Updated 4/20



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT of HEALTH SERVICES

News Release

For Immediate Release

April 29, 2020

Contact: Jennifer Miller/Elizabeth Goodsitt 608-266-1683

Wisconsin to Provide Temporary Food Benefits for Children Missing School Meals

In a COVID-free world, more than 400,000 Wisconsin children receive free or reduced price meals through the National School Lunch Program while attending school. To ensure that those same students continue to have access to nutritious meals while staying safer at home during the pandemic, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services is providing more than \$140 million dollars in food benefits to their families for March, April, May and part of June – to cover the days that schools would usually be in session.

These funds were appropriated under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and provided to states by the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service. The program is referred to as Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer or P-EBT because the benefits will be put on cards for families to use to [purchase food at grocery stores or farmer's markets, as available](#).

‘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:

June 4





Maskiiziibii News– April 22, 2020

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

Education Department remains open to offer help during COVID-19

The Bad River Education Department remains open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The department can be contacted at the information listed here for all of your higher education needs.

If you are a current student who will be continuing college in the Fall, please send email for a scholarship application and any questions you might have. We are here to help!

Education Dept.

Bad River Tribe

P.O. Box 39

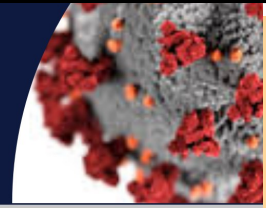
72682 Maple St.

Odanah, WI 54861

Phone: (715) 682-7111 ext. 1533



COVID-19



COVID-19 is Still in Our Communities



PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

The order is gone, but the virus is not.

Disinfect Surfaces



Limit Travel
Outside of Home



Stay Home When Sick



Follow Local Orders



Avoid Mass Gatherings



Stay 6 Feet Apart



WASH YOUR HANDS

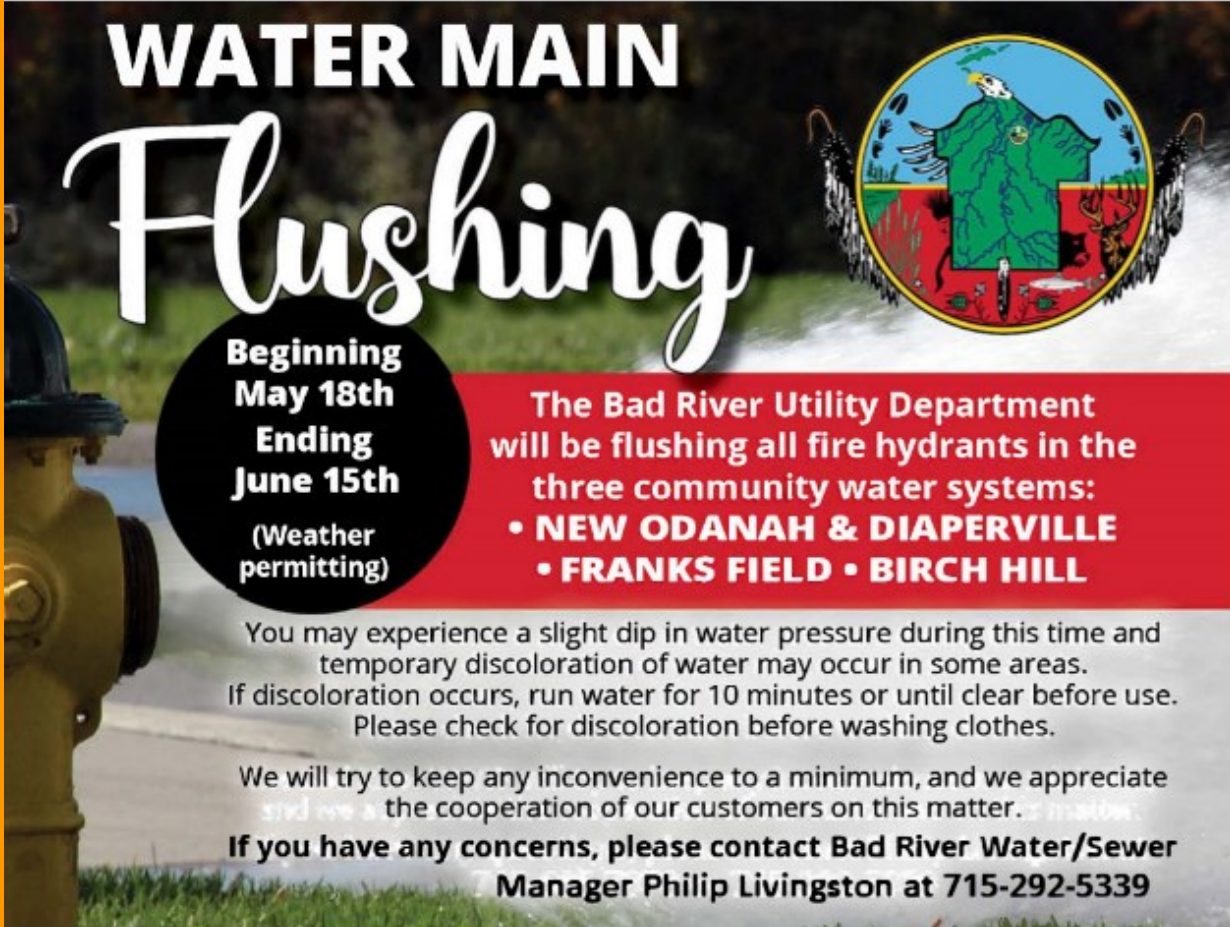
Wash your hands with soap and running water when are visibly dirty.

Clean your hands even when not visibly dirty by using alcohol-based hand-sanitizer or soap and water.

- After coughing or sneezing
- Before, during and after you prepare food
- Before eating
- When caring for the sick
- After handling animals or animal waste
- After using the toilet

If your business is allowed to open visit:
<https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>



A poster for water main flushing. The background is a photograph of a yellow fire hydrant on the left and a road with trees in the background. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top right is a circular logo featuring a bald eagle with its wings spread, perched on a green mountain. The mountain has a yellow sun or moon in the center. The background of the logo is split into green (top) and red (bottom) sections. The text 'WATER MAIN' is in bold, white, sans-serif font. 'Flushing' is in a large, white, cursive font. Below this, in a black circle, is the text 'Beginning May 18th' and 'Ending June 15th' in white, with '(Weather permitting)' below it. To the right of the circle, on a red background, is the text 'The Bad River Utility Department will be flushing all fire hydrants in the three community water systems:' followed by a list: '• NEW ODANAH & DIAPERVILLE' and '• FRANKS FIELD • BIRCH HILL'. Below this, on a light gray background, is a paragraph: 'You may experience a slight dip in water pressure during this time and temporary discoloration of water may occur in some areas. If discoloration occurs, run water for 10 minutes or until clear before use. Please check for discoloration before washing clothes.' followed by another paragraph: 'We will try to keep any inconvenience to a minimum, and we appreciate the cooperation of our customers on this matter.' and finally 'If you have any concerns, please contact Bad River Water/Sewer Manager Philip Livingston at 715-292-5339'.

GOT MILK???

*Bad River is receiving another donation of
Whole Milk for the community from the
Hunger Relief Federation of Wisconsin through the
Dairy Recovery Program*

*Team members will be distributing gallons of milk
Thursday May 21st
from 1pm - 5pm
Or until donations run out
Located at the side door of the Moccasin Trail C-store*



This donation is for anyone!!

Call 715-682-7127 for more information





Apply Now for the Summer & Fall Semesters

Summer Registration

March 23, 2020-

May 29, 2020

Fall Registration

March 23, 2020-

August 28, 2020

Programs & Certificates

BUSINESS

CULINARY ARTS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

HUMAN SERVICES

LEGAL STUDIES

LIBERAL ARTS

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

SCIENCE

MAIN CAMPUS

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OUTREACH LOCATIONS

BAD RIVER

LAC DU FLAMBEAU

RED CLIFF

ST. CROIX

SUMMER CLASSES START JUNE 1, 2020

FALL CLASSES START AUGUST 31, 2020

CALL TO LEARN MORE | 715-634-4790


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Women's Health Services

* Just a quick reminder that you
can still be seen at the Bad River
Health and Wellness Center
during the COVID-19 Crisis for all
your Women's Health Care
Needs, including **BIRTH CONTROL!**

Please call the clinic at
(715) 682-7133 to make your
appointment today!





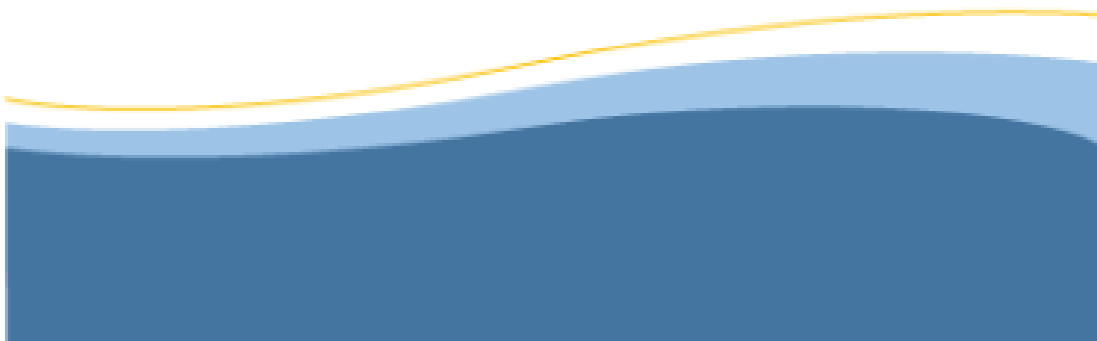
Bad River Health and Wellness Center CLINIC SERVICES

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.



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; 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



New Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19 seen in children

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

High Fevers (lasting for 5 or more days)

Rashes on the Torso or Groin

Blood Shot Eyes

Red Swollen lips

Red hands and soles of feet (resembling sun-burn)

Swelling in the lymph nodes

Peeling skin on hands and feet

Temporary Hearing Loss

Low Blood Pressure

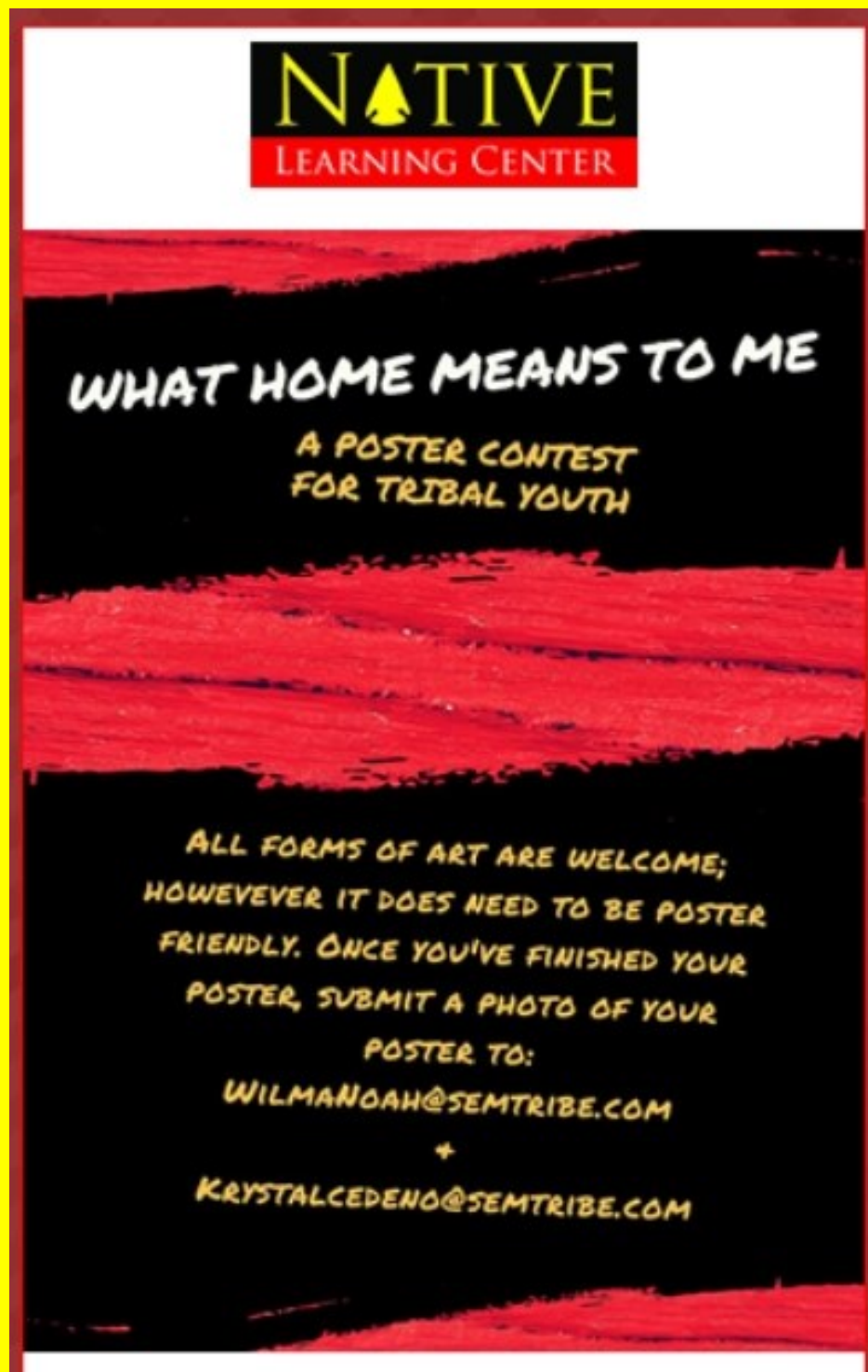
Confusion

Headaches

Muscle Aches

**If your child is
experiencing any of
these symptoms,
please contact your
health care
provider ASAP.**





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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**

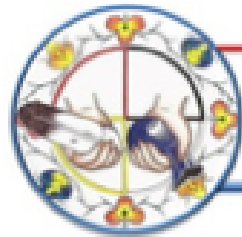
All Tribal Communities are Welcomed to Submit! All Posters Must Be Original Art Work. You May Use: Markers, Paints, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Beads and Fabric! Get as Creative as you'd like! Create a poster that shows what home means to you!

All forms of art are welcome; however your submission does need to be poster friendly. Once you've finished your poster or if you have any questions, submit

to: WilmaNoah@semtribe.com or KrystalCedeno@semtribe.com

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





BAD RIVER HEALTH
& WELLNESS CENTER

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!





Some guidelines for a safe funeral service

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.

'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:

“Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.” ~ be.positive.enjoy.life

Watch for the next statement in the **June 10** 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 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

2020	REGULAR MEETING
January	01/14/20
February	02/11/20
March	03/10/20
April	04/14/20
May	05/12/20
June	06/09/20
July	07/14/20
August	08/11/20
September	09/08/20
October	10/13/20
November	11/10/20
December	12/08/20

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.