LCO Ojibwe College kicks off its capital campaign

HAYWARD – Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College (LCOOC) kicked off its first capital campaign on Monday, July 13, 2020. This fundraising campaign is the first of its kind for the College and has a goal of raising $250,000 over two years. “I see this as an opportunity to not only grow our scholarship fund and awards, but as an opportunity to invite partners to invest in the future of education here in Northern Wisconsin, at Lac Courte Oreilles, Bad River, Lac du Flambeau, Red Cliff, and St. Croix,” said Dr. Russell Swagger, President of the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College. Over the past few years, the

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College has established an Office of Advancement, created a Fundraising Advisory Board, created the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College Student Scholarship Fund supported by donations and events, and secured its first endowed scholarship, the Gay I. & Harry C. Leslie III Fund.

Most recently, The Eck Family Foundation and LCOOC have met to discuss opportunities for the College and the Eck Family Foundation to support student scholarships in an exciting way, committing to a gift of $100,000 to launch the campaign.

Bob Eck, Eck Family Foundation said, “Partnering with Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College meets our family foundation’s goals of supporting measures addressing poverty and access to higher education, both of which are critical to address equality of opportunity. The growth that the College has had over the last two years is indicative of the growth they are poised for.”

During the next two years, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College will continue to enhance students’ abilities to focus on their education and to release concerns of their financial situations. This campaign will allow for this. No gift is too small.

“This next step for Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College in our growth strategy will propel us forward, the ability to support student success by reducing and removing barriers has had and will continue to have a profound effect on building a talented workforce that supports a thriving region,” Monica Chase, Vice Chair of the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe College Board of Regents said.

To learn more about the capital campaign, click here to visit the Website, GIVE, call 715-634-4790 ext. 186 or email advancement@lco.edu.

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 college. The focus is to help Native students advance themselves in the world, while studying their own history and language. The college 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. Learn more at LCO

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What’s your story?

If you know of a good story from the Bad River Community that needs to be told in “Drum Beats,” just send an email to NewsLetter@BadRiver-nsn.gov or call 920-857-4673.
Victory for Tribal Sovereignty
Supreme Court rules a large part of Oklahoma remains a reservation

By Kolby KickingWoman
Indian Country Today

In a decision being hailed as a victory for tribal sovereignty, the United States Supreme Court ruled Thursday, July 9 that a large portion of eastern Oklahoma remains a reservation.

In the 5-4 decision, the nation’s highest court said Congress never explicitly “disestablished” the 1866 boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

“Today we are asked whether the land these treaties promised remains an Indian reservation for purposes of federal criminal law. Because Congress has not said otherwise, we hold the government to its word,” according to the majority opinion written by Justice Neil Gorsuch.

Gorsuch was joined in the majority by Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan.

Jonodev Chaudhuri, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, said the decision is a huge victory for Indian Country and a profoundly impactful day for the tribe.

“Many folks are in tears,” said Chaudhuri, ambassador of the tribal nation. “Despite a history of many broken promises, as is true with many tribal nations, the citizens feel uplifted that for once the United States is being held to its promises.”

Chaudhuri said the decision provides jurisdictional clarity and that the tribe will continue to work to improve the health, safety and welfare of tribal members and non-tribal members alike.

“Creek Nation has a long history of working with its local, state and federal partners to protect the interests of all people in its boundaries and the clarity brought by today’s positions will only enhance that,” he said.

In fact, the Oklahoma congressional delegation said in a joint statement that they are reviewing the decision and are ready to work with tribal and state officials. The group of legislators want to ensure consistency and stability in the application of law and bringing criminals to justice.

“Indeed, no criminal is ever exempt or immune from facing justice, and we remain committed to working together to both affirm tribal sovereignty and ensure safety and justice for all Oklahomans,” the delegation said.

Additionally the state, along with the Muscogee (Creek), Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Seminole Nations are working on an agreement to send to Congress and the Department of Justice addressing any issues related to the decision.

“We will continue our work, confident that we can accomplish more together than any of us could alone.”

Sarah Deer, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, expressed the same sentiment, saying that the sky is not falling on non-Native residents within the reaffirmed reservation boundaries.

“I think it’s a little too soon to know for sure what the ramifications will be outside the context of criminal jurisdiction,” said Deer, a professor at the University of Kan-
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“I think that some of the media is overplaying it as, oh we’re going to start kicking everyone off of their land or something, but it will offer some new opportunities, I think, for the state and the tribe to collaborate to make everyone’s lives better.”

She was happy to see Gorsuch as the author of the court opinion with the first sentence carrying a lot of weight. “As a Native person, as a Native attorney, you know, he starts out his decision with ‘On the far end of the trail of tears was a promise’ and, that very short sentence, I think it will make every Native person feel complete,” Deer said. “You know, that the court recognized that what happened to us was wrong but it’s time to make it right.”

The case has long kept Indian Country on pins and needles through two Supreme Court terms. John Echohawk, Pawnee and executive director of the Native American Rights Fund, said the Tribe endured a long and hard fight to protect its homelands. “In holding the federal government to its treaty obligations, the U.S. Supreme Court put to rest what never should have been at question,” Echohawk said. “We congratulate the Nation on its success.”

Fawn Sharp, Quinault and president of the National Congress of American Indians, joined much of Indian Country in voicing support and congratulations to the Tribe for its historic court victory. “This morning, NCAI joins the rest of Indian Country in congratulating the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and proudly asserting that its lands remain, and will forever be considered, Indian country – as guaranteed in their treaty relationship with the United States,” Sharp said in a statement. Democratic U.S. Rep. Deb Haaland, Laguna and Jemez Pueblo, of New Mexico noted that the July 9 decision sets an important precedent and affirms the federal government’s obligation to uphold and honor treaties. “As we move forward addressing longstanding broken promises, this decision will serve as a marker to ensure the federal government honors its promises to Native Nations,” Haaland said.

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~Jonodev Chaudhuri, Muscogee (Creek) Nation
The Washington NFL franchise announced Monday, July 13 it is retiring its team nickname and logo after 87 years, a fight Native activists have been leading for decades.

The franchise is developing a new name and design under the direction of team owner Dan Snyder and head coach Ron Rivera.

"On July 3rd, we announced the commencement of a thorough review of the team's name," the team said in a statement. "Today we are announcing we will be retiring the Redskins name and logo upon completion of this review."

The team gave no timeline on when a new name and logo will be released. Spokesman Sean DeBarbieri told Indian Country Today in an email, "We won't be commenting until the full process has been completed."

The fight to change Native-themed mascots began in the 1970s and has since been largely led by Native women including Suzan Harjo, Hodulgee Muscogee and Cheyenne. It was carried into 2020 with the help of Amanda Blackhorse, Diné, Crystal Echo Hawk, Pawnee, and many others.

Harjo, after hearing the news, rang praise for the allies who fought for the change over the years, saying it was brought about by Native people and allies and should not be attributed, "to a change of heart by the team’s energy."

“We’ve ended more than two-thirds of these obscenities and now have only 900 or so left to go, but the fall of this king of the mountain of trash will help others to give up their ghosts of racism even faster, so, Aho, Mr. Snyder and thank you, Mvto, Mr. Fred Smith,” Harjo said in a statement.

She said news outlets need to stop printing the racial slur in headlines and story text.

“Shame on them,” Harjo said. “We have eliminated over two-thirds, that’s over two thousand of these (Native mascots) from the landscape of American sports, and that is a societal sea change.”

She continued to say she was happy to see the racist Washington mascot fall to the wayside, but there is still work to do. Harjo described the Washington mascot as the “king of the racist mascot mountain” and expects more teams to drop their names in the near future.

“What we are demanding though, are these vestiges of that racist history, and that includes all of these mascots and names, whether they’re racist stereotypes

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or whether they’re cultural appropriation, we want them all gone from American sports,” she said. “We were not going to be the recreation, the entertainment. We’re not going to be dancing for the white man anymore. That’s the end of that.”

Blackhorse took to Twitter to share her reaction.

“It’s been a long journey and many sacrifices have been made,” Blackhorse tweeted. “Rest in Power George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery & many others. BlackLivesMatter! We still need justice for Breonna Taylor! Thank you #BLM for creating awareness, this means so much to Indigenous ppl!”

Some posted pictures wearing jerseys and other apparel with captions including “one last time.” Others noted “today marks history,” and said they were saddened but excited for a fresh start.

A quarterback for the Washington football team also took to Twitter to share his thoughts. Dwayne Haskins played high school football just outside Washington, D.C., in Potomac, Maryland.

“As a kid who grew up in the DMV (District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia) it’ll always be #HTTR but looking forward to the future,” Haskins tweeted.

In 2013, Snyder told USA Today Sports, “We’ll never change the name. It’s that simple. NEVER — you can use caps.”

President Donald Trump suggested in a July 6 tweet that Native people would be upset with the name change.

The President’s tweet: “They name teams out of STRENGTH, not weakness, but now the Washington Redskins & Cleve-

Pressure in 2020 began mounting as George Floyd’s death in Minneapolis spurred the crashing of racist symbols of all kinds across the country, including the Washington NFL franchise.

On June 26, a group of 88 investors representing more than $620 billion in assets sent an open letter to FedEx, Nike and PepsiCo calling for the termination of business and public relationships with the team until the racist team nickname is changed.

Shortly after, the franchise announced that it would undergo a “thorough review of the team’s name,” culminating in the name being retired on July 13.

Here is a breakdown of recent events leading to this long-awaited change:

~ **June 26, 2020:** A group of 88 investors sends a letter to FedEx, Nike and PepsiCo calling for the termination of business and public relationships with the team until the racist team nickname name is changed.

~ **July 3, 2020:** The Washington football team officially announces it will undergo a “thorough review” of its team nickname and mascot.

~ **July 6, 2020:** Target pulls Washington NFL team gear from its Website.

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~ **July 6, 2020:** Target pulls Washington NFL team gear from its Website.

~ **July 8, 2020:** Amazon notifies sellers of Washington NFL team gear will need to be removed within 48 hours.

~ **July 13, 2020:** Snyder announces the retirement of racist mascot. The new team name will be announced at another date.

As for other Native-themed mascots in professional sports, there are mixed reports on whether similar changes are pending.

On Sunday, July 12, the Atlanta Braves said they are not changing their name but are looking at its controversial tomahawk chop celebration, according to ESPN.

The Cleveland Indians of major league baseball are also considering a nickname change. The team removed its Chief Wahoo logo in 2019.
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.
Ashland event teaches lesson

Tournament spreads COVID-19

By Richard J. Pufall
For the Bad River Band

Troubling news on the area COVID-19 front has taught us all a lesson on the perils of large public gatherings while this pandemic remains ever-present in our daily lives.

Creating the stir was a hockey tournament held in Ashland in late June that led to 13 positive cases of COVID-19, the coronavirus.

Although it is difficult to determine with certainty as to where the positive cases were contracted, most fingers have pointed to the hockey tournament, held at the Bay Area Civic Center in Ashland. Nine of the patients connected to the tournament were from Marquette County in Michigan and the others from Minnesota.

Since that tournament, reports of positive cases of COVID-19 have climbed from three to 13 in Bayfield County and from three to 11 in Ashland County. Those numbers were alarming because there had been little or no growth in the spread of the virus since the middle of April.

And those numbers, of course, caught the attention of Pam Feustel and Tina Gerovac-Lavasseur, the public health nurses at the Bad River Health and Wellness Center.

“The more individuals that interact together, and the longer the interaction occurs, the more the risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 is,” Feustel said. “Right now, the recommendation is that gatherings larger than 250 people should be avoided. There is just no way to adequately social distance and ensure you are protecting yourself and others if you attend.”

At this writing, the Bad River Reservation is still COVID-19 free, but with increased positive cases of the virus showing up in neighboring communities and counties, the need to stay the course and continue to follow proven social-distancing guidelines seems as important now as it was on February 5 when the first positive case was reported in Wisconsin.

To the east of the Reservation, Iron County has reported more than four times as many positive cases as it had two weeks ago, jumping from eight to 33. And to the far west, Douglas County has recorded 75 positive cases, climbing from 46 two weeks ago.

There have been 132 positive cases of COVID-19 in the four-county area of Ashland, Bayfield, Iron and Douglas counties, but the good news is there have been just two deaths.

And it seems that the healthy practices and guidelines that worked at the beginning in Bad River, are continuing to work.

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approach our work and messaging here in Bad River,” Gerovac-Lavasseur said of the situation in neighboring communities. “We have been consistent from the beginning regarding safety measures and ways to ensure slowing the spread of the virus. We have an amazing community that is doing their part to help slow the spread.”

While there is concern, health professionals and Tribal members in Bad River seem more than willing to stay the course. “I think the increase and continued rise in number of cases has all of us concerned,” Feustel said. “COVID is prevalent in all our neighboring areas, so that is a reminder we need to remain extra vigilant and continue to practice the recommended safety measures.”

The numbers of positive COVID-19 cases have been small and encouraging, with no deaths among the Ojibwe in both the northern parts of Wisconsin and Minnesota. No cases have been reported in Bad River and there has been just one in Red Cliff.

In Minnesota, Red Lake has had two positive cases and Leech Lake has had just one. “As a community we are aware of the danger COVID-19 presents to us,” Gerovac-Lavasseur said. “I believe some of the reasons our numbers have remained low is because we are providing consistent messaging and educating the public on ways to remain safe. The community has been an excellent example of following guidelines to keep the virus at bay.”

On the national level, the impact of COVID-19 on Native Americans has been hard-hitting in some areas.

At this writing the Navajo Nation in the southwestern United States has been the nation’s hotspot for positive cases of COVID-19 for indigenous people, with 8,317 positive cases and 397 deaths as of Tuesday, July 21.

“The situation in Navajo Nation is one that reminds us to come together as a community and utilize our strengths to serve one another through this pandemic,” Feustel said. “Together, we will remain Bad River Strong.”

For those interested in learning a little more about the situation in Navajo Nation, Feustel offered a brief, “excellent presentation” from a Navajo member who works with Johns Hopkins: https://youtu.be/-VWfhXKzWe4

While the world and nation continue to struggle with the strain of the pandemic, now more than five months old, the Bad River Reservation continues to stand strong and together. “In all reality, while the pandemic has presented many challenges, the community still remains ready to stand strong and protect one another from an influx of the virus,” Gerovac-Lavasseur said. “I think this shows great determination, strength, and courage. Because of the amazing characteristics the community possesses, there has been little time to see a dip in morale. Our community members continue to inspire us every day.”

Face coverings required

Face coverings are required.

On Monday, Tribal Chairman Mike Wiggins, Jr. issued a statement that requires the wearing of face coverings at all Tribal building and enterprise areas.

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Send email to Richard J. Pufall at Newsletter@BadRiver-nsn.gov

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Bad River Health and Wellness Center Expanded Services beginning June 8, 2020

Hours of Operation (by appointment only):

- AODA 8:00-4:30
- Behavioral Health 8:00-4:30
- Public Health 8:00-4:30
- Clinic 8:00-4:30
- Dental 8:00-4:30
- MAT Program 8:00-4:30
- Pharmacy 8:00-4:30 (Drive Thru Only)

Please call (715) 682-7133 with any questions.

Chi Miigwetch for your patience during the COVID-19 crisis.

Stay Safe and Be Well.
Tribal face-covering requirement

Bad River Public Health Release
New tribal wide face mask, Face Shield, Face Coverings Requirement

Effective Immediately, Bad River Public Health is issuing a Tribal wide face mask, face shield, face coverings requirement.

This requirement applies Tribal wide to: All Tribal Buildings and Tribal Enterprise Areas

- everyone age 5 and older wear a face covering or mask when in any and all Bad River buildings and transportation vehicles, where others are present. We recognize this is not a standard infection prevention, however, we find ourselves in extraordinary times and given current circumstances, this requirement is necessary.

- Per the requirement, individuals must wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth when in the public areas of the Tribal work settings (Hallways, restrooms, commons areas), waiting in lines, and while on public transportation, or are in places where the six feet of social distancing isn’t possible. Pam Feustel, Bad River Public Health Nurse, states that “social distancing and wearing masks are going to be our most effective tools in slowing the spread of COVID and keeping our community safe.”

- If someone is unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition or disability, please ask that Tribal Office or business for reasonable accommodation. For Tribal Employees seeking an exemption, please check with your immediate supervisor, and consult with public health. Children age 2 through 4 are highly encouraged to wear masks in public, children 5 and older are required to wear masks. If your child is not able to wear a mask, please plan ahead and avoid public areas referenced in this memo.

Masks will be available at the entrance of each building. They will be issued at the start of each shift, and continued to be worn throughout the day. If

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employees are at their work station/desk and are able to social distance (6ft), it is not required to keep the mask on. In the event that the mask becomes visibly soiled, saturated, or damaged, a new mask must be obtained. We ask all personnel to make every effort to help preserve the supply of PPE and reduce the need for replacement masks whenever possible. In place of a procedural face mask, simply wear a bandana, scarf, or neck gaiter around your nose and mouth. Or you may create a cloth face covering by either sewing one or using a no-sew method on the CDC website. Medical-grade surgical masks or N95 respirators are not required or necessary for general public use. Please see attached procedure on how to Don (apply) and Doff (remove) a face mask.

In addition to wearing a mask, these actions will help protect yourself and others from COVID-19:

• Stay home if you are sick or feel off.

• Stay home if you do not need to go out. Working from home, virtual gatherings, and using curbside or delivery ordering are still the safest and best options to protect yourself and others.

• Stay 6 feet from other people. Respiratory droplets are in the air when other people cough, sneeze, talk and breathe. Staying 6 feet from others will lower the chances of you coming in contact with the virus from those droplets.

• Assume you have come in contact with COVID-19 if you go out. Watch for symptoms like fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. If you have these symptoms, call your doctor to be tested.

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**Infection Prevention Guidance on Donning and Doffing Face Masks**

To Doff (remove) face mask with intent to reuse:

1. Perform hand hygiene
2. Remove mask (remove procedure mask by holding the ear loops. The front is contaminated so remove slowly and carefully.)
3. After removing face mask, visually inspect for contamination, distortion in shape/form. If soiled, torn, or saturated the mask should be discarded.
4. If the face mask is NOT visibly soiled, torn, or saturated, carefully store on a paper towel, or in a bag, exterior side down.
5. Perform hand hygiene.

To Re-Don (apply) Mask:

1. Perform hand hygiene
2. Grasp Mask (pinch procedure mask at the ear loops)
3. Place over face (secure ear loops behind the ears. Secure mask)
4. Perform hand hygiene

A disposable face mask can be worn throughout your shift if not visibly soiled, torn or saturated, and NOT touched while delivering patient care.
Event in Ashland prompts COVID-19 reminders

As you may know, a recent event hosted in Ashland has resulted in a significant rise in COVID-19 cases in Ashland, Bayfield, and Iron Counties. Everyone has a role to play to reduce and slow the spread of COVID-19.

Social distancing is an essential step in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

It is critical that community members and visitors adhere to best practices in order to limit the spread of COVID-19:

- Limit unnecessary contact with people outside of your household
- Wear a mask at all times when in contact with people outside your household
- Maintain at least six feet of distance in any public setting
- Do not attend or host large group gatherings

Remember To:

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If you can’t wash your hands with soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Rub the gel over all the surfaces of your hands and fingers until your hands are dry.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Stay at least 6 feet, or about 2 arms’ lengths, away from others.

Wear a cloth face covering, especially when you are unable to stay 6 feet away from others. Cloth face coverings are meant to protect others in case one person is unknowingly infected with COVID-19 but does not have symptoms.

Note: Cloth face coverings should not be placed on children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, or anyone who is unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

Stay home if you are sick.
Face covering advisory

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 13, 2020

ASHLAND AND BAYFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH RELEASE
NEW ADVISORY REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS

Effective Friday, July 17, 2020 at 8:00 am, Ashland and Bayfield County Public Health are issuing an Emergency Advisory which stipulates that everyone age 5 and older wear a face covering or mask when in any enclosed building where other people, except for members of the person’s own household or living unit could be present. This advisory applies to all of Ashland and Bayfield County.

“Public health research shows that face coverings are critical to slowing the spread of COVID-19. Given the number of infections in our counties and surrounding area, as well as the multitude of visitors coming to our area, we need to all be wearing face coverings every time we leave the house,” stated Elizabeth Szot, Ashland County Health Officer.

“We do not take this advisory lightly. It is on every person in our communities to do better. People should assume that everyone wearing a mask is doing it to protect you and themselves. If someone is not wearing a mask, assume they are genuinely not able to do so,” added Sara Wartman, Bayfield County Health Officer.

Per the advisory, people should wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth when in public, which includes in businesses, health care settings, waiting in line, and on public transportation. The advisory also indicates that individuals are to wear face coverings when in someone else’s home when you are not of the same family group. Exceptions are made for certain activities such as eating at a restaurant, but during those activities, 6 feet distancing of individuals not from the same household or living unit should be followed at all times. Some people may be exempted if they have a physical, mental, or developmental condition that prevents them from wearing a mask.

Szot states, “masks and distance are really the two most effective means of slowing the spread of COVID-19.” Wartman adds, “given the recent rapid increases in cases in our counties, which has happened even before school and college classes resume this fall- it is imperative we take this step now to try and slow the spread of COVID through our communities.”

If someone is unable to wear a mask or face covering in a business due to a condition or disability, people should ask that business for reasonable accommodation, like a curbside pickup or delivery option. Children ages 2 through 4 are highly encouraged to wear masks in public,

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children 5 and older are advised to wear masks. If your child is not able to wear a mask, only bring them to places where it is necessary they be so that your child does not get or spread COVID-19 to others.

People can cover their faces a variety of ways to comply with this advisory. Simply wear a bandana, scarf, or neck gaiter around your nose and mouth. Or you may create a cloth face covering by either sewing one or using a no-sew method on the CDC website. Medical-grade surgical masks or N95 respirators are not required or necessary for general public use.

In addition to wearing a mask, these actions will help protect yourself and others from COVID-19:

- **Stay home if you are sick or feel off.**
- **Stay home if you do not need to go out.** Working from home, virtual gatherings, and using curbside or delivery ordering are still the safest and best options to protect yourself and others.
- **Stay 6 feet from other people.** Respiratory droplets are in the air when other people cough, sneeze, talk and breathe. Staying 6 feet from others will lower the chances of you coming in contact with the virus from those droplets.
- **Assume you have come in contact with COVID-19 if you go out.** Watch for symptoms like fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. If you have these symptoms, call your doctor to be tested.

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**July 21, 2020**

**COVID-19 TRACKER**

**INDIAN COUNTRY**

**14,562** Positive Cases  **599** Total Deaths

**IN THE INDIAN HEALTH SYSTEM**
There are few things that identify a nation of people more clearly than the language they speak. For thousands of years that was true of Ojibwe, the language spoken by the Anishnaabe people.

Today, more commonly known as the Chippewa Nation, these indigenous people once held sway over all the land they saw in southern Canada and what is now the northern United States, from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, through Wisconsin and Minnesota to the Dakotas. And they spoke Ojibwe, not English.

But over many years, changing times, circumstances, treaties and the heavy hand of the U.S. government the Anishnaabe people, have been relegated to what Bad River Tribal Elder, Joe Rose, frequently has called, “postage-stamp sized” tracts of land.

Although most of that land is gone, we can take solace in knowing that the traditions, culture and beliefs of the stalwart Bad River people have not vanished.

And the Ojibwe language? Well, like most things, it’s not what it used to be in the Anishnaabe Nation. But it lives and is getting stronger all the time.

A booster shot of life was given to the Ojibwe language on Feb. 17, 2020, with the creation of Bad River’s Ojibwe Language Trainee Program.

Stephanie Julian, Bad River’s Education Director, is also the director of the language program. She was quick to mention, Dustin Brunette, “our amazing Language Instructor.” Brunette is from LCO and is teaching Ojibwe to the Trainees. Julian said there would be no program without Brunette.

Julian said there are five language Trainees in the program. All of the Trainees are Bad River Tribal members and they range in age from 19-40. She said they also have three Early Head Start Immersion Program Teachers who have been attending the daily lessons.

Those participating in the program include Reggie Cadotte, Lera Hephner, Paige Wiggins, Jack Corbine, Robin Powless, Martin Powless, Zoogii Giniw and Gloria Rodriguez.

Business on the Reservation, as you know, is conducted in English, an infant language when compared with Ojibwe.

It would be pure fantasy to expect Ojibwe to replace English as the No. 1 language in Bad River. But that isn’t the goal. And as Julian points out, “the Ojibwe language, is in fact, one of the more difficult indigenous languages to learn.”

“We do know, that bringing the language to the youngest children and/or while they are babies, is a tremendous benefit, because they can pick it up as quickly as they can the English language, to become life-long speakers.”

One goal is to keep the language alive and healthy among Tribal members.

“The long-term goal for the program is to produce licensed teachers who can speak the language at an advanced level,” Julian said.

I first heard of the Ojibwe Language Trainee Program from Dylan Jennings, a Tribal Council member. My immediate reaction: A good story, wrapped in an even better idea. To me, this is what the Tribe is all about: doing good things for its people.

Since April, when I first began editing and writing, “Drum Beats,” the Tribal newsletter, I have tried my best to see the world through the eyes of Reservation members. But, of course, I will not, completely. You see, I am not an indigenous American and I will never be one.

I grew up 10 miles from the Reservation in Ashland’s East End, living on land that, in a just world, would still be part of the Chippewa Nation.

Tribal members, thanks to the Ojibwe Language Trainee Program, have a chance to connect with their past by learning their language, or enhancing what they already know. I had no such chance.

My ancestors came here from Eastern Europe. In my neighborhood they loudly spoke Polish, German and Croatian, usually laced with profanities and with no interest in sharing or teaching their language.

To their credit, Bad River Tribal members honor, respect and embrace their Elders. We ran and hid from ours.

Send email to Richard J. Pufall at NewsLetter@BadRiver-nsn.gov

To get “Drum Beats,” the newsletter for the Bad River Band, text your email address to 920-857-4673, or send email to NewsLetter@BadRiver-nsn.gov
The billboard above was recently put on display in two locations on U.S. Highway 2. The billboard in Ashland County is located on Highway 2 E and Sum Road and will run from July 20 through September 13.

The billboard in Iron County will be located on Highway 2 and Town Park Road and will also run from July 20 to September 13.

The billboards were the result of the combined work efforts of the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA) and Affirm Marketing last summer, as a part of their Wisconsin Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (WiSAKI) subgrant, to develop the customized billboards.

“"I'm so excited we're able to get some of them up around the state,” said Keeley J. Crowley, SAKI Site Coordinator for the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services.
The Bad River Elderly Center Honors Volunteers

Boozhoo!

Wow, summer is half way – Abita-Niibino Giizis (July). The Bad River Elderly Center is busy cooking meals for home-bound and curbside pickup. We are currently serving approximately 120-125 elders per day. We would not be able to make this happen without our volunteers! We began the “Honor Our Elders Volunteer Project.”

We want to honor those volunteers for the month of June:

Gina Secord  Missy Burns  Maggie Morrison
Kim Ford  Hiedi-Beth Burns  Lynn Wiggins
Bridgette Bigboy  Hope Mayotte  Jackie Rose
Jessenia Smart  Dan Powless  Georgianne Smart
Rae Ann Bender  Lourace Couture  Wendy Corbine
Ashley Stone  Melis Arik  Gena Abramson
LuAnne Wiggins  Kathy Deloney  Kathy Ashmun
Samantha Hmielewski  Joy Scheble  Consuelo Ruiz
Loretta Livingston  Gladys Neveaux

COVID-19 update

Ashland County has seen an increase in positive cases. Testing is available at Bad River Clinic if you have been exposed or are feeling sick call the clinic for an appointment to get tested. Remember now is not the time to get lax – wear your mask when you go out, try NOT to go anywhere, good hygiene is a must – wash, wash, wash your hands at all times. Stay safe everyone! Call the Elderly Center if you don’t have a mask. We will get some to you.

The Bad River Community Center continues to be closed to the public anyone needing to meet with a social service worker must call ahead and make an appointment. There is no longer drop in service. It is a new practice that we have to put in place to practice social distancing.

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July Update
The Elderly Program will be posting for new positions within the program: Elderly Program Manager (full time, 40 hours), Administrative Assistant (part time 28-30 hours), Cook Assistant (part time 20-24 hours); Van Driver/Maintenance (part time 20-24 hours).

For those of you who know – Ric Wolf is still our driver but he is a Limited-Term Employee. This position will be posted.

Air Conditioners
Miigwech for responding to the survey on air conditioners. We hope to have this project completed soon. An order has been placed which was no small feat. There are no air conditioners in Ashland now until next season. A bulk order was made and it took the warehouse some time to locate enough to fill the order. This is typical since COVID-19. Patience is a virtue! Again, miigwech for your response!

I want to thank Social & Family Services department for the donation of four air conditioners along with the Tribal Planner Office that donated one as well! These air conditioners were installed this week!

Miigwech,
Esie Leoso Corbine, Social & Family Services Director

Pineapple Pear Shake
1 cup pineapple, cored, chopped
1 pear, peeled, cored, chopped
¾-cup milk
3 cups low fat frozen Vanilla yogurt

Directions:
Place pineapple, pear, milk and yogurt in blender and puree until smooth. Enjoy, something cool for those hot days!
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!
BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR
TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER
P.O. Box 39 Odanah, Wisconsin 54861

Date: Monday, June 15, 2020
To: All Bad River Employees
From: Mike Wiggins Jr. Tribal Chairman / Executive Director

Subject: Travel Guidance

As we begin our return to the workplace full-time, I wanted to share key guidelines. To date our Tribe has been very pro-active in preventive practices, which have resulted in zero positive COVID 19 cases on the Bad River Tribal Reservation. For that, I thank each of you. Together we have made a positive and collective difference.

The following guidelines apply to all Bad River Tribal employees when traveling outside the area. You should interpret this as travel to areas other than home and work, and regular weekly routines in your residential area.

- You should discuss all travel plans with your Supervisor in advance of that travel.
- If your work-related travel is essential, your Supervisor may approve your travel. Your Supervisor also may deny that travel request. Approved essential travel will see employees undergoing a rapid test for covid-19 upon return, prior to returning to your job site. The rapid test will determine if self isolation/quarantine is needed. In the event of a positive test as a result of work-related travel, time off will be covered under administrative leave time.
- Non-essential work travel is highly discouraged until further notice.
- For personal, non-essential travel into areas of great activity or higher populations (metro areas, cities, high levels of human activity), you will be required to take a COVID 19 test prior to returning to work. Please call the Bad River Health & Wellness Center ahead to schedule your test. Upon request, the clinic will provide you with a written copy of your test results. Self isolation/quarantine that is necessary due to personal travel will be covered with the employee banked leave. If in the event there was no leave bank, administrative leave could be considered for public health and safety. Communication with supervisors prior to travel is key.
- Depending on each circumstance of travel, you may be expected to self-quarantine upon return for a period of 14 calendar days and use the appropriate paid/unpaid leave.
- If, in the process of tracing and tracking, you have been identified as having been exposed to a positive COVID 19 citizen, you are expected to be COVID 19 tested and quarantined 14 days. Administrative leave would be provided.

Miigwech.
COVID-19 tests a must before returning to work

June 8, 2020

To: All Bad River Employees

From: Ron Teliszczak

Subject: COVID 19 Testing

It was requested that this memo be sent to all employees. During the Tribal Council Meeting on June 3, 2020, the Tribal Council voted unanimously that COVID 19 testing shall take place. That is, before you return to work next week, you must be COVID 19 tested at the Bad River Health & Wellness Center. This is mandatory.

Please call the Health & Wellness Center as soon as possible to schedule your test. The phone number to call is (715) 682-7133. You will not be allowed to return to work without having taken this test.

If you do not take your COVID 19 test, you will have to take annual leave or leave without pay until after you have your test.

Thank you.

Ron Teliszczak
HR Manager
Follow the path to Wellness

Save the Date

BRHWC will be hosting a Drive-Thru Health Fair!

- Lots of giveaways!
- Bags
- Lock Boxes
- Program Information
- Much, Much, More!

Focusing on mental health and addiction

Jennifer Sorel  715-682-7133
Karri Bigboy       715-292-1133

AUGUST 26
10 AM - 3PM
BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR
TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER
P.O. Box 39 Odanah, Wisconsin 54861

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, Kagerville, Kakagon, Lake, Madigan, Beauregard, Ackley, Government, Graveyard Creek

Miigwech (Thank you),

Mike Wiggins Jr.
Tribal Chairman
(715) 292-2930
Return to Work Dates

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR
TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHEF BLACKBIRD CENTER
P.O. BOX 39
ODANAH, WI 54861

Date: Friday, June 12, 2020
To: All Employees of the Bad River Tribal Organization
From: Mike Wiggins Jr. Tribal Chairman / Executive Director

Subject: Return to Work Dates

Thank you to all of our employees who have worked so hard to protect our community from Covid 19 by social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands, and following all the CDC guidelines that are suggested.

We are at a point in time where our Tribal Organization is calling back our workforce. Below are notable dates regarding employees and their return back to work.

* Monday June 8, 2020 Bad River Health and Wellness employees returned to work.

* Monday, June 15, 2020, all Tribal employees will return to work.

* The Bad River Casino/Lodge/Restaurant/Gift Shop opening is still under review at this time. There will be more information put forward regarding our prospective Casino opening date.

There are some procedures and initiatives that we are implementing for public health and safety and for the safety of our organizational employees:

- All Tribal/Enterprise employees must be tested for COVID 19 at the Bad River Health & Wellness Center prior to your return to work. Please make an appointment to be tested between now and Monday, June 15, 2020. Employees will not be allowed to return without this test being administered. The Health & Wellness Center nursing staff have been busy with this effort and stand ready to assist you.

- Tribal Governance via Human Resources will send you a Policy requiring a daily temperature screen. This is a simple temperature and verbal status check to be administered as you enter your respective Bad River work facility each workday.

We have talked to Department Heads and will be open to flex scheduling and other creative solutions from our various departments on a case by case basis to maximize social distancing while maintaining program continuity.

Chi Miigwech.
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Is a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships

The National Night Out culminates annually on the first Tuesday in August as it enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are strongly recommending that all National Night Out 2020 areas celebrate on October 6th, the first Tuesday in October.

The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings. National Night Out triumphs over a culture that isolates us from each other and allows us to rediscover our own communities.

The Department of Social & Family Services held a National Night Out awareness event in 2019 that centered on rebuilding a positive relationship with the community and law enforcement. Due to the current pandemic the Zhwenidig Unit of the Department of Social & Family Services will begin to organize the 2020 National Night Out event for Tuesday, October 6, 2020. Watch for more information coming soon.

National Night Out is celebrated by millions of neighbors across thousands of communities. For more information contact: 800.648.3688 | info@natw.org | ©2020 National Night Out. All Rights Reserved

We strongly recommend that all NNO 2020 areas celebrate on October 6th due to COVID-19.
-Important Notice-

If you are interested in serving on the Ad Hoc Election Committee, please sign up by contacting Lee Crowe at 682-7111, ext. 1500.

**DEADLINE TO APPLY:**

**NOON MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020**

POSTED: 7/21/20: 3:35 p.m.
Bad River Transit adds a third bus

NOTICE

Due to the increasing demand for transit service The Bad River Transit will add another bus to the schedule, overlapping the service of the other two buses currently operating. Due to the increase in ridership face masks will be required for all passengers. Beginning on the effective date below we will provide your first one if you don’t have one, we only have a limited supply on hand, it is suggested to purchase or make your own for future use. Keep in mind the use of social distancing while riding the bus. Our buses are deep sanitized after every shift and disinfected regularly during each shift.

The New Times Effective June 15, 2020

- 630am to 430pm (Bus 1) 7 days a week
- 900am to 600pm (Bus 2) Except Sundays
- 400pm to 1200am (Bus 3) 7 days a week
- Times are subject to change as needed, watch for further postings and updates.

Schedule your Ride by calling one of the numbers listed:
715-292-1108  715-292-1109 or 715-292-1105

We will still be operating with the on-call type service until further notice, “Essential Transports Only” are still in effect, Medical appointment to BR Clinic, Work, Groceries (Walmart) or for personal care for elderly/family members, Please call well in advance of your pickup time, we will continue to do our best to serve.

All Fares are still suspended until further notice.
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.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in our state?
Yes, there have been cases in all 50 states.

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.

For more information:
CDC.gov/coronavirus

Effective May 5, 2020
Source: CDC
Bad River Child Care invites you and your child for a fun lunch and learn via ZOOM

Together we will make Pinwheels & Parfaits

With special guest Sandy Kolodziejski
Friday, July 24, 2020 at 12 noon
To sign up email Lynn Wiggins, Child Care Program Coordinator at childcare@badriver-nsn.gov

Spots are limited
Ingredients will be provided and delivered
FREE MEALS for children 0-18 yrs old (Breakfast, lunch, and snack) will be provided UPON REQUEST from the Bad River Food Distribution July 6th-10th and August 17th – 31st.

PLEASE CALL FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT (715) 682-7892 WITH THE NUMBER OF MEALS NEEDED, ALONG WITH CONTACT INFORMATION. MEALS WILL NEED TO BE PICKED UP AT COMMODS.
Join Us... Maawanijidiwig©
Bad River’s Ojibwemowin Virtual Language Table!!

Every Wednesday... Endaso-Aapitooseg
Two Sessions: (5-6:30 p.m.) & (7-8:30 p.m.)

Via Zoom# 89840911902
Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89840911902
The Bad River Clinic Pharmacy

Attention Pharmacy Patients:

The Bad River Clinic Pharmacy
HOME DELIVERY OF MEDICATIONS...

Will Be

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Starting Wednesday, July 1st, 2020

FOR THOSE RECEIVING CHR SERVICES, PLEASE CONTINUE TO CONTACT SUE HOULE, GENA JENSEN, OR PAM FEUSTEL FOR YOUR HOME CARE NEEDS

‘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:

July 30
FREE Sports Physicals
with the donation of a non-perishable food item

Friday, July 10 .......................... 8:30 AM - 4:15 PM
Monday, July 13 ........................ 8:30 AM - 4:15 PM
Friday, July 17 .......................... 8:30 AM - 12 Noon
Monday, July 27 ........................ 8:30 AM - 4:15 PM
Wednesday, July 29 .................... 8:30 AM - 12 Noon
Friday, July 31 .......................... 8:30 AM - 4:15 PM

Memorial Medical Center
1615 Maple Lane
Ashland, WI 54806

Call 715-685-6010 to make an appointment

Notice
The Bad River Judgement Fund Committee will be accepting proposals to be included on the year 2020 election ballot from June 24, 2020 to August 6, 2020.

No proposals will be accepted before or after these dates. Proposals will be listed on the ballot in the order they are received. Funding limit - TBD but not to exceed $50,000.00

Special Meeting Dates:
June 24, 2020 4:30p.m.  July 29, 2020 4:30p.m.
July 2, 2020 4:30p.m.  August 6, 2020 4:30p.m.
July 8, 2020 4:30p.m.
July 22, 2020 4:30p.m.

Regular Meeting Dates:
July 15, 2020 4:30p.m.
August 19, 2020 4:30p.m.

Meetings will take place at the Chief Blackbird Center in Conference room C.

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.
ATTENTION

The Enrollment Department is asking all Tribal Members to update their mailing addresses. You may call in your current address to 715-682-7111 ext: 1525 or Email at Enrollment@badriver-nsn.gov

Thank You 😊
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/
Mashkiiziibii Youth Services
Jam Session

Welcoming **BAD RIVER COMMUNITY MEMBERS**
to come together in a good way

Sundays: July 5, 19, August 2, 16, 2020
Bad River Pow-Wow Grounds
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

What you will need to bring:
Chairs, Face Mask and own water and snacks
(We will not be providing any FOOD)

*We will be promoting and following CDC guidelines*
Questions contact Nate Ante 715-292-9952

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**ATTENTION**

**FARM TO FAMILIES FOOD BOXES**
will be available for anyone in need

Donations consist of Produce, Chicken dinners, Grilled Chicken strips, un-breaded Chicken Filet, and Pork Sloppy Joe meat)

Thursday July 23rd, 2020
Time is **TBD** (Truck ETA is unavailable)
Pick-up will be located at the:
Bad River Food Distribution Building
(73451 Maple Street Odanah, WI)

NO NEED TO EXIT YOUR VEHICLE; LET VOLUNTEERS KNOW HOW FAMILIES YOU WILL BE PICKING UP FOR AND POP TRUNK. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT (715) 461-7892. THIS PROJECT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY USDA, FARMERS, AND WITH HELP OF THE HUNGER RELIEF FEDERATION
STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS DURING COVID-19

When in public, wear a cloth face covering over your nose and mouth.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Stay home when you are sick and expect to get medical care.

Don't touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
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
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HUMAN SERVICES
LEGAL STUDIES
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NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES
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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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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.
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!
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.
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.
Join Youth Services Fred Pero in a run at various locations. Stick with it and you will be a part of the 100 Mile Club with a t-shirt to sport around. We will leave the Youth Building (Annex) at 9am on Tuesday and Thursdays.


Your journey starts with the first step.
WANTED

Certified Child Care Providers are needed in our community!

Do you love children?
Do you want to work from home?
Do you want to be self-employed and work your own hours?
Can you pass a background check?

If you are interested in learning on how to become a successful, certified, stay at home Child Care Provider; then please contact Lynn Wiggins to learn more at 715-682-7127 ext. 1401

Our children and families need your help!!
Mashkiziibii Summer Sports

T-Ball
Tues. & Thurs. at Community Center Field
10:00 AM—11:00 AM for 5 & 6 years old
12:30 AM—2:00 PM for 7 & 8 years old
3:00 PM— 5:00 PM for 9 & 10 years old

Social distancing applies and please BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

Contact Nate Ante (715-292-9952) or Kateri DeFord (715-292-3802) at Healthy Lifestyles with any questions
BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR
TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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P.O. Box 39, Odanah, 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
roadmgr@badriver-ren.gov
Ph: 715-682-7153 ext 1343
Cell: 715-292-1728

Telephone (715) 682-7111  Fax (715) 682-7118
COVID-19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

BE INFORMED:
Know Your Risk During COVID-19

On a scale of 1 to 10, how risky is...

1. Opening the mail
2. Getting restaurant takeout
3. Pumping gasoline
3. Playing tennis
2. Going camping
3. Grocery shopping
3. Going for a walk, run, or bike ride with others
4. Playing golf
4. Staying at a hotel for two nights
4. Sitting in a doctor’s waiting room
4. Going to a library or museum
4. Eating in a restaurant (outside)
4. Walking in a busy downtown
4. Spending an hour at a playground
5. Having dinner at someone else’s house
5. Attending a backyard barbecue
5. Going to a beach
6. Shopping at a mall
6. Sending kids to school, camp, or day care
6. Working a week in an office building
6. Swimming in a public pool
6. Visiting an elderly relative or friend in their home
7. Going to a hair salon or barbershop
7. Eating in a restaurant (inside)
7. Attending a wedding or funeral
7. Traveling by plane
7. Playing basketball
7. Playing football
7. Hugging or shaking hands when greeting a friend
8. Eating at a buffet
8. Working out at a gym
8. Going to an amusement park
8. Going to a movie theater
9. Attending a large music concert
9. Going to a sports stadium
9. Attending a religious service with 500+ worshipers
9. Going to a bar

Ranking by physicians from the TMA COVID-19 Task Force and the TMA Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Please assume that participants in these activities are following current recommended safety protocols when possible.

Texas Medical Association | 401 W. 15th St. | Austin, TX 78701-1680
Mining Wisconsin’s Riverways: Past & Present Issues & Activism

This 4-part virtual panel series will feature tribal historians, tribal allies, and environmental and political experts connected to the Wolf and Menominee Rivers. Panelists will discuss their experience in cultural and environmental activism, as well as their knowledge of the mining process, followed by a brief Q&A.

Tribal Histories, June 23rd, 6:30-7:30P
Tribal Allies, July 7th, 6:30-7:30P
Mining & the Environment, July 21st, 6:30-7:30P
Regulatory Mining Process, August 4th, 6:30-7:30P

Join at wolfriveractioncommittee.com (live June 18th)

Contact: Wisconsin Conservation Voices, WI Native Vote (920) 366-7636

Wisconsin Conservation Voices is a non-partisan, non-profit organization aimed at engaging voters to protect our state’s environment. WI Native Vote is an affiliate working directly with WI’s tribal nations.
Some tips to help you through the day

Boozhoo, from the Bad River Health & Wellness AODA Program

I’d like to share a few helpful suggestions
to help you through the day

While we are back at work we are remembering to social distance, wear masks, wash hands, and to include our relatives/family/friends that are home and in the community. Miigwetch for reading and please share

Possible things to do while at home. Possible things to help others to prevent substance abuse.

Make crafts, beadwork, knitting, art work, planting, gardening, etc.
Meditate, make time for prayer and thought
Listen to music, learn to play an instrument, sing, hum
Whistle (remember to whistle while you work)
Daily reading, read positive quotes, affirmations
Do breathing exercising, breath in, breath out, allow your lungs to do the work
Spend time with positive people in positive environments
Self-prayer, self-smudging, asema offering

Be mindful of negative words and thoughts. Don’t allow words to control or keep you feeling down. We have been told tomorrow or moments of the future is unknown, try and lift your spirit, we only have one chance for this life. Somedays we can only handle day by day, or moment to moment. Make the best of it!

If I can help or find someone, you’re comfortable with please call
Penny Charette: Cultural Liaison/AODA Support Staff @ 715-682-7133 ext. 4353

If your struggling with alcohol/substance abuse, the Bad River AODA Program is offering a virtual on-line meeting, and social distancing office visits
We can help you find a sponsor if your struggling

If you would like to talk or meet with an AODA Counselor, or Peer Specialist, please call the Bad River AODA Program @ 715-682-7863 to set up an appointment

We are in this together
Youth Regalia Making

Youth Service Department will be providing Youth Regalia Making classes

Located at the Bad River Youth Service Department (Annex building)

Two classes will be held weekly
Males Wednesday’s (starting July 15th)
Females Thursday’s (starting July 16th)
Ages 10-13 years old 9:00-11:00am
14-17 years old 1:00-4:00 pm
(If we need more time, we will provide more sessions as well)

Very Limited spots available
We will be practicing social distancing
please call to reserve

Any questions or additional information, please call Mary @715-682-7111 ext. 1612
or 715-292-5073 or email: NativeConnectionsMgr@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
ATTENTION!

Due to the Safety of our Community and staff during this pandemic the Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department will be CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC until further notice.

~Contact Us by Email or Phone with any Questions~

Main Office: (715) 682-7123
Office Hours: 8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m. (M- F)

Wardens: Brad - (715) 292-7822
Stanlee - (715) 292-1902

*Visit our Website for email addresses and more contact information*
http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/natural-resources/

We appreciate your understanding during this time.

CORONAVIRUS SAFETY

Follow these easy steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- Disinfect surfaces around your home and work.
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Sneeze or cough? Cover your mouth.
## Public Services & Who to Contact

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**For Current Reservation Beach Status Call (715) 685-7870**

For other inquiries, call 715-682-7123 and leave a voice message and we'll connect you with Department staff.
BAD RIVER AODA
OPEN RECOVERY MEETING
4pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday!!!!
These are 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!
Tribal policy means daily screening for all employees

COVID-19 Temperature and Screening Policy and Procedure
DAILY SCREENING OF ALL EMPLOYEES

The purpose of this procedure is to define the Bad River Tribe’s policy with respect to daily screening and temperature administration for all Tribal Employees during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Defined:
Pandemic: A disease prevalent over the whole country or the whole world.

Scope of this Policy:
This is a mandatory procedure and shall be followed daily by all Bad River Tribal employees upon entering the Tribal facility in which they work.

The Policy:
Effective Monday, June 15, 2020, all employees reporting to work will be screened daily for respiratory symptoms and have their body temperature taken as a precautionary measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Every employee will be screened, including having his or her temperature taken, when reporting to work. Employees should report to their work location or a central screening location upon arrival at work and prior to entering any other Bad River Tribal community facilities.

Each employee will be screened privately by a designated screener, using a touchless forehead/temporal artery thermometer. The employee’s temperature and answers to respiratory symptom questions will be documented, and the record will be maintained as an employee data log.

An employee who has a fever at or above 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or who is experiencing coughing or shortness of breath will be sent home to follow the Return to Work Following Screening Temporary Policy. The employee should monitor his or her symptoms and call a doctor or use telemedicine if concerned about the symptoms.

Each Tribal Department will manage their own screening process. For departments with a population of more than ten (10) employees, the Department Head is responsible for designating and scheduling employees to conduct screening in their location. In cases of facilities housing multiple departments (Blackbird Center, Health & Wellness Center), Department Heads will work together for the designation and scheduling of screener employees.

Employees designated as screeners will be trained by the Health & Wellness Center Medical Team.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Contact: Travis Bartnick, (715) 682-6619 ext. 2166, tbartnick@glifwc.org

Invasive Species Control Season

The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) will be continuing control efforts for invasive species, including dalmation toadflax, leafy and cypress spurge, purple loosestrife, wild parsnip, garlic mustard, teasel, yellow iris, and non-native phragmites in Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, and Iron counties. Work will take place from June through September, primarily within road rights-of-way. Control efforts include manual removal, spot applications of herbicide, and biological control for spurge and loosestrife.

Non-native invasive species can harm native ecosystems across the landscape. Some invasive species can also cause physical harm to wildlife, livestock, and humans. Leafy and cypress spurge can be toxic to deer and cattle, and will displace native plants and forage. Purple loosestrife and non-native phragmites threaten local wetlands and coastal estuaries by displacing native plants and reducing diversity. Wild parsnip can cause phytophotodermatitis if your skin comes in contact with the plant sap in the presence of sunlight, leading to a rash, blistering, and/or skin discoloration that may last several months. Garlic mustard outcompetes many native plant species and is becoming an increasing nuisance in the northwoods. Yellow iris can expand quickly, forming dense monotypic stands that can replace and crowd out valuable native aquatic plants.

The control crew will be following CDC recommendations to prevent the spread of respiratory diseases such as Covid-19 while conducting their work. This will include the use of PPE, driving in separate vehicles, and maintaining safe distances from others.

Maps depicting the local distribution of invasive species and past control efforts can be found at http://maps.glifwc.org. For general information, please visit GLIFWC’s invasive species website at: http://invasives.glifwc.org. Contact Travis Bartnick at (715) 682-6619 ext. 2166 or email at tbartnick@glifwc.org for more information.
BAD RIVER RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTICE
JUNE 13, 2020

THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE REQUIRING THE USE OF BLUE RESIDENTIAL STICKERS WITH EFFECTIVE DATE STARTING ON JUNE 13, 2020 FOR ALL CURB-SIDE PICK-UP OF SOLID WASTE.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK-UP BLUE RESIDENTIAL STICKERS BEFORE THIS DATE @ ALL USUAL PLACES OF SALE.

CHI - MIIGWECH TO THOSE INDIVIDUAL’S WHO UTILIZED THEM DURING THAT TIME FRAME ALSO!!
‘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:

“Grudges become toxic, burdens become heavy and some people become overwhelming. It’s so important to learn to let go.”

~ worldK2

Watch for the next statement in the August 5 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 5:00 p.m.

“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.