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Boozhoo!

Welcome to the Mashkiiziibii newsletter.

Your source for all the important news and happenings of the Bad River reservation for our tribal community, both on and off rez.



Omaa bi-izhan! Agindaasodaa!

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Personal Introduction

Boozhoo everyone,

My name is Jordan Bigboy I'm the Media Content Specialist for the Bad River Tribe and will be taking over our newsletter. I'm a born and raised resident of Bad River that just moved back home from Chicago after getting my MFA in Writing from Columbia. The reason that I wanted to start up this newsletter again was because of a personal interest in stories from elders. So, from this point onward I'd like to interview as many elders from our tribe as possible in order to get their stories out there for the rest of the community. That's about when someone suggested that I start our newsletter back up so people that live off rez can see these stories as well as stay informed of the ins and outs of our little home. Though I will admit, running a newsletter by myself is a bit of an undertaking so for the immediate future it may not be a weekly issue, at least not until I get the hang of this. With that all being said, I hope you enjoy our newly reestablished newsletter, and hopefully I will get the chance to speak with more than just a few of you.

-Jordan

Speaking with Elders:

This is a segment that I would like to continue from this issue on. I'd love to sit down with elders and speak about their lives, hear their stories and document them here in the newsletter. For our first issue I had the pleasure of speaking with Barbera Heget, an elder who grew up off of the reservation and my talks with her were a joy to listen to. Barbera lives in Wisconsin Rapids now, and she has taken on something of a family historian role. She just recently came to Bad River for her usual visit with friends and family along with her husband. Our time together was cut a little short due to time constraints and technical issues, however I can proudly say that her story is one that I'm glad I was able to listen to for the hour and twenty minutes we sat together.



I sincerely hope that you enjoy reading through Barbera's story and perhaps this will inspire you to reach out to me, and we can chat about your story. With that out of the way please enjoy our inaugural conversation of Speaking With Elders.

-J

Who are you and what's your relationship to the Tribe?

Boozhoo Barb, nindizhinikaaz migiizii nindodem, zhigaagong nindoonjiba. I'm Barbara Heqet, I'm Eagle clan, I was born in Chicago. My family is from Bad River on my mother's side. I grew up in Chicago then I lived in Milwaukee for 30 years, and now I live in Wisconsin Rapids.

So you grew up off reservation?

Yes, never lived on the reservation at all.

What was the lifestyle like off reservation?

It was a city where the next house was literally less than six feet away from ours. There two three story brick buildings right next door all down the block. There were lots and lots of people. Lots of kids growing up. My dad was a World War II veteran. My mom and dad were very involved with the VFW, and that's what consumed most of their time when they weren't working. During my childhood, most of them were on regular 40+ hour a week jobs. My mom worked mostly for the federal government in various jobs. My dad worked not too far from where we lived at a factory that made gas stoves. Fortunately, the house that we were renting had a backyard where the land lady grew flowers, so at least I got to see a little bit of greenery. But it was very important for my family to get us out of that city as much as possible.

On the weekend we would usually go out to the country where my dad had relatives and to a farm where there was a big picnic and things like that. I joined girl scouts, that was really important to me. My parents wanted me to go to school. They expected that I would go to high school and to college, and I did. I graduated high school with pretty decent grades. I went to a teacher's college in central Illinois. In the summers my family would go up north to my relative's house, that was Kenneth Arbuckle Sr. It was always entertaining when the family got together. They played tricks on us, they did crazy things. One time my dad, my uncle Ken, and my other uncle tried to scare us but pretending there was a bat in the house. They went to the basement they put on crazy hats, like a baseball hat, a tennis racket and a football helmet, and they went after the bat. You know thinking about it years later I don't think there was a bat, I think they just made it up to get us little girls to scream. My Aunt Beth bought some land, like a little resort down in Delta, and that's where we would have big picnics every summer when we went up there. But we'd usually stay in Ashland at the Arbuckle home. My parents would not let me go anywhere unescorted in Chicago because they felt it was dangerous, but my mother said that they used to go out deer hunting with a gang of boys and girls and I could never imagine doing something like that.

Growing up off rez, was it easier or harder building that familial bond with those who are on rez?

I have never known too many people from the rez. I went to college, and worked in Chicago for awhile, and I decided that my son who was 4 years old (he's now 45 years old) that I wanted to move to Milwaukee. Specifically, because I found out that there was a program there to teach native language. What they were doing was developing some materials that you could use to teach the language. And I had just accidentally discovered these materials and I decided that I wanted to move to Milwaukee. Because the price of living was a lot less, and I knew there were Indian people there, so I moved when my son was real young. It was really good there, I did find Indian people, among which was Roger Thomas, it turns out there was a whole story about that, but to make it short he was my first Ojibwe teacher. He was a wonderful man, and he'd grown up on the reservation and he knew my family very well and that helped me make some connection with the reservation up here. But also, people that I started meeting in Milwaukee, some of which had come from Bad River, became my friends. But I still feel like, because I didn't grow up there, I don't really know what that experience is like. And I'd always joke that I was a girl scout, and I could camp out, but I don't think I could survive on the rez for two days.

Would you say your experience in Milwaukee is what led you to become something of a family historian.

Well, that and the fact that my aunt Mary Jane Arbuckle had already done a family tree. Now this woman, she worked full time at the BIA, she ran their house, she had two kids, and beside that my uncle had the business there, and she'd have to do the paperwork and receipts and that kind of stuff. On top of acting in the community as well. I don't know how she had time to do this but, one day, she's sitting and cutting things out in the paper, and I thought it was coupons, but it was death notices. I asked her why she did that and she said: "Well you know, sometimes I have to show who's relative is who in order to help people get their land. And so that's why I cut out obituaries." She really had an interest in it. And Any time people asked her about who was related to who, and it wasn't necessarily on bad river, or even in our region of Wisconsin, it was from anywhere within 2 or 3 questions she would know who they were. The family tree and the fact that I was also a history major in college so that helped.

When did you start finding your value as a Native American?

I would say that really since I started trying to learn more about the language, because there is something just magnificent about Anishinaabemowin because-- there's words that cannot exist in English. Just the idea of separating the world into masculine and feminine as you do in French, and Spanish, and Italian—we don't think of it that way. The idea of animate and inanimate is totally different. I kind of wish someone hadn't used those words to describe those things. It's a very different thought process, and I appreciate that, and I think it's marvelous and wonderful. And the more I learn, especially how words are put together, and how words and their word parts can change, it's just a marvel to me. The only thing I regret is that it literally wasn't possible to go into the depths that I'd like to go into now. Nowadays I forget everything, and it's hard for me to learn, so I don't think I will ever be fluent, but I did do some good things. I had an opportunity in Milwaukee to become an Ojibwe language for a program that was in the public schools to teach kids.

Back then every public school might have 2% of their kids that identify as Native American, the district was convinced by people like Roger Thomas to offer a native American language to students. So, they found five schools where the population of native kids was higher than that average 2%. So, I carried a suitcase between schools every week, two or three times a week, and that was my class. There were multiple ages too, I had kids from elementary to middle school. I'd develop songs, so that we could do it with minimum supplies. Flashcards, and even hand outs were hard because I had kids as young as 5 with other kids in the 8th grade. It just didn't make sense to develop those types of things that required a lot of reading. So, I taught through songs, and I taught some of them to others that were studying Ojibwe, and at least one song that I developed is still being used today. The idea that you can teach through singing seems to have caught on. Like a lot of the different immersion schools teach through song. The best thing that ever happened, was one of those little kids came running up to me at a grocery store and said, "Oh Mrs. Heqet it's so great to see you!" They liked me and I just loved them. Best job I ever had. But of course, due to funding concerns, that job was eliminated. I became a special ed teacher after that.

Speaking as an elder, would you personally say that it's important that everybody finds value in their native American roots?

I really do, I really do! The other part of it is that no matter where you are on your path of life, we're seeing how young people—if they can get attached to their culture it keeps them from the drugs and alcohol. And it connects communities because that is part of what is important. How our communities have survived because we had that interdependency, not only with each other, but within our community and especially how we treat nature. Those values are important for everybody.

What would you say to those people that are Native American, but for whatever reason they've chosen not to investigate that side of themselves?

You know, Anton Troyer talked about how there is sort of like a hesitancy in some way. Of being afraid to ask questions. Being afraid of not knowing something or being afraid to step on people's toes. For instance, I don't believe I have an Anishinaabe name. That is something I would very much like before I die, but I never had someone in a position to give me one. And I know there are people that pay someone or go to find their own special person, or people that do ceremonies for profit, which I think isn't right . . . there is hesitancy, I think. And in some families though, there still is a prejudice against saying that you're Indian.

It's changing a little bit, but it hasn't changed a whole lot, it wasn't that long ago when there was the treaty rights controversy, and we know all the racism that came out in that time. And it still comes out. You know, my great grandmother, was listed on the 1910 census as "Uncivilized," because her first language was Ojibwe. She didn't read or write in English which is how they decided if you were civilized or not and that was only around 100 years ago. That's why I think we need to fight to keep ourselves right because that racism isn't gone.

So, you'd say you'd at least want them to find out about it?

I'd want them to try, and I'd like it to be accessible. I'm not sure how to say this well . . . It can't be that you go to a university, and take a course called "How to be an Indian 101." But there has to be attempts to make sure that kids are taught about native American history, all the way through their education, no matter what background they come from. And I'm all for that, I think that is really, really good. I think that all people should have pride in whatever background they come from. As a history teacher I basically threw the textbook out and told them I wanted them to talk to the eldest of their family to find out as much as they can about them and see what we can do with that information. Something as simple as putting a map on the board and posting where everyone came from, and it turned out we had people from all over the world in some of the schools that I taught in, or at least all over the country.

I think that helped people really connect with where they came from, and I think that's the way that you start doing that.

The purpose of these interviews is to make sure that elders, such as yourself, have an avenue to get a message to the future. What would your message be to the generations that come after us?

Please know—That I am the seventh generation of people that thought about me long ago. That thought about how life should be and made sure that we would have a way to survive. They didn't just think about themselves. I really appreciate and am honored that they did that for me, for my children and my grandchildren, and I hope you will have that same sense that people today are doing the same thing. That you will be able to pass that on to your children, your grandchildren, your great grandchildren and so on. I've been taught that the word for great-grandchild is the same as the word for great-grandparent, which is so fascinating because it includes those seven generations by doing that. So, I want people to think about that and realize that you're not alone. We're part of this whole great thing that happens, and all those different generations. And I want you to know that you are loved, and that you are not alone.

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You're invited!

**BAD RIVER HEADSTART
SPOOKTACULAR COSTUME PARADE!!**

OCTOBER 31ST 2023 11:00-11:30

53552 Abinoojiyag Rd, Odanah, WI 54861

Come dressed in costume (if you dare) and
participate in the parade with all the
little goblins!

Planning Department

- **Scattered Sites Home Project:**

- Will be building a total of 11 homes in scattered locations throughout New Odanah and Aspen Acres. Currently on track to have 4 of those homes installed yet this calendar year. Details on how Tribal members can apply for the homes has not been finalized yet, so no update available.

- **Supportive Housing Project:**

- Bad River has partnered with RT Hawk Housing Alliance and Beaux Simone Consulting to create a 40-unit housing complex here in Bad River. Supportive housing will include regular services from programs like social services and behavioral health. Currently in very early stages of the project and more details will be forthcoming as we move further along in the planning process.

- **ERFO road repairs:**

- After the rain events this year we applied for assistance through Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads program to fix some damaged roads throughout the reservation. We were approved for repairs on the following roads: Bayfront Rd, Abinoojiyag Rd, Madigan Rd, and Elm Hoist. Survey, design, and engineering of those projects will take place this winter with construction happening in construction season 2024.

- **Old Headstart Building:**

- Initial direction I was given was to have the Old Headstart buildings removed, upon inspection of the buildings it became apparent that a number of programs and departments still currently utilize that structure on a regular basis. Staff at social services met and requested that we instead work to make repairs to the building. Currently awaiting scope of work and cost estimates from our Design/Build team of Miron Construction and DSGW so we can move forward with repair work.

- **RV Park:**
 - Currently working with Miron/DSGW to create an RV Park at the casino complex for customers. Currently RV users have parking spots available at the edge of the lot. We would like to create some green space for them to use with the electric hookups and other amenities, make the experience better and hopefully extend their stays here and as such extend their time on the gaming floor.
- **Elm Hoist Youth Hunting Camp Restoration:**
 - Contract currently in place to get renovations completed at the structure on Elm Hoist to make the building better suited for occupation during hunting season for our youth. Will be hunting camps for youth set up and utilizing the building and land. Really looking forward to continued and hopefully greater participation in these opportunities for our youth.
- **C-Store Remodel:**
 - Currently working with Jace Johnston, Philomena Kebec and Miron/DSGW to create a better use of the current Moccasin Trail complex to make a better facility for the community, and also make the facility a profitable business. We will be bringing in a business consultant also to help us create a plan that utilizes the space we will have in the soon to be expanded C-Store in the best possible way.
- **ATV/Snowmobile Trail:**
 - We have access to a grant from the State DNR to assist with building an ATV/Snowmobile trail. Major obstacle is and has been crossing of the Bad River. Will be needing a whole new bridge structure. Currently attempting to get partnership with DOT to assist with design and engineering so we can apply for a Federal grant to build that structure, and will include a lane on the side for foot/ATV/Snowmobile traffic. The second crossing of the river will also be needed soon to accommodate traffic flow during reconstruction of the current bridge over the river for the highway.
- **Boardwalk:**
 - Currently in planning stages and applying for funding to create a boardwalk/walking trail along the Bad River, stretching from the White River Boat Landing to the Highway Bridge. Will remain as close to the river as possible the entire length and will include as many areas as we can that is open right to the river's edge for fishing access. Hopefully with a number of areas that have a boardwalk with a railing also right at the water's edge.

- **Playground at Old Headstart**

- location:**

- Currently have been working with Lynn Wiggins on creation of a vastly increased playground area where the old headstart playground currently sits. We have a contractor and design available for what the new facility will look like (attached). Very excited to see this project completed. It will be bigger than what is known as the Purple Park in Ashland. Future plans for the area are to also include a pavilion like they have at Prentice Park for families to utilize for birthday parties and gatherings right next to the new playground.

- **Youth Building:**

- Currently working with Paige Moilanen and Miron/DSGW to create a new youth building for use by our now combined Boys & Girls Club and Youth Services programs. New building will be located next to the New Headstart and near to the future expansion of the clinic pool and gym facilities. Current Boys & Girls Club building is too small for any expansion of services, also providing a new space closer to the upcoming facilities only makes sense so our youth can have better access to the new structures. Idea is also to sort of mirror the design ideas being utilized in the pool/gym areas so that our children have a sense of ownership in both structures. Creating a more inviting space for our youth will hopefully encourage greater participation in services, and also increase usage of the new facilities. Greater activity and exercise is key for our next generation to ward of a host of health issues.



NORTH WESTERN WISCONSIN WOODSTOVE CHANGEOUT PROGRAM FACT SHEET



GENERAL INFORMATION

Approximately \$255,200 will be available in vouchers to help with the purchase of a new EPA certified wood stove, EPA certified pellet, gas stove or heat pump to replace their non-EPA certified wood stove or hydronic heater with a new indoor ENERGY Star gas furnace. Vouchers are for \$2000 toward a new EPA certified wood stove; \$2500 toward an EPA certified wood, pellet, gas stove or heat pump; and \$4450 for income qualified participants. Income qualified vouchers may be used for an EPA certified wood, pellet, gas stove or heat pump; \$5000 for replacement of a hydronic heater with a new indoor ENERGY STAR gas furnace, \$6000 for hydronic heater if income qualified; \$300 for the retrofit of an existing wood stove with a new catalyst.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a resident and homeowner in Wisconsin Counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnette, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer and Washburn; or the Tribal Reservations of the Bad River, the Lac Courte Oreilles, the Red Cliff, the Lac du Flambeau or the St. Croix Chippewa. The vouchers are for the retrofit or replacement of non-EPA certified wood stoves with new, cleaner burning devices.
- Must be currently using a non-EPA certified wood stove as a home heating source. Coal and cook stove replacements are not included. Wood stoves in workshops and sheds do not qualify. Workplaces, rental properties, seasonal or part-time properties are not eligible to apply. **NOTE: If trading out a hydronic heater individuals, churches, greenhouses and schools may apply.**
- Must trade in your old non-EPA certified wood stove, heater or catalyst for a new EPA certified wood, pellet, gas stove or heat pump only at participating retailers. List will be supplied; or
- Must trade in your hydronic heater for a new ENERGY STAR gas furnace at participating retailers. List will be supplied.

*** To receive an "Income Qualified" voucher, you MUST provide proof of current participation in state Medicaid or a federal means-tested program that determines eligibility using the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines, such as:**

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Head Start;
- National School Lunch Program;
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC);
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons; or
- other proof of "low income," defined as income between 100% and 185% of the federal poverty level under the Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.

In addition to the programs listed above, Tribal Members qualify for a voucher if they provide proof of current participation in:

- HUD
- Family Support Services
- Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

- Must have new EPA certified stove, furnace or parts professionally installed in compliance with all relevant building and fire codes. No do-it-yourself option.
- Must fully complete a voucher application form including a photo of the existing stove/hydronic heater/catalyst and any documentation required if applying for an income qualified voucher. Documentation should be a copy of your current Medicaid card (front and back), copy of an official letter certifying that you are currently participating in the federal means-tested program that determines eligibility using the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines. In addition to the programs listed above, Tribal Members qualify for a voucher if they provide proof of current participation in: HUD; Family Support Services; Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

Application and supporting documents should be **emailed** to: Michelle.Edwards@Lung.org

- Must have the voucher in hand when entering into a purchase and sale agreement with a participating retailer. The agreement should be made prior to the expiration of the voucher (4 week period). The new heating appliance does NOT have to be installed within that timeframe, but must be within 30 days of the expiration date of the voucher.
- Vouchers will be available on a first come, first served basis and only received by the American Lung Association via mail or email. **No walk-ins**. Postmark and email delivery dates will be used to establish the voucher fulfillment list and waiting list.
- Limit of one voucher per household.

RETAILER INFORMATION

Interested retailers are asked to contact **Michelle Edwards** via email at Michelle.Edwards@Lung.org (preferred) or by phone **1-888-241-6566, ext. 0304** for an application to participate.

Retailers **DO NOT** need to have their business located in the program area, but need to provide service in that county.



Burning wood produces emissions that are widely recognized as harmful to human health. Many of these harmful emissions can occur both indoors and outdoors and many devices operate around the clock. People with lung disease face special risks, but so do children, older adults, people with cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

**VOUCHERS AVAILABLE NOW.
ACT NOW TO SAVE.**



Instructions and Application

North Western Wisconsin

How the Changeout Program & Voucher Work

Please review. Once signed, this is a binding agreement between the applicant and the American Lung Association. To receive and use a voucher you are agreeing to the following terms:

- 1] The American Lung Association (ALA), is offering vouchers valued between \$300 and \$6000 to homeowners in the Wisconsin Counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnette, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer and Washburn; or the Tribal Reservations of the Bad River, the Lac Courte Oreilles, the Red Cliff, the Lac du Flambeau or the St. Croix Chippewa. The vouchers are for the retrofit or replacement of non-EPA certified wood stoves with new, cleaner burning devices.

To qualify for a voucher, the homeowner must first complete the application. Applications for vouchers will be accepted until the program completion date or when program funding for the vouchers is depleted. This program is for homeowners and does NOT include rental properties, businesses, seasonal or vacation homes. However, churches, schools and greenhouses may apply to replace their hydronic heater. You must include a photo of the currently installed older stove with the application to be eligible for a voucher the photo must clearly show that the stove is connected and a current source of heat. Completed applications must be signed by the homeowner and mailed or emailed to the American Lung Association Program Coordinator at the address listed on the application form.

- 2] The Program Coordinator will review the applications to determine if the preliminary requirements have been met for a voucher. Qualified applicants will receive a voucher worth \$2000 toward a new EPA certified wood stove; \$2500 for an EPA certified wood pellet, gas stove or heat pump; \$4450 for income qualified participants. Income qualified vouchers may be used for an EPA certified wood, pellet, gas stove or heat pump; \$5000 for the replacement of a hydronic heater with an indoor ENERGY STAR gas furnace, \$6000 for hydronic heater if income qualified; \$300 for the retrofit of an existing wood stove with a new catalyst. Vouchers are valid for 30 days.

To receive an "Income Qualified" voucher, you MUST provide proof of current participation in state Medicaid or a federal means-tested program that determines eligibility using the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines, such as:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Head Start;
- National School Lunch Program;
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC);
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons; or
- Other proof of "low income," defined as income between 100% and 185% of the federal poverty level under the Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.

In addition to the programs listed above, Tribal Members qualify for a voucher if they provide proof of current participation in:

- HUD—Tribal Housing Authority
- Family Support Services
- Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

- 3| The homeowner may only use the voucher to retrofit or replace a non-EPA certified wood stove with a new, cleaner burning device from a **participating retailer**, provided the voucher has not expired. The participating retailer will apply the voucher as an instant discount off the total price of the stove at the time of purchase. The voucher recipient is responsible for down payments or remaining balances after the voucher has been applied. No retroactive vouchers are allowed. Voucher expiration date may be extended at the sole discretion of the American Lung Association.
- 4| New, cleaner burning devices must be professionally installed in accordance with all federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and codes. The EPA recommends that installers be National Fireplace Institute or Chimney Safety Institute of American certified (or an equivalent organization). The homeowner must select the participating retailer and the installation must be coordinated and certified by the participating retailer. No do-it-yourself installations are allowed under this program.
- 5| Older stoves that were replaced through the program must be permanently removed from service and surrendered to the participating retailer, who will render them inoperable and coordinate their disposal and recycling.
- 6| The participating retailer will take a photo of the older stove or hydronic heater prior to removing it, take a photo of the destroyed stove with doors and hinges removed and also take a photo of the replacement stove after it is installed.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a downloadable version of the form below



Application

All sections of this application must be completed. A copy should be retained by the applicant for their records. Please carefully review the program terms prior to signing, dating and submitting your completed application with supporting documents.

Email completed applications and old stove photos to: Michelle.Edwards@Lung.org

For questions contact Michelle Edwards 207-624-0304 or Michelle.Edwards@Lung.org

Application Information

Tribal Member: Yes No Name of Tribe: _____
Name: _____ County: _____
Physical Home Address (where older stove is located): _____
Mailing Address (if different): _____
If mailing address is different, explain why: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email (if available): _____

Current Wood Burning Stove: Make/Model: _____ Year Manufactured: _____

This information is found on the back metal panel of your stove and/or estimate year of manufacture if necessary.

I have included a picture of my older stove, hydronic heater or catalyst.

You **MUST** select a replacement type. I will switch out my old wood stove or hydronic heater for the following:

- Wood Stove.....\$2000
- Pellet, Gas or Heat Pump.....\$2500
- Income Qualified.....\$4450 (for new wood, pellet, gas stove or heat pump)
- Hydronic Heater to Indoor Gas Furnace.....\$5000 (\$6000 if Income Qualified)
- Catalyst Retrofit.....\$300

To receive an "Income Qualified" voucher, you MUST provide proof of current participation in state Medicaid or a federal means-tested program that determines eligibility using the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines (specific programs listed on the "Instruction" sheet. Please provide copy of the program card, front and back or copy of the approval letter with this application. Tribal Members must provide a copy of their Tribal Membership Card and current participation in: HUD-Tribal Housing, Family Support Services, or Nurse Family Partnership (NFP).

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Postmark: _____ Voucher#: _____ Date Issued: _____
Expiration Date: _____ Payment Submitted: _____

Additional Information

- 1| How did you hear about the Woodstove Changeout Program? _____
- 2| Why are you applying? (Please check all that apply.)
 - Not satisfied with current device
 - To reduce pollution
 - To save money
 - Other: _____
- 3| Was the voucher a significant factor in replacing your stove? Yes No
- 4| In a typical heating season, how many cords of wood do you typically burn? _____
- 5| Is your wood stove used as a source of heat? Yes No

I certify the following - please read and initial each item.

- ___ a| I understand that only a currently installed and operating non-EPA certified wood stove or hydronic heaters are eligible to be replaced under this program and have included a photo with this application.
- ___ b| I understand that participants are limited to receiving one voucher per address. Workplaces, rental, seasonal or half-time properties do not qualify— only when replacing a hydronic heater, churches, schools and greenhouses may also apply.
- ___ c| I understand that applications are processed in the order they are received. Vouchers will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding is limited; vouchers are not guaranteed. The voucher will only be valid for 30 days from the date of its issuance. Voucher expiration date may be extended at the discretion of the American Lung Association.
- ___ d| I understand that applications may only be accepted for residences **in the Wisconsin Counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnette, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer and Washburn; or the Tribal Reservations of the Bad River, the Lac Courte Oreilles, the Red Cliff, the Lac du Flambeau, or the St. Croix Chippewa.**
- ___ e| I understand that if I qualify, I will receive a voucher and a current list of participating retailers who will honor the voucher if it is submitted by the expiration date written on the voucher.
- ___ f| I will be replacing an operable non-EPA certified wood stove that is currently in use in my residence. The participating retailer who installs the new device is responsible for properly rendering inoperable and disposing of the old device.
- ___ g| If I choose to replace a device with funds from this program, I make a commitment to purchase a device from a participating retailer within the 30 day period and authorize the retailer to forward to the American Lung Association a notification of the purchase agreement, with verification that my existing wood stove is not EPA-certified.
- ___ h| I understand that devices purchased with funds from this program must be professionally installed and that there will be additional costs for installation and a permit from my community if required for installation. Installations must comply with all local fire and building codes. The EPA recommends that installers be certified by the National Fireplace Institute, the Chimney Safety Institute of American, or an equivalent organization. The installation must be coordinated and certified by the participating retailer.
- ___ i| I understand that I am responsible for selecting the retailer from participating retailers.
- ___ j| I understand that I am responsible to pay the retailer for the purchase price and professional installation costs of my new device, less the voucher amount.
- ___ k| I understand that I will forfeit my voucher if I provide the American Lung Association with false information, fail to obtain any required permit or if the required information is not submitted to the American Lung Association prior to the expiration date listed on the voucher.
- ___ l| The American Lung Association, does not warranty any devices purchased under this voucher program, including, but not limited to, the qualify, functionality or satisfaction of the device.
- ___ m| I understand that proper wood burning practices (e.g., burning only dry seasoned wood) and proper stove operation (e.g., maintaining a hot fire) are critical to the effectiveness of my new device.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Food Sovereignty

Here at Food Sov, we've been grateful that the frost has held off for so long. It's given our long season variety of Oneida white corn a chance to mature as well as our Cherokee Trail of Tears black beans. We've been busy staying on top of the harvest, putting away tomatoes in the freezer to make sauce later, drying herbs, and more. We recently dug our red potatoes, and the russets will wait till next week. The high tunnels give our crops added protection from the cold nights and our winter squash are still maturing in there. We have a few varieties including Gete Okosomin, Honey nut, and Black Futsu. Our blue Hubbard's are very small this year and our compost pile grew better pumpkins than the ones we planted intentionally. We are gearing up to glean a bunch of apples soon from the Bayfield orchards soon and look forward to all thing's apples – cider, chips, applesauce! We are planning cider making days with the community so stay tuned for those. We will make cider with the Boys and Girls Club on the 18th and for the elders at The Elderly Center on the 24th. As always, we look forward to sharing all this good food with you! The raspberries are a fall producing variety and still going strong, so we invite you to come U-pick them. We're grateful for a bountiful summer and look forward to the slower days to plan next years gardens and events.





Apple Cider Pressing

for our Elders

at The Elderly Center, after lunch

1pm

Tuesday, Oct 24th

Jars of fresh cider will be provided!

Compliments of Food Sovereignty and UW-Extension



*****UPDATED*****

Bad River Health and Wellness Center

Influenza & Covid-19 Clinics

NEW Covid-19 2023 XBB STRAIN

&

Influenza Vaccines

OCTOBER 11TH – *SENIORS/HIGH RISK GROUP* 2 PM-5 PM @BRHWC

OCTOBER 18TH – COMMUNITY 2 PM – 5PM @BRHWC

****OCTOBER 25TH** – CASINO EMPLOYEES 10-12 AM @ CASINO
COMMUNITY 2-5 PM @ BRHWC

NOVEMBER 8TH - COMMUNITY 2 PM – 5 PM @BRHWC

NOVEMBER 15TH - COMMUNITY 2 PM – 5 PM @BRHWC

NOVEMBER 29TH - COMMUNITY 2 PM – 5 PM @BRHWC

DECEMBER 6TH - COMMUNITY 2 PM – 5 PM @BRHWC

DECEMBER 13TH - COMMUNITY 2 PM – 5 PM @BRHWC

CHILDREN & ADULTS ARE WELCOME – NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED



(Updated 10/11/23)



Bad River Health & Wellness Center
Dental Clinic
53585 Nokomis Road
Ashland, WI 54806-4272

**FREE PREVENTIVE DENTAL SERVICES provided by
Bad River Dental Clinic: Smiles on Wheels**

Bad River Dental Clinic is offering a preventive dental sealant and fluoride varnish program for all **Native American** children in grades K-12 in Ashland area schools. Bad River Dental Clinic will provide this school-based oral health program at **no charge to you or your family.**

What exactly does this program offer for my child?

- Dental screening
- Dental sealant placement (if needed)
- Fluoride varnish application (2-3 throughout the school year)
- Oral health education along with a toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss
- A letter sent home explaining what services were done and the health of your child's teeth.

What is a sealant?

- Dental sealants are a safe, plastic-like coating put on the top of the back teeth that serve as a barrier to the bacteria that cause decay.
- Sealants are simple and painless to place and they last a long time.
- No drilling, no needles, no pain.

What if my child already has sealants or visits a dentist regularly?

- Your child will have their sealants checked to see if they need to be repaired or replaced. This program was established to monitor oral health needs and gather data in our Native American student population. Enrollment in this program is encouraged for program success even if your child receives regular dental care.

What is fluoride varnish?

- Fluoride is a mineral that is painted on teeth. It helps stop cavities by making teeth stronger. The fluoride is not swallowed.
- Your child will receive a minimum of **2** applications during the school year.

The treatment which your child will receive in this program is not meant to be an alternative to regular dental care. It is recommended that you seek a regular dental office for routine dental care, including any follow-up care which may be recommended after your child has completed this school –based oral health program.

[Please read, complete other side, and return form to school.](#)

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the Bad River Dental Clinic at 715-685-7887.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a downloadable version of the document below.
Please fill out and turn into dental asap.



Bad River Health & Wellness Center
Dental Clinic
53585 Nokomis Road
Ashland, WI 54806-4272

Smiles on Wheels PERMISSION SLIP

Bad River Dental Clinic – Smiles on Wheels (BRDC-SOW) is offering a preventive dental sealant program for **ALL American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) children** in grades K-12 of the Ashland Area Schools. A licensed dental provider will come to the school to provide the sealant program at no charge to you. **The program includes:** dental assessment, sealant application if needed, fluoride treatments, and oral health instruction. A letter will be sent home with your child to describe what was completed and what is recommended for future needs. All procedures follow recommendations from the American Dental Association and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for school-based dental sealant programs.

Childs Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Childs Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____ Sex: Male or Female

Contact phone: _____ Mailing Address: _____

YES, I do want my child to participate in school-based dental prevention program and authorize Forward Health or any other third party insurance company to be billed for billable services.

(Please fill out the rest of the form and return to your child's school)

_____/_____/____ Date ____/____/____
(Print) parent/guardian (signature) Parent/guardian

NO, I don't want my child to participate in the school-based dental prevention program. (Sign and return to your child's school)

_____/_____/____ Date ____/____/____
(Print) parent/guardian (signature) parent/guardian

Reason for not participating? _____

1) What type of DENTAL insurance does your child have?

Note: No student will be refused services based on their insurance coverage

Forward Health/Medicaid/BadgerCare Private Insurance (i.e. Delta, Cigna) No Insurance Other

Dental Insurance Company _____ Insurance ID # _____
Card holder name _____ Card holder date of birth _____

****To comply with federal confidentiality regulations, we must ask for permission annually.

Please answer the following questions about your child: (Circle one)

A. Does your child have any physical or mental issues? YES NO If yes, please explain _____

B. Does your child have any allergies? YES NO If yes, to what? _____

Name of your child's primary dentist: _____

The treatment which your child will receive in this program is not meant to be an alternative to regular dental care. It is recommended that you seek a regular dental office for routine dental care, including any follow-up care which may be recommended after your child has completed this school-based oral health program.

We encourage you to reenroll your child every year to monitor their oral health needs.

JOIN THE BAD RIVER HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER PROJECT TEAM!



AVAILABLE OPEN POSITIONS:

The following are full-time, day-shift field positions, working at the project site:

- **Skilled craft professionals**

- Assist in new construction on the project site
- Complete various work tasks, both inside and outside the new facility
- Follow safety procedures
- Operate various power tools, air tools, and other related tools and equipment to complete assigned tasks
- Background in carpentry and commercial construction preferred but not required

- **General laborers**

- Assist trades with construction tasks, such as placing materials, pouring concrete, and general clean-up
- Manage equipment and material inventories
- Support daily inspections of various equipment and materials on site
- Assist with safety controls



HOW TO APPLY:

1. Tribal and community members interested in applying should complete the attached inquiry form and email it to badriverworkforce@miron-construction.com or mail to:

Miron Construction Co., Inc.
Attn. John Lahti
3402 Oakwood Mall Drive, Suite 200
Eau Claire, WI 54701

2. Miron or one of its partner agencies will reach out to you regarding an interview if you meet required job qualifications.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a downloadable version of the document below

Miron Construction Co., Inc.
**** Employment Inquiry Form**

Name _____
LAST FIRST M.I.

Address _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Telephone Number HOME _____ CELL _____ Social Security Number _____
(WITH AREA CODE)

Trade Union Member (circle one) Yes No Trade Union Affiliation _____

Tribal Affiliation _____ Enrollment Number _____

EDUCATION		
	Name/City, State	Years Completed
High School or Highest Grade Completed		9 10 11 12
College/University		1 2 3 4
Special Training/Certification/License		
Apprenticeship		

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY <small>START WITH MOST RECENT</small>				
Employer Name	Supervisor/Contact Name	Phone Number	Period Employed	Reason for Leaving

REFERENCES			
	Contact Name	Phone Number	Relationship/Association
Professional/Employer			
Professional/Co-worker			
Personal			
Other			

** Disclaimer: I understand that Miron Construction Co., Inc. will not be using this information for the purposes of hiring me as an employee of Miron Construction. I further understand that this information will be used by Miron Construction to establish a pool of qualified candidates for the purpose of assisting subcontractors and other business partners with information on potential candidates to hire. I am consenting to the sharing and disclosure of any content contained within this document and any additional information with potential employers associated with Miron Construction. Applicants may be subject to drug testing prior to employment.

Signature _____ Date _____

Bad River Boys & Girls Club

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



Binaakwe-giizis

October 2023
Falling Leaves Moon

After School

Hours:

Monday-Friday

3:00-5:30pm

Everyone

5:30-7pm

Teen Time

(7th Grade & Up)

Trips this Month

October 9th
Duluth Round
Dance
Teen Trip Only
Leave from BGC
@2pm
2-10pm

October 14th
Haunted Shack-
Teen Trip Only
Leave from BGC
@4pm
4-10pm

October 21st
The Burch Barn
Leave from BGC
@10am
10am - TBD

October 26th
High School Trip
Leave from
Ashland
High School



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Triple Play NBA Math Hoops Power Hour Game Club	3 <u>Cultural Nights</u> -Beading Club -Language Table -Craft Club -Drum Group Tutoring w/ Ashland School	4 Chef-In- Training SMART Moves NBA Math Hoops Triple Play Power Hour	5 Gym Time Triple Play NBA Math Hoops Power Hour Smart Girls	6 Free Choice Friday	7
8	9 Closed  Duluth Round Dance 2-10pm	10 <u>Cultural Nights</u> -Beading Club -Language Table -Craft Club -Drum Group Tutoring w/ Ashland School	11 Chef-In- Training SMART Moves NBA Math Hoops Triple Play Power Hour	12 Gym Time Triple Play NBA Math Hoops Money Matters Power Hour Smart Girls	13 Free Choice Friday Youth Mindfulness Session	14 Haun ted Shac k Trip
15	16 Mashkiiziibii Fitt NBA Math Hoops Power Hour Game Club	17 <u>Cultural Nights</u> -Beading Club -Language Table -Craft Club -Drum Group Tutoring w/ Ashland School	18 Chef-In- Training SMART Moves NBA Math Hoops Triple Play Power Hour	19 Gym Time Triple Play NBA Math Hoops Power Hour Smart Girls	20 Free Choice Friday Youth Mindfulness Session	21 The Burch Barn Trip
22	23 Mashkiiziibii Fitt NBA Math Hoops Power Hour Game Club	24 <u>Cultural Nights</u> -Beading Club -Language Table -Craft Club -Drum Group Tutoring w/ Ashland School	25 Chef-In- Training SMART Moves NBA Math Hoops Triple Play Power Hour	26 Gym Time Triple Play NBA Math Hoops Power Hour Smart Girls High School Trip w/ Ashland School	27 Free Choice Friday	28
29	30 Mashkiiziibii Fitt NBA Math Hoops Power Hour Game Club	31 Free Choice Night 				

***Calendar is Subject to Change Without Prior Notice**

Dropping off and picking up your children and other stuff you should know.....

* Please be **ON TIME** picking up your children. Staff are scheduled only during hours of operation; they appreciate leaving work on time.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a downloadable and FREE club membership form.



SHAPE YOUR BODY

MASHKIIZIBII FIT

MONDAYS
OCTOBER 16, 23, 30
BAD RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER
5-6PM- BOYS & GIRLS CLUB YOUTH ONLY
6-7PM- AGES 17 & UP
WORKOUTS ARE AT OWN RISK

WISCONSIN
ARMY
NATIONAL
GUARD


BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF BAD RIVER BAND OF
LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA

CONTACT
SGT RENZ 715-681-1418
PAIGE MOILANEN 715-685-4657



Bad River Senior Services

Bad River Elderly News for the month of October 2023

Boozhoo!

October is almost here, it's time for all things Fall! Pumpkins, changing leaves, cooler weather & of course football! There are some things happening in October that we wanted to share with you.

We will be closed on Wednesday October 4th. All staff must attend a mandatory training out of town that day. Our offices as well as dining will be closed.

Thursday October 5th Robin Greenfield will be at the Bad River Pow Wow Grounds at 4:30pm. Robin is a local plant enthusiast, experienced forager and food sovereignty activist. We will learn a variety of wild foods and medicines growing freely and abundantly in our community. Please note this is not a harvesting event, but an introduction to many wonderful plants around us! This is open to the public.

Friday October 6th, clinic staff will be at the Elderly Nutrition Site to perform our monthly blood pressure clinic. This takes place during the lunch hour. Come eat and take a step in managing your health.

All Tribal Offices will be closed Monday October 9th for Indigenous People's Day. All offices will reopen on Tuesday October 10th.

We are looking into a trip to the apple orchards in Bayfield after Applefest. Applefest is October 6th-8th in Bayfield. We are planning a trip on Tuesday October 10th. Please call Nancy at 715-682-7150 if you would like to attend, Thursday October 5th will be the cut-off date to sign up.

Wednesday October 11th Nona Crowe, the Medical Benefits Specialist will be here at the Elderly Nutrition Site during the lunch hour. This month's topic will be "Protecting Yourself from Marketing Violations". Nona will be here the second Wednesday of each month for the rest of the year.

Wednesday October 11th the Police Commission Meeting will be held at the Elderly Nutrition Site. This is a time for you to bring your concerns, questions, or comments to the Commission. The meeting will start at 4:30pm.

Wednesday October 11th the Bad River Health & Wellness Center will be offering FLU & the new Covid 19 2023 variant XBB booster shot. The shots will be at the clinic from 2-5pm and are for elderly or high-risk groups ONLY. Please call 715-682-7133 with any questions. October 18th these shots will be available to the community at the Clinic from 2-5pm.

Elder boxes will be handed out at the commodities building on Friday October 13th & 27th this month.

Tuesday October 17th will be the Elderly Advisory Board meeting. We had our annual meeting in September, and we now have a new Chairman of the board, Bill Roundwind. The meeting will begin at 1pm after lunch.

We will be closed Thursday October 19th for our monthly in service and cleaning. We will provide 2 meals on the day prior for the closure.

We are tentatively planning a 50th Anniversary Dinner of the Nutrition Program on the 19th of October at the Casino. Please watch for more details!!

Friday October 27th there will be Halloween Bingo & costume contest put on by the Elderly Advisory Board. Bingo will take place after lunch that day.

Bad River Elderly News for the month of October 2023


ATTENTION CAREGIVERS!!! If you are in need of some help or even just some respite time, please call our office at 715-682-7150. We now have the resources to help you out!

We will have movie passes available in a few weeks. Please stop in the Elderly Nutrition Site to get your pass. There is a limit of 1 pass per elder, per month.

Food Sov is offering pick your own raspberries. You can find the delicious berries at 54026 Birch St in Odanah (Food Sov building). Harvesting is Monday-Friday from 8-430pm. If you have questions or need special arrangements, please call Katie at 715-292-8994. This will be available from now, through the end of the season. Remember to bring your own basket!

JUST A REMINDER, if you will not be home, or get admitted to the hospital or nursing home please call us so we can stop your meal delivery. Meals will resume when you are back home. 715-682-7150

The Elderly Crew; Jean, Nancy, Deb, John, Dante & Ray

October						<i>Binaakwii-Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)</i>						2023	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Potato Soup Ham & Cheese sandwich w/ Lettuce & Tomato Fruit Cup	3 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Green Beans Garlic Bread Cottage Cheese w/ Peaches	4 CLOSED FOR MANDATORY STAFF TRAINING NO MEALS SERVED	5 BBQ Pork on a Bun Mixed Veggies Baked Beans Coleslaw w/ Fruit	6 Hot Tuna Casserole Peas Wheat Biscuits Side Salad w/Berries	7	8	9 CLOSED Indigenous Peoples Day All Tribal Offices Closed	10 Vegetable Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Lettuce Salad Fruit Cocktail	11 Chicken AlaKing Steamed Brown Rice Peas & Carrots Drop Biscuits Pears	12 Meatloaf Garlic Butter Mashed Potatoes, Corn Biscuit Jello w/Fruit	13 Baked Fish Wild Rice Pilaf Broccoli Fresh Fruit	14
15	16 Hominy Soup Ground Meat on W/W, Salad w/ Tomato & Cukes Fresh Fruit	17 Pork Chow Mein Steamed Brown Rice Egg Roll Fortune Cookie	18 <u>1st meal</u> Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Biscuit, Fruit Cup <u>2nd meal</u> Biscuits & Gravy, Boiled Egg, Sausage Link, Tomato Juice	19 CLOSED FOR CLEANING NO MEALS SERVED	20 Creamy Honey Mustard Chicken over Steamed Jasmine Rice Wax Beans Pineapple Chunks	21	22	23 Chicken Noodle Soup Tuna Salad Wrap w/ Shredded lettuce & Tomato Fresh Pear	24 Italian Sausage w/ Peppers over Steamed Rice 5 way Veggies Corn Muffin	25 Lasagna Green Beans Garlic Bread Lettuce Salad Birthday Cake	26 Pork Loin w/ Sauerkraut Baby Reds Carrots Applesauce	27- Halloween Bingo	28
29	30 Vegetable Beef w/Cabbage Soup Chicken Salad on w/w Fruit Fluff	31 Chicken Parmesan Fettuccine Noodles Brussel Sprouts Italian Bread Pudding Cup		Please call 715-682-7150 for reservations	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE								



AT-RISK ELDER HOME RESTORATION FUND

The Bad River Tribe has received a special home restoration grant that allows for assistance of up to \$20,000, to eligible at-risk enrolled elders, age 55 or older, to repair, renovate, and restore their home so it is safe, sanitary, and secure to remain living in. Must be a home owner living on the Bad River Reservation. Home must be applicants primary residence.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Roof, siding, and window repair
- ✓ Mold and tree removal
- ✓ Bathroom modifications
- ✓ Electrical wiring upgrade
- ✓ Extermination services
- ✓ And many more!

FOR AN APPLICATION AND/OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

TRIBAL PLANNER

Ben Connors
72682 Maple St.
Odanah, WI 54861
(715) 682-7111

HOUSING DIRECTOR

Patrick Bigboy
75860 US HWY 2
Odanah, WI 54861
(715) 682-2271

ELDERLY MANAGER

Jean Hahn-Thomas
53508 Nokomis Rd.
Odanah, WI 54861
(715) 682-7150





FOOD SHELF DRIVE

Help us stock the food shelf!
Now accepting donations of non-perishable food and personal items. Together, we can make a positive impact and support families within our community.

DROP OFF LOCATION
Bad River Community Center
72772 Elm Street, Odanah, WI 54861
Monday through Friday | 8am to 4:30pm
We will not accept any expired food items

Most Needed Items

- Heat and eat entrees
- Can openers
- Soup and crackers
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Oatmeal and cereal
- Canned tuna, chicken, spam
- Personal hygiene items
- Pasta and sauce
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Instant rice and side dishes

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YOU



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Recipient of Energy Assistance and Weatherization Assistance

Energy & Weatherization Assistance 2023-2024

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For More Information

or to locate your local agency
call toll free 1-866-HEATWIS (432-8947)
or visit <https://energyandhousing.wi.gov/>



Other Energy Resources

KEEP WISCONSIN WARM/COOL FUND

1-800-891-WARM (9276)
www.kwwf.org

HEAT FOR HEROES

1-800-891-9276
www.heat4heroes.org

FOCUS ON ENERGY

1-800-762-7077
www.focusonenergy.com



This document is made available in alternate formats to individuals with disabilities upon request.

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Weatherization Assistance Program helps homeowners and renters reduce energy costs while increasing comfort in their homes. Weatherization improvements may also make your home environment healthier and safer. Improvements are installed by the local weatherization agency in your area.

If your residence qualifies for weatherization services, you may receive one or more of the following energy efficiency measures:

► **Insulation**

Adding insulation to the attic, walls, and crawlspace helps reduce energy use and increase comfort.

► **Sealing Air Leaks**

Sealing air leaks reduces cold drafts caused by gaps or cracks in the home's structure and may improve indoor air quality.

► **Heating System Update**

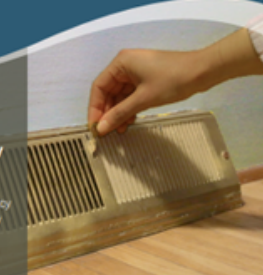
Repairing or replacing an inefficient furnace or boiler will save energy and money.

► **Energy-Saving Products**

Installing water-saving faucet aerators and shower heads and ENERGY STAR® LED bulbs will reduce your energy needs. Replacing an old refrigerator or freezer with a new ENERGY STAR qualified model will also save energy.

Furnace Efficiency and Comfort

To improve your comfort and maximize the efficiency of your furnace, move any furniture, appliances, curtains, or rugs blocking air registers or vents.



What is homeenergy+

Home Energy Plus (HE+) includes the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP), Weatherization Assistance Program, and HE+ Program Services. WHEAP provides assistance for heating costs, electric costs, and energy crisis situations. Weatherization helps renters and homeowners reduce their energy consumption. The HE+ Program Services provides services to eligible homeowners and some renters to repair or replace their heating systems, leaky or non-working water heaters, leaky fixtures, toilets, and piping. Operating with federal and state funding, the programs provide energy assistance payments to over 200,000 households and weatherization services to over 6,000 households in Wisconsin each year.

Who is eligible?

Your household may be eligible for the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP), Weatherization Assistance Program, and the HE+ Program Services based on a number of factors. If your household gross income (before taxes and other deductions) is less than the amount shown on the chart below, you may be eligible. You can apply at your local WHEAP agency, online, or by phone.

Household Size	ONE Month	Annual Income
1	\$2,820.67	\$33,848
2	\$3,688.58	\$44,263
3	\$4,556.50	\$54,678
4	\$5,424.50	\$65,094
5	\$6,292.42	\$75,509
6	\$7,160.33	\$85,924
7	\$7,323.00	\$87,876
8	\$7,485.75	\$89,829

The HE+ Program uses a previous one month gross income test which is annualized to determine program income eligibility. Income for people who are self-employed, farmers, or seasonal workers is based on federal income tax forms for the previous year.

What is the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program and how does it work?

WHEAP assistance is a one-time payment during the heating season (October 1-May 15). The funding pays a portion of energy costs, but it is not intended to cover the entire energy costs of a residence. The amount of the energy assistance benefit depends on a variety of factors, including the household's size, income, and energy costs. In most cases, the energy assistance benefit is paid directly to the household's energy supplier.

What types of energy bills are eligible for assistance?

Homes heated with wood, propane, natural gas, electricity, or fuel oil can receive energy assistance. Your household may also be eligible to receive a payment for your non-heating electric costs through funding provided by Wisconsin's Public Benefits Program.

If you currently do not have heat or may be disconnected

Crisis assistance may be available if you have no heat, have received a disconnect notice, or are nearly out of fuel and are unable to purchase more. WHEAP agencies provide a 24-hour crisis phone number to help with emergencies after business hours. Non-emergency assistance may include information on how to reduce energy costs, counseling on budgeting and money management, and payments to an energy provider.

Furnace/boiler repair and replacement

The HE+ Program Services can assist eligible homeowners and some renters whose furnace or boiler stops operating. The program can pay for repairs or, in some situations, a total replacement of a non-operating system. Call your local WHEAP agency or the statewide Customer Care Center (1-800-506-5596) immediately if you are experiencing a no-heat situation.

LED DECORATIVE LIGHTING

Consider using LED decorative lights. They last longer and use up to 93% less energy than standard mini lights. Put your lights on timers or light sensors to save even more energy.



For more information or to locate your local agency
call toll free 1-866-HEATWIS (432-8947)
or visit <https://energyandhousing.wi.gov/>.

Apply online for WHEAP benefits
at <https://energybenefit.wi.gov>.

Program services are available without regard to race, color, gender or gender identity, sexuality, age, religion, national origin, or mental or physical disability.

Apply online for WHEAP benefits at <https://energybenefit.wi.gov>. To complete a phone application, call your local agency or call our statewide Customer Care Center at 1-800-506-5596.

Bad River Housing Authority

Now available to off reservation tribal members



Bad River Housing Authority

Bad River Homeowners Assistance Fund

Available to all Homeowners who are Bad River Tribal Members living in the service area. (Ashland County, Bayfield County, Iron County)

Direct any Questions to:
HAF Caseworkers:

Jessica Parisien
715-682-2271 ext. 1671
J.Parisien@Badriver-nsn.gov or
BRHA-CM@Badriver-nsn.gov

Ashley Bates
715-682-2271 ext. 1678
A.Bates@Badriver-nsn.gov

Fax: 715-682-6818

Services included:

- ✓ Mortgage Payment Assistance
- ✓ Costs related to a period of forbearance, delinquency, or default.
- ✓ Facilitating mortgage interest rate reductions
- ✓ Homeowners Insurance
- ✓ Payment Assistance for: Homeowners utilities including, gas, electric, home energy, water, internet/ broadband service.
- ✓ Payment assistance with delinquent property taxes
- ✓ Assistance for down payment assistance loans
- ✓ Assistance with negotiations with third- party payee associations related to housing costs.
- ✓ County/ Tribal/ Local taxing Authority, Condominium Homeowners association Fees
- ✓ Home repairs to maintain the habitability of a home to avoid homeowner displacement.

Verification needed with Application:

Proof of:

- Bad River Tribal ID/ Cert.
- Must be Primary residence of the Homeowner,
- Homeownership/ Deed,
- Mortgage,
- Liens/ Loans,
- Past 30 days of income, or copy of the 2020 taxes (form 1040 as filed with IRS for the household)
- Must be income eligible.

Ashland County, Bayfield County, Iron County Income Limits

	1person	2person	3person	4person	5person	6person	7person
Greater of 100%	\$79,900	\$79,900	\$79,900	\$79,900	\$79,900	\$83,300	\$89,050
Greater of 150%	\$79,900	\$86,200	\$96,950	\$107,700	\$116,350	\$124,950	\$133,550

Applications Available at Bad River Housing Authority or the Admin (Blackbird Center)

*Availability subject to Grant Funding. Funded through the United States Department of Treasury.