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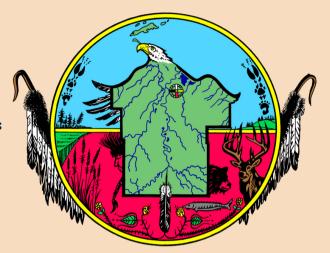
2024

#### 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! (Come here! Let's read!)



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#### Writer's Message

#### Boozhoo Everyone!

I'd just like to say thank you to those who have been following our newsletter! For this edition of the Newsletter, there won't be a Speaking With Elders section unfortunately, but there will be another edition coming out a little later this month which will have a long requested interview. This edition will be noticeably thinner than it usually is as I'm starting to work out how to streamline our information. But for now, I simply wanted to get this out now so that the calendars are available for some programs.

Miigwech!

#### General Community News



#### **About the NIST-Racer Grant**

The North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center and PowerAmerica have partnered to provide solar and renewable energy workforce and professional training opportunities nationwide. The "Build Pandemic Resilience in Native American Communities" project was created to help build pandemic resilience in communities with reliable and efficient renewable energy systems and train a talented workforce to design, install, and maintain these systems.

#### **Who Should Attend the Trainings**

Recommended for individuals from or serving Native American communities and individuals who identify as People of Color, women, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and/or members of the LGBTQIA+ community in the following careers:

- · Educators and students from TCUs, NASNTIs, HBCUs, HSIs
- · Engineers and Electricians
- · Contractors and Roofers
- Skilled professionals transitioning careers into the solar industry

#### Fundamental of Solar PV Design & Installation Course

#### February 19-23, 2024-10 am - 5 pm EST

This virtual course provides technical training for solar photovoltaic (PV) system design and installation, including a focus on system types; components; applications; design; and, best practices for installation, maintenance, and troubleshooting. Attendees will be eligible to sit for the NABCEP PV Associate Exam after completing this 5-day course.

#### **Solar Energy Storage Course**

#### March 27-29, 2024 - 10 am - 5 pm EST

This three-day, virtual course covers fundamental principles of battery-based systems including understanding customer needs; specifying and sizing a battery bank, inverters, and charge controllers for battery-based systems; defining system architecture and functionality; battery metering; and understanding the code implications of these systems.

#### Learn More & Register at <a href="https://go.ncsu.edu/nist-racer">https://go.ncsu.edu/nist-racer</a>



Monday 11:00am - 4:30pm

Tuesday 11:00am - 4:30pm

Wednesday 11:00am - 4:30pm

Thursday 11:00am - 4:30pm

Friday 11:00am - 4:30pm

Saturday Closed

Sunday Closed

 $library coordinator@badriver-nsn.gov \cdot 608-405-9491$ 

The free screenings for Bad River Tribal members and other Progress North friends are at **6:00 PM March 15th**, **6:00 PM March 16th**. There will also be a third screening on the **16th at 3:30 PM**. Bad River Transit will provide rides to the evening showings on the 15th and 16th. **There will also be matinees for both days at 3:30 PM**, hosted by PROGRESS NORTH Please call the Bad River Transit at 715-685-9461 with your information for the rides.

- 1. A special screening of BAD RIVER will be on March 7 in Los Angeles as part of the Native Women in Film Festival. Bad River member, Bella Wabindato, will be welcoming the audience and also joining Allison Abner (our co-producer who writes for Narcos and West Wing and who is a Stockbridge Munsee Band descendant) on stage for a panel discussion. Also onstage will be Mato Wayuhi (Rez Dogs composer) and Shep Crawford (who worked with Whitney Houston/BoysIIMen, and others), as both
- 2. We are expanding our theatrical run starting March 15 to Milwaukee and to Atlanta. For a full list of locations:

#### www.BadRiverFilm.com/dates/

Mato and Shep worked on the film score.

3. Our first official film critical review has come in: "Bad River' is an exceptional testament to Native resilience. I laughed, cried and raised my hand in triumph.... a 10 out of 10...It was just so beautifully done.... Bad River is definitely going to be one of my highest-recommended films of 2024. – Vincent Schilling, Film Critic, Rotten Tomatoes

## **BAD RIVER**

A STORY OF DEFIANCE.



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SOUTHERN BRIDE

Family Foundation

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50 EGGS

Bad River's Superior Connection is going for a grant to bring high speed broadband to Native Americans (including Native Alaskans or Native Hawaiians) in unserved communities of Gurney, Hurley, Marengo, Mellen, Saxon and some southern neighborhoods of City of Ashland. Do you have Native American family members or friends that either live or own businesses in these areas? Please fill in this 1-minute survey or email it to them to fill in.

#### Click Here for the Survey

Your response is very important to our chances at receiving a grant to bring fiber optic services to northern, rural Wisconsin.



# CAREER 14TH March 2024 CONNECTIONS EXPO Find your next job, internship or professional opportunity!

### NORTHLAND COLLEGE





#### 11 AM - 3:00 PM

- Free and open to all
- Hourly door prizes
- Professional Networking
- Food and refreshments
- (3) \$50 gift card drawings
- Free headshot photos

Scan the QR code for confirmed employers

Northland College Gymnasium - 1411 Ellis Ave

## BAD RIVER TRANSIT WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

#### **SCAN ME**



JUST SCAN THE QR CODE TO TAKE A 2-MINUTE SURVEY. THOSE WHO COMPLETE IT ARE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR A \$25 HUDSON BAY GIFT CERTIFICATE OR A \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM THE GITCH. EVERYONE RECEIVES 2 FREE RIDES ON A BAD RIVER BUS.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL B.GEHRED@BADRIVER-NSN.GOV

#### Bad River Senior Servies Department

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	March							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
					Fishwich Potato Salad Green Beans Applesauce	2		
3	Chili Cornbread Lettuce Salad Banana	In-Service Office Open  Casino Elderly Breakfast	6 Sloppy Joe on Bun Sweet Potato Fries Peas Fruit Cup	Pork & Sauerkraut Boiled Potatoes Baby Carrots Apple Crisp	8 Lemon Pepper Cod Rice Pilaf Green Beans Cottage Cheese w/ Fruit	9		
Daylight Savings Time!!	11 Vegetable Beef Soup Mini Sub Sandwich w/lettuce Jello w/fruit	12 Sweet & Sour Meatballs Brown Rice Broccoli Pineapple Cup	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce WG Noodles, Wax Beans Italian Bread Orange	14 Hot Dog on Bun Sweet Potato Wedge Corn Grapes	Tuna Patty Boiled Baby Reds And Carrots Lime Jello	16		
17	18 Corned Beef & Cabbage Soup Ham Salad Sandwich on WW Lettuce Salad Pistachio Cake	Tator Tot Casserole California Veggies Tea Biscuit Cottage Cheese & Peaches	20 Pork Mexi-Carnita Bake Black Beans Salad Birthday Cake	21 Turkey Tetrazzini Roasted Brussel Sprouts Biscuit Applesauce	Baked Pollock  ½ Baked Potato  Mixed Veggie  Pears	23		
24/31	25 Bean Soup Ground Bologna Sandwich Lettuce Salad Fresh Fruit	26 Chicken Teriyaki Brown Rice Carrots Egg Roll Pineapple	Goulash Green Beans Garlic Bread Pudding Cup	28 1 <sup>st</sup> Meal Roast Pork Mashed Potatoes Corn/Fruit 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meal Tuna Salad Chips, Fruit, Yogurt	Good Friday	2024		



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					1	2 St. Mary's BINGO at the Casino 5:30pm
3	4	5 In-Service Office Open  Casino Elderly Breakfast  Fishing Mtg Casino Kakagon 5-7pm	Blood Pressure & Glucose Testing 11:45-1pm GLNAEA in Onieda	7 GLNAEA in Onieda	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time!!	11	Judicare Wills Caravan @ Casino Convention Center 9am-5pm	Medicare Minutes Nona Crowe Part-D Coverage 11:30-1:30	Ribbon Skirt Class 1:15-3:30pm	15	16
17	18	WHEAP Elder Outreach 10am-2pm	20	21 Ribbon Skirt Class 1:15-3:30pm	22	23
24/31	25	26 Elderly Advisory Board Meeting 1pm	27	28	Good Friday All Tribal Offices close at noon	2024



#### Natural Resources Department:

Tribal Birch Pole and	d Twig Ordinance
( ) Ordinance Title	
This ordinance shall POLE AND TWIG OF	be known, and may be cited as, the BAD RIVER RESERVATION WIIGWAAS (BIRCH)
( ) Findings.	
brought forth conce elders were seeking food for our commu	e and Twig Moratorium was enacted by the Bad River Tribal Council after elders erns regarding wiigwaas (birch) pole harvest waste generated and left unused. The protection for this grandfather who provides medicines, shelter, transportation, and unity. Prior to the changes in commercial birch demands, the Bad River Community vested birch bark. This ordinance is an effort to merge the two worlds and continue is of the future.
( ) Purposes.	
and gathering locat	assist the Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department to monitor harvest volumes ions to ensure the future of this precious resource. Currently, this regulation is these restrictions may change as we track and monitor the uses of these trees.
Chapter 1.23 – In ar code shall be in plac	n effort to close the moratorium on wiigwaas (birch) twig harvesting, the following ce.
	A <b>Birch Twig Harvest Permit</b> shall be obtained from the Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department prior to any birch twigs being harvested.
	1.23.01 – The Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department issues, at no cost to the permittee, a permit that is required for tribal members to cut birch twigs.
	1.23.02 – The permit will indicate where the permittee chooses to harvest birch twigs.
	1.23.03 – The permit will indicate the dates (within 1 year) in which the permittee will be harvesting birch twigs.
	1.23.04 – The permit will indicate the extent, or how much, birch twig product will be harvested.
	$1.23.05$ – Permits will be made available for seasonal harvest, which will be from September $1^{st}$ to March $31^{st}$ . No birch twig cutting is to occur from April $1^{st}$ to August $31^{st}$ .
	Actions while harvesting birch twigs
	1.23.06 – The permit is only for the permittee that signs for the permit through the Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department. No helpers without permits are allowed to assist in the birch twig harvest. No non-tribal person will be allowed to be in the area of the birch twig harvest.
	1.23.07 – Waste will not be tolerated. Any permittee found to be cutting saplings will risk having their permit revoked and penalties will be imposed as

indicated under Subchapter D-Violations.

1.23.08 – The permit is applicable to Bad River Lands that are designated as either Tribal trust or Tribal non-trust (Formerly known as "fee"). Twigs shall not be removed from private lands or sole allotments without express written permission from the landowner or allotee carried on the permittee at the time of harvest.

#### Conditions of the resource

- 1.23.09 Trees from which birch twigs are harvested must be greater than 4.4 inches in diameter.
- 1.23.10 Birch twigs being harvested must not be closer than 100 feet from the center of the nearest road.
- 1.23.11 No evidence of wiigwaas (birch) twig harvest shall be left at the harvest site.
- 1.23.12 No birch pole, seedling, or sapling cutting shall be allowed.

#### Violations

- 1.23.13 First offense Seizure of harvest equipment and \$100 fine in addition to three times the wholesale value of the resource in question.
- 1.23.14 Second offense Seizure of harvest equipment and \$200 fine in addition to three times the wholesale value of the resource in question.
- 1.23.15 Third offense Seizure of harvest equipment and \$300 fine in addition to three times the wholesale value of the resource in question.
- 1.23.16 Additional offenses Shall fall in line progressively with previous offenses.
- 1.23.17 on-reservation as well as off-reservation harvest and treaty rights will be relinquished until all fine(s) and court costs are paid.

#### Definitions.

- (1.23.18) "DBH" Diameter at breast height
- (1.23.19) "Paper birch"—Betula papyrifera (Latin) or wiigwaasaatig (Ojibwemowin) a short-lived species of birch native to North America. Named for its thin white bark which often peels in paper-like layers from the trunk.
- (1.23.20) "Pole" A relatively young tree that measures between 4.5" and 12" in diameter at breast height.
- (1.23.21) "Sapling" A young tree that measures between 1/2" and 4.4" in DBH.
- (1.23.22) "Twig" A portion of a tree that extends off of a main stem and produces leaves or seeds.
- (1.23.23) "Wiigwaas" The Ojibwemowin word for birch bark or paper birch bark.
- (1.23.24) "Wiigwaasaatig" The Ojibwemowin word for birch tree or paper birch tree.

#### **Maple Harvesting Interest Survey:**

We're gathering information about maple sap harvesting & syrup production.
Please share your perspectives by filling out the survey and share with your communities, miigwech!

#### Click here for the survey!



#### GLIFWC Maple Harvesting Interest Survey

Whether you're curious about sap harvesting and what it takes to produce syrup and other maple products, or just starting to plan for the spring sugarbush season, we want to hear from you!

Please take a few minutes to tell us more about your interest in maple sap harvesting and syrup production.

Your input will provide GLIFWC staff direction & support in seeking funding for maple syrup related projects.

Complete the survey for a chance to win maple syrup, or a maple syruping tool, such as a hydrometer!

Scan the QR code to begin the survey or click the link provided:





If you have any questions, please contact Laura White at lwhite@glifwc.org or by calling 715-292-8726

#### TEST YOUR HOME FOR RADON!

#### FREE RADON TESTING

From January to April 2024

Radon does cause lung cancer and can be prevented if addressed properly. The Tribal Air Office offers free radon testing and IAQ monitoring services every year. It is easy and takes only a very short period of time to test your home for radon. If you would like to schedule testing, please use the contact information below and set a date to test your home.

#### Zakkary Zander, Air Quality Technician

72682 Maple Street Odanah, WI 54861

Phone: 715-682-7123 ext. 1553

Email: airquailtytech@badriver-nsn.gov

#### Food Sovereignty:

We would like to give the community an update on what's happening with the Fish House building. Some may remember it as the old Kraft bar, along US 2 towards Ashland.

This space is being transformed into a commercial kitchen and food processing facility. There is currently a walk-in cooler, freezer, and commercial kitchen equipment for food preparation and processing. The goal of this space is to utilize it for receiving local produce, processing, making food for the community, and inviting community members to participate in food related workshops.

Justin Rufus has been working on transforming this space. He is our Local Food Purchasing and Foods Distribution Specialist and is currently utilizing LFPA funding to purchase local foods for distribution among our Bad River Community. He has already gotten 5 weeks' worth of CSA boxes from Bayfield Foods Co-op and the food has gone to various departments and programs such as HeadStart, Elderly, SNAP-ed and WIC, Harm Reduction, and various community members in need.

Justin is working on developing a pilot program called Food Box by Prescription in collaboration with the clinic. Our aim is to purchase as much produce locally and from our own tribal members as possible to distribute these foods back into the community helping lead to positive health outcomes. This LFPA money has also allowed Food Sovereignty to be compensated for the food we produce which is why all our produce has been free for the community.

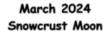
If you are a tribal producer who would like to sell foods to Justin for the Food Box by Prescription Program, please contact Justin Rufus at (715) 979-1010. The Fish House is currently waiting on plumbing and electrical work, but we hope to have it up and running by Spring. We have much to look forward to!

-Katie Koch
Food Sovereignty Coordinator

#### Bad River Boys & Girls Club:

#### GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

#### Onaabani-giizis





After School
Hours:
Monday-Friday
3:00-5:30pm
Everyone
5:30-7pm
Teen Time
(6<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up)

#### Trips this Month

March 22nd Teen Sky zone Trip 5-9:00 Leave BGC @ 5:00P.M.

March 25th
Swimming at Bayfield Rec
Center
Leave BGC @ 12
12-4 P.M.

March 28<sup>th</sup>
Lacrosse
Leave BGC @ 8
8-4:30P.M.

March 29<sup>th</sup>
Northern Great Lakes
Visitor Center
Leave BGC @ TBD





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
					1 Free Choice Night	2
3	4 T.R.A.I.L. -Power Hour -Game Club	5 -Gym Time -Triple Play	6 -Chef- In- Training -Agindaasodaa (Let's Read)@ Community Center 5Pm-7pm	7 <u>Cultural Nights</u> -Beading Club -Language Table -Craft Club -Drum Group	8 Free Choice Night	9
10 Spring Forward	11 T.R.A.I.L. -Power Hour -Game Club	12 -Gym Time -Triple Play	13 -Chef- In- Training -Power Hour -Triple Play	14 <u>Cultural Nights</u> -Beading Club -Language Table -Craft Club -Drum Group	15 Free Choice Night	16
General	18 T.R.A.I.L. -Power Hour -Game Club	19 -Gym Time -Triple Play	20 -Chef- In- Training -Power Hour -Triple Play	21 Cultural Nights -Beading Club -Language Table -Craft Club -Drum Group	22 Free Choice Night -Teen Trip@SkyZone 5pm-10pm	23
24	25 *Special Club Hours Swimming@ Bayfield Rec Center 12pm-4pm	26 *Special Club Hours -TBD	27 *Special Club Hours -TBD	Closed -Lacrosse Trip to Lac Vieux Desert Boys & Girls Club	29 *Special Club Hours(Club Closes at 12) -Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center Tour	30

Due to Spring Break, club will be open during the day to accommodate.

\*Special Hours: 8:00 am- 4:30 pm

T.R.A.I.L.S- Done Monday to Friday During Club Hours

#### \*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.
  - \* Club Phone: 715-685-9489

#### Bad River Family & Social Services:



#### **MASHKIIZIIBII**

## WARMING CENTER





- Open 24 hours a day 7 days a week
- Peer Specialist services available
- For Bad River Tribal members only
- Provides a safe and warm space
- Connection to local programs
- Check-in daily from 5pm to 10pm

#### **CONTACT US**



Telephone

(715) 685-7840 ext. 1456



Address

53751 Pine St, Odanah, WI



## FREE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE

AVAILABLE AT HARM REDUCTION BUILDING
-CONTACTLISA (715-292-3500) OR ELI (715-292-2644)



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Recipient of Energy Assistance and Weatherization Assistance

#### home energy +

#### **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





**Energy & Weatherization Assistance 2023-2024** 

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 MMCCNCTGY.

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.



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.