

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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POKWAAGAMI-GIIZIS  
(BROKEN SNOWSHOE  
MOON)

## APRIL

### MARCH BREAK ACTIVITIES:

Rocky Bay Child & Family Services would like to thank Francine Nobis for the awesome March break event challenges that the RBCFS Parent Volunteer Committee provided to the BZA members via online submissions. We are grateful for all the hard work Francine does in fund-raising for the events that she provides to the community members.

There were categories for both children and adults with 3 winners chosen from both BZA and TBay for the numerous events which were held throughout the week. The entries were creative, fun, and everyone did an awesome job in their challenges!



RBCFS would also like to thank Maryanne Mickelson, Peggy Lynch, and the BZA team for their dedication and hard work in providing all the awesome March break events which were held in the community.



Some of the events that took place included Ojibway Painting, Yahtzee, sliding & a bonfire, Duck Pond, and much more. The week ended with a family dance, pizza party and fireworks.



## Winners of the RBCFS Parent-Volunteer March Break activities:

Children Events	BZA	TBAY
Make an animal with your hand/footprint	1 <sup>st</sup> - Hazel	1 <sup>st</sup> - Joseph
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Keira	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Kendall
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Aeirie	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Rosie
How big can you blow a bubble with gum	1 <sup>st</sup> - Cory Jr	1 <sup>st</sup> - Triton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Dylan	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Jack
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Brayden	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Jesse
Make a balloon animal	1 <sup>st</sup> - Noa	1 <sup>st</sup> - Emerson
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - River	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Rosie
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Keira	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Takoda
Make a snowman with attitude	1 <sup>st</sup> - Ryder	1 <sup>st</sup> - Zabreya
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Brayden	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Danny
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Jared	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Terence
Best smile or build a tower	1 <sup>st</sup> - Jayce	1 <sup>st</sup> - Remy
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Khalani	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Zylus
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Khali	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Takoda
Make a paper airplane and see how far it can fly	1 <sup>st</sup> - Rylan	1 <sup>st</sup> - Triton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Dylan	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Jaxon
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Cory Jr	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Danny
Dress up as a leprechaun	1 <sup>st</sup> - Jayce	1 <sup>st</sup> - Emerson
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Khali	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Rosie
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Keira	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Takoda
Take a selfie dressed in green	1 <sup>st</sup> - Dylan	1 <sup>st</sup> - Danny
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Rylan	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Sabreya
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Brayden	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Triton
Best happy dance or sleeping moment	1 <sup>st</sup> - River	1 <sup>st</sup> - Olivi's grandson
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Khalani	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Toriann
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Khali	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Emerson
Chicken dance video	1 <sup>st</sup> - Ryder	1 <sup>st</sup> - Danny
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Rylan	2 <sup>nd</sup> - N/A
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Brayden	3 <sup>rd</sup> - N/A



Adult Events	BZA	TBAY
Juggle 3 pieces of toilet paper	1 <sup>st</sup> - Cory Sr	1 <sup>st</sup> - Alexandra
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Catherine	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alice
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Terry	3 <sup>rd</sup> - N/A
Make a snow shelter/fort	1 <sup>st</sup> - Raquel	1 <sup>st</sup> - Alice
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Cory Sr	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Julia
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Brandie	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Tenessa
Make your best bannock	1 <sup>st</sup> - Ashley	1 <sup>st</sup> - Alexandra
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Wanda	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Tenessa
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Josee	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Winonah
Make a St Pat's theme shirt	1 <sup>st</sup> - Felicia	1 <sup>st</sup> - Alexandra
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Wanda	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Tenessa
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Terry	3 <sup>rd</sup> - N/A
Chicken dance video	1 <sup>st</sup> - Margaret	1 <sup>st</sup> - Remy
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Raquel	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Zylus
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - N/A	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Takoda
Make a paper airplane and see how far it can fly	1 <sup>st</sup> - Rylan	1 <sup>st</sup> - Mel
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Dylan	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Alexandra
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Cory Jr	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Alice

### FAMILY COLLAGE CHALLENGE:

**BZA – Wanda Thompson & Family**

**Tbay – Alexandra Hardy & Family**

### Winner of the 50/50 draw:

**Luke Goodman who took home  
\$1,500.00**



## Child & Family Services

The Child & Family team hosted a Family Pizza Night. All the ingredients were delivered to the registered BZA families and the results were amazing and looked delicious!

If you missed out on this event, please check April's monthly calendar for the next family event that the Child & Family team will be hosting. Spaces are limited and registration is required!



### APRIL FEATURED STAFF:

Boozhoo,

Ashley Baxter ndizhnikaaas. I'm part of the Turtle Clan and my community is Lake Helen First Nation. My late grandfather is Buddy Sault and my late mother is Debbie Sault. I'm a mother to 2 active boys. I love to attend and dance at pow wows.



Currently, I am working part time as the Traditional Care Home Recruitment Worker. I work out of the satellite office in Thunder Bay and travel to BZA for programs, community events and assisting with home studies.

I'm assigned to find individuals able to provide support and care to children and families in a healthy environment focused on Anishinaabek culture, to ensure that community members are caring for their own children and that they can honor our traditional values.

### ELDERS' CORNER:

Boozhoo,

I am an Elder for Rocky Bay Child and Family Services here in Thunder Bay.

I am also a women's hand drummer and a traditional dancer.

As a drummer there are certain protocols we must follow.

Our drums are a sacred item, we must love, honor, and respect her.

When not in use, she must be placed upward.

We must smudge her and ourselves before using her. Rub her with bear grease and give her water once in a while.

Ladies must always wear a skirt.

The beats of the drum are the heart beats of Mother Earth"

Miigwech – Diane Hardy



### LOOKING FORWARD TO APRIL!

- ELDERS' SOCIAL – BZA/TBAY
- EASTER EGG HUNT – TBAY
- MAKE A BUNNY CAKE - BZA
- RIBBON SKIRT MAKING - TBAY
  - SEWING CLUB – BZA
- DREAMCATCHER EARING MAKING -BZA/TBAY
  - ADULT SOCIAL – BZA
  - AND MUCH MORE!



### SOCIAL REPATRIATION WORKER

Boozhoo

I am Thomas Krawczuk AKA Tommy Nobis. I am a BZA band member and was born in Thunder Bay at McKellar Hospital. I was raised in both the city and on the reserve. I come from the bear clan, my spirit name is Little Feather. Currently I live in Thunder Bay with my partner Carolyn; we are a blended family with 7 children.

My parents are Alice Nobis from BZA and Richard Krawczuk from Red Rock. My grandparents are Roger Nobis SR AKA Rope-Man and Deloris Nobis who had 4 children: my mother Alice Nobis, my uncle Roger Nobis Jr, my aunties Cathleen Nobis, and Francine Nobis. As a child I always loved going to Rocky Bay for long weekends and holidays; summer and winter were always fun. Thanks to my mom I have been dancing grass style since I was 4 years old. I remember crying sometimes because I didn't want to but in time a want and need grew in me for the sound of the drum. Dancing in my regalia became a way to free myself from the world and my issues. I loved it and I still do.

I am the Social Repatriation Worker with Rocky Bay Child and Family Services which is an exciting challenge for me. I have been working since I was 14 years old beginning with my first job in Rocky Bay. I have graduated grade 12 and completed several college courses. I bring to the job my personal life experience having grown up on and off the reserve. I am most grateful for having this opportunity to join the RBCFS team, to be a part of the community, and to help my community come together as a whole.

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Tommy Nobis



### TRADITIONAL CARE

The Traditional Care team held a virtual Rock Painting workshop via Zoom for the BZA members.



Kinship Care Day takes place on April 20, 2022. We recognize all our Traditional Care Providers. Miigwetch.

Wehwehni giwendaso abinoji.  
“Looking after children in a good way.”

### Jordan's Principle

Jordan's Principle is an initiative to ensure that First Nations children who require support to meet a health, education or social need (as recommended by a professional) can access those services in the same ways as other children in Canada.

Some of the services that may be provided through the Jordan's Principle include:

- Mental health services
- Specialized hearing aids
- Mobility aids
- Personal support worker
- Respite care
- Tutoring services
- Teaching assistants
- School supplies

For more information, please contact Desiree Hardy, Jordan's Principle worker at 807-887-1697, ext. 4006.