

# MONTHLY NEWS

## AUGUST

AUGUST IS:  
MANOOMINIKÉ-  
GIIZIS  
(RICING MOON)  
MONTH

### ELDER'S CORNER:

Booshoo!

I am Joceline Nobis, some still know me by my nickname Channon. My spirit name in English is Internal Lasting Thunderbird kwe, and my clan/dodem is from the White Bear Dodem. I am from a family of 15 siblings and have 4 grown children and 5 grandchildren.

I had lived and worked in Rocky Bay school in the Special Education program. Before moving to Rocky Bay, I worked for Beendigen Crisis Center for years. I have 3 diplomas from a university, college and business College. I was honored with the student excellence award and being a class valedictorian from Nipissing University.



As an elder I am committed to all of what Rocky Bay Child & Family Services stands for, this unique agency that is much needed for all. Currently I sit with 4 other elders on this committee and have been with them from the beginning. It is such an honor to be part of this team. Keeping family together and connected is vital to all children and families. I was one of those children growing up in care and disconnected from family. This is the goal of Rocky Bay Child & Family Services to ensure this does not happen.

We are not limited to what we do as an elder. We provide support to the agency in all aspects of programming and delivery of services from social events to gatherings. We also provide emotional support either in a group setting or one on one. Most definitely having the cultural component to all programming whether it be beading, sewing, teachings, sharing circles and drumming is important. With my regards to you all.

Miigwetch  
Joceline Nobis

**HONOURING OUR  
CHILDREN DAY  
HAS BEEN  
RESCHEDULED FOR  
THURSDAY  
AUGUST 26, 2021**

**LOCATION: BZA  
POWWOW GROUNDS**

**ROYAL WINDSOR  
LODGE CEREMONY &  
EVENTS**

**MONDAY AUGUST 23,  
2021**

***\*Stay posted for  
further details!***

**"If the very old will remember, the very young  
will listen." – Chief Dan George**

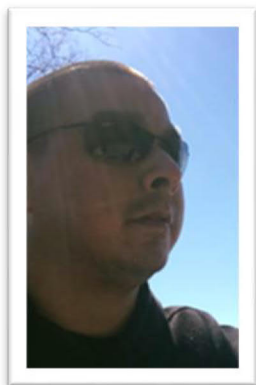
## Welcome to the RBCFS Team!

**Melanie Thompson – Traditional Home Care Worker**

### AUGUST FEATURED STAFF:

Boozhoo,

My name is Cheyenne Nobis, and I am from Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek or as us old timers remember it (Rocky Bay Reserve). I have started a new position here at Rocky Bay Child & Family Services as a 'Child & Family Worker' here in Thunder Bay. I made the switch to come and work for my community as I hold an Honours Degree in Social Work with a concentration in Indigenous Learning. It was a goal of mine to one day be able to help my people as we are a people overrepresented in the Justice System.



It makes me happy to see that we are starting to establish services for our families both on and off reserve as I believe it is much needed. I bring my values & traditions, my lived experiences, and my education to this position. I am a father to three boys; two whom are now almost men. Growing up our family did our best to be a 'family' and we still are

learning how to be a better family every day. That is what I wish for all of our community, and I know I am not alone since I have started working with the team here at RBCFS.

I leave you all with these familiar quotes - "It takes a village to raise a child". And "the future of Indigenous people will depend on our youth".

Miigwetch,

Cheyenne Nobis aka 'benj'

### BUSINESS CORNER:

With COVID Restrictions slowly lifting, we are eagerly awaiting to welcome you to visit our offices.

**STAY TUNED for GRAND OPENING DATES!**

**COMING SOON – 2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

### STATUS CARD RENEWAL

There will be a Status Card Renewal Clinic at the Thunder Bay Satellite Office on

**Monday August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**and**

**Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am – 2:00 pm.**

Please contact Joann Lesperance at [jlesperance@rockybayfn.ca](mailto:jlesperance@rockybayfn.ca) or by telephone at 807-935-8406 to book an appointment.

**Please bring valid ID and Long Form Birth Certificate**

### LOOKING FORWARD TO AUGUST!

**\*HONOURING OUR CHILDREN DAY AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup>**

**\*TEACHINGS with THE ELDERS**

**\*WALKING GROUP – BZA/TBAY**

**\*TEEN TOWN - BZA**

**\*SUPERHERO PICNIC – BZA**

**\*FORT WILLIAM HISTORICAL PARK VISIT**

**\*SUMMER STUDENTCAMP WEEK – BZA**

**\*SCAVENGER HUNT - BZA**

**\*SOCIAL REPATRIATION SESSION**

**\*TRADITIONAL CARE MEET & GREET – TBAY**

**\*JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE SESSION @ BZA**

**\*ELDER'S SOCIAL – BZA**

**\*ROCK THE DOCK - BZA**

**\*FAMILY BEACH DAY – BZA/TBAY**

**\*STATUS CARD CLINIC -TBAY**

**\*ROYAL WINDSOR LODGE CEREMONY AUG 23<sup>rd</sup>**