

# Ashi-niswi giizisoog (Thirteen Moons)

## Gichi-Manidoo Giizis

*The new Manidoo-giizisoons begins December 26. This is the Little Spirit Moon. Another name for this moon is Gichi-bibooni-giizis, the Big Winter Moon.*

## New 13 Moons Coordinator

**B**oozhoo, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those who don't already know me, my name is Phillip Savage and I will be the new coordinator for the 13 moons extension program. I reside in the Brookston district with my wife and two children. My parents are Jeff and Sandra Savage. My grandparents were Richard and Beverly (Zacher) Savage of Sawyer, and Ray and Josephine (Beargrease) Sandman of Brookston.

I graduated with my high school diploma from the Cloquet School District. I received my Associate of Arts degree from Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in 2011. During my time at FDLTCC I had the honor of serving as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Anishinaabe Student Council. I also had the opportunity to participate in the Blandin Foundations Reservation community leadership program. This program is a cohort dedicated to building social capital and strong leadership skills among the states Reservations and selected communities most promising leaders of the present and future.

In 2015 I was elected as chairman to Cloquet school district's



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JOM (Johnson-O'Malley) Indian education program, which I am still serving on. This program dedicates federal monies to the educational support and creation of culturally relevant programming for students who are enrolled in a federally recognized Reservation. I believe that culturally relevant education and practices are crucial to the well-being and survival of our traditional ways. I believe this goes hand in hand with the mission statement of the 13 Moons program which is to "Increase the awareness of natural resources, provide new opportunities for social interaction and increase knowledge of Anishinaabe culture."

13 Moons also is designed to use the natural progression of the seasons to demonstrate

traditional uses, and identify economic opportunities within the natural resources of our homeland. This year we will be hosting seasonal workshops from herbal products to wild foods samplings, from sugar bush to wild rice camp. We will be starting off the New Year with our beautiful Gichi-Manidoo Giizis (Great Spirit Moon) Powwow January 17 and 18. We look forward to seeing the community participate in these events. Any questions or suggestions are welcomed. I can be reached at [philsavage@fdlrez.com](mailto:philsavage@fdlrez.com), or (218) 878-7123. I would also like to thank FDL and FDLTCC for this opportunity. Miigwitch!

## 2019 Spring Fishing Harvest Summary

The 2019 Spring Harvest fishing report is now on the Fond du Lac website.

Declarations for walleye harvest were made on a total of 7 lakes within the 1837 Ceded Territory of Minnesota and 15 lakes in the 1854 Ceded Territory. No declarations were made for any Wisconsin 1837 or 1842 Ceded Territory lakes.

Again in 2019, Fond du Lac (FDL) Band members had the opportunity to sign-up online for spearing and netting activities. By signing up online, individuals provided Resource Management Division (RMD) staff with contact phone numbers and email addresses. Individuals could also call RMD staff during regular work hours to sign up, if this was easier. There were 93 Band members that signed up an increase from 62 in 2018. It should be noted that there were a few individuals that ultimately ended up participating that never did sign up, but rather called RMD on a daily basis to inquire about available harvest opportunities. Also, many individuals that did sign up never actually participated.

Each morning, RMD staff would choose lakes to open for that night and determine the number of available permits. Staff would send a mass email AND a mass text message to all individuals that had signed up and provided an email address and/or cell phone number. These email and texts would state the lakes open for the night. Those individuals that were interested and available to participate were given until noon to either call in or respond to the email. RMD staff planned to conduct a lottery-type drawing at noon to distribute the available permits amongst those interested in participating for that night. Daily drawings never did occur as we never had more Band members interested than the number of available permits. Every Band member was able to participate on any night they were interested and available.

This is a portion of the full report that is available on the [fdlrez.com](http://fdlrez.com) website, which can be found on a link on the homepage.

Sign up to the 13 Moons listserv for the latest information on workshops and events by emailing [thirteenmoons@fdlrez.com](mailto:thirteenmoons@fdlrez.com) Don't forget to check us out on Facebook! 13 Moons Ashi niswi giizisoog

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# Gichi Manidoo Giizis Traditional Pow Wow “Taking Care of the Land and Community”

**Saturday January 18th, 2020**



**Registration: 10am  
Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm  
Feast at 5pm**

**Black Bear Casino Resort  
Otter Creek Event Center  
1785 Highway 210  
Carlton, MN 55718**

**Hotel Reservations: 1-888-771-0777**

**Free Admission~Open to the Public ~Alcohol & Drug Free Event**

Join our event on the 13 Moons Ashi niswi giizisoog Facebook page

## ***Taking Care of the Land and Community***

**Info booths and displays of Tribal, State and Federal programs  
involved in taking care of the land and community.**

***Vendor tables available***

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