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## VA Department Warns of Scams Targeting Veterans

The Veterans Affairs Department is warning veterans about a "marketing scam" that reportedly targets callers trying to reach two of VA's national call centers. VA officials have notified law enforcement authorities to address the situation, according to a fraud alert posted on the department's Facebook page late Thursday.

The marketing company has established two toll-free numbers that differ by one digit from the VA National Call Center and the VA GI Bill Call Center. If the caller happens to dial the wrong number, the veteran is offered a gift card in return for providing personal and financial information, including credit card information.

"Note that VA will never ask you for a credit card number or banking information over the phone," the VA alert stated.

Military Times called each of the bogus numbers. Initial recorded messages tell callers they have been selected or may be selected for a \$100 Wal-Mart gift voucher, and direct them to press 1 to be transferred to someone who will help process their vouchers.

On one call, when asked if the number that had been reached was for VA, the customer service representative paused and said the VA number "has been changed or disconnected," and said the gift vouchers were being offered for the

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## Affordable Care Act a hard sell for Native Americans

by Christine Vestal, Pew/Stateline

For most uninsured Americans, the motivation for checking out the health insurance exchanges is simple – they could face stiff penalties if they don't sign up. For Native Americans, the decision is more complicated.

Longstanding treaties with the federal government guarantee all Native Americans free health care. As a result, the Affordable Care Act exempts them from paying a penalty if they choose not to purchase insurance. More than 2 million Native Americans receive free health care at federally supported Indian health facilities. Many others receive care from tribal facilities and urban Indian organizations.

So why would an American Indian or Alaska Native sign up for reduced-rate insurance on the exchanges?

Indian health advocates said the benefits are many. "It's an unprecedented opportunity," said Roxane Spruce Bly, who is working

with New Mexico's health insurance exchange to provide outreach to Native Americans. "It's the biggest thing to happen in Indian health in my lifetime. It solves so many problems for Indian people."

Although tribal members are entitled to free health care, most Indian health facilities do not offer a full array of services. When patients need major surgery or cancer treatments, for example, they are referred to specialists outside of Indian lands. At least two-thirds of those referral claims are rejected, Bly said. That puts Indians at risk of either paying major medical bills themselves or doing without needed treatments. In addition, about half of Native Americans live in urban areas that are great distances from tribal health facilities.

As a group, the nation's 5.2 million Native Americans have poorer health and less access to health care than the rest of the U.S. population. Their uninsured rate is nearly 30

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## Toys for Tots Christmas Tree



Patti Q. is pictured here decorating the mitten tree which is now up at the Tribal Office! If you would like to stop by and take a mitten for a child that would be great! This year we are asking that you purchase mittens - hats or scarfs for the kiddies as they are always losing them of course - but you could still buy a toy if you like. Please contact Patti - Toys for Tots Coordinator at 715-634-8934. Also if you have not submitted your applications for Toys for Tots please do as soon as possible. Happy Holidays!!!"

## LCO Casino Adds 350 Games, Updates Banquet Kitchen



New banquet kitchen at LCO Casino

The LCO Casino, Lodge & Convention Center is on the road to becoming a more competitive property by offering the amenities and quality of service their guests appreciate most. "This is re-establishing that prideful brand of Lac Courte Oreilles hospitality we feel good about delivering. Guests are telling us every day they like what we are doing," said Lee Harden, CEO, LCO Casino, Lodge & Convention Center.

Over 350 new games and themes have been installed bringing back fun to the slot floor. Players can now manage their own player's club account and participate in promotions via the convenience of kiosks on the floor. Additional convenience for them has been provided through Micros based cash registers that allow players to use points to get more value out of each visit.

The new food events, which began last May, in the Convention Center has been a big success. Business on those nights has increased compared to last year and in season. As an added bonus to these events, customers are offered a \$10 free play on the Casino floor. The next upcoming food event will be the Fall Fish Fry, to be held on

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# Hundreds protest the Washington Redskins Name in Mpls

by Darren Kagigebi, Nov. 19, 2013



“What would happen if a team in Birmingham, Alabama was named The Slaves and had an African American mascot, what kind of outrage would that be, well this is the same thing,” Ventura said. Also in attendance was former Minnesota Viking Joey Browner, and Native American

Olympic gold medalist Billy Mills.

The day of the protest the Minneapolis City Council sent a letter to Dan Snyder and the NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, calling the team racist, and demanding the name changed. An article in the Minneapolis Star Tribune written by Randy Furst stated that current Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton said “I believe the name should be changed,” and calling the team’s name “racist,” and offensive.” In an interview published by the Associated Press back in early October, President Obama weighed in saying “If I were the owner of the team and I knew that there was a name of my team - even if it had a storied history - that was offending a sizeable group of people, I’d think about changing it.”

On Thursday night, November 7, 2013, hundreds of Native Americans gathered outside the Metrodome, protesting the NFL team Washington Redskins, urging them to change their name. With helicopters flying overhead, the night started off with a chilly march from the American Indian Center to the Metrodome, led by AIM leader Clyde Bellecourt. Demonstrators carried signs, and flags that read “Racial slurs are not an honor,” which is in reference to a comment made by Washington’s owner Dan Snyder, stating that the name Redskins “is a badge of honor.” Other signs read “Racism kills,” and “Racism is unsportsmanlike conduct.”

Former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura was in attendance, and spoke to the crowd, saying that “the name is just plain wrong.”

## Notice to Those Who Owe Forfeitures to Tribal Court

If you have a forfeiture that is overdue from a citation you’ve received and you have not made a payment towards it, you are currently entered into the State Tax Intercept System.

This means the entire amount that is due to the Tribal Court will be taken out of your state refund. In addition, if you are expecting a refund that is more than what you owe to the court, the remainder of

your refund will not be processed for up to two months after the intercept.

To avoid having your refund intercepted or if you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Court at your earliest convenience at (715) 634-8934, ext. 251. A payment or payment arrangement must be made in order for your name to be taken out of the state’s intercept system.

Visit the New LCO-NSN.gov Website!

Search department contact information, submit questions, watch video and view galleries, stay up to date!

## Holiday Food Drive a Success



Staff of the LCO Child Support Program held a food drive that was supported by many businesses and individuals. Read more, pg. 6

## A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Protecting our Children

Entities within LCO and Sawyer County are joining the nationwide trend for improving the overall handling of child abuse cases by forming a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT). The MDT will develop



MDT group works to develop protocols to reduce traumas to children and families experiencing child abuse.

working protocols that will aim to reduce trauma to children and families experiencing child abuse. By improving interagency coordination we will minimize the number of times a child has to tell their story of abuse. This team method also improves the opportunity for children and families to heal by having a more responsive and accountable system.

One of the key tools for the MDT is an interview room specially designed for interviewing children. Approximately 3 years ago ICW Director LuAnn Kolumbus wrote a grant to the Department of Justice for audio-visual equipment to be utilized when for forensic interviews of children that may have been physically or sexually abused. Recently this equipment

was relocated to a room located in the Social Services wing at the Tribal Office. Jane Flygstad, Children’s Justice Act Grant Coordinator contacted Slumberland Furniture in Hayward and they were very generous in donating 2 chairs and a table for the interview room! LCO children and/or Sawyer County kids will now be interviewed in a neutral, child friendly, non-threatening atmosphere by highly trained personnel and they will not have to travel to Duluth or Eau Claire for this service. Currently, LCO employees Tibissum Rice, Dianne Sullivan, Lisa Martin, Jane Flygstad, Officer Joel Valentin, Officer Eric Swan, Officer Twilah Daily and Officer Mike Sanchez have received training in basic and advanced child forensic

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## Tribal Departments Welcome New Staff



**Dan Babineau, LCO Child Support Program**

My name is Dan Babineau and was recently hired for the Financial Specialist position in the Child Support Program. With a Bachelor's in Business Administration, I feel confident and excited to finally be able to utilize my education and skills here in LCO. I am very easy-going and family-oriented. I have a beautiful two-year-old daughter named Mallory who attends Early Headstart. My hobbies/interests include fitness training, fishing, traveling, and our dog Copper.



**Holly Trepanier, HR Assistant**

My name is Holly Trepanier, I have been hired as the Human Resources Administrative Assistant for the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe. My employment here at LCO began on November 4, 2013 and it is truly an honor to work for the Tribe.

I was raised in Lac Courte Oreilles and grew up in the K-Town and North Reserve Communities. I am married to William Trepanier, we have 5 children Ren'ee, Breanne, Janey, William and Henry. I am very family oriented, I love to travel and enjoy shopping!



**SanJuanita "Nita" Lopez, Tribal Court**

SanJuanita "Nita" Lopez joins the LCO Tribal Court as a Law Clerk funded by a grant aimed to increase the court's ability to respond to violence and decrease the number of violent crimes against Indian women and girls. Nita will work at Oakwood Haven and the LCO tribal court. Nita received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin May of 2010. Prior to joining LCO, Nita worked with various firms in the Twin Cities area on litigation and discovery matters. While in law school, Nita focused on criminal law. Nita received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Minnesota in 2001. She has experience with restorative justice and working with homeless and at-risk youth. Nita is originally from Racine, Wisconsin and is very excited about the opportunity to work with LCO.

## Raines Recipient of CANAR Award

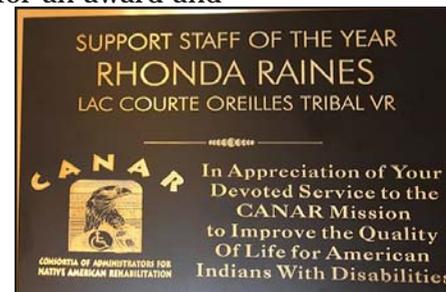


GLITC VRNA program and a dear friend of mine.

The Support Staff of the Year award is awarded to one of the 3 recipients from the 2013 CANAR Mid-Year. The 2013 CANAR Conference, the main national conference was held this year in Portland, OR, November 5 – 7, 2013. Due to the Government shutdown and travel restrictions not

The LCO Vocational Rehabilitation Staff, Utina Malnourie – Director, Alicia Wolfe - Counselor, Megan Taylor – Counselor and I went to Missoula, MT June 19 – 21, 2013 for the 2013 CANAR Mid-Year Conference. CANAR stands for Consortia Of Administrators For Native American Rehabilitation, Inc. I had known that Utina had nominated Megan for an award and

being lifted in time for our staff to register for the conference, we were unable to attend. The night of November 6th, I was in my pajamas, lying in bed and watching television when I received this text from Jill Flory stating, "Congratulations!!! You won the outstanding support staff of the year award!! I accepted it for you." I sat straight up in bed, immediately tearing up; I could not believe what I had just read. The next thing that came through on my phone was the picture of the plaque and letter.



Utina had given me the task to make sure Megan was at the awards banquet. They announced they were about to reveal the winners of the awards, so I was ready to cheer on Megan. The first name that came up on the megatron was Rhonda Raines. I was so shocked! Teary eyed, I accepted my certificate and as I was about to be seated they began reading the nomination letter of the next recipient, the next name on the megatron was Megan Taylor. This is when we both found out that she was given the same task as I had been given; she was to make sure I was at the banquet. The third recipient was Jill Flory of Madison, employee of

I'm so honored to have been selected for this award, but have to give credit to the staff I work with here at LCO Vocational Rehabilitation. Without them and my love for my job, I would have never won this award. Thank you, Utina Malnourie, Megan Taylor, Alicia Wolfe and Sheila Butler for making this a wonderful workplace. Thank you to the consumers and employers that I work with. I love doing what I do, job developing, and will continue to provide the best service I can each and every day.

## 'Biggest Loser Contest' Coming in Jan.

Lac Courte Oreilles "Biggest Loser Contest" kicks off in January. Time to get a healthy new start before the summer months!

The fee is \$10 per contestant and the weigh-in dates are January 14-17th. Weigh-out dates are April 14-17th. Location of the weigh-in/ weigh-out is the LCO Health Center.

Sign up and payments will be accepted beginning January 14th at the Human Resources Dept. in the Tribal Administration Building.

Contestants must be at least 18 years of age. Contestant information is strictly confidential. This event is open to the public, need not be a tribal member or employee to enter.

## Holiday Greetings from the Governing Board

The Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board wishes everyone Happy Holidays and a safe New Year.



May the New Year bring you health, happiness and joy!

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### LAURA "JEAN" WALCZAK

Laura "Jean" Walczak, age 73, of Birchwood, died Monday, November 18, 2013 at Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire, WI.

Laura "Jean" Walczak was born on February 19, 1940 in Hayward, WI the daughter of Delbert and Frances (White) Van Gilder Sr. She grew up in Birchwood, then moved to Chicago after high school. Jean then returned back to the Couderay/Birchwood area where she spent her life. She worked as a waitress for area restaurants in Birchwood. Jean was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She loved to do crossword puzzles, puzzles, play Scrabble and cards, bake and the occasional visit to the casino. Jean always had the coffee pot on and some delicious baked goods for all who stopped by. She was quick witted, had a great laugh and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her son Ritchie (Malinda) Brown; daughter Pam (Dan) Jeske; step-sons John (Chris) Walczak, Jim (Leslie) Walczak, Jerry (Frances) Walczak, Mike (Amy) Walczak, Dan (Sandy) Walczak; 19 grandchildren; many great grandchildren; brothers Jim (Bonnie) Van Gilder, Delbert (Millie) Van Gilder Jr., Jerry Van Gilder; sister Betty (Mark) Amundson; many nephews and nieces. Jean was especially close to her niece Rose Chafer. Rose was not only family, but a best friend.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; husband John Walczak; son Kevin "Pete" Brown; step-sons Joseph & Jeffrey Walczak; brothers Robert & William Van Gilder; sister Dorothy Skar.

The Funeral Service will be held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 21 at Pineview Funeral Service in Hayward with Rev. Timothy Young officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Couderay. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon on Thursday, prior to the service at the funeral home.

Honorary casket bearer will be Craig Skar and Russell Van Gilder.

Casket bearers will be Todd Chafer, Scott Frey, Scott Spaeth, Barry Van Gilder, Paul Van Gilder and Rocky Van Gilder. Online condolences can be made at [pineviewfuneralservice.com](http://pineviewfuneralservice.com).



### FELIX YANEZ

Felix C. Yanez, age 22, of LCO, died Thursday, November 7, 2013 at Hayward Area Memorial Hospital.

Felix Charles Yanez was born in Hayward, WI on July 8, 1991, the son of Felix and Marcia (Thayer) Yanez. He grew up in Hayward and attended Lac Courte Oreilles Elementary, Middle and High School. Beside Hayward Felix lived in Minneapolis and Mexico D.F. He attended LCO Assembly of God Church in Signor. Felix loved hunting, fishing, wild ricing and picking boughs. He was a famous bough picker and also an experienced fisherman (walleye slayer). Felix worked with his father landscaping and was well known for his eagerness to work. He will be greatly missed for his sense of humor and good jokes. Felix was very ambitious in life, and was eager to be a success to his baby boy Evan.

He is survived by his parents; wife Lori Joyce Potack-Yanez; son Evan Lorne Charles Yanez; brother Javier Yanez; sisters Angelita, Rachel, Esperanza and Locadia Yanez; grandparents Josephina Mejia Yanez, Miguel & Locadia; nephews and nieces Genesis Yanez Stevens, Vincent Yanez Stevens, Michael Yanez Sayers; many aunts uncles & cousins.

Felix was preceded in death by his grandparents Charles and Christine Thayer.

The Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 13 at LCO Assembly of God Church in Signor with Pastor Marvin Wilber will officiate with music provided by Marvin & Deborah Wilber. Burial will be in Signor Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 5:00 0 p.m. Tuesday, November 12 at Pineview Funeral Service in Hayward.

Honorary casket bearers will be Michael Ellis, Ronnie Gokey, Chris Grover, Christine Grover, Gway, Buddy Hall, Obizaan Morrow, James Nickence, Cody Potack, Thomas Quaderer, P.J. Sayers, Frank Tainter, Pat Tainter and Anthony Thayer.

Casket bearers are Robin Bildeau, Forest Grover, Richie Hollen Jr., Derek Pringle, Josh Pringle Sr., Vincent Stevens, Ruben Taylor and Adam Thayer. Online condolences can be made at [pineviewfuneralservice.com](http://pineviewfuneralservice.com).

## 2013 LCO FEMA Lottery Awardees

The Following Tribal members were selected on Friday Evening 12/6/13 as the five (5) FEMA Trailer Awardees, we also selected five (5) alternates in the event the Awardee declines or does not pay the total amount of \$3500.00 by Close of Business this week Friday 12/13/13. The FEMA Trailer application tribal members filled out contained important dates and information that may be helpful in determining the

process and guidelines of the FEMA Trailer Lottery Process.

### Awardees

Brad Hom, Holly Thayer, Shondel Diegel, Kathleen Huskey, Carol Hamblin \*DECLINED\*

### Alternates Select

Dana Barber, \*Awardee\*, Dulcie Wolf, Dale Denasha, Tami Demarr, Cheryl Quaderer.

## LCO Foster Homes Needed

The LCO Indian Child Welfare Department is in dire need of Tribal Foster Homes for our kids. Presently, there are LCO children placed in non-Native homes due to the fact that we have no Tribal homes available.

If you would like to become a foster

parent please contact Tibissum Rice, Foster Care Coordinator at 715-634-8934 ex. 272 for more information. We can provide training for up to level II foster care placements and can license on or near the LCO Reservation.

## Employees of the Quarter



On November 7, 2013, Rusty Barber LCO Vice Chairman and Norma Ross LCO Secretary/ Treasurer presented Employee of the Quarter plaques to Arleen DeBrot - LCO School, Utina Malnourie - Vocational Rehabilitation, Katherine Bunker - LCO School, Jean Martin - Accounting and Jeffery Jones - WOJB. Congratulations to all of the July-September 2013 Quarter Award winners and the fine jobs done.

## Depts Encouraged to Review Info

Tribal departments are encouraged to review their directory listing information at [lco-nsn.gov](http://lco-nsn.gov) and be sure the data that appears is accurate.

Thousands visit the tribal site monthly and over half of the visitors are using the directory to locate services and personnel at LCO.

Simply navigate to [lco-nsn.gov](http://lco-nsn.gov) and input a department category from

the right column to view listings by department. Information includes a description, web address, dept. contacts, directions, address, telephone, fax and a primary email address.

If you find errors, please email the correct information that should appear to [lco.news.media@gmail.com](mailto:lco.news.media@gmail.com).

## Babaamiziwin Wiindamaageng

by David Fleming Sr., MBA, Lac Courte Oreilles Business Manager

Boozhoo! As you drive around our beautiful reservation be sure to stop in the Quick Stop and C-2 Spur gas stations and say "Hi" to our new managers! Mike DeNasha was recently hired to manage the Quick Stop and he has lots of ideas for promotions that you will want to take advantage of! Val Hugo was hired to manage the C-2 Spur on the corners of B & K and she will be offering new products that will give you more local selections for lunch and for a quick snack. Both of these gas stations will be changing their hours and updating equipment over the New Year so stop in and see what's new! The Landing has closed for the winter and we are sure to miss Denny and Patty's awesome Friday Fish Fry until they open again in March. Be sure to check the Landing's web page every now and again to see what happening and cooking there! I also can't help but comment on the delicious chicken now available at Chester's

Fried Chicken (connected to the Convenience Store). The chicken is incredible and is sure to be a hit at your football party, dinner table, or just on the go! Steve Streubel is also coming up with creative menu items (try his chicken sandwich!) so stop in, you won't regret it! There are some new business ideas being considered and we are doing our due diligence now to make sure our new ventures are profitable, environmentally conscious, and have the impact in our community we want. Hopefully you'll see more opportunities to shop locally and buy Native in the near future! Giigawaabamin!

"Babaamiziwin Wiindamaageng" (Reporting on the Business) is intended to provide general information and is not considered (financial, legal, business or tax) advice. Please consult your (legal, financial or tax) adviser. This column represents the views of David Fleming, Sr. MBA., and not necessarily those of the LCO Tribe or the LCO newsletter.

## LCO Early Head Start Car Seat Fitting Station Offered

by Dolores Belille, Early Head Start Family Services Coordinator

In case you haven't heard, LCO Early Head Start operates a car seat fitting station for children of our reservation. We have three certified CPS Technicians on staff at EHS.

We provide car seats free of charge to any LCO child who needs one. The parent just needs to make an appointment by calling 634-7262 ext. 236. When you come to the appointment you will receive the education necessary to properly install and use this brand new seat. This process takes about 30 minutes and the child needs to be present at the appointment.

This program is not funded through Head Start and we do run out of certain types of seats from time to time. In that case we will refer parents to Sawyer County. Our goal is just to make sure that all children are riding safe.

To make things clear, the car seat is given one per child. Some families have tried to come in to get additional seats for additional family vehicles. We cannot provide more than one car seat per child. When the child outgrows a certain type of seat,

they can come in for the next size up.

### Child safety seat law

In basic terms:

- Children must be in a car seat until they reach age 4 and 40 pounds, and in a booster seat until they reach age 8, more than 80 pounds in weight, or more than 4ft. 9in. tall.

- Tiered structure applies:

- Less than 1 year old, or less than 20 lbs. must be in a rear-facing child seat in the back seat (if so equipped)

- If at least two years old, but less than four years old or less than 40 pounds, must be in a forward- or rear-facing child seat in the back seat (if so equipped)

- Age 4 to age 8, and between 40-80 lbs., and no more than 4 ft. 9 in. must be in a forward- or rear-facing child seat in the back seat (if so equipped) or a booster seat

- Penalty for non-compliance depends on the age of the child

- If less than four years of age, the total penalty is \$175.30

- If between ages 4 and 8, the total penalty is \$150.10 for the

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## Tribal Governing Board Announces Education Scholarship

The Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board is pleased to announce the availability of education scholarships to qualifying tribal members. Scholarships are funded by proceeds from the LCO Youth and Education Golf Classic which is held on an annual basis to raise money for education and

youth activities. The scholarship application period is from January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014, and is open to graduating high school or adult continuing education students. Scholarship application guidelines are available at the front desk of the Tribal Office.

## Gifted and Talented Students Explore Growing Hydroponics



5th grade Gifted and Talented Students left to right : Jayden Martin, Delila Barber, Destiny Kingfisher, Lynsey Martin, Sage Stans Christianson, Rian Fleming.

This year the 5th grade students from the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School Gifted and Talented program are exploring and discovering hydroponics!

The students planted lettuce and spinach seeds. They will also be planting radishes and chives. Once the seeds sprouted, all of the 5th grade students helped transplant the seedlings to larger pots. The students will create a salad when their plants have matured. In the future the students will take the hydroponics cart to other elementary classrooms to explain how a hydroponics system grows vegetables. Jane Neuharth

and Tom Butterfield donated the Vertigro hydroponics system. Sandy Neuswanger donated seeds, and Terry Barber, LCO School Building

Supervisor assisted with additional technical assistance.

Meanwhile, Devin Christensen and Gary Butler of the Junior class at LCO High have also been creating hydroponic systems of their own. The two have developed a water culture design to support organic lettuce, radishes, and beans in hopes of supplying nutritious sides for an end-of-year potluck!



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# Beading Traditions: Ojibwe Floral Mural Underway at LCO

Hello, my name is Jessica Gokey. I live on the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation in Hayward Wisconsin. I have been beading for over ten years and have current works of beadwork art in local art galleries and have been commissioned to make pieces of beadwork for people. I have also won an award this past August for Best Traditional Artist 2013 at the

Ojibwe Cultural Arts Festival. I work on my beadwork fulltime to keep the tradition alive.

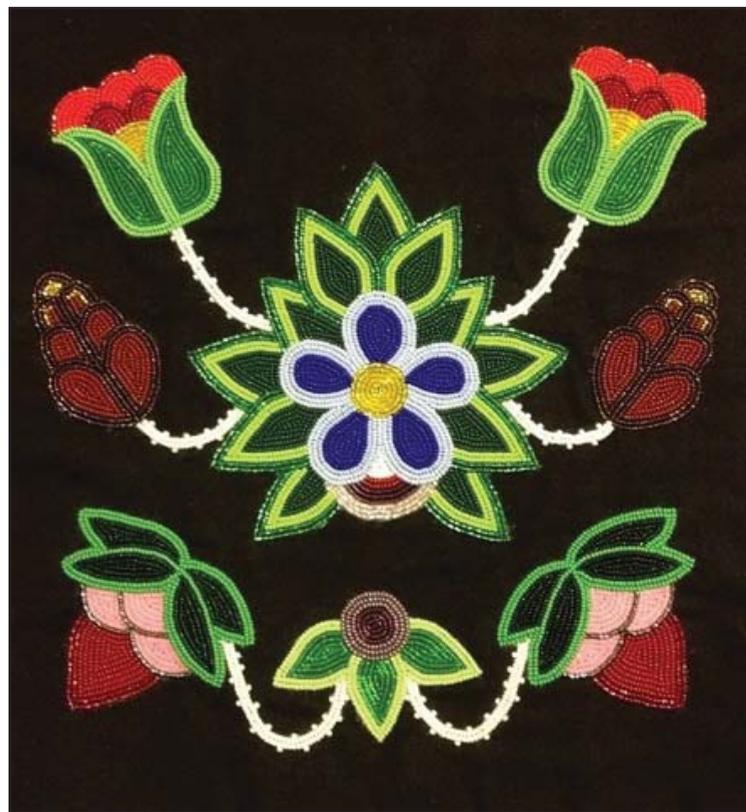
I am writing to your today to inform you about the launch of my new project, Beading Traditions.

My project that I am designing and planning to execute is an Ojibwe Floral Mural, but the twist is the mural will be beaded on broadcloth. I will be designing a mural which will measure 9 feet long and 4 and half feet wide. I plan to get black broadcloth material, which is durable wool, and make four sections. Each section will be beaded in Ojibwe floral designs I will

have pre-drawn out for the mural. After each section is beaded, it will be sewn together to make one large mural wall piece. This will be the first beaded Native American floral mural.

Each person that makes a contribution will have their name put on the back of the mural for their thanks to make this project happen.

I would like to ask you for your help! I NEED YOUR SUPPORT! Please visit my page on Hatchfund. <http://bit.ly/17x5Mjp>



**PLEASE HELP PRESERVE TRADITIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN BEADWORK!**

I also have a facebook page with information about the project and updates about the process of the project. [www.facebook.com/beadingtraditions](http://www.facebook.com/beadingtraditions).

**FYI ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!!!** MIIGWETCH for your time and support, Jessica Gokey



Jessica Gokey has started 'Beading Traditions,' a project beaded in Ojibwe floral designs. She is seeking help in contributing to the project which is to be a broadcloth mural when complete.



The Lac Courte Oreilles Child Support Program would like to sincerely thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous contributions to the Lac Courte Oreilles Food Drive. Funds raised from these donations were used to purchase food items for many local families in need this Holiday Season. We thank these businesses for their generosity and support of this worthy cause.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Star Landscaping</li> <li>Lynne –Marie’s Candies</li> <li>Hayward Bakery &amp; Cheese</li> <li>Subway</li> <li>Perkins</li> <li>Wal-Mart</li> <li>Hidden Bay Graphics</li> <li>Hayward Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>LCO Country Store</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B &amp; D Café – Dan Cross</li> <li>Jess Hall</li> <li>Norske Nook</li> <li>Barefoot Beach Tanning</li> <li>Carole DeMain</li> <li>Kwik Trip</li> <li>L &amp; M Fleet Supply</li> <li>Famous Dave’s</li> </ul>
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## Elders News: Names Priorities for 2014



The LCO Elder Council is now in its second year. Members are Daryl Coons, Dewey Isham, Lorraine Smith, Marie Kuykendall, DeAnn Martin, Vernon Martin and Faith Smith. The priorities of work of the Elder Council in 2014 are as follows:

### **Elder Long Term care**

Create a plan and begin implementation process for elder long term care with the priority of enabling elders to age in place; second, to establish an assisted living facility; and third, to establish an LCO skilled nursing facility.

### **Elder Benefits**

a. Give Elder Center staff discretion to adjust giving guidelines in making awards (vs. 4 signatures from TGB members)

b. Increase budget for elder benefits

c. Eliminate/reduce income requirement for unemployed elders, 70 and above

d. Establish 62 as the age of eligibility for all elder services and programs (allowing for other government programs that allow a different age criteria)

### **Vouchers**

a. Establish clear criteria for the use of and eligibility for gas and lodging vouchers

b. Take responsibility of voucher distribution from TGB members and give to Health Center and social services

c. Establish budget for vouchers and assure that distribution remains within approved budget

d. Evaluate the use of vouchers within this revised system in June 2014

### **16- Plex**

a. Continue to serve as an

advocate for an improved quality of living for 16-Plex residents

b. Meet with Housing Authority Board to encourage their support of a campaign to improve conditions at the 16-Plex

c. Meet with 15-Plex residents at least 2 times during year for feedback

d. Meet with resident manager and Housing Authority Director to monitor changes in conditions at 16-Plex

e. Meet with law enforcement committee to stress their monitoring of 16-Plex and other elder residences

### **Constitutional Revision**

a. Develop a Steering Committee and several sub-committees to work over the coming three years in regard to constitutional revision

b. Secure an annual budget for constitutional revision

c. Secure training for Steering and sub-committee members

d. Develop a plan for constitutional revision

e. Assist Tribe in raising funds to support a constitutional revision process

### **Promote the stabilization of Health Center**

a. Assist with appointment of Health Board

b. Advocate for improved and expanded elder services

### **Halfway House**

Promote an evaluation of the Halfway House and report recommendations to TGB.

### **Elder Abuse Ordinance**

Work with the LCO Elder Center and the LCO Legal Department to develop a legal and operational framework to protect elders.

### **Balanced Budget 2013-2014**

The TGB passed a budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 but it is a deficit budget. The Elder Council will work with the TGB to clarify areas of disagreement.

### **Code of Ethics**

Assist TGB in the articulation of a Code of Ethics for TGB members.

### **Enrollment**

Promote a thorough study of enrollment policies and procedures and recommend changes for adoption to the Enrollment Committee and the TGB.

### **Strategic Plan**

A strategic planning process was initiated by the TGB in the summer 2013 but not completed. Community input is needed for this plan and it must be completed, to include development of an operational plan.

### **Clifton/Larson/Allen Report**

Work with TGB to host a public review of Clifton/Larson/Allen Report.

### **Maintain an open dialogue with LCO elders**

a. Host bi-annual public forums with LCO elders.

b. Encourage elders to attend monthly meetings of Elder Council and participate in discussions.

c. Respond to all concerns raised by LCO elders and report back to them about actions taken by Elder Council. Be accountable.

The Elder Council needs the input and advice of all LCO elders to accomplish our goals. The Council meets the first Saturday of every month at 10 AM. In January, the meeting will be held at the Reserve Elder Center. Elders are encouraged to attend these meetings.



## LCO News to Offer Print & Digital Advertising

LCO News will soon begin offering advertising in its print newsletter, and online at [www.lconews.com](http://www.lconews.com).

"Thousands of people visit our website and we are putting out 600 to 700 copies of the print newsletter each month which goes quickly over a matter of days," said LCO News Editor Lonnie Barber.

Beginning in January, interested tribal enterprises will have the ability to purchase both print and digital monthly advertising packages.

A new free, online classifieds listings service will also be available at [www.lconews.com](http://www.lconews.com) which allows users to register and post unlimited classifieds that can include photos, descriptions, prices and YouTube video.

Anyone interested in advertising across our print and digital publications is encouraged to contact Lonnie Barber at (715) 634-8934 or [Lonnie.Barber@lco-nsn.gov](mailto:Lonnie.Barber@lco-nsn.gov).

## LCO Police Warn of Suspicious Calls

LCO Tribal Police Department has received information regarding automated calls going around the community saying that the recipient of the call has a Chippewa Valley Bank card that has been locked. The automated call then prompts for the 16-digit card number.

DO NOT enter your number. Chippewa Valley bank has confirmed that this is a scam targeting the area.

If you wish to verify the status of your bank card call Chippewa Valley Bank (Hayward Branch 715-634-5400).



# Changes to BadgerCare Plus Coming April 2014

On April 1, 2014, changes will be made to the BadgerCare Plus program that include the adoption of new income limits and one benefit plan for all members. These changes were made because Wisconsin residents now have new options for purchasing affordable private health insurance through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace, also known as the Exchange.

Originally, these BadgerCare Plus policy changes were going to take effect on January 1, 2014; however, they will now take effect on April 1, 2014. The changes were delayed to allow Wisconsin residents more time to purchase private health insurance through the Marketplace due to technical problems with the Marketplace's website.

These changes only affect BadgerCare Plus members and do not affect people who are enrolled in Medicaid for the Elderly, Blind or Disabled (EBD) or other Medicaid programs.

## Children, Parents and Caretakers Enrolled in BadgerCare Plus

As of April 1, 2014, due to changes in state law, non-pregnant adults with income above 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will no longer be able to enroll in health care through BadgerCare Plus. Children with a household income above 300% of the FPL will no longer be able to enroll in health care through BadgerCare Plus, unless they meet a deductible. See the attached table for more information about BadgerCare Plus Income Limits.

Please Note: The new income limits do not affect pregnant women or people who are enrolled in EBD Medicaid.

Members who will be above the new income limits for BadgerCare Plus as of April 1, 2014, should apply for private health insurance through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace before March 31,

2014 (see "Applying Through the Marketplace").

## BadgerCare Plus Core Plan

The BadgerCare Plus Core Plan is ending March 31, 2014. To continue receiving Core Plan benefits through March 31, 2014, members will need to continue to pay any required monthly premiums.

Core Plan members who are at or below the new income limit of 100% FPL for adults will be automatically enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan on April 1, 2014 and will get a better benefit package. See the attached table for more

Family Size	Monthly Income Limit for Adults (100% FPL)	Monthly Income Limit for Children (300% FPL)
1	\$958	\$2,873
2	\$1,293	\$3,878
3	\$1,628	\$4,883
4	\$1,963	\$5,888
5	\$2,298	\$6,893

\*Note: FPL limits are subject to change

information about BadgerCare Plus Income Limits.

Members who are above the new income limits for BadgerCare Plus in 2014 should apply

for private health insurance through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace before March 31, 2014 (see "Applying Through the Marketplace").

## BadgerCare Plus Core Plan Waitlist

Individuals on the Core Plan Waitlist should apply for health insurance through the Marketplace (see "Applying Through the Marketplace"). The Marketplace will let individuals know if they will be enrolled in BadgerCare Plus or if they should purchase private health insurance. If they will be enrolled in BadgerCare Plus, their coverage will begin April 1, 2014. If individuals should purchase private health insurance, the Marketplace will give them information about the private health insurance options that are available, what those plans cost, and if they can get any help paying for private health insurance. The private health insurance that individuals purchase through the Marketplace can begin as soon as January 1, 2014. However, their health insurance will not begin until they choose their plan and pay their first monthly premium by the date given by the health plan.

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percent, compared to 15 percent for the country as a whole. And nearly half of all Indians have incomes low enough to qualify for Medicaid in states that have chosen to expand coverage, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. More than 1 million Native Americans are already enrolled in Medicaid.

Still, Bly and others said the idea of purchasing health insurance, even if deeply discounted, is a foreign concept for most tribal members. Even optimistic advocates for Indian enrollment in the exchanges said convincing tribal leaders and individuals to sign up could take years. Bly's goal is to sign up 10 percent of New Mexico's eligible Native Americans by the end of 2014.

## Special advantages

The ACA includes provisions for American Indians and Native Alaskans that make purchasing insurance on the exchange an even better proposition than it is for everyone else. They can sign up at any time – there are no open enrollment deadlines. Tribal members with incomes below 300 percent of the federal poverty level (\$34,470 for an individual) are exempt from paying deductibles and co-pays, so they can purchase the cheapest plans without worrying about out-of-pocket expenses. All tribal members, no matter what income level, are exempt from out-of-pocket payments if they receive services from Indian health facilities. And unlike employers, tribes can pay exchange premiums for their members without paying taxes.

In addition, a separate law that has governed Native American health care for decades – the Indian Health Care Improvement Act – was amended when the ACA was signed. New provisions make it easier for Indian health facilities to accept payments from other insurers, including Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance. The new law also expands the types of services the facilities can offer and requires inclusion of behavioral health and substance abuse treatments.

For Indians enrolled in Medicaid,

Indian health providers receive a fee-for-service that is much higher than other providers receive. In addition, they can collect fees from private insurers if Native Americans take advantage of the exchanges.

"They haven't had the greatest experience with government programs in the past" — Ed Fox

The new income sources are expected to help Indian health facilities expand and improve their services. Some, for example, do not now include dentistry or deliver babies. Few offer preventive services. According to a 2011 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) report, the Indian Health Service budget—\$4.2 billion in 2010—is only sufficient to provide about half the necessary health services required."

Ed Fox, a member of a tribal advisory group to the CMS, estimates the ACA could result in as much as \$4 billion in additional revenue for Indian health services. But that's only if tribal leaders take advantage of it, he said.

A tribal member himself, Fox conducts outreach meetings with tribal leaders in Washington State. He said so far the leaders he's talked with plan to wait and see what other tribes do about the health insurance exchanges before they make a decision.

"They haven't had the greatest experience with government programs in the past," Fox said. If he walks into a meeting and says, "I'm with the federal government and I'm here to help you," most tribal leaders simply laugh.

## Medicaid expansion

In states that expand Medicaid in January, enrolling newly eligible Native Americans will be less of a challenge than selling the exchange concept. But it will still take substantial state and federal outreach and education, an effort that is required by the ACA.

According to a report from the Government Accountability Office, Native American enrollment in Medicaid could double under the expansion.



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# Stay Healthy this Holiday Season, Support Available



Since food is an important part of many celebrations, holidays, family and cultural traditions, many people find that they gain weight between Thanksgiving and the New Year. The Lac Courte Oreilles Health Center's Diabetes Prevention and Education program team is available to support people in making healthy decisions during this time of celebration. The following tips are provided for support:

## **Be realistic**

Holiday time is not a good time to set a weight loss goal. Instead, set a goal of weight maintenance during this time to be more realistic and to avoid setting yourself up for failure.

## **Form System**

Form a support system /team with family, friends or coworkers to provide each other with positive reinforcement/support.

## **Plan ahead**

Try not to arrive at a celebration hungry. Don't skip meals. Try to eat a light snack before the function. You are more likely to overeat and less likely to resist the temptation of eating the higher fat and higher calorie foods if you arrive hungry.

## **Avoid overeating**

Before starting to eat, check out all of the options available. Develop a plan which will allow you to sample foods you enjoy. Think about your options and ask yourself... which foods do I have access to/eat year round and which are special celebration foods?(you may want to forego the foods that you eat at non-holiday times). Choose smaller portions of your favorite foods, eat slowly, savoring every bite. Eating slowly reduces your chances of eating too much and also enhances the dining experience. Wait at least 15 minutes before going back for

seconds so that you can feel your body's response to fullness. If at a buffet, position yourself at the end of the line; you will be less likely to go back for seconds.

## **Concentrate**

Concentrate on people and activities vs. food. Spend time enjoying the company of your friends and loved ones, meeting new acquaintances and having fun. Keep a good distance from the food to help prevent the temptation to keep eating, "nibbling"

## **Limit alcohol intake**

Alcohol is high in calories and can stimulate your appetite. Alcohol also affects decision making and self control making one more likely to make poor decisions in regards to eating. If you do consume alcohol, do so in moderation and have the alcohol with a meal.

## **Stay active**

It's important to stay active throughout the holiday season. Try to be physically active every day. Recommendations for adults are to be active at least 30 minutes 5 times per week. Physical activity helps relieve stress, regulate appetite and helps burn up extra calories from holiday eating.

## **Get adequate rest**

You may wonder, "just what does sleep have to do with eating?" When you do not get adequate sleep, your body works harder to stay awake, and may lead you to make poor choices regarding your health. For instance, you may grab an unhealthy snack to try to give you an energy boost or you may skip your exercise routine because you are too tired.

## **Promote healthier holiday dishes**

Make it a goal to start to offer your guests healthier alternatives to your favorite traditional dishes by modifying your recipes using healthier substitutions. For more assistance/tips regarding healthy eating and recipe substitutions, contact the Lac Courte Oreilles Health Center's Diabetes Prevention and Education team at 715-638-5153 (Sandy Z) or 715-638-5179 (Patty S.).

# LCO Ojibwe School Honor Roll

The Staff at the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School is pleased to announce the first quarter Honor Roll.

## **Elementary 1st Grade**

Winona Baker, Sequoia Cooper, Aniyah Cross, Evan Heath, Bryan Miller, Amy Sweats

## **2nd Grade**

Timothy DeBrot

## **3rd Grade**

Matthew Baker, Jada Balber, Kyra Beaulieu, Wesley Bird, Lareina Clause, Aubrey Conger-Fowler, Avianna Cooper, Spirit Boy DeCora, Alyssa DeNasha, Caden Grover, Savannah Larson, Savannah Quaderer, Ameesio Sharlow, Hunter Stands-Christensen, Quintin Thomas, Mahto Wade, Melvin White

## **4th Grade**

Andre'anna Acosta, Kaylissa Baker, Joseph Balber-Benjamin, Nathen Belille, Neah Billyboy,

Woody Bird, Kylee Brabbs, Evangia Butler, Maurice Corbine, Nevaeh Cross, Nadine Lynk, Alexa McNabb, Hunter O'Shogay, Nathan Quaderer, Emma Revak, Isaiah Tainter, Chyla Thayer.

## **5th Grade**

Delila Barber, Destiny Corbine, Rian Fleming, Elijah Grover, Sabrina Hudson, Destiny Kingfisher, Jayden Martin, Lynsey Martin, Madelyn Miller, Sage Stands-Christensen

## **Middle School**

Rayna Abeita, Maria Acosta, Shaylena Corbine, Arthur Fleming, Feather Jack, Alyssa LaRush, Aiyana Perry

## **High School**

Cassandra Carley, Tyra Collins, Arianna Crone, Lydia Kessenich, Chenoa Miller, Billy Jack Parent, Shania Pringle, Kyra Quaderer, Kelsey Simmons, Kevin Stevens, Robyn Trepania, James White.

# News from LCO Pharmacy

Greetings from the Pharmacy staff at the LCO Community Health Center.

Our staff consists of 2 Pharmacists, Curt and Franklin. We also have two Certified Technicians, Patty and Shannon. We strive to provide the best customer service we possibly can. When calling in your refills on the refill line, please leave your name, date of birth, and your chart number as well as which prescriptions you need refilling. If

we don't answer and you have to leave a message it's because we are already on another phone call or we are filling prescriptions and will get your orders done in a timely manner if you leave the information on the machine. If you need us to call you back, we can do that too if you provide a phone number.

Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8:00p.m.-4:30p.m.

We are also closed for lunch from 12:30p.m. to 1:30p.m. daily.

Thank you to those patients who signed up for a Medicare Part D plan this enrollment period. It helps pay for the medications and fills the gap from that 43% that the Government provides. If you think you qualify

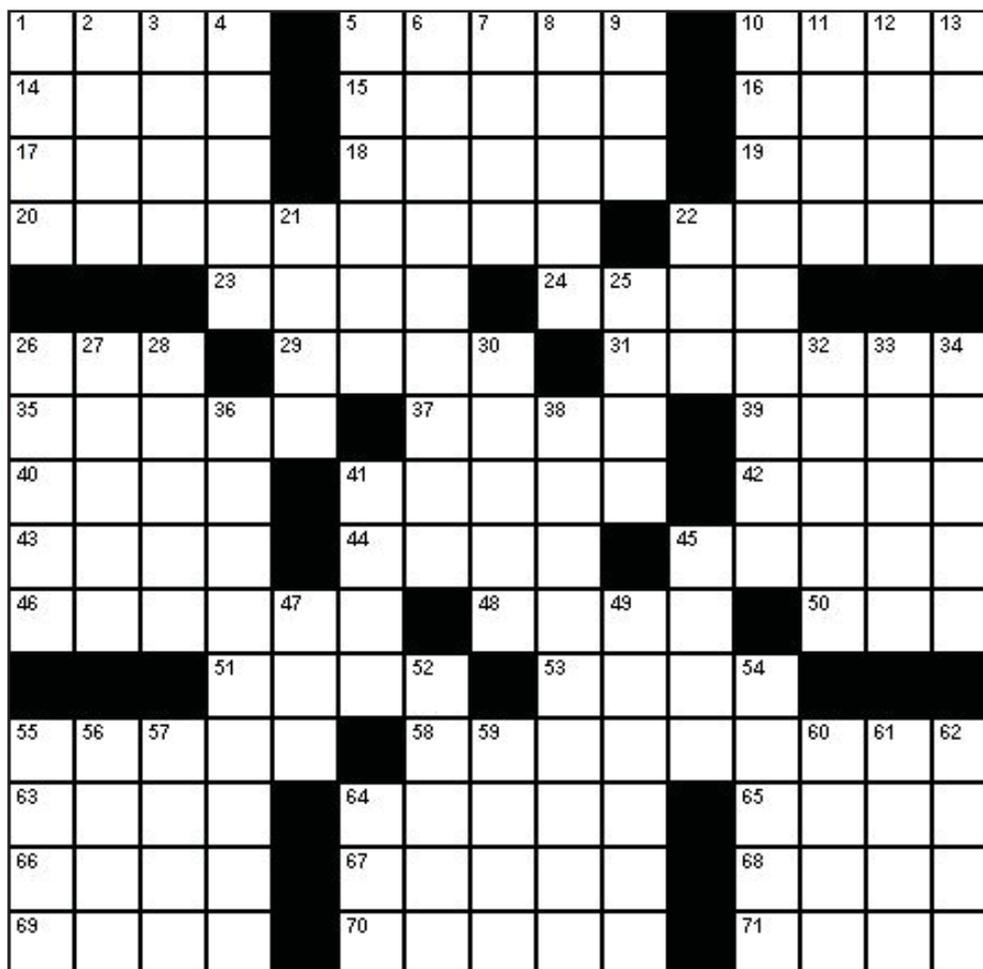
for Medicaid, please stop in and see our Benefits Specialist and he will help you apply. Every little bit helps.

As always, our Pharmacists can provide information

on smoking cessation as well as several different medications to help in the process too. Stop in and see Curt or Franklin for information.

Have a safe and happy Holiday season. Get out and enjoy the snow when you can!



**Across**

1. Like some chocolate
5. Baseball commissioner Bud
10. Old Pontiacs
14. Pizazz
15. Fastener
16. "Tosca" tune
17. End in \_\_\_\_ (draw)
18. Oscar de la \_\_\_\_
19. A pitcher may take one
20. Rabid
22. Satisfies
23. It's outstanding
24. Compass direction
26. Former nuclear agcy.
29. Nothing more than
31. Comes up
35. Collapse
37. Sworn thing
39. Church recess
40. Bandleader Puente
41. Boundaries
42. Evening, informally
43. Excuse me
44. Steering wheel
45. "Lou Grant" star
46. Chest of drawers
48. Blunted blade
50. Some MIT grads
51. Unclothed
53. Edible corm
55. Uses a sieve
58. Lawyer
63. In \_\_\_\_ land
64. Man of many words?
65. Rock's Motley \_\_\_\_
66. From the U.S.
67. Gentle water sound
68. Broadcasts
69. Like candles
70. Large and dense

71. Dig like a pig

**Down**

1. Unwilling to listen
2. Neighbor of Sask.
3. Drops from the sky
4. Mix dough
5. Writer
6. Battery pole
7. Actress Turner
8. Cordage fiber
9. Student stat
10. Book of the New Testament
11. Horse's gait
12. River to the Seine
13. Back talk
21. Office fill-in
22. Georgia, once: Abbr.
25. Contented sighs
26. Take \_\_\_\_ at (try)
27. Nobelist Root
28. More adorable
30. Bald, golden, or harpy
32. Thorn
33. Lauder of cosmetics
34. Prophets
36. Lasting but a moment
38. Woman who tempts
41. Israel's Barak
45. Ethereal: Prefix
47. Hung. neighbor
49. Blue
52. Deadly virus
54. Academy award
55. Deli side
56. \_\_\_\_ Camera
57. Bend
59. Turkish titles
60. Threesome
61. Franc replacement
62. Take five
64. LP speed

# Sawyer Co/LCO Dem Party Rescheules Meeting

The Sawyer County/LCO Democratic Party will host a social meal, gathering and discussion at the LCO Casino, Lodge and Convention Center on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 beginning at 6 p.m.

Meet Kathleen Vinehout, candidate for Wisconsin State Governor and Kelly Westlund,

Ashland City Council and candidate for 7th Congressional District. Other possible candidates may also be in attendance.

The meeting will also include general business. Anyone with questions may contact Waldo Asp at (715) 354-7450 or Paul DeMain at (715) 558-2991.

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interviewing skills.

On November 15th LCO staff (Police Officers, ICW Workers, AODA-Mental Health & Medical Personnel and Oakwood Haven Victim Advocate), Hayward Hospital Staff, as well as members of the Sawyer County Human Services Department, Sawyer County Sheriff's Department, Hayward City Police and the District Attorney's office participated in Child Abuse/Neglect Multi-disciplinary Team Training. Team Members present were LuAnn Kolumbus, LCO Indian Child Welfare(ICW) Director, Lisa Martin, LCO ICW, Tiffany Leach, LCO ICW, Tibissum Rice, LCO ICW, Dianne Sullivan, LCO ICW, Jane Flygstad, US Dept of Justice, Project Coordinator, LCO ICW, Lisa Perry, LCO Health Clinic, John Yackel, Sawyer County Assistant District Attorney, Courtney Allensworth, LCO Tribal Attorney, Paul Grahovac, Sawyer County Health and Human Services Director, Eric Swan, Sensitive Crimes Investigator, LCO Police Department, Tracy Martin, LCO Mental Health, Mark Kelsey, Sawyer County Sheriff, Brigitte Kornbroke, Sawyer County Sheriff's

Dept. Chief Deputy, Sara Ross-Poquette, Sawyer County Health and Human Services, Melinda Taylor, Oakwook Haven, Victim Advocate, Carrie Feck, Sawyer County Health and Human Services, Joel Clapero, City of Hayward, Police Chief, Dan Ross, Sawyer County Sheriff's Dept. Investigator, J.T. Wohling, City of Hayward Police Dept. Investigator/Patrolman.

Our Trainers were: Ann Hraychuck, Nationally Certified Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Program, Doreen Wehmas, Intake and Assessment Unit Supervisor, Douglas County Department of Health and Human Services, Joan Wilson, Family Services Supervisor, Washburn County Health and Human Services, Tom Fallon, Deputy DA Dane County, Sheriff Terry Dryden, Washburn County, Chief Depty. Mike Richter, Washburn County.

In the next two years the team will participate in more specialized training including: Drug Endangered Children, Trauma Informed Care, Forensic Interviewing and Team Development.

## Mittens Keep Little Hands Warm



Everyday brings something new and November 21st was no exception as Barbara Pieper Ludvik surprised the elementary students at the LCO Ojibwe School with a huge shopping bag of hand knitted mittens for the students who need them. Barbara is known for her beautiful knitting skills and each pair is carefully done with great craftsmanship. Chi-Miigwetch Barbara!

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first offense, \$200.50 for a second offense, and \$263.50 for third and subsequent offenses

- There are no exemptions from these rules allowing removal of a child from a restraint to attend to personal needs (such as feeding or diapering)

- A child who, because of a medical condition, body size or a physical disability, is incapable of being transported in a child safety restraint system, may be transported without a safety restraint system

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NOvember 22, 2013.

In October, the new banquet kitchen was completed ahead of schedule. The remodel included a new floor, ceiling, dish machine and equipment. During the remodel the Wigwam closed down, so that the buffet could utilize its' cooking area. With the completion of the banquet remodel, the Wigwam reopened with a new menu offering two daily specials, a soup of the day, more salads, homemade/fresh foods and less deep fried foods.

Days off for bingo have changed from Wednesday and Saturday to Monday and Wednesday. This past summer, the Bingo department, introduced adding machines, which offer 60 cards (42 cards play 150 and 18 cards that play 250) and once a month bingo is offering a mini bash, plus, free bingo.

Landscaping around the facility was successful this past summer,

with physician approval

Specific questions about child seats/booster seats should be directed to:

WINS (Wisconsin Information Network for Safety) at (866) 511-9467 or wins9467@sbcglobal.net.

Further information and recommendations available from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS>

with the help of a Tribal youth program that came in and planted many flowers and plants around the grounds and most recently the facilities department also completed paving and resurfacing the parking lots.

The LCO Casino, Lodge & Convention Center was selected by the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development – Division of Vocational Rehabilitation – to receive an award for their contribution in working with our Vocational Rehabilitation Department here at LCO in placing their consumers in jobs that they can succeed in. The awards were presented on Friday, October 18, 2013 at the Steakhouse Lodge in Hayward. Accepting the award on behalf of the Casino was Janice Snider, Human Resources Training and Orientation Coordinator.

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Please Note: The Marketplace Open Enrollment Period goes through March 31, 2014.

#### BadgerCare Plus Basic Plan

The BadgerCare Plus Basic Plan is ending on March 31, 2014. If Basic Plan members continue to pay their monthly premiums, there will be no change in their Basic Plan enrollment until April 1, 2014.

Basic Plan members should apply for health care benefits through the Marketplace (see “Applying Through the Marketplace”). The Marketplace will let individuals know if they will be enrolled in BadgerCare Plus or if they should purchase private health insurance. If they will be enrolled in BadgerCare Plus, coverage will begin April 1, 2014. If individuals should purchase private health insurance, the Marketplace will give them information about the health insurance options that are available, what those plans cost, and if they can get any help paying for their private health insurance. The health insurance that individuals purchase through the Marketplace can begin as soon as January 1, 2014. However, their health insurance will not begin until they choose their plan and pay their first monthly premium by the date given by the health plan.

Please Note: The Marketplace Open Enrollment Period goes through March 31, 2014.

#### Applying Through the Marketplace

There are several ways individuals and families can apply for private health insurance through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace:

- Online at [Healthcare.gov](http://Healthcare.gov)
- Phone: Call 1-800-318-2596, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (TTY:

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inconvenience. She said a \$9.97 fee is charged for shipping and handling.

“Veterans are encouraged to use care when calling VA national lines and to be aware that the [Veterans Benefits Administration] office does not sell gift cards or ask for credit card information,” said a news release from Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., alerting veterans to the VA fraud alert.

Bennet said the marketing company representatives are vague about whether they were officially working with VA, and “respond yes

1-855-889-4325). A customer service representative can help complete the application.

- Mail: Fill out a paper application. The application can be found online at [Healthcare.gov](http://Healthcare.gov). Click the orange button with the paper icon.

- In Person: There are navigators, Certified Application Counselors (CACs), agents and brokers who can help individuals and families apply for health insurance through the Marketplace. Enrollment for Health Wisconsin has a list of certified navigators, CACs, agents, brokers, and other public benefits assisters on its website at [e4healthwi.org](http://e4healthwi.org).

#### BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan Benefits Beginning April 1, 2014

The BadgerCare Plus Benchmark and Core Plans are ending on March 31, 2014. Benchmark and Core Plan Members who meet the new BadgerCare Plus rules will be automatically enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan on April 1, 2014 and do not need to complete a new application to continue their BadgerCare Plus enrollment. More services are covered under the Standard Plan than the Benchmark Plan or Core Plan. Some of those services include:

- Generic and brand name prescription drugs and some over-the-counter (OTC) drugs.
- Outpatient mental health and substance abuse services.
- Dental services.
- Emergency and non-emergency medical transportation to and from a covered service.

The amount of member copays may also change. Copayments for the BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan range from \$.50 to \$3 per service.

when asked if they can help with VA benefits, and they may even offer to transfer callers after requesting credit card information.”

According to VA:

The VA National Call Center number is 800-827-1000. The number used by the bogus marketing company is 800-872-1000.

The VA GI Bill Call Center number is 888-442-4551. The number used by the bogus marketing company is 888-442-4511.



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# Thanksgiving Dinner at the LCO Ojibwe School

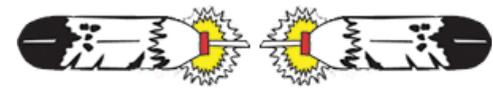


## Upcoming Events

January 4, 2014  
**General Membership Meeting**  
 @ Bingo Hall

January 10, 2014  
**Elder Council/TGB Meeting**  
 Peter Larson Room  
 9 a.m.

January 11, 2014  
**Elder Council Meeting**  
 Reserve Elder Center  
 10 a.m.



## Veteran's Day Message from Chairman

On behalf of the people of Lac Courte Oreilles I want to thank all our Veterans and their families for their tremendous sacrifices in the protection of our freedoms at home and abroad. I also want to thank those warriors from throughout the years who have risked personal injury, risk of arrest and confiscation of their property on behalf of the Ojibwe people to regain recognition

of our Treaty Reserved Rights — this includes those who have represented us at boat landings, boardrooms or courtrooms.

To all our Nations warriors, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians says CHI-MIGWETCH!! ~ Mic Isham

*(Due to the LCO Newsletter's monthly print schedule, we were not able to include this message in last month's issue.)*

# LCO NEW YEAR'S EVE POWWOW

Bring in 2014 at our culturally rich, family celebration!

**Tues: Dec 31 @ LCO School 8575 N Round Lake Rd Hayward, WI**  
**Feast 5:30-6:30pm Grand Entry 7:00pm**  
**Dancer/Singer registration 5:30-6:30pm**  
 Honorarium for dancers and drums  
**Woodland inter-tribals/spot dances 7pm-12am**  
 Hand drum contest **Potato dance** Give aways **Prizes for the following:**  
 Best beaded medallion/hat, biggest waist, ugliest coffee mug/hat  
 switch dance, newest baby, rez dog picture, furthest visitor  
**Free Vendor set-up** doors open @ 5:30 bring your own tables  
 Veterans, Royalty, Elders, Visitors and General public are **all** welcome  
**NO Alcohol/Drugs allowed** info lconewyearsvepowow@gmail.com  
 Coordinator **Becky Taylor (715) 558-2281**

**FREE!**

LAC COURTE OREILLES  
 Tribe of the Ojibwe

## FYI: New Boundaries 7th District Map



Going into the election season, it's important to know who and what you're voting for. Recent re-districting of the Congressional District 7 now encompasses a larger area. Watch for a special announcement for January 7th from the Sawyer Co./LCO Democratic Party Meeting.