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Merry Christmas! From The Tribal Office Staff

Winner of the 2015 Employee Reward Program



Daniel Bressette (LCO Quick Stop) is the winner of the 2015 employee reward program. Dan won a prize package worth \$2,700 at a special drawing. During the busy months of June through September employees of the LCO retail businesses can earn a chance to win a grand prize of a \$2,000 travel package and \$700 in spending cash. Employees who exhibit good work habits and are a role model for other employees receive a \$100 bonus for each month they qualify as well as an entry into the

grand prize drawing. Honorable mention goes to the following individuals for qualifying in each of the four months of the reward program: Renee Isham (Quick Stop), Tamara Grover (Quick Stop), Scott Miller (Quick Stop), John Jack (Country Store), Bud Grammer (Country Store), Tara Davis (Spirit Convenience Center), Linda Irwin (The Landing). This is the second year of the employee reward program, last year's winner was Rhienna Larson also of the Quick Stop.

LCO Toys For Tots Program Raffle Dec. 21

THE LCO TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM IS HOLDING A RAFFLE DECEMBER 21ST, 1:00PM

AT THE TRIBAL OFFICE. PRIZES INCLUDE TWO BATTERY OPERATED CARS. TICKETS ARE 6 FOR \$5.00. TWO SEPARATE RAFFLES, RED TICKETS AND WHITE TICKETS. DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. IF YOU

WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE SEE PATTI QUADERER, CHAR LYNK, RACHEL TESCHENDORF IN THE FAMILY SERVICE DEPARTMENT. ALSO, AT THE FRONT DESK SHAON STARR WILL HAVE TICKETS AVAILABLE. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS TOYS FOR TOTS!



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Holiday Closures For LCO Transfer Station

Happy Holidays!!!
Thursday, December 24, and Friday the 25th for Christmas
Open Saturday December 26th.

Friday, January 1- New Years
Open Thursday December 31st and Saturday January 2nd.

Elder Council December 2015 News

TGB Monitor Reports: There are 600 Native students at Hayward Community Schools. Despite the experiences of some that can be defined as racial conflict, the Native population there continues to grow. Hayward Community Schools is requesting elder volunteers to do storytelling to their students. Organizers of the Water Walk are seeking funds for a major gathering of women in 2016 to raise their conscientiousness about the threats to clean water and to help them better organize to protect this precious resource. The tribe is financially supporting the Veterans' Powwow to be held on November 11th. Amvet members request that organizers of the powwow consult with them during the planning process. There is no approved tribal budget. While the tribe is not in financial crisis, spending should be reduced or eliminated in nonproductive areas, areas which drain limited resources. (note: The tribal budget was finally passed Nov 23rd.)

Boys and Girls Club: Wes, a staff member at the Boys and Girls Club, explained the intergenerational program "Footprints." It began with a showing of "The Seventh Fire," a documentary about spearing and the reaffirmation of the right of the Ojibwe to hunt, fish and gather in ceded territories and included brief presentations from the Tribble brothers. Several service projects are being planned, including raking the leaves at elder residences. On December 14th, 4 to 6 pm, Dennis White will tell stories to young people followed by a meal. Other elders are invited.

Mic Isham and Rose Gokee, who had attended the Water Walk fund raiser, stopped by the Elder Council meeting. The Tribal Operated Waiver program, which would allow Wisconsin Tribes to manage resources to elders and persons with serious disabilities, has been delayed due to bureaucratic malfunctions. This program, when finally approved, will bring thousands of dollars of resources into the homes of elders and persons with disabilities and assure that they will be able to remain in their own homes. Mic recently addressed a cabinet level meet of leadership and stressed the importance of removing any logjams that have prevented the approval of the Waiver Program as a tribal initiative. He discussed other tribal priorities that make it necessary for him, and other council members, to be away from LCO. One of the Elder Council members questioned the lack of TGB attention to constitutional revision and reorganization of a workable management structure within tribal operations.

The site, theways.org, was mentioned. It is produced by Wisconsin Media Labs and includes several stories related to LCO including Waadookodaading and spearing.

We discussed that many grants which could support local priorities are not received or, sometimes, applied for. It was suggested that we approach the Tribal College to offer professional in-service for program directors to learn about the fund raising/development process.

December 2015 LCO Casino News

Table Games News!!

"I would like to Thank all the Table Games Team Members for their hard work and dedication during the last few months. Thank you for the extra hours you have put in to cover when we have been short handed. Everyone has helped out when the department needed it the most and always had a smile on your faces. I would like to give special recognition to the following: Misty Hunter - For putting in long hours and helping out as Supervisor when needed and staying late to help get the games open. Melody Fleming - Coming in her days off to help out in the pit and staying late. Robert Fleming & Charles Smart - For stepping in as Pit Supervisor to make sure we can open the games. Nicole Miller - For stepping up and running the poker room for tournaments and coming in on days off.

And all Team Members for a

Job well done!

Congratulations to the Table Games Team Members for Perfect Attendance In October: Chuxie Barrows, Emily Shuey, Kevin Crone, Melody Fleming, Rainah Hanlon, Francis Kakazu, Darryle Cooper, Misty Hunter, Kris Ernst and Glen Driessen

Welcome New Team Members: Veronica Belille & Shawn Belille!
~Chris Kagigebi, Table Games Director

Food & Beverage Dept.

New Employees that passed their 90 Days and Off Probation; Christopher Headsworth, DJ Kagigabi, Robert Vig, Gerald Thayer

But Especially all who covered open shifts...

~David Bowen, Executive Chef & F&B Director

Above and Beyond: "All the Team Members in the Kitchen!! You know who you are!!"

LCO Vocational Rehabilitation Program



We would like to welcome Gwen Carley, the new administrative assistant and Sheila Butler, the new counselor to the LCO Vocational Rehabilitation Program. They join Tammy Garcia, the Director, Rhonda Raines, counselor and Dustin Morrow the Job Developer.

Our program provides culturally-appropriate vocational rehabilitation services to Native Americans with disabilities that

are in High School and on up, who reside in Sawyer County. Vocational Rehabilitation services are provided to eligible individuals with disabilities that have barriers to employment to maintain, obtain and engage in gainful employment. Call Gwen at (715) 638-5161 for more information or for scheduling orientation.

We would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.



LCO Ogichidaa Memorial

by Faith Smith, Elder Council Secretary

The Elder Council received a small grant to plan for and install an exhibit honoring LCO veterans and to establish a more accurate record of veterans going back as far as we are able. A part of our planning involves visiting other museums that highlight the accomplishments of tribal veterans. First on our list was the Ziibiwing Center of Anishnabe Culture and Lifeways in Mt. Pleasant, MI. Ziibiwing was established in 2004 by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe “to provide a culturally relevant educational experience through its award-winning Diba Jimooyung (Telling Our Story) permanent exhibit, changing exhibits, research center, Ojibwe language immersion room, gift shop and meeting rooms.”

able to experience high quality representations that reflect the history, culture and current conditions of a tribal community with beauty, sensitivity and knowledge. Stories of the people from our origins to contemporary times are shared through the Seven Prophecies. Presentations about Saginaw Chippewa veterans and students during the boarding school era were particularly moving.

The tribe provides an annual financial allocation to Ziibiwing, which is supplemented by fund raising by museum staff.

Ziibiwing also provides direction to a tribal historic preservation office and tribal repatriation efforts. A large native jewelry store located within the tribal casino is also under the management of Ziibiwing.

While in Mt. Pleasant, we also visited Andahwod Senior Care, a 40-bed tribally operated residence for tribal elders and persons with disabilities who have varying ability levels from constant care to minor assistance. In the center of the building, there is a rotunda with a large fountain which serves as an open dining area for residents and for persons from the community who purchase lunch at a low cost. Gayle Ruhl, Director of Andahwod, provided important information about the maintenance of such a facility.

Eleven elders traveled to Mt. Pleasant November 12, 13 and 14 to gather information and learn more about Ziibiwing. The staff, including Director Shannon Martin, assisted with our tour and gave us an amazing opportunity to appreciate the importance of a long term tribal commitment to share stories from a uniquely Ojibwe perspective; and we were

Our last stop before returning to LCO, was in Petoskey, home to the Little Traverse Band of Odawa. We visited with tribal members and learned about their efforts to revitalize indigenous language use and cultural understanding.

A Happy Going Away For Dianne Sullivan



Sawyer County Chief Deputy Faulstich, LCO TGB member Jason Schlender and Sheriff Kelsey wishing Dianne Sullivan a happy Going-Away today at the LCO Community Health Center. Video is on Lac Courte Oreilles News & Information page of gift presentation by LCO Health Center Director Greg Duffek and Dianne's comments on many years of sobriety and helping the LCO people.

EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER



LCO Employees of the Quarter Sheila Butler, Karen Breit, Tammy De-Nasha, Doris Corbine and Tony Mannila accepting for Karen Gordon. Also pictured are TGB members Jason Weaver, 'Mic' Isham, Norma Ross and Rusty Barber.

Happy Holidays!
 From Circle Systems & Cloud 9 Coffee House

Circle Systems
 Monday - Friday
 8:00am - 5:00pm

Cloud 9 Coffee House

Daily Lunch Specials
 Fresh Bakery
 Espresso Drinks
 Computer Services

14392 W. County Rd K
 Hayward, WI 54843
 (715) 634-0290

Monday - Friday
 7:00am - 3:00pm



Geromino David Michael Wade
Miisko Giizhig "Red Sky"

April 16, 1961 - November 10, 2015

David "Geronimo" Wade, age 54, of Lac Courte Oreilles, died Tuesday, November 10, 2015 in Franklin, WI.

David "Geronimo" Michael Wade was born April 16, 1961 in Chicago, IL the son of Paul "Biddy" Wade and Joyce Ninham. He grew up attending the Indian Community School in Milwaukee, WI as a child and later graduated from high school in May 1978 at the Flandreau Indian High School in Flandreau, SD. Geronimo furthered his education and attended the Haskell Indian College in Lawrence, KS, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Community College in Hayward and graduated from the Iron Workers School in Chicago, IL in 1980. He loved being with his family and friends and mainly spending his time with the children "little ones" in his family. Geronimo loved his heritage and was a spiritual and cultural man always traveling and attending tribal ceremonies, sweats, and singing and dancing at powwows. Geronimo lived his life with a passion for family and friends having a big caring heart, if he had it you had it, taking care of his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by all.

He is survived by his mother Joyce; children Kenneth (Paula Tucker) Doxtator Sr., Quill Wade, Damon Skenandore, Jordan Jelinek, Geronimo Durant, Lisalynn Wade, Sarah "Little Rose" Wade, Davine Wade, Diondra Boswell, Shelby Boswell,

& David Boswell; step-children Kimberly Kostter, Patrick Kostter; 20 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren; siblings Gayle Corbine, Linda "Nana" Wade, Barbara Jean "BJ" Moore, Gina Diamond, Frank "Cricket" (Maria) Wade, Wayne "Doogie" Wade, Paul "Obbie" Wade, Donnie Corbine and Robert "Berta" (Rick) Corbine; many adopted and foster brothers and sisters; aunts, uncles, nieces & nephews.

Geronimo was preceded by his father Bidy; grandparents; son Cody "Bad Bear" Wade; siblings Cindy Wade-Cornelius, George Wade, Joseph "Smiley" Wade, Ardis Wade and Stewert Wade; nieces Amy Wade-Munell & Abigail Wade.

Tribal Funeral Rites were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 14, 2015 at Pineview Funeral Service in Hayward with Alex Fox officiating. Burial was at Chief Lake Indian Burial Grounds in Hayward.

Honorary bearers were Dwayne Corbine, Brian Delapast, Dezzie, Ronald Grieger Jr., Terry Tribble, Jeremy Wade, Mahto Man Wade, Prez Wade, Gordy Williams and Michael "Geezik" Williams.

Casket bearers will be John Anderson, Shane Corbine, David Doxtator, Kenneth Doxtator Jr., Joe Ishan Jr., Ray Tatroe, Mike Taylor, Travel Skenandore, Wabbs Olson and Joe Wade.



Erin Marie Miller

Niinimoshenmáinganikwe
"Sweet Heart Wolf Woman"

April 29, 1992 - November 16, 2015

Erin M. Miller, age 23, of Lac Courte Oreilles, died Monday, November 16, 2015 in Minneapolis, MN.

Erin Marie Miller was born April 29, 1992 in Hayward, WI, the daughter of Myron Crone Sr. and Autumn Miller. She grew up and attended school in Hayward and graduated high school in 2010. Over her life Erin lived in Hayward, Milwaukee, Superior, Rhinelander and Minneapolis. She loved to dance, she and her mom traveled to various locations and powwows across the United States. In 1995 Erin was named LCO Tiny Tot Princess and in 2008 was named Miss LCO Princess. She was loved by everyone who met and knew her.

She is survived by her father Myron Crone Sr.; daughter Autumn Sheree Boswell;

significant other David Boswell Jr.; sister Santana Colbo; brothers Myron Crone Jr., Kevin Crone; grandparents Gerald & Neomi Miller; great grandmothers Beatrice Hall and Arlene Isham; nephews & nieces Michael Dennis, Kalista Crone, Alex & Macki Sharlow, Sataya Crone; many aunts, uncles & cousins.

Erin was preceded by her mother Autumn; grandparents Frank & Carol Crone, Vernon "Bubby" Isham; uncles Michael Miller, Gerald Miller Jr. and Frank Crone.

Tribal Funeral Rites will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 20, 2015 at Big Drum Ceremonial Center in Lac Courte Oreilles with Larry Amik Smallwood officiating. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery in Reserve. Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19th at Big Drum Ceremonial Center with a service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Honorary bearers will be Deondra Boswell, Sheree Boswell, Robert Corbine, Arnold Crone, Jeff Crone, Kim Crone, Patsy Crone, Steve Crone, Michael Dennis, Karen Gordon, Talia Jaros, Joe St. Germaine, Aziga Wade, Sarah Wade, Dusty Wilson T.J. Wilson, aunts and uncles.

Casket bearers will be Thomas Corbine, Steve Crone Jr., Lorenzo Delcampo, Brian DeMarr, John Hall Jr. and Peter "Buddy" Hall.

Lac Courte Oreilles



Quick Stop

Would like to wish everyone a
Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!
Thank You for yor Patronage!



Lac Courte Oreilles



Convenience Center

Would like to wish you a very
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!





Clara Belle Beebe

O Kwegan

December 21, 1920 - November 22, 2015

Clara B. Beebe, age 94, of LCO, died Sunday, November 22, 2015 at Golden Living – Valley of Hayward.

Clara Belle Beebe was born December 21, 1920 in Round Lake, the daughter of William and Lucy (Carroll) Belille. She grew up and attended school at Hayward Indian School in Hayward. Clara received her Bachelors and Teaching degree from LCO Community College and taught Native American Language at the

college. She resided her whole life in Hayward.

She is survived by her daughter Leona Coon of LCO; many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Clara was preceded by her parents; two sons Ronald Coon and Joseph Benjamin; two daughter Arnella Coon and Mavis Maciejko; brothers Robert, Alec and Louie Belille.

Tribal Funeral Rites will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at Pineview Funeral Service in Hayward with David “Maabin” Merrill officiating. Burial will be in Round Lake Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 24th at the funeral home.

Honorary bearers will be Roger Baker, Dan Barber, Lonnie Barber, Russell Barber, Myron Belisle, William Merrill and Wynn Merrill.

Casket bearers will be Brent Belisle, Darren Merrill, Jackson Merrill, James Merrill, Jaylen Merrill and Daryl Quagon.

would have reasonably expected that delay in seeking immediate medical attention would have been hazardous to life or health. If you are an eligible veteran, and a VA facility is not feasibly available when you believe your health or life is in immediate danger, report directly to the closest emergency room (ER). If your condition is stabilized by the ER but additional medical care is needed, proceed to the nearest VA Medical Center (VAMC). If hospitalization is required for your service or non-service connected condition, you, your representative or the treating facility should contact the nearest VAMC’s Transfer Center within 24 hours to arrange a transfer to VA care. Veterans have a responsibility to ensure

that the VA Transfer Center is notified immediately upon any hospital admission. For Sawyer County Veterans and surrounding counties, the Minneapolis VA Medical Center’s notification line is (612)-725-2019.

Please contact the Sawyer County Veterans Service Office if you would like to receive periodic veteran information by email. There are many state and federal benefits and programs available to veterans and their dependents. To find out if you are eligible for any of these benefits, visit or call our office. We can and will assist you in completing all required application forms. For any questions and to schedule an appointment, please call (715)-634-2770.

Veterans Corner: Non VA Emergency Care

In 2001, the U.S. Congress provided VA with authorization (called the Mill Bill) to pay for emergency care in non-VA facilities for veterans enrolled in the VA health care system. The benefit will pay for emergency care rendered for non-service-connected conditions for VA enrolled veterans who have no other source of payment for the care. However, VA will only pay to the point of medical stability. There are very strict guidelines concerning these types of claims. Veterans and their non-VA providers should be aware that these claims must be filed with the VA within 90 days from the last day of the emergent care. This benefit is a safety net for enrolled veterans who have no other means of paying a private facility emergency bill. If another health insurance provider pays all or part of a bill, VA cannot provide any reimbursement. Veterans who

retired from the U.S. military are covered by Tricare/CHAMPUS insurance and cannot file a Mill Bill claim.

To qualify, you must be provided care in a hospital emergency department or similar facility providing emergency care. You must be enrolled in the VA Health Care System and must have been provided care by a VA health care provider within the last 24 months. You must be financially liable to the provider of the emergency treatment for that treatment, and have no other form of health care insurance including Medicare, Medicaid, or a state program. You cannot have any other contractual or legal recourse against a third party (such as a Workman’s Comp Claim or a Motor Vehicle Accident) that will pay all or part of the bill. The care must have been rendered in a medical emergency of such nature that a prudent layperson



Kyle Jesse Ross

Niizh-Ma’iingan

December 26, 1992 - Nov. 25, 2015

Kyle J. Ross, age 22, of Wausau, died Wednesday, November 25, 2015.

Kyle Jesse Ross was born December 26, 1992 in Hayward, WI, the son of Erika Ross and Louis Beaulieu. Kyle was a very athletic and excelled in soccer. He was a creative, talented artist with a specialty for drawing and bead working. Kyle most recently took up the art of tattooing, producing many amazing designs.

He is survived by his parents; girlfriend Lisa Young; a daughter that is due in March; brothers Kaleb Ross, Connor Beaulieu, Dylan Beaulieu, Jacob Beaulieu, Benjamin Beaulieu; sisters Paige Beaulieu, Kerrigan Wielgot, Rowan Beaulieu, Amelia Beaulieu,

Mischa Beaulieu; nephew Rylan; grandparents Jerry & Susan Ross, Doris (Robert Quaderer) Corbine, Duane Beaulieu; uncles Ryan (Erin) Ross, Randy Ross, Steven Martinson, Patrick Martinson; aunts Penny Beaulieu, Jacque Martinson; special cousins Chayden, Cheyanne & Ruby Ross along with many other cousins.

Kyle was preceded by his brother Louis Beaulieu Jr.; great grandparents Jesse & Albina Ross, Leonard & Elmyra Pope, Rita Corbine, Louis Corbine.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission in Reserve with Father Gregory Hopefl officiating. Music will be provided by Sister Felissa Zander. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. Monday, November 30th at Pineview Funeral Service in Hayward.

Honorary bearers will be Connor Beaulieu, Dylan Beaulieu, Terry Boswell, Patrick Martinson, Steven Martinson and Desiree Miller.

Casket bearers will be Steven Clause, Dylan Hanson, John Martinez, Matthew Miller, Raif Miller, Kaleb Ross, Dominic Walters and Todd “TJ” Young Jr.

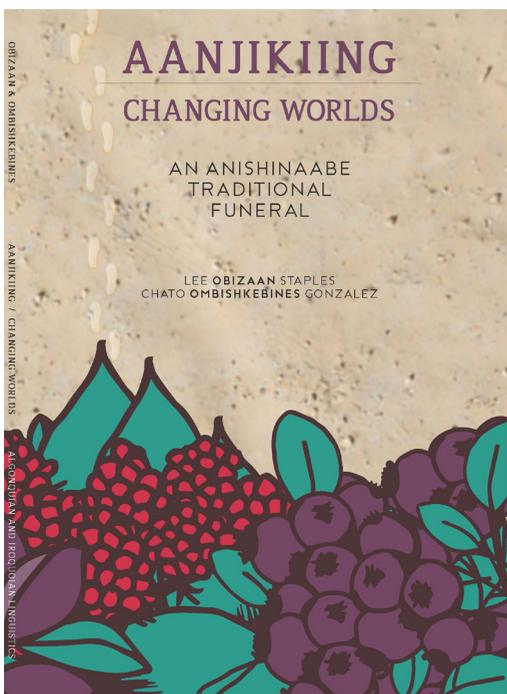
Thanksgiving Elder's Feast at Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College





Aanjikiing/Changing Worlds: An Anishinaabe Traditional Funeral

by Gaa-anishinaabemod: Lee Obizaan Staples & Gaa-anishinaabewibii'ang: Chato Ombishkebines Gonzalez



Mii iw gii-ni-giizhibii'amaang i'iw mazina'igan Aanjikiing/Changing Worlds: An Anishinaabe Traditional Funeral ezhiwiinjigaadeg. Mii dash imaa i'iw mazina'iganing anidazhindamaan ezhi-gaagiigidod awiya maajaa'iwed.

We have finished writing the book Aanjikiing/ Changing Worlds: An Anishinaabe Traditional Funeral. In this book I am covering how to talk when you send the spirit down that path during a traditional funeral.

Ishke dash mii i'iw gaa-onji-inendamaan da-okawisijigaadeg ezhi-gaagiigidoyaan iko ani-maajaa'iweyaan, ishke ninaniizaanendaan nawaj igo da-ni-bangiwwagiziwaad giniigaaniiminaang ge-ni-

gikendangig i'iw ezhi-webinigid awiya maajaa'iwed.

The reason that I have decided to write the way I talk when I do a funeral, is I have fears that there will be fewer people in our future that will know how to talk at an Anishinaabe traditional funeral.

Ishke noongom ingiw mayaajaa'iwejj gaawiin nimbi-noondanziin dagikinoo'amawaawaad awiya ezhi-gaagiigidowaad wiinawaa maajaa'iwewaad. Indayaawaag niin eni-gikinoo'amawagig, mii dash i'iw ge-wiinawaa ge-ni-aabajitoowaapan i'iw mazina'igan da-ni-nandawaabandamowaad i'iw ani-ginjiba'igowaad i'iw gaagiigidowin. Mii i'iw mayaamaw-zanagak ani-gaagiigidod awiya.

I have not heard of any other Anishinaabe who are doing funerals to be passing those teachings onto others. I have others who I have been teaching how to talk at these funerals. This book will be available to them to reference if they should forget how the talk goes. Funerals are the hardest talk to do when it comes to ceremonies.

Azhigwa ani-maajii-agindaman o'ow mazina'igan mii i'iw nitam ge-ni-agindaman i'iw Gaa-onjikaamagak ezhiwiinjigaadeg. Gidayangwaamininim da-agindameg i'iw gaa-izhibii'igeyaan. Mii imaa weweni ani-waawiindamaageyaan

gaa-onji-inendamaan da-okawisidooyaan omaa ezhi-gaagiigidod awiya maajaa'iwed.

When you begin reading this book, the first part that you will read about is the introduction. I encourage all of you to read what I have written in this part. It is here I do my best to explain why I have made the decision to share this information.

Ishke ishkweyaang nigii-pi-waabandaan gii-ozhibii'ang i'iw gaagiigidowin a'aw Anishinaabe. Ishke a'aw akiwenziyiban gaa-nitawigi'id ogii-ayaan iniw mazina'iganan gaa-miinigod inow Anishinaaben gii-ni-okawibii'igaadeg i'iw gaagiigidowin. Ishke dash omaa gaye Gaa-onjikaamagak, mii gaye omaa ani-waawiinagwaa ingiw mindimooyenyibaneg naa akiwenziyibaneg gaa-gikinoo'amawijig ezhising i'iw gaagiigidowin ani-maajaa'iwed awiya.

I have seen this talk written down by Anishinaabe in the past. The old man that raised me had written material that was given to him by other Anishinaabe where the funeral talk was written down. In this introduction I also mention the names of those old ladies and old men of the past who had taught me how to do the talk at a funeral.

Mii gaye imaa gii-ozhibii'amaan

ezhi-gaagiigidong i'iw wiisiniwin atamawaad a'aw Anishinaabe megwaa maa babaa-maawadisadaminid o'ow aki inow odinawemaaganan azhigwa waa-ni-aanjikiinid, B a b a a - m a a w a d i s a d a n g i'iw Aki ezhi-wiinjigaadeg. Mii imaa zagaswe'idid a'aw Anishinaabe nising endaso-onaagoshig dabwaa-abitawind ani-wiidoopamaad inow odinawemaaganan gaa-inendaagozinid da-ni-aanjikiinid.

I have also written down the talk that goes with the feast where the spirit of the deceased is fed as he goes about and revisits the Earth before he changes worlds. It is called Pre-funeral Feasts. This is where the Anishinaabe feasts the three evenings before the wake eating with their relative that is about to change worlds.

Ani-giizhiikamaan anidazhindamaan i'iw, mii imaa ani-wiindamaageyaan ezhi-gaagiigidong owapii ani-abitawind a'aw azhigwa waa-ni-aanjikiid, Abitawind ezhiwiinjigaadeg. Mii imaa eni-wiindamaageng gaa-onjikaamagak isa gii-shawendaagozid gii-miinigoowizid ge-ni-izhaad a'aw Anishinaabe anigaagwiinawaabaminaagozid omaa akiing.

As I finish talking about those

ArtStart to Screen Native American Film



Susan Reetz (back row, far left) worked with a production and advisory team to produce Missing Threads: The Story of the Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act. (Submitted photo)

Courtesy of ArtStart

Rhineland ArtStart will host a screening of the film *Missing Threads: The Story of the Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act*, produced by Susan Reetz, followed by a presentation from Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court judge Eugene L. White-Fish, Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. The one-hour documentary presents first-hand accounts of damage done by the removal of Native American children from their families and placement outside Native American culture before the implementation of the Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act (WICWA) designed to keep Native American children within their culture and, when possible, within their family or tribe.

WICWA is the Wisconsin implementation of the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 that recognized Native American families were being broken apart at an alarming rate due to state social service departments removing children and placing them in non-Indian homes. Studies in 1969 and 1974 showed that 25 to 35 percent of Native American children had been separated from their

families and placed in foster care, institutions or adoptive families that were generally non-Native American. Congress recognized, in creating the act, that what was in the best interest of a non-Native American child was not necessarily in the best interest of an Indian child. Both ICWA and WICWA were designed to protect the best interests of Native American children and promote stability and security of Native American tribes and families.

Missing Threads is designed to increase understanding of the pivotal influence of tribal culture and connection for Native American children and the negative impacts for the child, the family and tribal culture when that connection is missing. WICWA was enacted in 2009.

White-Fish is the chief judge of the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court and can speak as someone with experience with the system pre- and post- WICWA from both personal and legal perspectives. He was honored for his work with the national Tribal Child Support Association, receiving The Judges Award for Professional Excellence. He is past president of the National American Indian Court Judges Association.

Reetz has produced documentaries and videos on numerous topics including *Missing Threads* and is a member of the International Documentary Association. She resides in the Wausau area and is a partner in Rucinski and Reetz Communication.

Admission is free, or by free-will donation. Rhineland ArtStart is located at 68 S. Stevens St. in Rhineland. For information on this and other ArtStart programs, go to www.ArtStartRhineland.org.

Measuring Success at LCO Ojibwe Schools

As I look at student progress from the perspective of a retired principal and with a new perspective I have found positive outcomes in student learning in this school system.

Last fall I had the opportunity to view the results of the previous year's senior's ACT scores. Although overall the composite scores were below the state average by two points, their reading scores were above the state average. When I saw that I had to reflect on the efforts made school wide in the past thirteen years. Those seniors were the first graduating class that were involved in our reading improvement program. As a recipient of a Reading First grant from the Bureau of Indian Education we were involved in focusing on reading with the target of having all students on grade level by the end of the third grade. This required staff development, changes in schedules and changes in teaching styles. All these activities created an opportunity for growth within

the staff as educators and that I believe resulted in the increased ACT averages. As the years passed the efforts continued to follow the students as they progressed in school. These program initiatives have also, I believe resulted in those same student being above the state average in Ready for College level Coursework in the two areas of Social Studies and in General Science, Biology, Chemistry. This helps demonstrate the student's comprehension levels in those areas.

With this in mind the staff that were part of this change process, some still teaching at the Lac Courte Oreilles School and those who have moved on deserve a Chi-Miigwech for the work they have done and continue to do. As a former supervisor I was aware of the hard work and struggles in this change process and likely did not praise the efforts as much I one could have done so, again their work have made a difference and that is what education is for.

Craig Euneau

INTRODUCING THE OJIBWE JAVA

REUBEN

Corned Beef, Swiss Cheese, Sauerkraut on a Marble Rye Ciabatta Bun



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LCO HS Varsity Volleyball Team



Front Row; Jessica Bunker Second Row: Cali Perry, Marie Potack, Aiyana Perry Third Row: Mikala Radermacher, Coach Danielle Scott, Helen Perry, Jessy Martinson, Raven Grover, Arianna Crone, Coach Jenny Alcoe Fourth Row: Alyssa LaRush, Shaylena Corbine, Maria Acosta

LCO Middle School Volleyball Team

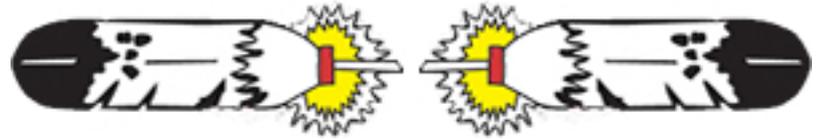


Front Row: Left to Right - Alexa McNabb, Dawn Denomie; Middle Row: Emma Ryvak, Neveah Cross; Back Row: Coach Andrea DeBungie, Elizabeth Coffman, Nadine Lynk, Neah Billyboy, Phoenix Corbine, Andreanna Acosta, and Coach Laura Taylor.

LCO HS Varsity Cross Country Team



Left to Right: Jamie Thomas and Mary Dust



LCO Middle School Cross Country Team



Left to Right: Miriam Denomie, Raini Dawn Kingfisher, Isabelle Grover Trotterchaude



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LCO Ojibwe School Basketball Schedule

January 5, 2016

Girls MS Away Game vs. Winter

5:30 p.m. Winter High School
Leaving at 4:15 p.m.

January 7, 2016

Boys Varsity Game vs. Homeschool Basketball Association (HBA)

6:00 p.m. LCO Ojibwe HS-Theresa Williams Gymnasium

January 11, 2016

Girls Varsity Away Game vs. Lake Holcombe

5:45 p.m. Lake Holcombe High School

Leaving at 3:30 Dismissal at 3:25

January 11, 2016

Boys Varsity Away Game vs. Lake Holcombe

7:15 p.m. Lake Holcombe High School

Leaving 3:30 Dismissal at 3:25

January 14, 2016

Girls Varsity Away Game vs. Fond du Lac Ojibwe

6:00 p.m. Fond du Lac Ojibwe High School

Leaving 3:30 p.m. Dismissal at 2:45 p.m.

January 15, 2016

Boys Varsity Game vs. New Auburn

6:30 p.m. LCO Ojibwe HS-Theresa Williams Gymnasium

January 16, 2016

Boys MS Tournament vs. Ashland

9:00 a.m. LCO Ojibwe HS-Theresa Williams Gymnasium

January 16, 2016

Girls MS Away Tournament vs. Northwestern

9:00 a.m. Northwestern High School

Leaving 7:00 a.m.

January 19, 2016

Boys Varsity Away Game vs. Siren

5:45 p.m. Siren High School
Leaving 3:45 p.m.

January 19, 2016

Girls Varsity Game vs. Unity

6:00 p.m. LCO Ojibwe HS-Theresa Williams Gymnasium

January 21, 2016

Girls Varsity Away Game vs. Cornell

5:45 p.m. Cornell High School
Leaving 3:30 Dismissal 3:24

January 21, 2016

Boys Varsity Away Game vs. Cornell

7:15 p.m. Cornell High School
Leaving 3:30 p.m. Dismissal 3:24 p.m.

January 23, 2016

Boys MS Away Tournament vs. Solon Springs

9:00 a.m. Solon Springs High School

Leaving 7:00 a.m.

January 28, 2016

Girls Varsity Game vs. South Shore

5:45 p.m. LCO Ojibwe HS-Theresa Williams Gymnasium

January 28, 2016

Boys Varsity Game vs. South Shore

7:15 p.m. LCO Ojibwe HS-Theresa Williams Gymnasium

January 30, 2016

Boys MS Away Tournament vs. Pine City

9:00 a.m. Pine City High School

January 30, 2016

Girls MS Away Tournament vs. Shell Lake

9:00 a.m. Shell Lake High School

Leaving 7:00 a.m.

February 2, 2016

Girls Varsity Game vs. Birchwood

6:00 p.m. LCO Ojibwe HS-Theresa Williams Gymnasium

February 6, 2016

Girls MS Away Tournament vs. Ashland

9:00 a.m. Ashland High School

Leaving 7:00 a.m.

February 9, 2016

Boys Varsity Away Game vs. Fon du Lac Ojibwe

6:00 p.m. Fond du Lac Ojibwe

High School

Leaving 3:00 p.m. Dismissal at 2:45 p.m.

February 9, 2016

Girls Varsity Game vs. New Auburn

6:30 p.m. LCO Ojibwe High School - Theresa Williams Gymnasium

February 11, 2016

Boys Varsity Away Game vs. Homeschool Basketball Association (HBA)

6:00 p.m. Homeschool Basketball Association (HBA)

Leaving 4:00 p.m.

February 11, 2016

Girls Varsity Game vs. Fond du Lac Ojibwe

6:00 p.m. LCO Ojibwe High School - Theresa Williams Gymnasium

February 13, 2016

Boys MS Away Tournament vs. Cameron

9:00 a.m. Cameron High School

Leaving 7:00 a.m.

February 15, 2016

Boys Varsity Away Game vs. Mellen

5:45 p.m. Mellen High School

February 15, 2016

Girls Varsity Away Game vs. Mellen

7:15 p.m. Mellen High School
Leaving 3:45 p.m.

February 16, 2016

Girls Varsity Away Game vs. Chequamegon

7:15 p.m. Chequamegon High School

Leaving 4:45 p.m.

February 18, 2016

Girls Varsity Away Game vs. South Shore

5:45 p.m. South Shore High School

Leaving 3:30 p.m. Dismissal at 3:15 p.m.

February 18, 2016

Boys Varsity Away Game vs. South Shore

7:15 p.m. South Shore High School

Leaving 3:30 p.m. Dismissal at 3:15 p.m.

February 20, 2016

Boys MS Away Tournament vs. Ashland

9:00 a.m. Ashland High School

Leaving 7:00 a.m.

February 20, 2016

Girls MS Away Tournament vs. North Branch

9:00 a.m. North Branch High School

Leaving 6:00 a.m.

February 27, 2016

Girls MS Tournament vs. Flambeau

9:00 a.m. LCO Ojibwe High School - Theresa Williams Gymnasium

March 1, 2016

Boys Varsity Away WIAA Regional vs. TBA

7:00 p.m. TBA

March 5, 2016

Boys MS Migiziwag Shootout vs. Fond du Lac Ojibwe

9:00 a.m. LCO Ojibwe High School - Theresa Williams Gymnasium



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pre-funeral feasts, I then cover the talk that goes with the wake. This chapter is names Wake. It is here the history of this ceremony is covered, where the Anishinaabe was looked with compassion and given a place to go when they were no longer seen on this Earth.

Mii dash imaa ani-ishkwaa-wiidoopamind apii abiiawind a'aw waa-ni-aanjikiid, mii dash imaa ani-wiindamawindwaa ingiw besho enawendaasojig g e - n a a d a m a a g o w a a d wanitaasowaad. Mii imaa damikameg i'iw gaagiigidowin imaa Besho Enawendaasojig ezhiwiinjigaadeg.

After finishing the meal with the spirit of the individual at the wake, the close relatives are given information that will help them with their grief. You will find this information in Close Relatives Talk.

Azhigwa ani-maadagindaasoyan, mii imaa da-ni-agindaman i'iw gaagiigidowin ani-aabajichigaadeg azhigwa ani-maada'adood i'iw miikanens i'iw ge-ni-bima'adood i'iw apii ani-maajaa'ind awiya. Mii gaye imaa da-ni-agindaman ge-ni-izhichiged a'aw Anishinaabe azhigwa ani-ozhiitaa'ad waa-aanjikiinijin. Mii iw Azhigwa Maajaa'ind ezhiwiinjigaadeg.

As you begin your reading, you will read about the journey that the spirit of the individual takes as he goes down that path as he is sent off. It is here also that you will read about the preparations to be made to help the spirit on his journey. The section is called Funeral.

Mii dash gaye omaa ani-ozhibii'igaadeg ge-ni-izhichiged a'aw Anishinaabe azhigwa gaa-kiizhiitaaad gii-pagadenimaad omaa akiing inow odinawemaaganan. Azhigwa gaa-niiwo-giizhigak mii imaa enidazhinjigaadeg i'iw onaagoshig wiisiniwin achigaadeg. Mii dash imaa ani-gikinoo'amaageng ezhisig i'iw gaagiigidowin ani-apagizonjigaadeg i'iw

wiisiniwin iwidi ayaawaad gidina wemaaganinaa anig. Mii dash i'iwapii da-nidagoshimoonod gaa-maajaa'ind. Mii dash o'owapii ani-wiidoopamaad dash inow odinawemaaganan gaa-odisaajin iwidi. Mii i'iw Gaa-tagoshimoonod ezhiwiinjigaadeg.

In the next chapter the instructions are given to Anishinaabe on what to do once they put their relative in the ground. After four days there is a talk that goes with the food that is offered up that evening. The talk is covered that goes with sending the food over there where our relatives are. It is at that time that the spirit has arrived over there where our people are. It is then that he shares in a meal with all of his relatives who are over there. This chapter is called Post-funeral Feast.

Mii dash i'iw ayaapii a'aw Anishinaabe gaa-ni-izhichiged ani-mikwenimaad inow odinawemaaganan iwidi eyaanijin. Ishke ingiw gaa-nitawigi'ijig gaawiin i'iw memwech azhigwa bezhig i'iw gikinoonowin gaa-pimisemagak wiisiniwin ogii-atoosiinaawaa. Mii-go apane ayaapii gii-atamawaawaad i'iw wiisiniwin. Mii dash imaa gaye ani-wiindamaagengi'iwgaagiigidowin ani-aabajichigaadeg. Mii iw Mikwenimind Awiya ezhiwiinjigaadeg.

What the Anishinaabe did was every so often they would remember their relatives over there and put food. The old people that raised me did not necessarily wait a year to pass to put food for their relatives that had passed on. They would put their food periodically remembering their relatives. It is here that the talk is covered that goes with this ceremony. This chapter is called One-year Memorial Feast.

Mii gaye imaa ishkw-ayi'ii imaa mazina'iganing ozhibii'igaadeg gakina iniw ikidowinan omaa ani-aabajichigaadeg

ani-wiindamaageng weweni awegonen endazhinjigaadeg. Ikidowinan izhiwiinjigaade.

At the end of the book there is a glossary with all the words utilized in this book, each word used in the book is given a definition. This is called Ojibwe-English Glossary.

Mii dash omaa gidani-ayaangwaamiminim da-ni-aabajitooyeg o'ow mazina'igan da-ni-gikendameg weweni i'iw gaagiigidowin ani-aabajichigaadeg ani-maajaa'ind a'aw gidanishinaabeminaan. Gegoo debinaak ani-izhichigekegon azhigwa ani-maajaa'iweyeg. Gidaa-wii-wawiiingezim. Ishke dash mii imaa ani-gagaanzominagog a'aw asemaa da-bi-miizhiyeg dabwaa-aabajitooyeg o'ow gaagiigidowin. Mii iko ingiw gidanishinaabeminaa anig ishkwewaang gaa-izhichigewaad, weweni ogii-o-asemaakawaawaan inow owii'anishinaabemiwaan da-gikinoo'amaagowaad ani-izhichiged a'aw Anishinaabe ani-asemaaked.

I am strongly encouraging you guys to use this book to learn the talk that goes with sending the spirit of our people off. Do not do not do things half-heartedly as you do these funerals. You should try to do the best you can. It is

here I am also encouraging you to bring me tobacco before you go on to use this information. This is what our Anishinaabe of the past did, they would respectfully bring tobacco to their fellow Anishinaabe to teach them what is done in any ceremony that Anishinaabe were given.

Ishke gaye omaa niwii-wiindamaage, gaawiin nizhooniyaakaadanziiimin o'ow gaa-izhi-miinigoowiziyang anishinaabewiyang. Gaawiin omaa meshkwadonigan ingagashki'aasiwaanaan aano-goginwenzh gii-tazhitaayaang gii-ozhibii'amaang o'ow mazina'igan. Mii eta-go misawendamaang a'aw Anishinaabe da-ayaangwaamizid da-ni-gikendang o'ow maajaa'iweyin da-ni-giige'ind idash a'aw Anishinaabe giniigaaniiminaang.

It is also here that I want to inform people that we are not making money off this Anishinaabe ceremony. We will not be given any royalties even though the long hours put into writing this book. It is our only wish that the Anishinaabe work hard at learning how to do these funeral and to benefit our Anishinaabe of the future.



St. Germaine Birth Announcement



12 ounces and was 21.5 inches long.

Grandparents are Rick and Becky St. Germaine (LCO), and Terry Goodsky (Bois Fort) and LeAnn Little Wolf (Leech Lake).

Mark and Khayman are currently students

Mark St. Germaine and Khayman Goodsky announce the birth of their son, Ezra Wadena St. Germaine.

Ezra was born on Nov. 10, 2015 at 4:18 pm, at St. Likes Hospital in Duluth. He weighed 8 pounds,

in the University of Minnesota system. The couple met in 2013 when they were students in the UMD Center of American Indian & Minority Health Program.

A naming ceremony will be held soon.

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