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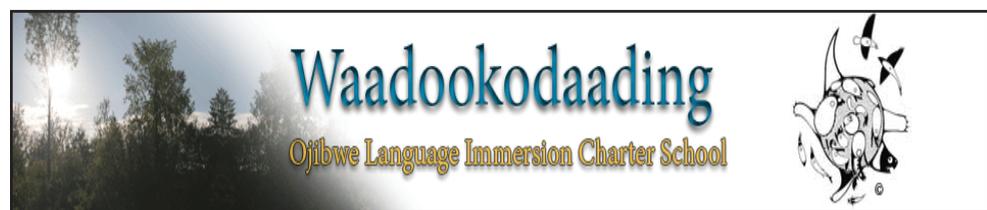
### Waadookodaading Saved!

*Waadookodaading Institute Forms Educational Partnership With Lac Courte Oreilles*

In an unprecedented move in Wisconsin education, the Waadookodaading Ojibwe Language Immersion school, a

schools that have been afforded the ability to be fiscally viable are primarily located in urban settings.

Waadookodaading is unique in that it is one of the original Tribal charter schools in the state



division of the Waadookodaading Ojibwe Language Institute, will unify with the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School, a local Bureau of Indian Education contract school. Although Waadookodaading has been located on the Lac Courte Oreilles reservation and has worked within the BIE's school campus for six years, it has until now maintained its charter through the Hayward Community School District.

The charter that was developed in order to open Waadookodaading fulfilled its initial intentions: support an academic program that would create proficient speakers of the Ojibwe language who are able to meet the challenges of our rapidly changing world.

Over the last few decades, Wisconsin has been experimenting with charter schools but have yet to develop an effective policy that would ensure longevity of charter schools. Currently, the charter

of Wisconsin and a large number of participating students are citizens of tribal nations. It is also a language immersion school, meaning that all of the core subjects are taught through the medium of the Ojibwe language. It is because of these reasons that Waadookodaading and the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe were uniquely positioned to reclaim educational sovereignty by forming a partnership between the two entities.

When asked about incorporating an Ojibwe language track into the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School, Lac Courte Oreilles tribal chairman Michael Isham, Jr., stated, "The federal government put millions (of dollars) into getting rid of our language and culture. This partnership marks a historical shift as federal funds will now be used to bring our language back."

Mike Leahy, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School Director added,

*Waadookodaading story continued on pg. 9*

### LCO Tribe Receives \$316,000 Grant

Hayward, WI – The Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board and The Boys and Girls Club of Lac Courte Oreilles announced today a \$316,000 grant received from The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. The Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe will use the grant to support a new building addition to the Boys and Girls Club of Lac Courte Oreilles.

"We are so excited to be able to fund our entire 5000 square foot addition to our Boys and Girls Club" said Karen Harden, Executive Director. "The Tribe responded to a huge need we have for additional space to serve our kids".

This grant serves as additional funds to compliment the \$600,000 Indian Community Development Block Grant earmarked for the club's expansion project, which the tribe applied for last year and was received, based on the huge need for more space in our Boys and Girls Club.

The Shakopee Grant will fund a kitchen/cafeteria portion of the building, as well as provide enough funds to update, replace and add additional technology for the after school homework and tutoring programs designed to assist all youth in academic achievement.

"We look forward to breaking ground in May of this year" said Harden.

The SMSC has given a total of \$1.8 million in grants to the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe. Past funds



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have been used for Economic Recovery and various Community Initiatives.

The Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe is committed to developing and supporting programs that benefit the health of the community and to help elevate the success of its youth.

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is a federally recognized, sovereign Indian Tribe located southwest of Minneapolis/St. Paul. With a focus on being a good neighbor, good steward of the earth, and good employer, the SMDC is committed to charitable donations, community partnerships, a healthy environment, and a strong economy. The SMSC and the SMDC Gaming Enterprise (Mystic Lake Casino Hotel and Little Sioux Casino) are the largest employer in Scott County. Out of a Dakota tradition to help others, the SMSC has donated nearly \$300 million since opening the Gaming Enterprise in the 1990s, including nearly \$200 million to other tribes, tribal organizations, and American Indian causes. The SMSC has made more than a half a billion dollars in loans to other tribes during that time.

### *In This Issue:*

**Veteran's Corner, VA Healthcare Update, , Business Report, New Hires, Gifted and Talented Art Show and Scholarship Opportunities.....AND MORE!**

## Welcome LCO Child Support Specialists

Aaniin / Sheku swakweku (hello everyone). My name is Renee Better and I am the newly hired Child Support Specialist for the Lac Courte Oreilles Child Support Program.

I am an Oneida Nation Tribal member and previously lived in

meet her personal and medical needs as a disabled Elder.

My education: Before moving to LCO, I attended NWTC in Marinette, WI. Due to personal and family needs I was unable to complete my degree. However, I hope to be able to continue my



Oneida, WI, before moving to LCO 4 years ago. I am engaged to a wonderful man and have 3 beautiful children ages 13, 8 and 2.

Before taking on the LCOCSS position, I have worked for the LCO Tribe for nearly 4 years. I also have a combined 15+ years with the Oneida Nation in the gaming and retail industry. I worked for Irene Hill with the Oneida COP's Program. The COP Program allowed for me to be able to do respite work and take care of my grandmother, helping her

education here and finish my college requirements to obtain a degree in IT-developer or change course to Business Management.

I have a strong work ethic and am passionate in all I do. I am excited to begin my new journey with the LCO Child Support Program and will strive to maintain excellent customer service, as well as meeting the needs to participants to the best of my ability.

Chi Miigwech / Yaw^ko (thank you) for your time.

Renee Better

Hello my Name is Anna Amparo.

I would like to introduce myself as a newly hired Child Support Specialist at LCO Child Support.

A little about myself is, I moved to the area in 2007. I later attended college at LCOCC and graduated with an associate's degree in

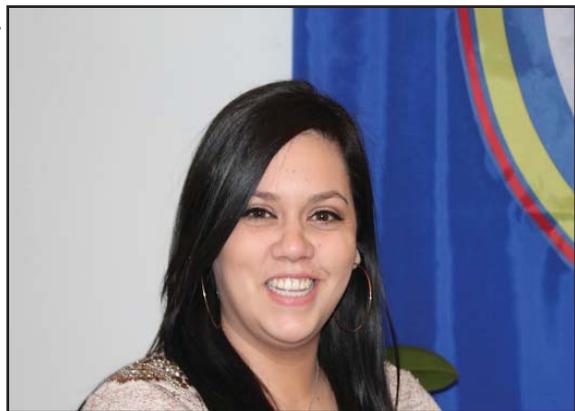
Early Childhood Education, I am also currently working towards a

degree in criminal justice.

Prior to this position I had the honor of working at LCO Tribal Court as a Court Assistant along with over 3 years at the LCO Boys & Girls Club.

Over the years the community and the children of the community have grown close to my

heart. I am very excited for this beginning of my new career.



## Reporting On The Business

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

Boozhoo! We have been working hard to improve our businesses in Lac Courte Oreilles. We recently reduced our prices on Milk, Bread, and Eggs at the LCO Country Store to help you save time and money.

This is the beginning of a shift in our marketing and pricing strategy at the Country Store and our hope is that if we can reduce prices on key items, we can increase overall sales for the store. We will also be running new promotions and building on our current ones. The LCO Country Store, "Your French Toast Connection". The Ojibwe Java Coffee Shop has reduced hours recently while we prepare to offer breakfast and lunch items and we will be back to longer hours soon! Many people are excited to see our new items and were really excited about the changes there. The Ojibwe Java had Birch Bark Coffee Sleeves as a unique item and they have really

gotten attention on the Facebook page; like the Ojibwe Java on Facebook for special deals and be the first to know about the cool things going on there. New gas pumps are being installed at the Quick Stop in a few weeks. The new pumps accompany updates to the cash register software and will help us provide you with better service! Say "Hi" to all the friendly staff there! You may notice that the Country Store is getting a new roof! We're doing it this winter so that we have the project done by spring and out of your way! The LCO Business Administration office has also added two interns from the LCO College Work Based Learning program that will help with our marketing plans and customer service trainings scheduled for this spring. Increasing the level of customer service is a critical component to all our plans for growing our businesses. The

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## Oakwood Haven News Corner

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Fact: 1 in 3 teens will or have experienced a violent relationship.

Fact: 2 out of 3 teens will keep it a secret.

Fact: both boys and girls can be abused.

Please be active in your children's lives. Some warning signs to look for: a drop in grades, always having to be with the person they are dating, isolation, low self-esteem, drastic change in their personality and/or interests, conversations about their partners jealousy, temper or possessiveness, makes excuses for others or themselves, excessive messages from their partners, experiencing bullying on social media and others. Ways you can help: Talk with your children about your concerns without yelling or blaming, explain to

your children what dating abuse is, and contact someone who can help, if you don't know what else to do.

Whether you are a teen concerned about your relationship or if you are a concerned friend or adult and need to talk with someone, contact any of these national hotlines.

Toll Free. Confidential. 24/7.

LoveIsRespect.org

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline 1.866.331.9474

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1.800.799.SAFE FREE(7233)

National Youth Crisis Line 1.800.442.HOPE FREE(4673)

National Sexual Assault Hotline 1.800.656.HOPE FREE(4673)

As always, anyone seeking more information can contact Oakwood Haven on our toll free line 1-877-552-7474.

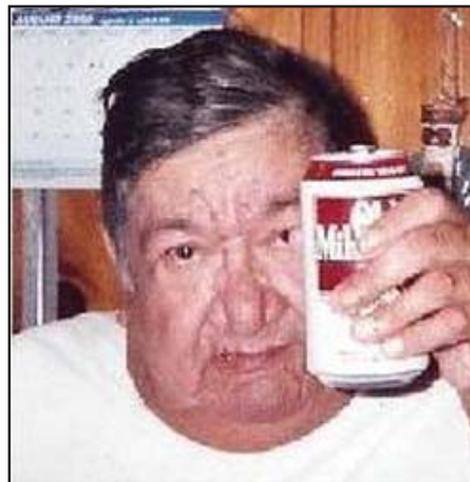
# Birch Bark Coffee Sleeves

Only at the Ojibwe Java, hand made Birch Bark Coffee Sleeves. Made by a LCO Tribal member these sleeves are truly unique! Get yours TODAY!



**Ojibwe Java Coffee Shop**

Corner of County Rd B & K (by the LCO Casino)  
(715) 915-1100



**Charles "Bud" Lawrence Homesky**  
March 16, 1947 - Dec. 19, 2014



Charles L. Homesky, 67, of Siren, died December 19, 2014 at his home.

Charles Lawrence "Bud" Homesky was born on March 16, 1947 in Hayward, WI, the son of Phillip and Elizabeth (Conger) Homesky.

He is survived by his wife Faith; sons Richard (Amanda) Saddler; daughters Phyllis (Jerry Malone) Homesky, Charlene (Jonas Bearheart) Homesky, Cynthia (Mervil Littlewind) Homesky;

many grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren; sisters Bertha Sam, Dolores (Marvin) Bowstring, Sheila McShane, Sheryl Homesky, Cynthia (Cevin) Gauthier, Mary (Dany) Bilka; many nephews & nieces.

Bud was preceded in death by parents Phillip & Betty, brother Paul Homesky, sister Darlene Jackson.

Tribal Funeral Rites will be held beginning with a feast at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at Pineview Funeral Service in Hayward with Lee Staples officiating. Military Honors will be accorded by LCO AMVETS Post #1998. Burial will be in Whitefish Cemetery in the spring. Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. Monday, December 22 at the funeral home.

Honorary casket bearers will be Sam Bearheart Jr., Spiritboy DeCora, Bryon Nickence, Melvin Ogema and Bryan Sam.

Casket bearers will be Jonas Bearheart, Randy Cadotte, William Carley, Steve Crone Jr., Charles Gokey, Rick Miller, Craig Stevens and Kenny Tainter.



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**Julie Beth Wilson**  
*Ejidiwaashiikwe*

Sept. 2, 1943 - Jan. 19, 2015

Julie Beth Wilson, 71, of LCO, died Monday, January 19, 2015 at Miller Dwan in Duluth, MN.

Julie Beth was born on September 2, 1943 in Hayward, WI, the daughter of Angus Wilson and Saxon St. Germaine. She was active in sports, receiving female athlete of the year at Hayward High School in 1959-1960. Julie

was a skilled singer, performing in regional and state contests, both as a soloist and with groups like "The Coppertones" in the late 1950's. She attended college at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, UW-LaCrosse, UW-Superior, graduating in 1977 from UW-Eau Claire with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Arts. Julie choreographed theatre works and once helped conduct a play at LCO about Winiboozho stories. She received law enforcement certification training in the Brigham City Intermountain Indian Police Academy in the early 1980's. Julie was active in the American Indian Movement, going to the Wounded Knee Takeover in 1973. During Julie's lifetime her career consisted of cosmetology, classroom teaching, student counseling, police officer in Lewiston, ID and Hayward and worked with Chemawa Indian School in Oregon. She

also worked in corrections, crisis shelter, and ICW service. Julie was a foster parent to numerous children throughout her life. In recent retirement years, she enjoyed doing beautician work and spending time with her grandchildren, and was a major Packer fan.

She is survived by her daughters Lee Rae Redheart, Chuxie Barrows, Juliette Morrow; grandchildren Elias Rice, Harlie Rice, Zoe Boswell, Owen Boswell, Sara Redheart, Jesse Redheart III, Joseph Trepania, Julian Trepania; sisters Dawn Wilson, Cynthia Tudjen; brothers Rick St. Germaine, Ernie St. Germaine, Angus "Brenner" Wilson Jr., Gene

Wilson; many nephews, nieces and many relatives.

Julie was preceded in death by her parents and brother Ike Wilson.

Tribal Funeral Rites was held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 23, 2015 at Big Drum Ceremonial Center in Lac Courte Oreilles with Lee Staples officiating. Burial was at the St. Germaine Cabin Family Cemetery. Visitation began at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, January 22, 2015 at Big Drum Ceremonial Center.

Casket bearers are Dusty Morrow, Tyler Morrow, Elias Rice, Frankie St. Germaine, Mark St. Germaine and Ricky St. Germaine.

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### Agnes Bertha LaRonge

March 20, 1914 - January 31, 2015

Agnes B. LaRonge, age 100, of Hayward, died Saturday, January 31, 2015 at Golden Living Center – Valley of Hayward.

Agnes Bertha LaRonge was born, March 20, 1914 in Sand Lake, WI, the daughter of Benjamin and Catherine (Martin) Gokey.

She is survived by son Thorne Francis (Sylvia) LaRonge; daughters Jeanette (Richard) Morgan, Faye (Richard) Wollert, Roberta (Richard) Kestell, Judy (Richard) Sprague, Roxanne LaRonge; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; brother Theodore (Teddy) Juantia Gokey.

Agnes was preceded in death by parents Benajamin and Catherine Gokey; husband Dudley F. LaRonge; son Dudley A. (Letha); brothers Benjamin-Butch (Mary); Gregory (Betty); Emil- Bunny

(Sylvia); and John (Norma); sisters Marcella (Ernest-PeaSoup) Guibord; Pauline (Edgar) Isham; Marie (Archy) Corbine; Loretta (LaMar) Huddleston; Izetta (Jim) Ulry; Isabel (Butch) Weiss and Georgina (Arnold Schmit), (Corky) Sossaman.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 5, 2015 at St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission in Reserve with Fr. Gregory Hopefl officiating and music provided by Sister Felissa Zander. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at Pineview Funeral Service, with a scripture service at 6:30 p.m. and again from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 5 prior to the service at the funeral home.

A special thank you and appreciation goes to everyone at Golden Living Nursing Home for all the care, love and comfort they provided to Aggie in her journey to her final resting place with her Lord.

Honorary casket bearers will be Agnes' grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Casket bearers are Adam Kestell, Daniel LaRonge, Richard Morgan, Peter Rankin, Tony Sprague and Jeffery Wollert.



### Mary Louise Miller

February 22, 1920 - Dec 11, 2014

Mary L. Miller, 68, of LCO, died Monday, February 9, 2015 at her home.

Mary Louise Miller was born September 30, 1946 in Hayward, the daughter of Bernard and Joan (Trepania) Miller. She grew up in Hayward and graduated from Hayward High School. Mary moved to the Milwaukee area, where she met John Peter Trepanier. They moved back to Hayward in 1976. Mary was a cook for LCO School for over 10 years, she then worked for LCO Casino as a greeter. She most recently worked at the LCO Elementary School as a Children's Aide and was also working with the Senior Companion Elder Program. Mary spent much of her free time at the casino playing Bingo, visiting family and friends and was a devoted parishioner of St. Francis Church.

She is survived by her companion

and best friend of over 40 years John Pete Trepanier; daughters Nichol Miller, Angela Miller; step-daughters Dena Wilson, Fran Owl; sons Timothy Miller, Shawn Miller, Curtis Trepanier; step-sons James Trepanier, John Trepanier, Trent Trepanier; nine grandchildren, four great grandchildren; step-father Carl Miller; sisters Antoinette Trepania, Betty Brace, Carol (Tom) Miller, Lori Miller, Carla Miller, Jean Miller; numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Mary was preceded in death by her grandparent Joseph & Mary Trepania; parents Bernard & Joan; sisters Peggy Miller, Janet Miller; brothers Dennis Miller Sr., Donald Miller Sr.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission in Reserve with Fr. Gregory Hopefl officiating and music provided by Sister Felissa Zander. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 11th at Pineview Funeral Service in Hayward, with a scripture service at 6:30 p.m.

Honorary casket bearers will be Mary's grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Casket bearers are Gabriel Belille, Mario Gasper, Larry Miller, Preston Miller, Travis Miller and Dennis Trepania.

## PRICE REDUCTION!

The LCO Country Store has reduced its price on Milk, Bread, and Eggs to save you money!

Stop in and check out our new prices and be sure to browse our excellent meat department!

The LCO Country Store, your store, supporting your community!



The LCO County Store  
(715) 634-4855

## Monica Isham Graduates With Honors



On December 21, 2014 LCO Tribal Member Monica Isham graduated from Marquette Law School in Milwaukee, WI, with Honors. Monica was a 2007 graduate and stand out basketball player at Hayward High School. She completed her Bachelors Degree at University of Wisconsin – Green Bay where she majored in Political Science. Her plans are to move to Cape Coral, Florida where her and her husband own a construction business. Monica is the daughter of Mic Isham and Bonnie Lunde.

## Veterans Corner - Burn Pit Registry

by Renee Brown, Sawyer County CVSO

Proper disposal of waste during deployment is essential to prevent health problems and protect service members. In certain situations when sanitary and waste management facilities are unavailable, this waste may be burned in an open pit. Pits used for this purpose are referred to as "burn pits."

Since any particular trash burn is made up of several materials, it can result in different mixtures of chemicals released in the smoke. Because of this, it is difficult to quantify the levels of exposure to harmful chemicals that an individual service member may have had. A person's exposure is also dependent on how close they were to the burn pit, in which direction the smoke was blowing and the length and frequency of their exposure. There is little actual testing data that measured levels of possible toxins in individual service members' breathing environments when burn pits were in use.

Short-term health effects can include nausea, headaches and irritation the eyes, respiratory tract, nose and throat. For the majority of healthy service members, these symptoms tend to go away or resolve soon after the exposure ends. Long-

term health effects can include skin conditions and problems with the respiratory system, eyes, liver, kidneys, central nervous system, cardiovascular system, reproductive system, peripheral nervous system and gastrointestinal tract.

Currently, the VA has not approved any presumptive conditions relating to burn pits due to limited scientific studies; however, you can still file a service-connected disability claim if you feel you have a condition or conditions caused by exposure to burn pits. Your claim will almost definitely be denied but at least you have it on record if the condition(s) is approved as a presumptive condition in the future.

Whether or not you have any health problems at this point, it's strongly recommended all Iraq and Afghanistan veterans register using the VA's burn pit registry. To do this, go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov). At the top under the "Health" link, go to "Public Health." From there, go to the bottom of the page and click on the block that reads "Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry."

As always, contact your Sawyer County Veterans Service Office at (715)-634-2770. As a reminder, on every third Thursday of each month, our office holds outreach hours at Exeland Village Hall between 10 am and noon and also at the Winter American Legion between 1 and 3 pm. Additionally, we are available at the Hayward VA Clinic the first and third Tuesday of each month, 2pm - 4pm. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcomed.

## Minneapolis VA Health Care Update

by Renee Brown, Sawyer County CVSO



February 6, 2015- Minneapolis VA Health Care System Updates

**Audiology Clinic:** Minneapolis VA Medical Center recently started a QUICK clinic for Audiology. It allows staff to see Veterans at a faster rate for simple fixes. The quick clinic is only for veterans that already have hearing aids from the VA. These appointments will take 30 minutes or less. If a veteran wants to utilize the quick clinic they can check with the Patient Call Center for same-day availability or if they are already on site they can stop by the clinic to see if a time is available.

**Audiology Quick Clinic Hours** are Monday through Friday, 0800-1100 ONLY. Quick Clinic is for simple fixes only (NO EXAMS OR NEW FITTINGS) and includes the following: Tubing changes; order batteries; change wax trap; clean hearing aids; ask a question; simple adjustments & programming; and pair accessories.

**AudioCare:** The second item is a change to the automated telephone call system, AudioCare, that makes reminder calls to Veterans to alert them of forthcoming appointments. Veteran and staff feedback indicated that the interactive menu associated with the calls resulted in unintentional cancellation of appointments. As a result Minneapolis VA Medical Center changed AudioCare to an informational only phone call. Veterans still have the option to call "AudioCare Inquiry" direct and access interactive menu options to make changes at 1-855-560-1721. Or, Veterans can talk to a staff member directly at the Patient Call Center for changes:

612-467-1100 or 866-414-5058 enter 9 1100#, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Survey of Veteran Enrollees' Health and Reliance Upon VA

The Veterans Health Administration's Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Policy and Planning is conducting the 2014 national VHA Survey of Veteran Enrollees' Health and Reliance upon VA (Survey of Enrollees).

The purpose of the survey is to provide critical and essential information on Veteran utilization of health services. This information supports annual VHA projections of enrollment, utilization, and expenditures, as well as a variety of high level VHA budget and policy related analyses.

Approximately 2,000 enrolled Veterans in each Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) will be surveyed. In total, the survey will collect information on a random sample of 42,000 Veterans enrolled in the VA system, who choose to participate in an approximately 15-30 minute telephone call. Veterans in the sample may also complete the survey by mail or web.

Full initiation of the survey will begin the week of February 10, 2014 and will continue for 18 weeks. Enrolled Veterans selected for the survey will receive a letter that provides information about the survey and the contractor conducting the survey on behalf of VA. Your support in this survey will help ensure that the VA provides the best care possible for their enrollees, where it is needed, and when it is needed.

Should you have any questions regarding this article or other VA benefits, please contact the Sawyer County Veterans Service Office at (715)-634-2770.



term health effects can include skin conditions and problems

# January LCO Membership Meeting



# Art Show At LCO Tribal Office

Seven art students in the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School Gifted and Talented program have their BIRCH TREES IN WINTER on exhibit at the L.C.O. Tribal Office through the month of February. Using tissue paper, construction paper, glitter and paint, the students have produced very pleasing renditions of the

north woods for everyone to enjoy. The G&T class is taught after regular school hours by Ms. Brenda Wisner. Work was done by the following students: Nevaeh Cross, Andreanna Acosta, Jovana Skenandore, Jada Balber, Alexa McNabb, and Emma Revak. Stop in to view the display - you will be pleasantly surprised.





# Film Offers Roles For Native Americans

by Rick Olivo, Staff Writer, The Daily Press - Ashland, WI



Artwork by noted cartoonist Nico Selma recalls the traditional Ojibwe tale of Waabooz and the Wolf, a tale that features prominently in the short film movie "Waabooz", which is to be shot in the Red Cliff area this year and for which a casting call will take place on March 7-8.

Filmmakers are looking for a number of Native Americans from the northwestern Wisconsin region to take part in a short film movie to be shot in the Red Cliff area this year.

The film is titled "Waabooz", and is the story of a young Ojibwe boy from Red Cliff named "Rabbit" who spends his days collecting comic books and trying to keep his younger sister out of his hair.

It's not an easy life for Rabbit. As an outcast in his peer group, he is bullied by other boys and keeps himself busy perfecting his drawing skills creating a cartoon superhero alter ego named "Waabooz", the Ojibwe word for rabbit and a creature that is featured prominently in the mythology of the Anishinaabe people. The story deals with young Rabbit's isolation, imagination and inspiration told through drama and comic book fantasy as the protagonist confronts his own fears about an upcoming pow-wow through the help of his grandfather, a traditional storyteller who helps Rabbit find the superhero within himself.

The script is the product of Red Cliff Tribal member Wenonah Wilms, who has turned out six full-length feature scripts and

over a dozen shorter subjects. Wilms, who lives in Minneapolis, works as a graphic artist and also at a homeless shelter for indigenous children.

According to Minneapolis-based Waabooz director Molly Katagiri, filmmakers are looking for a variety of actors to take part in the film, including the lead actor, a younger sister, their mother, a grandfather, three teenage bullies, a delivery driver and a handsome well-to-do family passing through the reservation on a road trip.

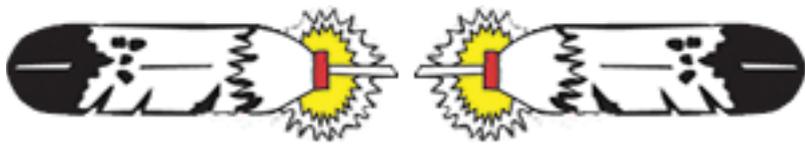
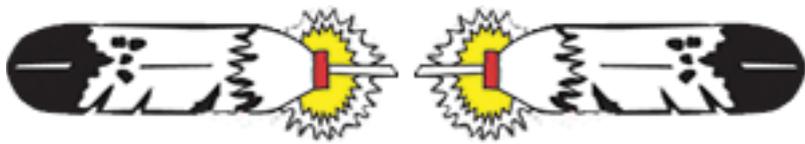
Katagiri said the tale uses traditional storytelling to help the young boy meet his own personal challenges.

"The grandfather tells Rabbit the story of Waabooz and the Wolf, in the tradition of storytelling, and the rabbit outsmarts the wolf", she said.

The storytelling sequence will use an animated clip, using graphic comic book style.

The full length of the film will be about 15 minutes, Katagiri said.

"What is different and unique about this short film versus other short films is that normally short films will be something you can put on your reel, get you exposure, get to the next thing,



## Russell Brownrigg Jr Takes On D.C.

by Robin Mustache



Russell Brownrigg Jr is 23 years old and is the great grandson of James "Pipe" Mustache and a Lac du Flambeau tribal member. He was born in Hayward, WI and raised in both LCO n LDF. He graduated from LCO high school and now attends LCOOCC.

Russell's contribution and volunteer work in his community has earned him recognition and references only you and I could only dream of at such a young age. Such references got him a chance at attending the Nation's largest Substance Abuse Conference in Washington D.C. as an up n coming young leader. Russell has since been invited back next year and also received an invitation to attend Oklahoma's youth conference this year. During his trip to Washington he was recently placed on the youth advisory board for the office of

Tribal Affairs and Policy.

Russell has seen many struggles in his life including his own. After becoming a young single parent and dealing with the struggles of adulthood he decided changes needed to be made. Russell applied with the Youth Build Program in LDF and was accepted. Since Russell has been involved with this program he has soared higher as each day passes. Many opportunities now await him.



Russell's goal at this time is to help his fellow y o u n g people as a Prevention Specialist.

Russell himself has had these struggles as well. He would like his peers to know to stay true to yourself and never underestimate what life has to offer.



## Scholarship Opportunities Available

Scholarship Opportunities Available to Jump River Electric Cooperative Members  
Jump River Electric

are an active member, and is attending one of the 11 schools outlined above and/or is an adult member wishing to enter a one-year Electric Power Distribution/Lineworker post-secondary school program can apply for this scholarship. Applications can be picked up at the schools Guidance Counselor office, online at [www.jrec.net](http://www.jrec.net), or by stopping by our office.



Two \$500 Jump River Electric Cooperative-Allen Beadles Memorial

Scholarships will be awarded to at-large (non-traditional) active members continuing their post-secondary education. Non-traditional is defined as a student who has been out of high school for more than one year. Applications can be obtained online at [www.jrec.net](http://www.jrec.net) or picked up at our office.

Cooperative (JREC) will be offering a variety of scholarships to its active members. Both high school seniors and adults who will be attending a post-secondary college during the upcoming 2015-2016 school year should apply. Available scholarships are as follows:

Twenty-two \$250 Jump River Electric Cooperative Scholarships are available to local graduating seniors whose parents or legal guardians are active members of JREC and are currently attending one of following high schools: Bruce, Flambeau, Gilman, Hayward, Ladysmith, Lake Holcombe, LCO, Rib Lake, Stanley-Boyd, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, and Winter. Two scholarships will be awarded per school. Contact your schools Guidance Counselor for a scholarship application.

One \$500 Jump River Electric Cooperative-John Hirschfeld Jr. Memorial Lineman Scholarship. Local graduating seniors whose parents or legal guardians

One \$500 Jump River Electric Cooperative-Charles Kagigebi Memorial Scholarship will be available to one at-large (non-traditional) active member attending the LCO Community College. Contact the LCO Community College for an application.

Scholarship monies were made available through unclaimed capital credits that were turned over to the Federated Youth Foundation. Deadlines vary by school and application type. You can find out more information regarding eligibility requirements by going online at [www.jrec.net](http://www.jrec.net) or by contacting Denise Zimmer at 715-532-5524.

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# LCO BOYS BASKETBALL



LCO Ojibwe School Boys BB Team 2014-2015  
Tim, Jamie (front) Brandon, Billy Jack, Marcus & Ross, Coach Bob (Back). A great team. A lot of heart.

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“We welcome this opportunity to offer a second educational track within our school. It has always been the mission of Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School to support and promote educational excellence, especially in the area of Ojibwe language. We look forward to the addition of linguistic innovation that Waadookodaading brings to the table.”

Brooke Mosay Ammann, Executive Director of Waadookodaading Ojibwe Language Institute, said, “this partnership is an opportunity to ensure the linguistic vibrancy of Lac Courte Oreilles and the

surrounding area. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our many supporters over the last fourteen years. I would particularly like to thank Hayward Community School District Board and Craig Olson for their resolute support. We are looking forward to the many opportunities this new educational choice presents.”

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## LCO Ojibwe School Second Quarter Honor Roll

*The staff at the LCO Ojibwe School is proud to announce the second quarter Honor Roll.*

### Elementary

**FIRST GRADE-** Alexandra Corbine, Nyah DeNasha, Nicholas Jack, Jacob Johnson, Jerni Malone, Brylee Miller, Joann Miller, Aliana Trepania.

**SECOND GRADE-** Winona Baker, Sean Beaulieu, Sequoia Cooper, Aniyah Cross, Charles Grover, Evan Heath, Cassidy Kingfisher, MeShane Nickence, Dylan Quagon, Richard Quagon, Aimee Sweats, Nicholas Trotterchaude, Hannah Waukon-Wolf.

**THIRD GRADE-** Michael Baker, Emma Basina-Pratt, Davien Belille, Cody Bird, Michael Dennis, Chevelle LaRush, Jasmine Lynk, Adam Martin, Rena McNabb, Elizabeth Miller, Quintin Miller, Jaiden Quaderer, Thomas Quaderer, Storm Thayer, Charles Wade-Smith.

**FOURTH GRADE-** Matthew Baker, Jada Balber, Kyra Beaulieu, Wesley Bird, Lareina Clause, Aubrey Conger-Fowler, Avianna Cooper, Alyssa DeNasha, Caden Grover, Savannah Quaderer, Ameesio Sharlow, Jovana Skenandore, Quintin Thomas, Mahto Wade.

**FIFTH GRADE-** Andreanna Acosta Acosta, Kaylissa Baker, Maurice Corbine, Nevaeh Cross, Nadine Lynk, Hunter O’Shogay, Emma Revak.

### Middle School

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL:

**6th GRADE-** Destiny Corbine, Rian Fleming, Elijah Grover, Tyson Radermacher, Sage Stands-Christensen, Sunrise Wade.

**7th GRADE-** Feather Jack

**8th GRADE-** Helen Perry, Christy Tosland.

### High School

**10th GRADE-** Chenoa Miller

**11th Grade-** Tyra Collins, Arianna Crone, Jamie Thomas. **12th GRADE-** Casandra Carley, Billy Jack Parent, Rosendo Parent, Nathaniel Miller, Marcus Morrow.

## LCO Boy & Girls Club Basketball



Be proud of BOTH the 3/4/5 Grade LCO Boys and Girls!! They rocked! Each played 4 games-They played with heart-each team won one game each!! The look on their faces was a sight to see! Miigwech to our coaches who stepped up on short notice! Miigwech to the parents who brought snack for the teams--Our children were amazing & our fans were amazing!!

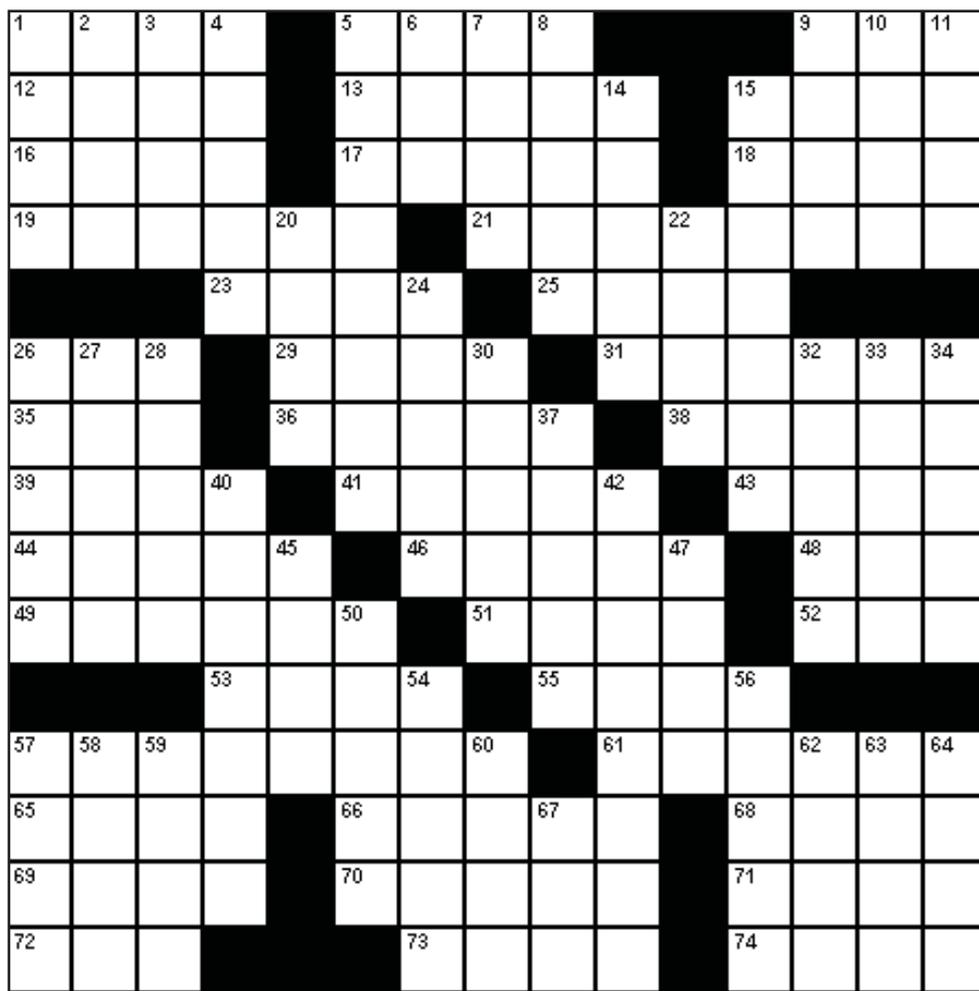
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separate lists for news, events and happenings. Be sure to then check your e-mail inbox for subscription confirmation.

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Across

1. Roseanne, once
5. Chits
9. Half a fly
12. Sheltered, nautically
13. Rub vigorously
15. Golda of Israel
16. Horse of mixed color
17. Gaze fixedly
18. Director Preminger
19. Chest of drawers
21. Tardiness
23. Enclose
25. Towel word
26. Rocker Ocasek
29. About, in memos
31. Taoism founder
35. \_\_\_ standstill
36. Sharp
38. \_\_\_ boom
39. Obstructs
41. Accustom
43. Taboo
44. For all to hear
46. Prepares for publication or release
48. Bus. card info
49. Copper-zinc alloy
51. Reverberate
52. End for Siam
53. Asian cuisine
55. Assistant, particularly to heads of state
57. Wing or flipper, maybe
61. Westerns
65. Comics canine
66. Chart anew
68. Inter \_\_\_
69. First place?
70. Mother-in-law of Ruth
71. Horn sound
72. Nine-digit ID
73. Final Four org.
74. Web locale

Down

1. Cutting remark
2. Baseball family name
3. The back end of something
4. Continue a subscription
5. The act of issuing
6. Fall mo.
7. Russian range
8. Twilled fabric of silk
9. Head of France
10. Poses
11. Archer of myth
14. East Indian pepper plant
15. Rainy season
20. "Tosca" tune
22. Historical chapters
24. Dried plum
26. Capital on the Atlantic
27. Author Calvino
28. Billiards shot
30. Chopin composition
32. Govt. security
33. Trig functions
34. French school
37. "All My Children" vixen
40. 11- or 12-year-old, e.g.
42. Republic in E Africa
45. "James and the Giant Peach" author
47. Fizzy drink
50. Monument
54. That is to say...
56. Les \_\_\_-Unis
57. Adversaries
58. Probability
59. Nothing, in Nantes
60. Univ. hotshot
62. "The Time Machine" people
63. Public disturbance
64. Fill to surfite
67. Doctors' org.

## WOJB Spring Pledge Drive Gears Up



WOJB is gearing up for the Spring Pledge Drive. Each year the station holds at least two big drives to raise money. This year it will start on March 27th and run through April 4th. WOJB's birthday is on April 3rd and the drive is held so that the celebration can take place on the air.

## New Planner For LCO Grants Dept.

The LCO Grants Department headed by Lorene "Booki" Wielgot welcomes a new Planner: Karen Breit.

Karen has recently completed a three-year Bureau of Justice

Assistance project with the LCO Tribal Court that established a community service program and developed a community assessment & strategic plan for the court. In her new position, Karen will be assisting with various



projects in community outreach, data collection, and grant writing in addition to facilitating a Mental Health & Substance Abuse Needs Assessment in conjunction with the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Karen, the youngest daughter of Art & Alberta Fleming, was born in Hayward, WI and raised on the Couderay River at Billyboy Dam on the Lac Courte Oreilles reservation. While growing up she attended St. Francis and LCO Schools and later graduated from the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College with

an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts earning a certificate in Computer Science along the way. More recently, Karen went back to school to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology &

Social Justice at Northland College in Ashland, WI. During her time at Northland, she developed a passion for criminal and restorative justice. She has also had a lifelong interest in understanding and addressing

the most pressing social problems of our community. As were her parents and family before her, she is a strong proponent of education as one of the key instruments to healing these issues on both an individual and community level.

Karen has submitted her name as a candidate for one of three vacancies on the Hayward Community Schools Board of Education.

The primary election is February 17, 2015 and she strongly encourages all people to let their voice be heard through their vote in this and every election.

# National Call to Native Artists: Support For Indigenous Culture Makers

NACF-News, Vancouver, Washington

American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists nationwide have until April 6 to apply for the 2015 Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) Artist Fellowship.

## NATIVE ARTS & CULTURES FOUNDATION

To apply, artists who are members of federally and state-recognized U.S. tribes, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities can review criteria and complete an application at <http://your.culturegrants.org> before the April 6, 5 p.m. PST deadline.

The foundation will announce award recipients in August 2015. For questions and technical support, contact Program Officer Andre Bouchard at [andre@nativeartsandcultures.org](mailto:andre@nativeartsandcultures.org) or (360) 314-2421.

One of the only opportunities in the U.S. of this magnitude dedicated to supporting

Indigenous artists and culture makers, the foundation's national fellowship has been awarded to 41 American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists so far. Artists who have received the award in the past are ineligible to apply for the 2015 NACF Artist Fellowship. Past fellows include visual artist Nora Naranjo Morse (Tewa), recording artist Keola Beamer (Native Hawaiian), choreographer Emily Johnson (Yup'ik), author David Treuer (Ojibwe), multidisciplinary artist Shan Goshorn (Eastern Band Cherokee) and film director Andrew Okpeaha MacLean (Iñupiaq).

Since it began operating in 2009, the nonprofit foundation has invested \$5,113,574 in programs to support Native arts and cultures across the nation, including direct support for over 127 Native artists and organizations. To learn more about the foundation's mission and past fellows awarded, visit [www.nativeartsandcultures.org](http://www.nativeartsandcultures.org).



To date, 41 American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists and culture makers have been honored with a Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Artist Fellowship. NACF Fellows clockwise from left, work by Nora Naranjo Morse (Tewa), visual artist Sonya Kelliher-Combs (Athabaskan/Iñupiaq) in studio, work by Alan Michelson (Mohawk), performance by author Sherwin Bitsui (Navajo), still from documentary film by Christen Marquez (Native Hawaiian) and weaver Jeremy Frey (Passamaquoddy) in studio.

2015 NACF Artist Fellowships The coveted national award includes support ranging up to \$20,000 per artist. Awards will be made in six artistic disciplines, including: performing arts, filmmaking, literature, music, traditional arts and visual arts. "To meet a broadening need in the arts community, this year we invite applications in the discipline of performing arts," said NACF Program Officer Andre Bouchard (of Kootenai and Chippewa descent). "More Native artists than ever before are exploring performing arts through multidisciplinary approaches. We are looking forward to seeing what Native performing artists have been up to around the country!"

DEADLINE: Monday, April 6, 5 p.m. P.S.T.

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but for this particular film, the writer, Wenonah Wilms, is also writing a feature film, that is sort of a spinoff of *Waabooz*", she said.

In addition, a comic book is tied into the film.

"We have a top comic book artist, Nico Selma, who works for Dark Horse Comics and Tomb Raider, working on it", she said. "Wenonah will be helping on it, as the writer, creating a comic book spinoff. Their goal is to have a Native American Superhero so that all three elements- the short film, the feature film and the comic book to go hand-in hand and

play off of each other".

The various elements aside, Katagiri said the tale was more than the retelling of a favorite cultural story.

"This is a universal story, not just a Native American film, about a boy who struggles with the same kinds of things we all do", she said. "The reservation, the storytelling are all part of it, but what gives the characters who they are, what is different and unique about this film is that it is a Native American film that comes from a human aspect, not stereotyping and politics".

The casting call is set to take

place at the Legendary Waters Resort and Casino three miles north of Bayfield on State Highway 13 on March 7-8. Persons interested in taking part must respond by calling 612.709.2958 or by emailing [waaboozcasting@gmail.com](mailto:waaboozcasting@gmail.com) with their name in the subject line. Applicants are asked to send a photo (headshot), a resume if they have one and contact information. They are asked to NOT call the hotel directly.

Auditions will be held in a small conference room. The producer, director, and writer will be sitting in on the

audition and a camera will be set up to record it. Hopefuls will be asked to read the sides (a short piece from the script) that may be provided to participants over email, ahead of time. If their piece of script includes conversation, one of the producers will read with the aspiring actor. You may be asked to read for more than one part. For non-speaking roles, participants may be asked to read something that is not directly from the script. It is important to arrive on schedule.

More information about the casting call is available at the *Waabooz* Facebook page.

# NEW OFFICERS SWORN IN



The Honorable Judge James B. Mohr, Henry Bearheart, LCO Police Chief Tim DeBrot, LCO Chairman "Mic" Isham, Adam Joe and Amber O'Shea- Dorn at their swearing-in ceremony at the LCO Tribal Courtroom on Feb. 12, 2015.

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Miss Snowflake having a "cup of joe" at the Ojibwe Java booth during the AWSC Sports Show at the LCO Casino on Sunday February 8, 2015

interns will also get first-hand experience at our businesses by working at the Ojibwe Java Coffee Shop; say hello to Rhianna Larson and Taylor Young when you're getting your Ojibwe Java! These are just a few of the improvements we have been making and there are plans for a lot more! Stay tuned here for your reports on our tribal businesses and your comments are always welcome. Remember to shop locally and buy Native! Giigawaabamin!

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