

LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND of LAKE SUPERIOR OJIBWE



WOJB New Soundboard



Pictured is WOJB General Manager Sid Kellar alongside the newly-installed programming board. The LCO Governing Board provided assistance to WOJB to obtain a grant through the Otto Bremer Foundation. WOJB appealed to its audience and signed many new listener members who contributed over \$10,000 in new memberships to help purchase the new soundboard.

Bearheart Benefit



A September 6th benefit was held for Brennan Bearheart of LCO. Numerous people and businesses contributed to the event. Donations were made from as far away as Indiana. Brennan was born June 2, 2013 and was later diagnosed with CFC Syndrome and has been in the hospital since. He was able to leave the hospital Sept. 19th.



LCO Ojibwe School Students Attend Art Camp at Green Bay



Bird Dance Parent, daughter of Robyn Bradford and Lawrence Parent of LCO, had the fortune to attend the 2013 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay art camp from June 23rd through 28th.

Bird studied "Photography in Black and White" with university instructor Lindsay Przybylski. This was Lindsay's second year as photography instructor with the Summer Art Studies at Green Bay.

Bird used the same techniques that university students do with 35mm cameras. She studied how to take studio and outside shots along with using dramatic lighting effects. In a state-of-the-art darkroom, she developed and printed her own work.

On June 28th, Bird and her fellow classmates had a final exhibition show from 3 to 4 p.m. which was open to the public.

The LCO Ojibwe School Gifted and Talented Program sponsored Bird's attendance in the program. Candace Jacobs, art instructor at the school, took Bird to and from Green Bay and also attended the end of the program photography exhibit.

"We are very proud of Bird's accomplishments in the program," states Jacobs and Sue Taylor, G&T Program Director.

LCO Chairman Isham Signs Joint Letter with Six Tribes Urging Federal Action to Protect Northern Wisconsin Watersheds



Lac Courte Oreilles Chairman Michael Isham, Jr. has joined five other tribes in directing a letter to President Barack Obama and members of the Department of Interior, urging federal intervention to protect northern Wisconsin waters from the effects of mining.

Signed by six Bands of Chippewa that includes Lac Courte Oreilles, Bad River, Red Cliff, Lac du Flambeau, St. Croix, and Sokaogon tribal governments, the letter cites the protection of treaty rights as re-affirmed by the Voight case (Lac Courte Oreilles v. Wisconsin, 700 F.2d 341 (7th Cir. 1983).

"The State [of Wisconsin] does not have unfettered discretion to exercise its management prerogatives to the detriment of the Tribes' treaty rights, and through legislation the state may not legislate away the Tribes' treaty rights," the letter reads. "As a result, it is necessary for the United States, as trustee, to take action to ensure that our tribes' rights are protected."

Specific environmental threats outlined in the letter include: State permitted water diversions/water withdrawals; contamination of
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Superior Diocese Transfers Church, Cemetery Property to LCO

Sept. 12th Letter from Rev. Peter F. Christensen
Dear Mr. Isham,

I am writing in regard to the transfer of the property known as the Catholic Church and Cemetery Property at the village of "The Post." In reviewing the documents of the history of the land and the concerns with the graves of your ancestors, I understand the importance this land has for your community.

A couple of months ago, the Diocese of Superior celebrated St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American Saint. St. Kateri is the patron saint of people who love nature, work in ecology and work to reserve the natural and human environments; the patroness of the environment and ecology. The Mass and celebration was a strong reminder of the beautiful symbols, traditions and heritage of the

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Groundbreaking Held for New JREC Facility at Highway B & K



Hayward Chamber Members-Executive Director Kevin Ruetten, President Deb Huebner, and Vice-president Brenda Leonard; Jump River Electric Cooperative (JREC) General Manager Scott Peterson; JREC Board Members Larry Kagigebi (Hayward), Steve Truver (Hayward), Board Secretary-Treasurer Ronda Parker (Ladysmith), Myron Brooks (Gilman), Board Vice-President Stanley Kromrey (Ladysmith), Jane Reich (Sheldon), Al Kiwazek (Hayward), and Board President Ed Wollwert (Hayward); Brad Kemis of Market & Johnson; Rob Krzyzanowski and Tim Peterson of Architectural Design Group; and Dan Thompson and Chris Olson of Thompson Sand & Gravel Excavating.

A little over a year ago, the Jump River Electric Cooperative Board of Directors purchased 4.72 acres on the Cooperative's service lines with plans to build a new Hayward office and outpost building. This land is located on the intersection of County Highways B & K in Sawyer County, next to Subway.

Shortly after purchasing the land, a building committee was formed and they began work on designing a new Hayward office building and pole shed. Architectural Design Group (ADG) from Eau Claire was hired by the Cooperative to work with the committee in creating the building plans. ADG has designed several cooperative buildings, including Barron Electric headquarters in Barron and the Siren outpost for Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative.

Bids were sought with local businesses being awarded the bids where possible. On August 14, a ground breaking ceremony was held and construction will begin in the next month.

The Cooperative's existing outpost is currently located on Highway 63 in Hayward, which

is a distance from their service territory. Improved safety, providing more timely service to their members, and reducing future transportation expenses are just a few of the benefits Cooperative members and Hayward area employees will experience with this move.

Entering on and existing off of Highway 63 with the Cooperatives bucket trucks has raised some safety concerns in the past. The board also felt that this new location would improve the overall response time to members as Cooperative employees respond to outage calls or simply perform their daily maintenance work since this new site places them immediately within their service territory. Reducing transportation cost also becomes a reality with this relocation.

The Cooperative's headquarters office and shop is located on the north side of Ladysmith on Highway 27 and will remain as such. At some point in the near future, the existing Cooperative's Hayward office and outpost building will be for sale.



New 2013-2014 LCO Youth Council Members Seated

New officers have been elected to serve on the 2013-2014 LCO Youth Council.

The Youth Council was established in 2012 and provides a voice to tribal youth and helps create opportunities to develop as leaders in their community.

Pictured from left: Joshua Martin, President; Shaely Duffy, Vice President; Roger Mustache Jr, Secretary; and Destiny Harrington, Treasurer



Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College Extension Programming Calendar Waatebagaa-Giizis (September) 2013 Leaves Changing Color Moon



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3 LCOOCC Classes Start Medicine Pole Ceremony 10am	4 	5 Hands-On Pickles/ Sauerkraut SCK 5-8pm	6 LCO Farmers Market Parking Lot IGA 10am-2pm Every Friday!!	7
8 	9 Hands-On Crabapple Jelly SCK 5-8pm	10 Cover Letter and Resume Writing GIS Lab—508 1pm-3pm	11 	12 Hands-On Making/ Canning Salsa SCK 5-8pm	13 Farmers Market! Tentative: Gathering Wild Rice Meet at LCOOCC 9am	14 
15	16 	17 Pasture Poultry Basics Farm—5 to 8pm	18 3 Sisters Cooking Demonstration Chef Al SCK 5-8pm	19 Hands-On Canning Tomatoes & Beans SCK 5-8pm	20 Farmers Market! Gathering Wild Rice Meet at LCOOCC 9am	21
22	23 	24 Basic Aquaponics "Demonstration" Farm 5 to 8pm	25 Propagating Blueberry Plants from Cuttings Farm—5 to 8pm	26 LCO "Chopped" Challenge LCO School Cafetorium 5pm	27 Farmers Market! Processing Wild Rice Farm 10am-?	28 Hands-On Butchering Basics Chickens Farm 10am-3pm
29 Partner Event: Soupstock V Anathoth Farm Luck, WI	30	All workshops are open to the public and FREE of charge. If you need transportation please let us know. You must pre-register for any workshop. Workshops with few registered participants may be subject to cancellation. To register please call 715-634-4790 Ext 156 or email marlowa@lco.edu . Miigwech! Hope to see you soon!			LCO Youth Council Meets on Wednesdays 5-7pm—Peter Larson Room, Tribal Office	Locations: Farm = Froemel Rd SCK = Student Center Kitchen at the College



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New Tribal Attorney Starts In LCO Legal Department



Courtney Allensworth joins the LCO Legal Department after receiving her juris doctorate from William Mitchell College of Law in May 2013.

Prior to joining LCO, Courtney was a law clerk for the Indian law boutique firm of Swanson, Drobnick, & Tousey, P.C., where her duties included work on various legal issues throughout Indian Country and on the Minnesota Indian Estate Planning Project. She also clerked for the Indian Child Welfare Law Center in Minneapolis, MN, where she assisted in the representation of parents in child welfare cases.

Courtney's legal research has centered on elder abuse in Indian Country and drafting tribal codes to assist in the prevention, and prosecution, of elder abuse. She presented on this topic at the 13th Annual Indian Nations Conference in Palm Springs, CA last December. Prior to law school, Courtney earned a master's degree in Women's Studies with a concentration in public policy and worked at the University of Minnesota's federally-funded Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA).

Originally from Minnesota, Courtney promises she is not a Vikings fan. She is thankful for the warm welcome she has received here and is thrilled to be working for LCO.

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Native American people. Your deep love of the land and its resources is a gift passed on from generation to generation and cherished among many people of all walks of life.

It is only fitting that the land once traveled by your ancestors comes back around to you today, as an unknown Native American said, "Everything the power of the world does is done in a circle." In transferring the land to you, may the energy received from your ancestors who walked the earth and were buried there give you strength and courage in reclaiming the land and restoring it to the treasure it was in the past.

May God send forth many blessings to you and your family and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

As I remain sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Peter F. Christensen, Bishop of Superior

If you're interested in contributing news, photos or events to the Tribal Newsletter, please email Lonnie Barber at lbarber@lco-nsn.gov. Be sure to provide complete materials as best as possible.

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waters and water-dependent traditional tribal foods; wetland removal; sedimentation; and increased ammonia and nitrate concentrations in ground and surface waters.

The tribes are urging federal intervention to uphold treaty rights as assigned in the Treaties of 1837 and 1842, and the Treaty of 1854 whereby the tribes' homelands would be protected to support generations of tribal members into the future. Members of the Chippewa Bands of Lake Superior have fished, gathered and hunted in the now-threatened watershed for more than 400 years.

"This threat to the tribes' rights is imminent, with state legislation that exempted environmental protections and removed resource protection decision-making of the mining project by the state's Department of Natural Resources," the letter contends. "The rights reserved are presently threatened by the proposed development of a large-scale mine within the ceded territory of the upper Bad River and Tyler Forks watersheds, which feed the Bad River Reservation and Lake Superior."

"By signing this letter, we are making a clear statement to the federal government that our treaty rights are being threatened by legislation in the State that would fast-track mining in northern Wisconsin," said Isham. "The protections afforded by the government-to-government treaties in place between the Chippewa tribes and federal government stand to be eroded at the state-level, and we as original signatories of the treaties will not accept any outcome that may inhibit or contract these treaty rights. The federal government, and its Department of Interior, must aid these efforts to make certain it honors

our pact that the lands ceded to the Chippewa be protected for generations to come."

A mine currently being proposed in northern Wisconsin could span approximately 22 miles long and would be located upstream from the Lake Superior and Bad River watersheds, which encompasses one of the largest wild rice producing areas in the world and is a recognized world-class fishery in the Lake Superior basin. The Bad River tribal community receives all of its ground and surface water from upstream rivers which bisect the proposed mine site.

The six tribes have formed the "Wisconsin Chippewa Federation" to join forces and share resources in fighting to protect their rights and address common problems facing their communities.

The third meeting of the Federation took place on Aug. 28, 2013 at Lac Courte Oreilles.

Swearing In Ceremony



From left: LCO Tribal Police Chief Tim DeBrot, Chief Judge Honorable James B. Mohr, Kayleigh Edley, and LCO Tribal Governing Board Member Gary Clause attend the swearing in ceremony for Kayleigh to the LCO Police Department.