

# LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND of LAKE SUPERIOR OJIBWE



## Fifth Grade Students Attend History Tour of the Chippewa Flowage



The fifth grade students at Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School (Brenda Wisner, Teacher) recently completed an Ojibwe history tour of the Chippewa Flowage. Fourteen students attended the tour. The focus of the tour was to explain to the students how and why the flowage was created. The history lesson included the progression of events at the Winter Dam that eventually led tribal leaders to refuse to renew the dam lease. This led to the Lac Courte Oreilles tribe owning the dam. Another major focus of the history tour was the relocation of families from Post to New Post prior to the flooding.

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village in which many of our tribal people worked showcasing cultural activities and pow wows. The Cook Shanty was not only a lumberjack style restaurant during this era, but it also became a significant place for Ojibwe social and ceremonial gatherings, such as naming ceremonies and funerals for many, many years during and after Historyland's closure.

The total loss of our building was a shock to the Big Drum people and our families. These actions instigated by other LCO people were the last thing we believed could ever happen to our ceremonial sites on the reservation. After speaking with an elder from Lac du Flambeau, he stated, "Do not hate back as the spirits will take care of this." We needed to hear such words. In several subsequent meetings, we decided as a group to move forward to try to rebuild to once again provide a home for our ceremonies and drums.

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made modifications to the building plans in order to reduce project costs and include the vestibule addition. To date, the expenditures for renovation are \$247,000 dollars leaving a remaining balance of \$348,000 dollars in current H.U.D. grant funding. As the remaining funds are insufficient to cover a portion of the additional costs associated with the vestibule, the Tribal Governing Board dedicated \$55,000.00 dollars to complete this project.

LCO Development is the General Contractor for the Kinnamon School Project. As the General Contractor, LCO Development is contracted and responsible for procuring, sub-contracting, storing materials and renovating the school. LCO Development Superintendent Robert Sharlow estimates project completion by the end of February 2014.

If anyone has additional questions, please contact me at the tribal Office 634-8934 ext. 401.

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Brian Bisonette  
Kinnamon School Project Director



## Inter-Tribal Ceremonial Elk Harvest Held Oct. 19th

*by Lonnie Barber, LCO Newsletter*

On Saturday, October 19, 2013, designated hunter's from each member Tribe of the Voigt Intertribal Task Force met at the Day Lake Boat Landing near Clam Lake for a Pipe Ceremony and Instructions 1/2 hour before sunrise. Also on that day, there was a Inter-Tribal Deer Hunt meeting at the LCO Harvest Camp for that day's Hunt.

For this year's Ceremonial Elk Hunt, George Morrow, Sr. was chosen to represent Lac Courte Oreilles. He immediately named his long time hunting partner and friend Ricky (Beanie) Barber as his fellow Hunter. Personally, I was happy to see these men together hunting and being honored in this way. As you remember, Stony Larson and Bill Cadotte were our representative's last year, and harvested the one Elk that was allotted. I (Lonnie Barber) was  
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## Big Drum Hall Construction Underway at LCO

*by Lewis White and Jim Miller, Chi dewe'igan Owners*



The Big Drum Hall itself was a historical log building bought at a low cost from the Tony Wise family of Hayward. It was a total of 2,500 square feet and previously used as the Cook Shanty, which was part of the historic Historyland, a popular tourist destination in

Hayward for decades throughout the mid-late 20th century.

Historyland comprised of the lumberjack village and most importantly, it was a traditional Ojibwe  
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## Veterans Memorial Honor Ceremony Scheduled Nov. 11th

Lac Courte Oreilles will honor Veteran's Day and the service of veterans to our country at a special Veterans Memorial Honor Ceremony Monday, November 11th beginning at 11 a.m.

The ceremony, including a LCO AMVETS flag and bugle presentation, will be held at the Veteran's Memorial and Monument grounds on Highway E at Highway K.

The public is encouraged to attend and the ceremony is free to all those who wish to join in a ceremony thanking veterans for their service. Tribal veteran and current Vice Chairman Rusty Barber will deliver the welcome message with a keynote address from Council Member Gordon Thayer. There will also be an Invocation by Dennis White with the Badger Singers to perform an honor song, including a Waadookodaading student selection, and light lunch to follow at the tribal office.

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## LCO Health Center Introduces Contract Health Services

Lac Courte Oreilles Health Center Contract Health Services (CHS) has service offices on both levels of the LCO Health Center. In the lower level, Neomi Corbine works mainly with incoming medical claims and billing. She can assist patients with questions and concerns about any medical billing that they may receive. In the upper level, located next to the dental office, is Kristina Kuykendall. She is the first point of contact for a medical referral. The LCO Health Center has made this division within the CHS office to better serve patients. Kristina's new location in the clinic provides a closer interaction with the medical staff and patients alike.

Services that will be covered by CHS are key factors to the referral process. A Medical Referral and a Purchase Order for services are two very different services. With the closer interaction between CHS and Medical staff, the LCO Health Center can help get patients information about their referral for outside services in a timely manner. The priority of patient need for outside services can be determined for coverage of CHS. In most cases this can be completed before the patient leaves from their LCO Health Center appointment.

Medical/dental care provided at the LCO Health Center is called Direct Care. The CHS Program is for medical/dental care provided outside of the LCO Health Center. CHS is not an entitlement program and an IHS referral does not imply the care will be paid. If IHS is requested to pay, then there will be eligibility and a determination process to see if services will be covered. A patient must meet the residency requirements, notification requirements, medical priority, and use of

alternate resources. Please remember that a new referral is needed for each visit.

Also located in the upper level of the clinic, is the patient registration service. CHS must work directly with this department to determine the eligibility requirements mandated by the IHS. It is crucial that this department has the most recent and up-to-date information regarding patients. Without this information in place, it is possible that a CHS request for coverage can be denied because of registration issues.

The CHS and all other department staff are available for questions at the main clinic number (715) 638-5102. CHS staff members can be reached directly at (715)638-5109 for Kristina and (715) 638-5129 for Neomi.

## Elder Council Members Sworn In



From left, Judge Mohr and Oath of Office for Dewey Isham, Faith Smith, Deanna Baker, Marie Kuykendall. also present: Vernon Martin and Daryl Coons.

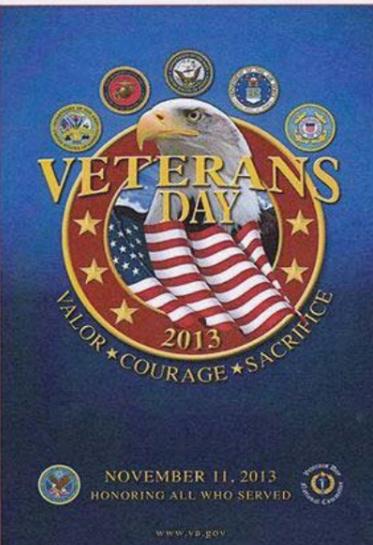


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## LCO School Royalty Attends Cranberry Festival Parade

Although the day was chilly and wet, the Royalty students from the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School proudly rode the school float at the 2013 Annual Cranberry Festival Parade in Stone Lake, WI on Saturday, October 5th. The thousands of people who came had the fortune of seeing six of the nine Royalty representatives smiling and waving to the crowd. Pictured here are: (L-R) Ellen Corbine, Brandon Corbine, Caden Grover, Mikala Radermacher, Sage Stands-Christensen, Ms. Linda Schuyler (teacher), and Marcus Morrow. Richie Scharp drove the float. Missing were Cali Preey, Leon Jack, and Lydia Kessenich. Many of the students commented that they enjoyed the activity very much.



**38th Annual**  
**Lac Courte Oreilles**  
**Veterans' Powwow**

November 11, 2013  
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School

**Host Drums: LCO Soldiers' & Pipestone**  
**Doors open at noon**  
**Grand Entries at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Dinner at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Honoring of all Veterans at 8:00 p.m.**

Security on duty ~ alcohol, drug free event ~ Not responsible for accidents, injuries or hardship  
For the safety of all, absolutely no tolerance of student drop-offs, all children must be supervised, miigwech

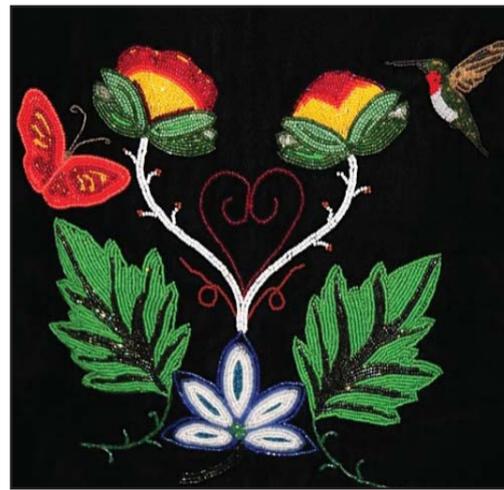
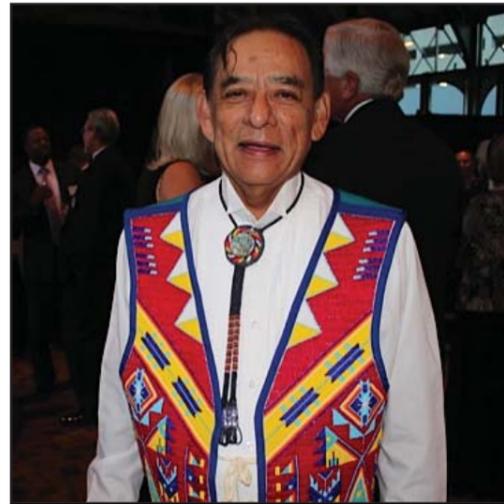


## LCO Members Attend Native College Fund Gala

The annual American Indian College Fund Flame of Hope Gala was held in Minneapolis, Minn. October 10th.

The gala was held to raise funds for American Indian student scholarships. The night included entertainment and dinner.

Representing LCOCC were Ray Burns, Shanna Burns, Sheila Butler, Ron Quaderer, Debbie Mertz, and Michael Brightman.



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given permission to ride along in this Hunt as George and Beanie would be allowed to hunt from their vehicle(Disabled).

Anyway, on our way to the Day Lake Boat Landing Meeting, we had the good luck to see one young Elk standing in the ditch. George could not take a shot because the Hunt did not officially open yet. We went to the Meeting and Pipe Ceremony, picked up George's Elk Permit and instructions for the Hunt. We were pretty excited, knowing that , hopefully, the young Elk would still be close to the Meeting site. Sure enough, he was still standing in the ditch. We were not allowed to shoot across the road, so, we drove a short distance and turned around. As we came back to him, he walked into the brush a little ways. We stopped and George could see the Elk, but was not sure of where his shot would hit. We had time to talk over the situation, and were going to move our vehicle a ways for a better shot. At that time, the Game Warden's



lights and horn went off. This was the sign to not shoot. Somebody else had taken a shot and we had to assume there was an Elk down. We could not believe it. George could



have taken a shot. But, knowing that George was not sure of his shot and not taking a wild shot and possibly only wounding it. I am very proud of George and Beanie not taking an unsure shot. Lac Courte Oreilles can be proud of the hunting decisions they made. Two year's in a row for LCO would have been great, but, as they say, that's the way it goes. I

would have had video of the year, but it was still a great honor and experience I will never forget.

And, just to let you know, Mole Lake had the shot, but, the Elk was never found. Tribal leaders present decided that the Hunt was over. This was a Ceremonial Hunt and not for sport. To all of the Hunter's, organizer's and Conservation involved"Miigwech" for a well run and safe Ceremonial Elk Hunt.

## Kinnamon School Renovation Update

by Brian Bisonette, Kinnamon School Project Director

As many members have observed, the Kinnamon School Project has been idle for the last two months thus creating rumors of improprieties or lack of funding. I will attempt to provide a clear explanation of the current status of this project.

The Kinnamon School Project is a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded project. When the grant was written and subsequently awarded in the amount of \$789,000 dollars, funds covered the renovation costs for the existing building alone. As this building will serve the community with multiple amenities, it was determined that the issue of accessibility needed to be addressed for our guests with physical disabilities. As a result, an architectural design of the building illustrating a north facing vestibule was developed to meet these accommodations.

As the current HUD funds do not include funding for the vestibule addition, the Tribal Governing Board approved a portion of the 2013 Indian Community Development Block

Grant (ICDBG) application and submission to cover this expense (Notice of 2013 ICDBG awards were to be announced the first week of September to applicant tribes). Unfortunately, on September 4, 2013 we received notice from H.U.D. that our application was not selected for this funding cycle.

The vestibule requires mechanics, i.e. heating and cooling ducts/vents, an elevator, plumbing and electrical installed. Since this infrastructure ties into the existing school, it was not monetarily feasible to continue with renovation until we received notice on the ICDBG funding announcement. As an example, we did not want to continue the cedar siding installation on the north side of the building only to have to remove it once the vestibule was under construction. The same example would apply to the other aforementioned mechanics.

As a result of our unsuccessful ICDBG submission, the project team reviewed and

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## Beware of Releasing Bank Account Information to Solicitors

Some people are offering to make loans or do other business with Class Members who will receive payments from the Settlement. The Plaintiffs in Cobell v. Salazar have NOT authorized or endorsed any such activity. Please be careful about releasing your bank account numbers or other confidential information to others.

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bank account numbers or other confidential information to others.

Additionally, please note if you are a Class Member you do not have to pay any money to the Indian Trust Settlement under any circumstances in order to receive your benefits. If someone asks you for some kind of payment and claims to be from the Indian Trust Settlement please do not send any money.

## Namekagon Transit: Getting You Where You Need To Be



Namekagon Transit is very proud to be able to work with the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe and Sawyer County to provide rides to residents and especially to those that might otherwise not have transportation.

All the transit buses are wheel chair accessible and many are equipped with a bike rack for rider's convenience. There are currently two fixed routes serving Lac Courte Oreilles reservation area and one fixed route that runs from the LCO Casino into Hayward with multiple in-city stops and an hourly return to LCO Casino.

If you have transportation needs outside of the fixed route, please be aware of our door stop services. Door stop services are provided with a prior day reservation. Remember to please call 715-634-6633 by 1:00 pm the day before your transportation needs to book your ride. If you are calling from outside the area, please use the toll free number 1-866-295-9599.

Namekagon Transit will do its best to help you get to where you need to be! Besides the Sawyer County services, they also offer trips to Rice Lake on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of every month.

If you have never ridden the bus, have questions regarding booking a ride, or would just like to get a bit more information for you or a family member's individual transportation needs, please call the new Mobility Manager, Dawn Tart. She is housed at Namekagon Transit and is there to help you. If you have had difficulty scheduling a ride, locally or to get somewhere outside of Sawyer County, Dawn is there to assist you with all the transportation options that may be available to you.

To reach Dawn, just call the number above and select option #2 for her direct line.

## LCO Ojibwe School SOTM



Back Row Left to Right: Elementary Principal Ms. Glenda Davis, Second Grader Timothy DeBrot, 3rd graders Aubrey Conger and Avianna Cooper, 4th grader Nevaeh Cross, 5th Grader Delila Barber

Front row left to right: PreK student Brenna Bruguier, Kindergarteners SaTahya Crone and Jerni Malone, 1st grader Aniyah Cross, 2nd grader Rena McNabb

Not pictured: 1st grader Aimee Sweats