

Final Winter Roundhouse Held



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Summer Cloud gets ready to provide music for an intertribal spot dance at the final Winter Roundhouse.

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On the evening of March 9, the final winter roundhouse for the winter of 2023 was held at the Keshena Primary School (KPS).

Initially, March 2 was scheduled to be the last winter roundhouse, but the event had to deal with, well, winter as heavy snows and strong winds caused the event to be rescheduled to a week later.

Though they are not exactly the same thing, winter roundhouses and powwows are very similar.

In fact, powwows were initially supposed to be more oriented around culture while roundhouses were designed for broader audiences, but somewhere down the line the two switched and powwows became the main ways Native Americans share their culture with outside people and roundhouses took on a more internal cultural aspect. Nonetheless both venues can be used to

teach people about Native American culture, so it was no surprise that many of those who were attending the winter roundhouses were families, many of whom had brought young kids with them. “I went to some of these when I was younger and then started to come back to them for my kids,” said Holly Schanandore who was with her son Orion Hawpetoss and was sorry her daughter couldn’t make it too.

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CMN celebrates 30 years of Indigenous education

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Marking the 30th anniversary celebration, CMN’s Restoring Nations Through Education Charter week saw the college celebrate the milestone with the Menominee community through a series of events that highlighted the

colleges growth throughout the years and the continuing impact it has on students and the communities they come from.

Current CMN President, Christopher Caldwell, said it’s the continuing mission of CMN to provide a culturally-based education and pass down teachings of tribal ancestors to the Menominee people.

“Our work is based on Menominee history that is thousands of years old, a place-based history where people understand our relationship to each other, our non-human relatives, and also the environment that we come from,” Caldwell said.

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Menominee Shawano PD Officers among those recognized for life saving actions

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Two Menominee tribal members were among four law enforcement officers from the Shawano Police Department recognized for their actions that saved the life of a disabled man.

On Friday, February 24 Officer Ronald Frechette and Officer Jacob Korth, were the first to arrive on scene to an assisted living facility at 12 Oak Ct. in Shawano for a structure fire.

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Barriers Being Eliminated for Those Seeking Help with Substance Use

Submitted Article
Menominee Drug Abuse Intervention Team

For those struggling with substance use on the Menominee Indian Reservation, help is available and it’s quicker and less costly than in the past.

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Some of the highlights of CMN's charter week celebration was the raising of a new CMN flag over the campus and a Round dance celebration held at the Menominee Casino Resort where CMN President, Christopher Caldwell, thanked the Menominee community for supporting CMN throughout the years.

"The other part of that is understanding our responsibilities. Knowledge has been generated and passed down generation after generation so when the Menominee people put forward a proposal to create the College of Menominee Nation, they laid the groundwork to continue those efforts. We're a continuation of a long history of educating our people. By extension, now we educate those who wish to come learn with us and from us."

There are thirty-six TCUs, including the College of Menominee Nation, that are members of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) and serve more than twenty thousand Native and non-Native rural students, representing more than 250 tribal groups across the United States

and Canada.

Since the school's humble beginnings holding classes at various locations around the community, the CMN campus has grown into a sprawling campus greeting visitors at the southern end of the Menominee Reservation.

In 1994 a double-wide trailer dubbed "Old Main" was put in place on CMN property. Shortly after, the Glen Miller Hall was built housing classrooms and office space. An expansion to Glen Miller Hall occurred in 1999 and 2004. Upgrades in 2009-2010 included geothermal wells, Student Services Offices suites, and nursing program classrooms/lab and offices.

The Cultural Learning Center was built in 2000 with upgrades in 2008;



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(L-R) Dawson Grignon, Michael O'Reilly Sr., and Anthony Waupoose competing for the adult hand drumming special.

The Shirley Daly Hall was built in 2002 with four classrooms. In 2004 science labs and classrooms were added and in 2006, five more classrooms were added with a faculty office suite and a vending machine area.

The Campus Commons was built in 2003 with an addition in 2004.

The Construction and Trades building was built in 2004 and two additional classrooms were added in 2007.

Also in 2007 CMN improved maintenance facilities with a garage, increased storage capacity, and maintenance offices.

In 2008, CMN constructed the three-level, architecturally 'green' facility. In 2012 the library was renamed S. Verna Fowler Academic Library and in 2013 they incorporated the Menominee Public Library.

In 2012 CMN added the Community Technology Center as a base for community technology use and instruction made room for Trades office space.

In 2005 CMN expanded their reach

by opening a branch campus in Green Bay.

In September, 1995 CMN applied for grant candidacy and were granted full accreditation on August 7, 1998.

Throughout the years CMN has also entered into articulation agreements with University of Wisconsin institutions and technical colleges throughout the state, expanding key degree programs from associate's degrees to bachelor's degrees.

Caldwell was appointed as interim president during the COVID pandemic and helped navigate CMN through months of uncertainty. The pandemic forced the closure of the campus compelling CMN to host classes online.

Caldwell said they were able to take advantage of the availability of COVID relief funds to replace aging technology and infrastructure.

Coming out of the pandemic, Caldwell offered an optimistic appraisal of enrollment numbers trending upward at TCU's throughout the country, including at CMN.

MISSING PERSON

JUSTIN DICKENSON

MISSING PERSON

LISA LYNN NINHAM

MISSING PERSON

ROBERT S. LYONS

SEEKING INFORMATION

KATELYN KELLEY

SEEKING INFORMATION

RAE ELAINE TOURTILLOTT

Justin Lee Dickenson, 36, has been missing since Feb. 11, 2022. He was last known to be in Shawano County. Dickenson is described as an American Indian with brown eyes and brown hair. He's about 5'7" and weighs 157 pounds. Dickenson has a "JD" tattoo on his left hand. He has a scar near his right eye. No details were released about the circumstances of his disappearance.

FOR ANYONE WILLING TO COME FORWARD WITH INFORMATION ON JUSTIN'S DISAPPEARANCE PLEASE CALL STOCKBRIDGE MUNSEE POLICE 715-793-4394

Lisa Lynn Ninham, born May 25, 1963 is a Menominee and Oneida woman who was last seen in August of 1980 on the Menominee Indian Reservation.

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Robert is a 28 year old Native American that is 5'9" tall, 120 lbs. with black hair & brown eyes. He has a tattoo of the word "Menominee" on his middle upper back from shoulder to shoulder, an eagle tattoo words "Native Pride" on the calf of one of his legs. He was last seen wearing shorts, a hat & shoes. Robert left his home on a red & white ATV on the afternoon of Sunday, June 3, 2017. He was seen by an officer in Long Marsh area on the Menominee Indian Reservation. On June 9, 2017, the ATV Robert was driving was located by the Menominee Tribal PD. He left behind his cell phone & was not wearing a shirt when he left his home.

\$5,000 REWARD FOR ANYONE WILLING TO COME FORWARD WITH INFORMATION ON ROBERT'S DISAPPEARANCE. PLEASE CALL MENOMINEE TRIBAL POLICE 715-799-3881

Katelyn was a 22 year old Native American, 5'2", 140 lbs with brown eyes and brown hair. Katelyn was reported missing on June 18, 2020, and she was last seen during the night of June 16, 2020 and early morning of June 17, 2020. She was last seen on the Menominee Indian Reservation in the area of County Highway VV (East) and Silver Cane Road at about 10:30pm on June 16, 2020. She was last seen at her apartment in the City of Shawano between the hours of 11pm on June 16, 2020 and 3am on June 17, 2020. Katelyn was wearing a gray t-shirt, black swimsuit type top, blue jeans shorts and black flip-flops.

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The FBI and the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin are seeking information regarding the murder of the 18-year-old Rae Elaine Tourtillot. On October 15, 1986, Rae Elaine Tourtillot, an enrolled member of the Menominee Indian Tribe, was seized by multiple individuals attending a birthday party on the Menominee Indian Reservation. After the party dispersed, Tourtillot was picked up in a vehicle driven by 2 individuals. Rae was reportedly last seen alive after she exited the vehicle near the Tomow Overlook off of Old South Branch Road; the following day she went missing. On April 9, 1987, Tourtillot's body was recovered by Menominee Tribal Police and the FBI.

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APRIL 4

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Community

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Another highlight of CMN’s week-long celebration including a visit from former CMN leaders including Dr. Verna Fowler, who was instrumental in the establishment of a tribal college in the Menominee community.

Among CMN alumni, there is no doubt that the college has had a positive impact on their lives.

Ronna Guzman-Frechette was one of two people to earn be the first to graduate from CMN in 1995, earning an associate’s degree.

Guzman-Frechette said she initially attended UW-Green Bay but her educational path was delayed because she was a new mom.

“It was too hard to commute and take care of babies. I told myself I’ll go back someday and when we got CMN it was a perfect opportunity because it was right here. I was really excited about us having our own college. The classes were small and more personal. It felt comfortable, like you were at home.”

Following her time at CMN, Guzman-Frechette earned a degree from East-West University’s satellite office in Keshena. Since then, her children, Paul Frechette earned a technical education degree from CMN in 2014 and her daughter, Tashina Guzman is distinguishing herself as a current CMN student.

Current Traditional Recruiter and Enrollment Coach Outreach Specialist, Lloyd Frieson, has been a CMN employee since 2020 but his path to



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CMN has educated generations of Menominee families. Guzman-Frechette was among the first to earn a degree in 1994. Her daughter, Tashina, earned a degree in 2022 and is still distinguishing herself as a CMN student.

CMN as a student, graduate, and employee started in Prichard, Alabama, part of the Mobile metropolitan area.

“We lived in a very rough neighborhood. For like five years straight our city was the murder capital of the county. Lot of gangs, lot of drugs, lot of poverty,” Frieson said.

After years of wrestling with substance abuse, Frieson, an enrolled Menominee, came back to the Menominee Reservation in the early 2000s.

Trying to make the best out of a six-month stay at the Menominee Tribal Jail, Frieson said he did some introspective self-examination and wanted to move his life in a positive direction.

He said enrolling in CMN helped him to change his life.

In 2016 Frieson earned two associate’s degrees, one in social sciences, the other in sustainable development. In 2017 he earned a bachelor’s degree in public administration. In 2020, he was hired at CMN as a recruiter working with area high school students on enrolling in college classes.

He said he relates his story to young



Submitted Photo

Lloyd Frieson

students in the hopes of encouraging them to continue with their education.

“If CMN wasn’t around, if I didn’t have that in my life at the time, I would probably still be drunk or dead. That college was a gateway for me to a better life. It helped me focus on doing better, to improve myself not only for me but for my family and my community,” he said.

Jasmine Neosh is currently enrolled at the University of Michigan and is pursuing a Masters of Science degree in Environmental Justice but the foundations of her educational journey began at CMN.

“Although it just seemed like the convenient choice, I actually chose CMN because of our peoples’ history with forestry. I was passionate about the environment and, remembering the forest education I got here at MIMS as a child, figured that the best place to learn how to take care of the land was right at home where we’ve been doing that for thousands of years,” Neosh stated.

“Over the years I spent at CMN, I was amazed at how such an incredible school could have flown under my radar for so long. The teachers-- faculty and adjuncts alike-- were passionate and thoughtful and dedicated to their work. They challenged us to grow and think deeply but also to be courageous in who we are. It was clear that the entire staff-- from administration to the housekeeping staff-- cared deeply about us and was dedicated to putting forth the best possible environment for us in which to learn. And in fact I do



Submitted Photo

Jasmine Neosh

feel that I learned from every single person I met there.”

Citing a foundation built upon the community spirit of the Menominee community, Neosh said her time at CMN taught her that an Indigenous-based education can open the doors to boundless opportunities to explore her own career opportunities and further the cause of Native people.

“It was not a “community college” as I had thought but a college built on a solid foundation of community. They created a safe space for me to explore my interests without going into massive debt, gave me mentors who pushed me to become more than I thought I could, and showed me that really and truly, Indigenous people can be anything we want to be,” she said.

“I am currently pursuing my Juris Doctorate at the University of Michigan Law School, an extremely prestigious institution, and there is no doubt in my mind that College of Menominee Nation is what gave me the foundation I needed to get here and be successful.”

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