1st Annual Round Dance a Success!

by Val Niehaus

The Forest County Potawatomi came together and held their 1st Annual Round Dance on Feb. 25, 2023, at the Potawatomi Community Center, and what a night it was!

With this being the first in its time there was a panel of Round Dance volunteers that came together to start organizing this event, which included: Brenda Shopodock, Ruth Pemma, Richard Gougé, Travis Thelen, Nick Shepard, Lateachia Pemma and Trisha Thorbahn. There was a lot of effort, commitment and passion that led up to this special day. These volunteers along with other community members are the ones to thank for all their dedication in making this a great success!

You may ask yourself since this is the first-time a Round Dance has been held here...what is a Round Dance? It is a traditional event that brings people together, to heal, to honor and to celebrate life. It's a dance to help heal ones soul or a communities soul after being through so many hardships in life whether it's a

death/s or to help heal from hard times that life throws at us. A Round Dance breaks down barriers that sometimes divide us....it doesn't matter your age, religion, race, background — it is open to all of those who may need some healing or uplifting energy to get through another day. It brings us all together as

Giving guidance and support, along with being the Pipeman for the night, was Joe Syrette. Syrette really gave great directions to the volunteers who put this Round Dance together as he is very well known throughout Indian Country in being a traditional healer to many communities. Syrette is Anishinaabe Ojibwe from Rankin Reserve Batchewana First Nation located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Canada. Whipmen for the night were Mike Demain and Pwagen Frank whose job duties included getting the people who may have not wanted to dance up and out of their seats to dance with their whips in hand—quite a fun job for the night. Stickmen included Dylan Jennings and Ian Waubanascum,

and was heard by many throughout the night how well they did in making sure everything flowed well during the evening in the singing. MC's were Joshua Atcheynum and Dylan Prescott who, as always, both kept the crowd informed on what was happening though out the night and kept the crowd laughing the best way they know how. Invited drums included: MNX, Fire Nation, Red Willow, Pipestone, Red Deer Table, Bad River Singers, Iron Boy and Bear Creek. Invited Singers included: Kino Pyawasit, Mike Sullivan, Anthony Buckanaga, Nick Shepard, Opie Day Bedeau, Hokie Clairemont, Joe Rainey and Marcus Denny.

This event couldn't have gone any better than it did for the first annual. The crowd was great along with the singers, and those who got out and danced had the best smiles and laughter anyone could see. Many thanks to those who made this night so special including the volunteers, organizers, singers, cooks who made a delicious meal of soup and fry bread and to those

Community Center workers who were on top of any help that was needed. It takes a community to pull off something this large, and what a night it was! Many are looking forward to the next Round Dance held here at Forest Count Potawatomi.

Below are the winners for the Adult and Youth Contest singers.

Adult Contest Winners:

1st Red Deer Table 2nd The Bad Hermanos 3rd Mos Def 4th Sullivan Squad 5th Opie & Des

Youth Contest Winners:

1st NRZ Noizy Boyz 2nd Lenny 3rd Voice of One Bird 4th Baby Opie 5th Young Nation 6th Robert 7th Brody White













Daniels Still the Wisconsin Middleweight State Champion!

submitted by Lindsay Daniels

There were five bouts slated for the February 18 card, hosted by Skylar Thompson of International Boxing Promotions.

Current Wisconsin Middleweight Champion FCP Tribal Member Mark Daniels Jr. the main event, squaring off with former Wisconsin Welterweight Champion, Akeem Black. This was Daniel's first title defense fight as the Wisconsin Middleweight Champion and his belt was on the line.

It was an action-packed fight right from the start, fought in front of a sold-out crowd at Riverside Ballroom in Green Bay, Wis. The fight went the distance, a full six rounds of intense blows and incredible speed.

Daniels came out on top with a unanimous decision win and secured, for the second time, the Wisconsin Middleweight State Champion title! Daniels gave a humble acceptance speech after the fight, thanking his wife, family and friends, his fans, and the continued support of the FCP General

In attendance was the Band O'Barley that was there to show their support of Daniel's and his Irish heritage. They even wrote their own song for the champion that said, "There's only one Mark Daniels, and he shall be Champion!" The crowd loved it and laughed, "There's actually two!"

Also, in attendance was the Hall of Famed boxing referee Mark Nelson. He is a world-renowned ref that has been in the ring with boxers like Manny Pacquiao and has refereed the last three of the last four fights of Daniels.

Daniel's next fight is set for May 20, 2023, at the Riverside Ballroom. His opponent is yet to be determined.

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acrosse Workshop

by Val Niehaus

An incredible lacrosse-making cultural workshop happened at the Potawatomi Community Center Wood Shop on Feb. 14-16, 2023. This workshop was led by Sapatis Menomin who's a contracted employee through the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum, and works with Wisconsin Humanities as the Community Powered Project Coordinator.

Menomin talked about the different hard woods you could use to make the sticks from including White Ash (what was used), Hickory, Red Oak, Iron Wood, Black Ash and Cedar. Each participant carved, sanded, steamed and shaped their own Lacrosse stick during these days.

Once the stick itself is made, it can be wood burned or varnished. Finally a basket can be made out of any type of string; leather string is most common. The process of making these sticks isn't something that happens quickly. There is a lot of physical work put into making your own stick, and that is where the reward finally comes in — using it to play the game of lacrosse. Making this stick yourself is very rewarding for your mind and body.

While people were working on their sticks, Menomin reminded them how this is a medicine for them — making the sticks then getting the exercise in playing the game. Working with the wood and putting mental and physical energy into it — it's more than therapeutic one could say. The style of stick that was being made during this time is known as Great Lake-Style Lacrosse Stick. Many tribes use different techniques or styles in making their sticks, and it's all in how you were taught, or how your grandfather was taught, or his father was taught. It's how the traditions in making these beautiful pieces of wood is handed down.

Not only were the participants lucky enough to learn this whole process from start to finish, they were able to play a game on Feb. 16, 2023, for the final day. What an amazing few days of teaching a craft to local youth and adults at FCP. Then to also participate in a game at the end shows the idea of supporting your mind, body and spirit all in one work-

Migwétth to Sapatis for his patience and expertise in showing community members the fun and knowledge in making these sticks.





(I) Splitting the log into long sections. (r) The process of carving and shaping the wood into a stick. (below) Menomin getting further into the shaping process.







(I) Richard Gougé beginning his carving process. (r) A youth using sinew to secure the basket in place.





(I) Making the basket out of a shoe string. (r) Jennifer Jacobson checking out how the sticks are steamed to soften the wood.





(I) Menomin & Wood Shop Supervisor Jacob Struble bending the stick after it's been steamed. (r) Some finished sticks without baskets.

Snow Snake Workshop

by Val Niehaus

A Snow Snake workshop and tournament was held on Feb. 21 & 22, 2023, at the Potawatomi Community Center led by Dylan Jennings from Bad River Tribe, along with help from those in attendance. There were multiple helpers assisting the youth in creating the snow snakes.

Youth participation was high in this class as many were interested in painting their Snow Snakes all the different colors or patterns. Once the snake was done being carved, sanded and decorated the way the person saw fit, they were very excited to try them in the snow

and see snake went the furthest, hence having the tournament at the end of the two-day class.

Holding onto these cultural practices and games are important to the tribal community and youth. To know that these games were once illegal to play, it is so rewarding to finally see the youth making these snakes again and to see them be excited to compete against each other in this game of fun and competition.

Migwétth to Jennings for the lessons and guidance and any others that may have helped along the way.



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Manager Shannon Howerton at 715-478-6514, or email her at: Shannon.Howerton@FCP-nsn.gov.



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RECREATION

Crandon Fourth Graders Visit Museum



by Val Niehaus

The Crandon fourth grade class came to visit the newly renovated FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum on Feb. 21, 2023.

All four classes came to explore and learn the history of the Potawatomi tribe.

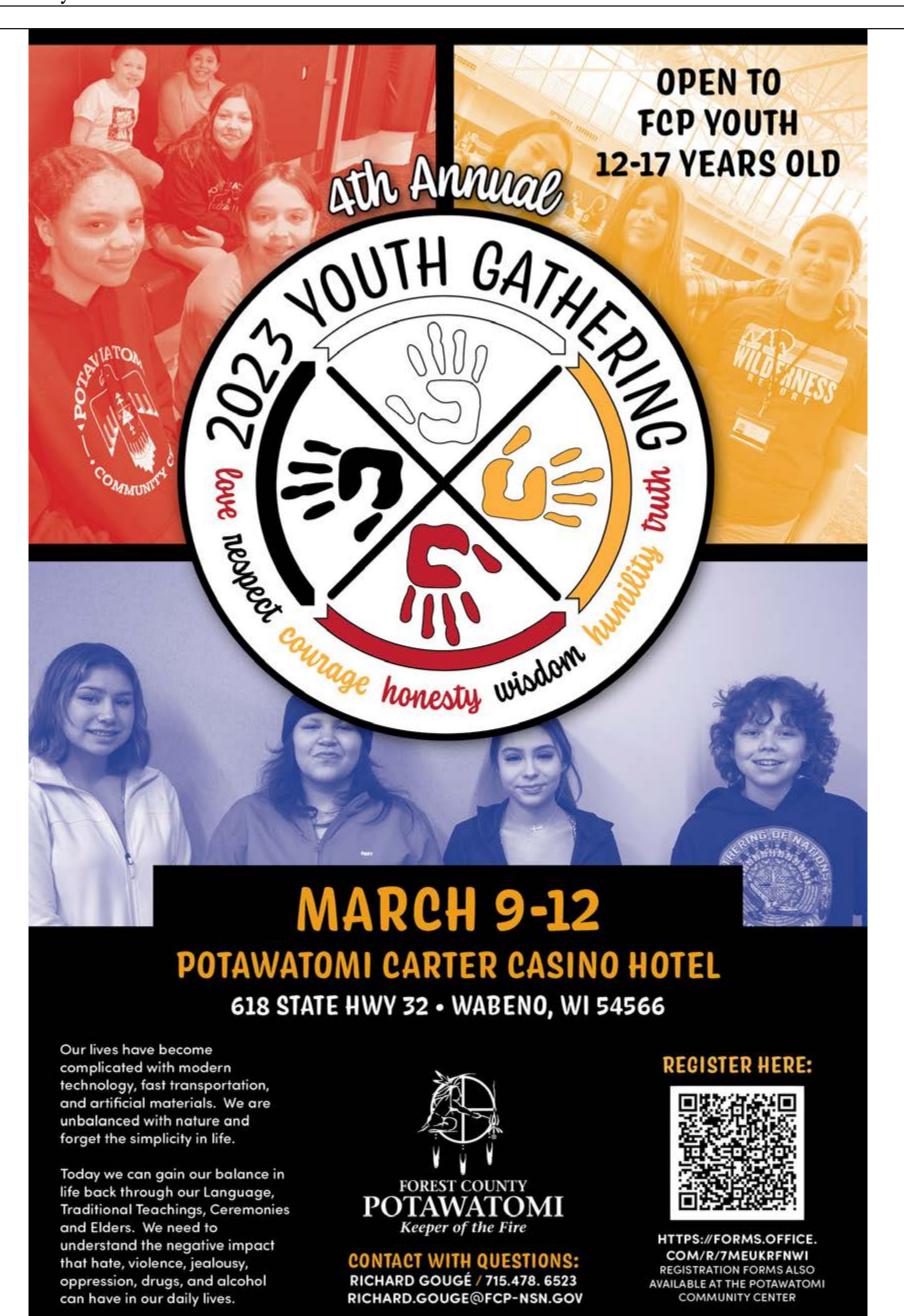
In fourth grade, the students concentrate on learning about the history of Wisconsin, so this was more than fitting to be able to come to the museum for some hands-on and visual teachings about the tribe. There were even a handful of students who were FCP tribal members so for them, it was really something special to show their classmates the photos of their families and traditions.

Many thanks to the museum staff who welcomed the students and teachers. Thank you to Crandon school for coming out to learn a bit about the Potawatomi Tribe.

















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Youth **Boxing Club** 5:30pm-6:30pm **TUESDAYS**

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& Curves 9:15am-10:15am 20 On The Turf 11am-11:20am

Powwow Dance 4pm-5pm Dance2Fit 5:30pm-6:30pm

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Cardio Kickboxing 5:30pm-6:15pm **Power Vinyasa**

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Tabata 8:30am-9am **Restorative Yoga** 9:15am-10:15am

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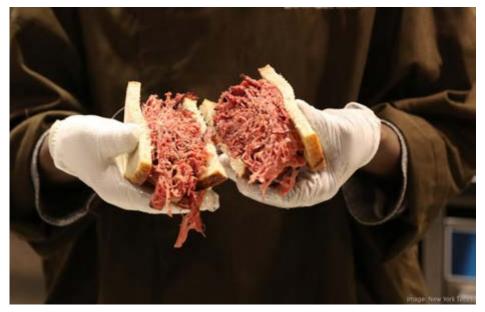
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Milwaukee Business Journal: POTAWATOMI PLANNING SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN TRAVEL CENTERS WITH ITALIAN DELIS



The menu of Fireside Market's deli will focus on freshly made Italian deli sandwiches and possibly pizza.

By Sean Ryan - Reporter, Milwaukee Business Journal, Jan 26, 2023

The Potawatomi Business Development Corp. plans to develop about five travel centers in southeast Wisconsin featuring an Italian deli restaurant component with sandwiches, including a muffuletta.

Locations are being explored in Milwaukee's north shore suburbs and Waukesha County for the new Fireside Market travel centers. A site has already been selected in Kenosha, said Randy Mueller, CEO of the Potawatomi Business Development Corp., or PBDC. The corporation is owned by the Forest County Potawatomi Community, and has created a new travel center development business led by retail industry veteran David Lloveras.

"That market is still growing," Mueller said. "It has not really slowed down much."

The retail development arm plans to establish three to five travel centers in southeast Wisconsin before expanding its geographic reach, Mueller said. The Fireside Market brand will sell gas, with convenience stores that have a restaurant component offering made-to-order food. The menu will also be sold through drive-thrus with online mobile ordering.

The menu will focus on freshly made Italian deli sandwiches and possibly pizza, Mueller said.

"It's a really good space for us to be in," Mueller said. "It's differentiated in the market. We're looking at a partner today to be able to provide that to us, and we're in negotiations with them."

The restaurant offering with dual drive-thrus is one way to help the travel centers stand out, Mueller said. The Fireside Markets also will aim for a more "upscale" feel, he said.

The PBDC is aware of the fast-growing Kwik Trip brand as it seeks space in the travel center sector, he said.

"We're always aware of what their presence is, and what they bring to the table in terms of value," Mueller said.

The PBDC gained its first experience with travel centers by rebuilding two in Carter and Crandon in Forest County, Mueller said. Those will get Fireside Market branding and signage in the next 90 days.

"That's going well," he said. "It's a smaller market, of course, but they've been profitable and running well and serving the needs of that market pretty well. Our goal is to build on that."

One of the southeast Wisconsin travel centers will be in the Greeneway mixeduse development in Kenosha. That project on the site of the former Dairyland Greyhound Park near Interstate 94 is ramping up this year, and will also include apartments and a business park.

Another PBDC subsidiary, Sagewind Development, is co-developing Greeneway with Zilber Property Group.

The travel centers also offer a growth opportunity for another budding PBDC business that will build and maintain electric vehicle charging stations, Mueller said.

Potawatomi Business Development Corp. on Thursday announced it is opening a new office in downtown Milwaukee. That office in the 833 East building will house the Fireside Market development business, along with Sagewind Development and PBDC's EV company.

GMS Team Spotlight: KYLE WIDENSKI,

MARKETING MANAGER

SECRET TALENT: As some may know, I do pretty well in karaoke; or rather, I just like to have fun when doing so. But I also like to play guitar and have been since 2002. I took about a year's worth of lessons, so mostly self-taught and played with a few friends back in college. I like to think I am better at playing guitar than singing karaoke...



CLAIM TO FAME: I actually really enjoy cooking, especially within the last few years. My proudest dish is making chicken gyros from scratch. Made my own marinade and my own tzatziki sauce, and the chicken was tender and juicy. It was even further solidified by the fact that the original dish I had planned on getting was out of stock, so I had to plan this entire meal while standing in the grocery aisle.

OBLIGATORY CONSTRUCTION FACTOID: Will never forget the days when my dad would pick me up from Pre-K school at noon and take me to his single-family construction jobsites. I thought it was the coolest thing ever. Until he would take a broom that was greater in every dimension than me, put it in my hands and tell me to start sweeping. It was then I learned that there is only one way, one technique and one progression to sweep properly and efficiently. But hey, at least I got a donut cruller and a sports drink at the end of the day – and I guess I found another thing I am good at, reluctantly.

CONTEMPLATIVE THOUGHT OF THE DAY: I enjoy watching documentaries and shows on ancient sites like the Pyramids of Giza, Newgrange in Ireland, and Machu Picchu in Peru. Even though it's explained, I still can't fathom how amazing it is these sites were constructed without modern technology or tools and align perfectly to solstices and equinoxes. Petra in Jordan is pretty fascinating to think about too.





































































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