



Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

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## LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

### [Menominee tribe map opens doors to the past](#)

*Fox 11*

Keshena – It's one of a kind: A map meant to preserve the Menominee Indian Tribe's history. After 30 years of passion and dedication researching his tribal heritage, Mike Hoffman has something to show for all his hard work. "It's a gift to the Menominee people so our children, our people, will know where we came from," said Hoffman of the map. "What we call different places, and their stories and legends that go with these places."

### ['The Frozen Chosen' wins Midwest Emmy](#)

*FDLReporter.com*

Fond du Lac - "The Frozen Chosen," a documentary about sturgeon spearing on Lake Winnebago has received a Midwest Emmy....Boettcher spent two spearing seasons following local families and sturgeon spearing experts, sometimes braving sub-zero temperatures and thin ice. He lost two cameras to water and cold, but filmed more than 75 hours of footage to make the one-hour documentary. In the end, Boettcher said it was more than worth it. "Some days it felt like we were just surviving, but that's part of the draw to the story and why the title, 'The Frozen Chosen,' is so fitting," said Boettcher. "Sturgeon spearing is just unique, it's special and it's so Wisconsin."

### [Respect for Teachers Going Strong in Wisconsin, Survey Shows](#)

*Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction*

Madison - Teachers are respected by 72 percent of adults in Wisconsin — a higher percentage than police officers and only slightly lower than military officers — and this respect has been going up in recent years, according to a recent survey.

### [Questing with Alan Lomax](#)

### *Great Folks*

“What’s been coming out is music that is true to the times that we live in and also dips into the rich, local cultural heritage.” Bernard selected 15 Lomax Michigan recordings as springboards for collaborative songwriting. He chose songs that represented the geography of Lomax’s journey across Michigan—from Detroit to the western U.P.—and that had connections to the students’ home area.

## **RESOURCES**

### [The Menominee Clans Story](#)

An [interactive map](#) depicts traditional Menominee territory and ancestral place names in the Menominee language. There are also three printed maps available for purchase as a set or individually through the [UWSP Museum of Natural History Store](#).

### [Farm to School](#)

*Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction*

Farm to school promotes the health of children, farms and communities by connecting schools to local farms that supply nutritious, fresh, and minimally processed foods. There are a number of ways schools can implement farm to school programs. The United States Department of Agriculture and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction fully support farm to school efforts with research, training, technical assistance, and grant opportunities.

### [Dr. James Cameron’s Story Returns to Press](#)

*Milwaukee Ethnic News*

*A Time of Terror: A Survivor’s Story* by James Cameron is the *only* account ever written by a survivor of a lynching. Thanks to America’s Black Holocaust Museum and its parent organization, the Dr. James Cameron Legacy Foundation, the book is now available again to a general audience. The Foundation has preserved this fascinating out-of-print book by publishing and distributing a revised 3rd edition. The book can now be purchased at Amazon and other online booksellers in paperback and e-book formats.

### [Teaching #Ferguson: Connecting with Resources](#)

*Art Museum Teaching: A Forum for Reflecting on Practice*

Most of these have been circulating since August, and I have found them extremely useful for my own personal learning as well as broader implications for museum teaching practice. If any museums, libraries, teachers, or schools are utilizing other resources in terms of addressing these pressing issues with your communities, students, and audiences, please add them in the Comments section.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### [Hessen, Germany Student Exchange Program](#)

*Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction*

Submission Deadline - February 14, 2015

The main purpose of this program is to provide a rich international learning experience for participating students and host families. The safety and well-being of all participants is our first and foremost concern. The Hessen-Wisconsin Student Exchange Program operates under the guidelines of the US Department of State and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the Hessisches Kultusministerium (Hessen State Education Department). Students from Hessen and Wisconsin can apply for participation in the annual student exchange program under two options. Applications are now available.

### [The Culture of Wisconsin's Mexican Immigrants](#)

*UW-Parkside (via Wisconsin International Outreach Consortium)*

Friday nights, 4:45 – 10 pm, January 16 – April 24, 2015

This course provides an appreciation of the Mexican culture by offering a personal experience through the use of the five senses, cultural competency activities and field trips to experience a Mexican *tienda* and restaurant. Through exposure to meaningful words in the Mexican Spanish language, informative stories, videos, historical highlights, and active discussions, an awareness of how the Mexican culture and history have influenced the Mexican *mestizo* of today will follow. And in the process, learners will collaborate to increase their own awareness and appreciation of culture, history, lifestyle, diversity and how they -- and others -- think, communicate and behave within a multicultural context. Resources and practical information will be shared. The end result -- interacting with Mexican immigrants or providing services to Mexican immigrant families -- will be more effective and rewarding. Meets on the west side of Madison. Available for credit or audit.

## EVENTS

### [Ojibwe Winter Lodge Opening Ceremony](#)

January 14, 2015

YMCA Camp Nawakwa, Lac du Flambeau

The Ojibwe Winter Lodge Project—an intergenerational, traditional arts project—will be celebrated with a public dedication ceremony on Wednesday, January 14, at 12:00 pm. The planned dedication ceremony is free and open to the public. This traditional winter lodge style

has not been built in Lac du Flambeau in a very long time. This ingenious structure features peat-moss insulated walls, a radiant-heat floor made of large river rocks, and an underground air-intake to provide oxygen for a fire made of birchbark rolls. The Winter Lodge was constructed by Ojibwe artist Wayne Valliere and students in Lac du Flambeau's ENVISION program, which uses Ojibwe methodologies, pedagogies, and teachings to meet the needs of students in a culturally responsive way. Members of the public will be able to view and enter the heated winter lodge, meet its makers, and observe and participate in the dedication ceremonies that celebrate its opening. A traditional feast will be served.

### [Wisconsin Farm to School Summit - Digging In: A Hands on Approach to Growing and Sustaining Farm to School](#)

January 29, 2015

Wisconsin Rapids

The event features a full day of interactive and hands-on activities and networking sessions, plus a keynote from Deborah Kane of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Farm to School Program. Participants will select one afternoon workshop on skill areas such as safety, cooking, local food procurement, school gardens, or preschool farm to school.

### [Sturgeon Stampede and Opening of Sturgeon Season](#)

Lake Winnebago-Fisherman's Road Landing

February 14, 2015

Lake Winnebago is home to the world's largest population of lake sturgeon. While you need a spearing license to hunt sturgeon, it is still a spectacle for onlookers to walk or drive among the 10,000 ice shanties on the lake or come face-to-face with the beast during afternoon weigh ins of the daily catch. The "Sturgeon Stampede Winter Kite Boarding Classic" is an annual festival offering skating, broomball, ice bowling, ice sailing and kite boarding.

### [Fiber Arts Festival VI](#)

Chippewa Valley Museum, Eau Claire

February 21, 2015

This family-friendly event celebrates the work of area fiber artists and enthusiasts. Individual artisans, along with several groups and guilds will provide educational displays and demonstrations, and many will have items available for purchase. Visitors are welcome to bring along their own projects, either in progress or completed, to participate in an idea exchange with others. Children and their grown-ups are invited to try out a variety of hands-on learning experiences, including over a dozen different activity stations ranging from finger weaving to paper quilting, and more. Enjoy the debut of CVM's "Always Beading" exhibit featuring both traditional and contemporary Native American art.

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