

Daylight Savings Time
begins March 8, 2020
Don't forget to
change your clocks!

E-Noodnagan

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Onaabadin-Giizis
(Snow-Crusted
Moon)
March, 2020

- **HOLIDAY NOTE:** Spring Break:
No Performance Circle on March 31, 2020
- **CONGRATULATIONS** Makayla Stevens, Youth Worker
Ziibiwing's Employee of the Month for March 2020

MARCH EVENTS:

- **International Women's Day Film Screening**
March 7 • 1pm-2pm
Free Admission to the museum for all women & girls
- **Spring Feast** at 7th Generation • Ziibiwing is a co-sponsor
March 26 • 5:30pm-8pm



Makayla Stevens

MARCH . . .

In like a lion ... out like a lamb. Spring forward ... March winds. First day of Spring. Beware the Ides of March!

The month of March commands attention and promises winds of change as we impatiently seek the petals of the early crocus and the red breast of the first brave robin to return. Was that a fuzzy white bud on that tree limb this morning ... or just another clump of stubborn, clinging snow?

March at Ziibiwing is, likewise, full of promise and hope as we, along with the community, increase our focus on some of our beautiful but sorrowful flowers, the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

We stifle sobs in the dark of night and cry out in pain in the light of day, tear-swollen eyes searching for something we can do to help our dear sisters and mothers, our sweet daughters and friends, our precious women and girls. We gather our strength and efforts, our attention and our steam. Something must change!

Red dresses sway in the March winds, haunting reminders of their emptiness. Red MMIWG whistles whisper "Be careful," but stand ready to scream "Help me!"

The movie at Ziibiwing on March 7th informs us. The meeting on March 10th provides an opportunity, a time, and a place, to share thoughts on how to prepare - how to proceed. The exhibit opening in April will honor lives and beg us to not forget, not ignore, and not accept fatalistically without fight.

Together, on this journey, we combine efforts to do what we can to end this very tragic, very sad, and very real thing that is happening at a frightening pace - but somehow going unnoticed, underreported or, seemingly, with little concern.

Let's show our concern. Let's do what we can. Let's fan the winds of change. Let's make this month of March a little different ... maybe in AND out like a lion.

Was that a roar? Maybe a lion. Maybe a motorcycle. Maybe both!

ARTIST CALL!

If you have an art piece that you would like to have considered for this exhibition please contact Ziibiwing Curator, William Johnson, at 989.775.4730 or wjohnson@sagchip.org



Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls



New Exhibition at Ziibiwing Center
April 23 – October 30, 2020
Free and Open to the Public

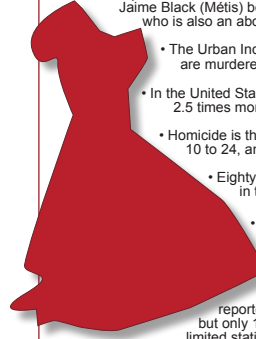


Items would be on display from
April 23, 2020 through October 30, 2020

The Redrum Motorcycle Club assisted Ziibiwing by hanging red dresses at the entrances of tribal buildings all over the Rez, including one in Saginaw. This is a component of the upcoming exhibition at the Ziibiwing Center designed to raise awareness of this heart-breaking epidemic.

The REDress Project

The REDress Project is a public installation dedicated to the remembrance of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls (MMIWG). It consists of red dresses, hanging in public spaces, with each empty dress symbolizing one of the missing and murdered. Canadian Jaime Black (Métis) began the project in 2000. She told CTV News that "a friend of [hers], who is also an aboriginal, explained that red was the only colour spirits could see."



- The Urban Indian Health Institute reports that Indigenous women are murdered at a rate 10 times higher than the national average.
- In the United States today, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) women are nearly 2.5 times more likely to be sexually assaulted than women in the general population.
- Homicide is the third leading cause of death among Native girls and women aged 10 to 24, and the fifth leading cause of death for Native women aged 25 to 34.
- Eighty-four percent of Native American women experience violence in their lifetime, according to the National Institute of Justice.
- According to the National Institute of Justice, 97 percent of Native American women who have experienced violence were victimized by non-Native American perpetrators, many of whom are never identified or brought to justice.
- Over 5,700 American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls were reported missing as of 2016, according to the National Crime Information Center, but only 116 of those cases were logged with the Department of Justice. Because of limited statistical data and racial misclassification, this number is likely much higher.
- More than 95% of MMIWG cases are not covered in the national media. Cases have been allowed to quickly go "cold", and crucial evidence has been "lost", or never forwarded on from local law enforcement to the appropriate agencies.

The Saginaw Chippewa MMIWG Community Planning Committee is grateful to Dr. Suzanne Cross, Saginaw Chippewa Behavioral Health Programs, Redrum Motorcycle Club, and the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women for their support of this installation.



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Film Screening at Ziibiwing

To raise awareness for
Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls

Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 1pm

FILM SCREENING
Free & Open
to the Public

PLUS

FREE ADMISSION
to museum
for all women & girls

International Women's Day
is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. www.un.org



WIND RIVER

A veteran hunter helps an FBI agent investigate the murder of a young woman on a Wyoming Native American reservation.

Rated R • 1h 47min
Crime, Drama, Mystery



Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls

Community Curated Exhibit - Opening April 2020

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2020

(Meetings held once a month)

5:30 p.m. | Ziibiwing Center | 6650 E. Broadway | Mt. Pleasant, MI

- Who: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Community
- Why: To raise awareness about Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW)

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